



December 24, 2017

11:00 pm Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	Keith Chapman
Hymn #234	O Come, All Ye Faithful	UMH*
Call to Worship		Myra Moreland
Response	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	
Invitation to Mission		
Lighting of the Advent Candles		The Sleeman Family
Service of Lessons and Carols		
Hymn #245	The First Noel	
Lesson	Isaiah 9:2,6-7	CEB**
Hymn #217	Away in a Manger	
Lesson	Matthew 1:18-25	
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Lesson	John 1:1-5, 14a	
Music Ministry	<i>O Holy Night</i> Mark Sleeman	Adolphe Adam
Message	The Soul Felt Its Worth	Jeff Nelson
Table of Communion		
Hymn #239	Silent Night, Holy Night	
Hymn #246	Joy to the World	
Postlude	<i>Toccata on God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</i>	J. Payne

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS, 11:00 AM, AS WE GATHER SERVICE

SATURDAYS, 4:00 PM, CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM, ACOUSTIC WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS, 11:00 AM, TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE



Sack Lunch Program

Monday-Friday
10:30 am - 11:30 am

TUESDAYS
10:00 AM

They delight in lies;
They bless with their mouth,
but they curse inwardly.

(See **Lk**)
5 My soul, wait thou in silence
for God only;
For my expectation is from him.
6 He only is my rock and my sal-
vation:

* Or, a rock that is too high for me. * Heb.
tent. I will offer sacrifices unto thee de-
* Heb. it shall unto God. † Or, an other-
wise word, Y. shall be slain de. * Heb. be
those silent unto God

Tuesdays
12:00 pm



MEN'S BASKETBALL

TUESDAYS, 7:00 PM
ADDAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Women's Book and Bible Study

*Tuesdays at
7:00 pm*

**The 1st
Wednesday of
each month
6:00 pm
Duggan's Irish
Pub**



***United Methodist
Women Knowledge
Circle***

***The 2nd Wednesday
of each month
7:00 pm***



Wednesdays
7:30 pm





The 1st Thursday of each month

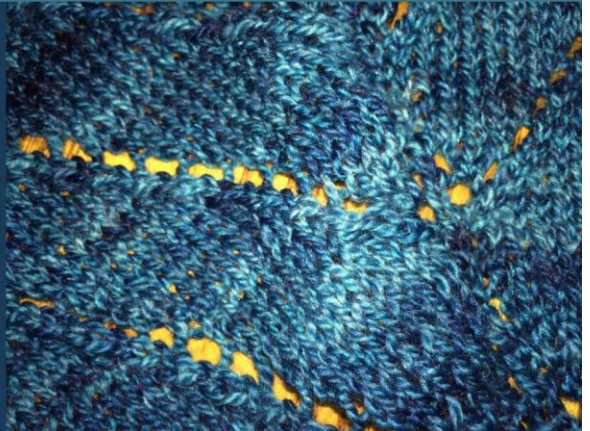
1:00 pm

United
Methodist
Women

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SHAWL MINISTRY

2nd & 4th
Thursday
of the month
1:00 pm



FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

THE 4TH FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
7:00 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

THE 3RD SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH
5:30 PM



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.



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 the church 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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Christmas Eve! We are glad you are here! If this is your first Christmas Eve with us, please know you are welcome here! No matter who you are, where you have been or what you have been through, there is a place for you. Tonight, you are a part of our family.

So, relax, enjoy the music, and be inspired by the stories. Know that the Spirit has brought you here to experience all the hope that this season offers. Again, we are glad you are here!

If Royal Oak First is your church home, then let me echo that same welcome to you: We are glad you are here! As you know, this place is special, where the Spirit moves in gentle and powerful ways. As you sit here tonight, take in all the sights and sounds, remembering all times that God has met you here. Find the peace that comes from the familiarity of this evening.

No matter who you are or how many times you have been here, I believe that tonight has a message for all of us. Tonight, we remember that in the coming of Christ, God is not done with us! God is not done with this world yet! Life and love and hope and peace and faith and goodness are all still breaking into our lives and into this world. And tonight we come here to do more than just remember that—we come to live it!

So, from my family to yours, Merry Christmas and may God bless us, each and every one!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor J. J." with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.