



December 24, 2017
3:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant
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		Caleb Williams
Response	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	
Music Ministry	<i>Alle Alleluia</i> Treble	arr. Terry D. Taylor & Dora Ann Purdy
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>Glory to God in the Highest</i> Canticle	Terry D. Taylor
Lighting of the Advent Candles		The Haines Family
Christmas Pageant		
Hymn #230	O Little Town of Bethlehem	
Hymn #217	Away in a Manger	
Hymn #240	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	
Hymn #251	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	
Hymn #254	We Three Kings	
Music Ministry	<i>Then Sings My Soul</i> Sam Garrett and Caleb Williams	arr. C. B. Williams
Message	You're Worth It	Jeff Nelson
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



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

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9 *Because of his strength I will*
give heed unto thee;
For God is my high tower,
10 My God with his lovingkind-
ness will meet me:
God will let me see my face
upon mine enemies.
11 Slay them not, lest my people
forget:
Scatter them by thy power,
and bring them down,
O Lord our shield.
12 For the sin of their mouth, and
the wrath of their lips,
Let them even be taken in their
pride,
And for cursing and lying
which they speak.
13 Consume them in wrath, con-
sume them, so that they
shall be no more:
And let them know that God
ruleth in Jacob.
Unto the ends of the earth.
14 And at evening let them re-
turn, let them howl like a dog,
And to round about the city.
15 They shall wander up and
down for food,
And tarry all night if they be
not satisfied.
16 But I will sing of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy
lovingkindness in the morn-
ing.
For thou hast been my high
tower,
And a refuge in the day of my
distress.
17 Unto thee, O my strength, will
I sing praises.
For God is my high tower, the
God of my mercy.
Lament over Sion that is habited as a
ruin.
For the chief Maadings are to Sion
Rebui. Mountain of Zion to sing
when he comes with his multitude
and with Aramoth, and with
the multitude in the Valley of
the Cedars.
60 O God, thou hast cast us
down, thou hast broken us down:
Thou hast been angry, O re-
store us again.
1 *Another reading is, and I say, My strength
is God, and I will sing of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy strength.*

65
2 Thou hast made the land to
tremble; thou hast rent it;
Heal the breaches thereof;
for it is shaketh.
3 Thou hast showed thy people
hard things,
Thou hast made us to drink the
vine of bitterness.
4 Thou hast given a banner to
them that fear thee,
That it may be displayed be-
cause of the truth. *Se lah*
5 That thy beloved may be de-
livered,
Save with thy right hand, and
answer us.
6 God hath spoken in his hol-
iness, I will exult;
I will divide Shechem, and
mete out the valley of Succoth.
7 Oil and wine, and Ma-na-
shah is mine;
I thank thee, O God.
8 My habitation is my secret;
Open I don't will I cast my
shield.
9 Who will bring me into the
streets of the city?
10 Who hath led me into it? I don't
know.
11 O God, thou hast not
cast us off.
12 Give us help against the ad-
versary.
For vain is the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do val-
our.
For he is it that will tread down
our adversaries.
Confession in God's Protection.
For the chief Maadings on a stringed
instrument. A Psalm of David.
61 Hear my cry, O God:
Attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I
call unto thee, when my
heart is overwhelmed.
3 *Another reading is, and I say, My strength
is God, and I will sing of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy strength,
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy strength.*

PSALMS 60:2-62:6
Lead me to the rock that is
higher than I:
3 For thou hast been a refuge
for me.
4 A strong tower from the enemy,
I will dwell in thy tabernacle
for ever:
5 For thou, O God, hast heard
my voice.
6 Thou hast given me the heri-
tage of those that fear thy
name.
7 He shall abide before God for
ever:
8 Oh prepare lovingkindness
and truth, that they may preserve
him.
9 So will I sing praise unto thy
name for ever.
10 That I may daily perform my
vows.
God alone is Refuge from Treachery and
Oppression.
For the Chief Maadings after the manner
of Psalms. A Psalm of David.
62 My soul waiteth in silence
for God only:
From him cometh my salvation,
2 He only is my rock and my sal-
vation.
3 *He is my high tower, I shall
not be greatly moved.*
4 How long will ye set upon a
man,
That ye may slay him, all of
you,
Like a leaning wall, like a tot-
tering fence?
5 They only conspire to thrust him
down from his dignity:
They delight in lies;
They bless with their mouth,
but they curse inwardly. *Se lah*
6 My soul, wait thou in silence
for God only.
For my expectation is from him.
7 He only is my rock and my sal-
vation:
8 *For a rock that is no help for me, I thank
thee, O God, for thou art a fortress unto those who
do not trust in thee, O God, for thou art a fortress
unto those who do not trust in thee, O God, for thou art a fortress
unto those who do not trust in thee.*

PASTOR JEFF'S
TUESDAY MORNING
BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS
10:00 AM

Roga
Chair Yoga

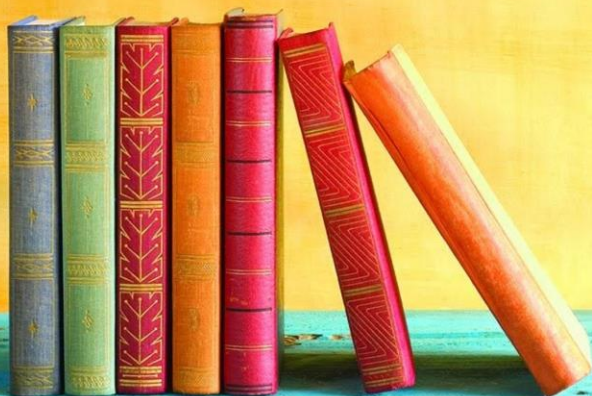
Tuesdays
12:00 pm



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

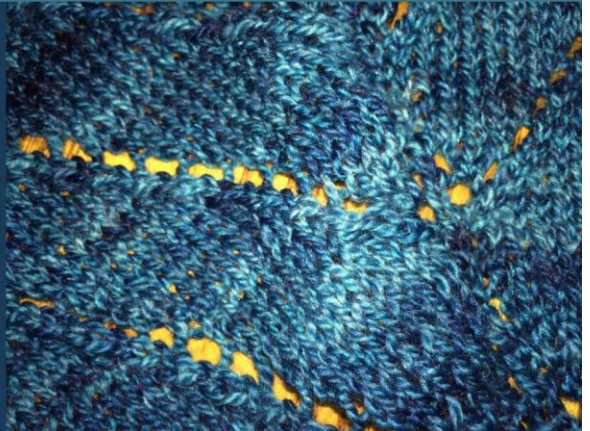
1:00 pm

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Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

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.