



Away from the Manger

Luke 2:41-52

December 31, 2017
9:00 am Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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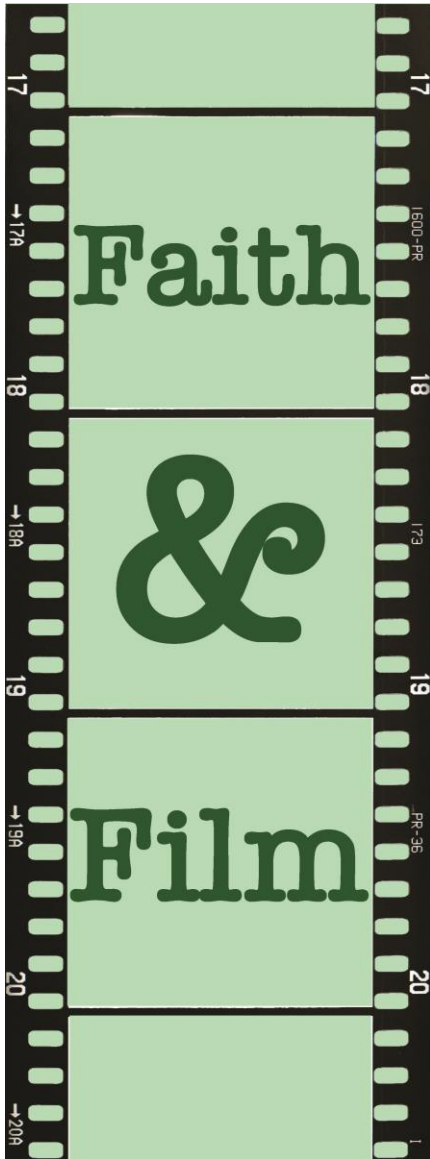
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song #228	He Is Born	UMH*
Call to Worship		Brendan Murray
Response #237	Sing We Now of Christmas	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Music Ministry		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Song #218	It Came upon a Midnight Clear	
Scripture	Luke 2:41-52	CEB**
Message	Away from the Manger	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #2072	Amen, Amen	FWS***

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible

*** The Faith We Sing



PASTY
SALE

JUST \$5 EACH!

CONTACT SHIRLEY HARRIS AT SHARRIS@ROFUM.ORG



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Come to the Waters

Friday, February 2
7:30 pm

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: Bonnie Mehaffey; 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
Dori Bridson, Royal Oak Beaumont

Sympathy to the Wakins family for the loss of brother and uncle Floyd Showers, December 16, 2017.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Bonnie Mehaffey, December 28, 2017.

Homebound Member of the Week: Shirley Olsen

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



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

Our New Year's Resolution is to make sure that we can contact everyone in our church family. To do this, we need your help! Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or email the information to Laurie O'Donnell at lodonnell@rofum.org.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone # _____

Relationship _____

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 sharris@rofum.org.

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 sharris@rofum.org.

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.

SCHEDULE

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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Wednesday, January 3

10:00 pm	Clergy Retreat.....	St. Paul’s of the Cross
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROME0 (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors).....	Duggan’s Irish Pub
6:15 pm	Holy COW Youth Choirs	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 4

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, January 5

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, January 6 – Communion Saturday

8:00 am	Music Guild Pasty Bake	Kitchen
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary

Sunday, January 7 – Communion Sunday

9:00 am	Worship & Commissioning Rev. Myra Moreland	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour & Pasty Pick-Up	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Commissioning Rev. Myra Moreland	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
	Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Spring Trek Informational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, & Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 8

10:00 am	Core Meeting	Choir Room
10:30 am	Core Directors' Meeting	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith & Film: <i>Star Wars: The Last Jedi</i>	Imagine Royal Oak
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I want to invite you to go to the movies with me. I love the movies. I always have. I love great stories. But my favorite part of going to the movies is talking about them afterwards. “What did you think?” “What was your favorite part?” “What do you think the film is trying to say?” So, I am asking you to go to the movies with me.

In January, we will be launching our 2nd Annual Faith and Film series. Here is how it will work: Monday nights (January 8, 15, 22, & 29) at 7:00 pm, we will go to the Emagine Theatre right here in Royal Oak to watch the week’s movie together. Tickets for each movie will be only \$7 per person and for the Family Night movie on January 22, all children under 12 are free!

Of course, you can see any of these movies on your own, but I hope that you will come out and see at least one of these movies as a community. These are great opportunities to invite a friend or neighbor to come and see the film and then join you for worship the following Sunday.

Don’t worry if you aren’t able to see the movie that week. The message will include a brief recap (we will try not to have any spoilers) and will really focus on a theme the movie raised.

The movies we will be featuring are:

January 8: *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*

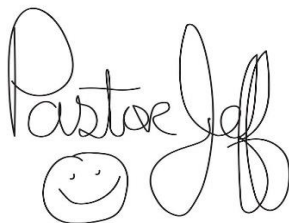
January 15: *The Greatest Showman*

January 22: *Ferdinand*

January 29: *The Post*

These are some of the movies people will be talking about this season. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on each of these upcoming Monday nights. It will be fun, it will be interesting, and we will be together! Doesn’t get much better than that.

See you at the movies!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.