



SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

LOVE

December 24, 2017

9:00 am Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #220	Angels from the Realms of Glory	UMH*
Call to Worship		
Response	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Noisy Bucket Offering		
Lighting of the Advent Candles		The Evans Family
Time of Prayer		
Prayer Song #229	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	UMH
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Winter Snow</i> Caleb Williams	Audrey Assad
Scripture	John 21:15-17	CEB**
Message	Love	Myra Moreland
Hymn #238	Angels We Have Heard on High	UMH

* The Faith We Sing

** United Methodist Hymnal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Adventures Spring Trek 2018

April 2 – 7, 2018



Six days of fellowship with some semi-serious hiking, rock climbing, and rappelling. This is being organized as a family oriented gathering but with special arrangements to accommodate unaccompanied youth whose parents are unable to participate. Go your own way or stick with the pack. Our base camp will be Fall Creek Falls State Park in Spencer, Tennessee, located on the Cumberland Plateau. We will hold informational meetings on Sunday, January 7, at 1:00 pm and Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (same information at both meetings).

Contact Jon Cline at 248-561-2975 or email at justjon123456@outlook.com for more information.

Do you love to cook?

We are looking for cooks for Sunday Youth Night for Royal Oak Youth (ROY) and Wednesday Evenings for Holy COW. Sunday Night dinner starts at 6:45 pm and we average about 30 youth. Wednesday Night dinner starts at 5:30 pm and we are averaging about 60 children and their families.

If you are interested in cooking a meal or working with a team of cooks, please contact Jenny

Lowman at jlowman@rofum.org or Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; Tommy Rodriguez; Lee Hoffmann; Dian Wurdock; Phil Button; The Lowman Family; Art Miller; Pam Shewchuck; Bob Demyanovich; Marilyn Hocking; Dori Bridson

Prayers for our extended family: Barbara Meldyk; Maggie Robbins; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Gail Baker; Jim & Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hogle; Richard Long; Ryan Monte; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

Hospitalized: Ray Lawson, Royal Oak Beaumont

Homebound Member of the Week: Joyce Nelson

Happy 105th Birthday to Christina Smith, born December 12, 1912.

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at
pgill@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

PASTY SALE

“If I Knew How Good They Were...”



This quote was heard more than once from those who bought pasties at the last Pasty Sale. Don't be left out. The next Pasty Sale is Saturday, January 6. You can pick them up on Saturday, January 6, between 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall or after both services on Sunday, January 7. The cost is \$5 each. You can order one of two mouth-watering kinds: meat or vegetarian. Just fill out the order form below

and turn it in to Shirley Harris after Sunday services or leave it in the office. Another option is to call or text Shirley with your order at 248-765-5617 or by email at shirlnealharris@gmail.com.

The proceeds will be split between youth missions and choir camp. Don't be one of those who said with great regret: “If I knew how good they were...”

Pasty Order Form

Name _____

Phone # _____

Meat _____

Vegetarian _____

Total # _____ x \$5 _____

Pick-Up time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday, January 6 _____

Sunday, January 7, following 9:00 service _____

Sunday, January 7, following 11:00 service _____

Questions? Contact Shirley Harris at 248-765-5617 or shirlnealharris@gmail.com

FAITH & FILM

Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! Our second annual Faith and Film series comes home to Royal Oak. Monday nights in January, we will head over to the Emagine Theatre at 11 Mile and Main at 7:00 pm to see a current movie together. Tickets are only \$7 (a \$5 discount at this premiere theatre.)

January 8 – The Last Jedi

The Skywalker saga continues as the heroes of The Force Awakens join the galactic legends in an epic adventure that unlocks age-old mysteries of the Force and shocking revelations of the past.

January 15 – The Greatest Showman

Inspired by the imagination of P.T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

January 22 – Ferdinand (all kids 12 and under are free!)

The story of a giant bull with a big heart. After being mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure. Set in Spain, Ferdinand proves you can't judge a bull by its cover.

January 29 – The Post

Steven Spielberg directs Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in The Post, a thrilling drama about the unlikely partnership between The Washington Post's Katharine Graham, the first female publisher of a major American newspaper, and editor Ben Bradlee, who overcome their differences as they risk their careers—and their very freedom—to help bring long-buried truths to light.





Poinsettias Decorating our Sanctuary

IN MEMORY OF

Norma Andrews
Heather Becker
Bert Combs
Joan Combs
Earl C. & Norma J. Dabney
Jim & Marie Dunstan
David Fick
Our Parents – Bud & Frances Clark
and Bill & Margaret LaCombe
Gary Kain and Marnie Kain
Our beloved family members from the Lewis
and Simms Families
Frank & Lillian Schmitz
Joseph Tripoli
Becky Mansfield

IN HONOR OF

Patrick Calhoun, ROFUM Rebirth Leadership
Charlene Kondrat, ROFUM Rebirth Leadership
Bridget & Jeff Nelson
Bob Prud'homme, ROFUM Rebirth Leadership
Our wonderful children, grandchildren,
and great grandchildren
Our families
Peg Lowman and Mable Harman
Granny (Gwen Ross)
Virginia Sleeman
Nancy and Randall Lenington

GIVEN BY

Cory, Lisa, & Riley Combs
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Mike Dabney
Jay & Patty Dunstan
Audrey Fick and Family
Kay & Dick LaCombe

The Orletski Family
The Simms and
Heckman Families
Pam & Andrew Sluss
The Tripoli Family
Jeff & Lori Vickers

GIVEN BY

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Jane & Phil Button

Bob & Sherry Giles
The Lowman Family
Hannah Richardson
Her children and grandchildren
The Wahl Family

Gifts to UMCOR

Our congregation has contributed to **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in honor or in memory of the following:

IN MEMORY OF

John Buxton
Mildred & Leslie Buxton
Ruth & Claud Bosworth
Nancy Carlson
All my family
Judy Friedman, Jane Friggens,
 and Marian Harbour
Frank & Jackie Kinney
Evelyn & Erwin Kondrat
Our Parents – Bud & Frances Clark
 and Bill & Margaret LaCombe
Beverly Lambert
Keith Leenhouts
My Parents
Terrence Williams
Jack Sayers
Cal Sleeman
Rinaldo & Noreen Bucciarelli
Cal Sleeman
Shirley Campbell
Paul Jones
Sid Lenington

IN HONOR OF

Chris, Emily, & Eleanor Baker
 Courtney & Franciesco Diaz
Andrew and Paul Kondrat
Sanctus Choir

GIVEN BY

Susanne Buxton
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Susanne Buxton
Jan Carlson, sister
Peggy Gill
Peggy Gill

Steve & Janet Kinney
Mike & Charlene Kondrat
Kay & Dick LaCombe

Brian & Patricia Lambert
The Leenhouts Family
Nancy Lorenz
Music Guild
Bernice E. Sayers
The Sleemans and Kinneys
Julie Sleeman and family
Virginia Sleeman
The Suarez Family
John & Phyllis Wagster
The Wahl Family

GIVEN BY

Bruce & Cathy Baker

Mike & Charlene Kondrat
Mary & Sam Nahhat

SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Children’s Christmas Pageant.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Acoustic Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 pm	Candlelight & Communion Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Closet	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, December 27

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEIO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 28

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 29

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen

Saturday, December 30

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, January 2

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
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LETTER FROM THE PREACHER

Merry Christmas,

Christmas Eve is upon us. There is a moment for all of us when we have decorated all we can decorate, bought all we can buy, cooked all we can cook. Yes, Christmas Eve finds us on a Sunday this year and that brings some new ways to find the path to Christmas. There are four Christmas Eve services here at our church beginning at 3:00 pm: a children's pageant, a service for the young and young at heart, and two more formal, traditional services. But we are also gathering on Saturday at 4 and Sunday morning at 9 and 11:00 to celebrate the fourth Sunday in Advent.

Each Sunday in Advent, each candle that we light guides us along the journey to Christmas. This Sunday we light the candle of Love. That is not a step we want to pass over. The love that Jesus brings to this earth is life-changing; it is world-changing. Jesus asked Simon Peter and he asks us today, "Do you love me?" For this 4th Sunday in Advent we will look at love as defined by Jesus. What does it mean to love Jesus, to be loved by Jesus? Join us as we take that final step that leads to Christmas Eve. Let's celebrate the love.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Myra