

January 14, 2018
9:00 am Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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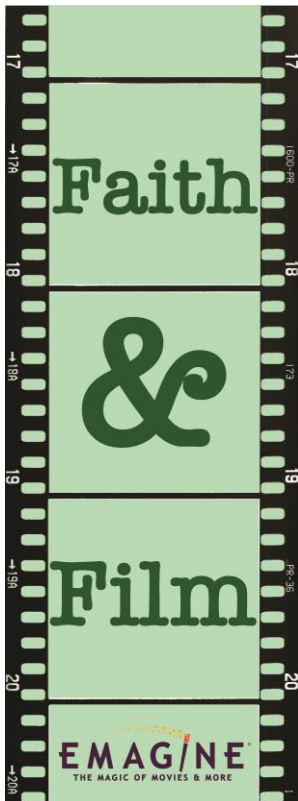
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Introit	<i>Imperial March</i> Carillon Bell Ensemble	John Williams arr. C.B. Williams
Song #261	Lord of the Dance	UMH*
Call to Worship		Janet Kinney
Sung Response	Welcome	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Music Ministry	<i>God of Wonders</i> House Band	Byrd/Hindalong
Time of Prayer		
Song #572	Pass It On	UMH
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Mission Moment		
Musical Offering	<i>God of Wonders</i> House Band	Byrd/Hindalong
Scripture	Acts 1:6-11	CEB**
Message	May the Force Be with You	Jeff Nelson
Song	We Fall Down/Holy, Holy, Holy	

* United Methodist Hymnal
** Common English Bible

Welcome
to the
Party!

Sunday,
February 11
2:00 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tool Time Work Day with Rippling Hope Monday, January 15, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Do you have a day off for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day tomorrow? Are you looking for something to do? Join us for a Tool Time Work Day with Rippling Hope! Contact George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org for more information.



Saturday Supper Club Saturday, January 20, 5:30 pm



Join us for Saturday Supper Club Chili Night! Bring bread or dessert to pass, and we will provide the chili. Our entertainment for the evening is "Michigan Mysteries" by Brian Baker, which will include a historic tour of Woodward. Bring your recollections of the local area and changes on Woodward. Good food, good friends, and great entertainment.

For more information, email Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.

Volunteer Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative Saturday, January 27, 8:00 am

Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store on Saturday, January 27, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. If you like to spend time with babies and children, they can also use babysitters while parents shop. We will meet in the church parking lot - carpooling is an option!

This is a wonderful opportunity to do mission as a family! A sign-up sheet is available at the Missions' Table or you may sign up through Sign Up Genius by going to rofum.org/links and clicking the link for the RBI Sign-Up.

For information contact Astrid Harrod at asharrod@gmail.com or Jennie Notarantonio at jnotar@sent.com



Truth and Reconciliation Discernment Documentary Screening Sunday, January 28, 3:00 pm



Truth and Reconciliation Discernment is part of the ongoing effort to reduce the harmful rhetoric and actions regarding LGBTQ identities. This documentary is the product of a Just Resolution reached following Rev. Ed Rowe's performance of a same-gender wedding ceremony.

Following the screening there will be a discussion with Rev. Ed Rowe and Bishop David Bard.

You can find the link to register at rofum.org/links and join us at the Michigan Area Ministry Center at 1011 Northcrest Rd in Lansing to see this important film.



Friday Fun Night is now Fun For All!

Our monthly inclusive party, Friday Fun Night, is now called Fun For All! Be sure to watch your bulletins and weekly email blasts for more information.

Letters for Ethan Watkins



Royal Oak First United Methodist Church member, Ethan Watkins, (pictured at the left) is currently stationed at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. We have been periodically sending him letters to let him know that he has the support of the entire church behind him. Well, we want to surprise him again. Let's send him another rush of love from the church!

You can send letters to him at
1LT Ethan Watkins
HHC 39 IBCT
MNBG-E; S2
APO, AE 09340

The overseas address may look funky, but don't worry!
Postage to this address is just \$0.49.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Diana Shornak; Patti Cooper-Koerner; Sue Buxton; Ray & Betty Lawson; Deborah Harmon; Bob Prud'homme; Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; Lee Hoffmann; Dian Wurdock; Phil Button; The Lowman Family; Art Miller; Pam Shewchuck; Bob Demyanovich; Marilyn Hocking; Dori Bridson

Prayers for our extended family: Harold Baker; Janice LaDuke; Laura Vroman; Maggie Robbins; Richard Long; Josh Williamson; Greg Lynn; Stewart Francke; Barbara Melnyk; Maggie Robbins; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Jim & Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hogle; Richard Long; Ryan Monte; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

Homebound Member of the Week: Yvonne Quinn

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 _____

SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Baptism	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
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 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Office Closed

8:30 am	Tool Time Work Day	Rippling Hope
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith & Film: <i>The Greatest Showman</i>	Imagine Royal Oak
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 16

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
11:45 am	ROga (ROFUM Chair Yoga)	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Jane Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 17

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Holy COW Youth Choirs	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
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 19

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 20

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Saturday Supper Club.....	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
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7:15 pm	Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

May the force be with you!


And also with you!

Growing up in the 70's and 80's Star Wars has always been a part of my life. It is my generation's story. Star Wars gave us many of our on-screen heroes: Luke Skywalker with his determined pursuit of justice; Princess Leia with her defiant courage; Han Solo with his brash, humorous, rebel spirit. When we got together to play we pretended to be them and for a time had their courage, their determination, and their rebel spirit. Movies can give us heroes.

We need heroes. People we can look up to, people who inspire us, people we want to be like, and people we want to emulate. Maybe that is one of the things the community of faith gives us. We call them saints. People we can look up to, be inspired by, and try to emulate. People like Saint Francis and Mother Teresa. People like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

For me, the real saints, the real heroes, are not the ones on the movie screens. They are not the ones captured in stained glass or encountered in the pages of history. For me, the real heroes, the real saints, are you. The everyday, ordinary people of faith. The people who strive to live their lives with humble generosity and grace. The saints teach Sunday school, sing in the choir, pour coffee, stack chairs, hang banners, and greet visitors. So, on a Sunday when we look at the larger-than-life heroes of Star Wars, please remember that life's real heroes are right here, living among us. People like you and people like me!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive 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.

PS: Please join us again this Monday at the movies as we watch *The Greatest Showman*, a movie about possibilities, imagination, and the dignity of all people. It is a fun show and appropriate for all ages. We will be at the Emagine Theatre right here in Royal Oak. The show will start at 7:00 pm and will only be \$7.