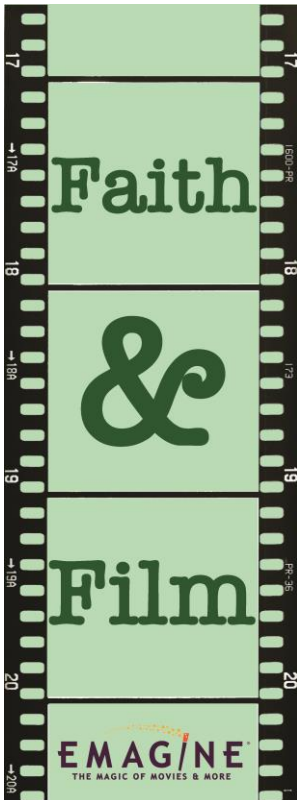




January 6, 2018
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
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.



SO, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN...

It's sci-fi and it's fantasy, it's a western in space, it's a samurai opera: It's Star Wars, and it isn't for everyone. If you don't want to take the 17 hours to watch all the movies, here's a quick recap to get you ready to see The Last Jedi.



It's been a generation since the first film came out in 1977. We're also on the second generation in the story. Here's the good, the bad, and the ugly:

The Good: The original good guys were Princess Leia, rule-breaker pilot Han Solo, and talented desert-planet nobody Luke Skywalker. Now it's ex-soldier Finn, rule-breaker pilot Poe Dameron, and talented desert-planet nobody Rey. The most famous twist in movie history happened in 1980 when Luke learned who his dad was. In this movie, we've been waiting to find out who Rey's parents are.

The Bad: In this world, baddies come in pairs. Forty years ago, it was shadowy mastermind Emperor Palpatine and his black-masked strongman, Darth Vader. Together, they ran the Empire with white stormtrooper soldiers. This time around, it's shadowy mastermind Supreme Leader Snoke and his black-masked strongman, Kylo Ren. Like Vader before him, Ren is torn between the goodness of his family (his parents are Han and Leia) and the darkness of his anger and loss.

The Ugly: There are lots of distractions along the way, monsters and machines, twisting plot lines, and plenty of war and duels. Underneath, however, there is a story of fear, pride, and power. This inner conflict is expressed through the mystical power called The Force, wielded for millennia by warrior monks known as Jedi. These Jedi were nearly wiped out by Darth Vader, and the last movie ended with Rey finding Luke Skywalker hoping to be trained by him, the last Jedi.

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 with special arrangements to accommodate 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: 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: Maggie Robbins; Richard Long; Josh Williamson; Greg Lynn; Stewart Francke; Barbara Melnyk; Maggie Robbins; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Gail Baker; Jim & Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Richard Long; Ryan Monte; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

Sympathy to the family of Betty Latimer for the loss of her nephew Steven Jacobs, December 28, 2017.

Sympathy to the family of Caleb Williams for the loss of his grandmother, Dr. Glenys Parry Williams, January 2, 2018.

Homebound Member of the Week: Ruth Porkka

The Chancel Flowers are in celebration of Rev. Myra A. Moreland's installation.

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 7 – Communion Sunday

9:00 am	Worship & Installation of Rev. Myra Moreland.....Sanctuary Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403
10:15 am	Reception for Rev. Myra Moreland & Pasty Pick-Up Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Installation of 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	Reception for Rev. Myra Moreland & Pasty Pick-Up Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Acolyte TrainingSanctuary
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> Emagine Royal Oak
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 9

10:30 am	Lunch Program Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Coffee Hour Team Meeting Choir Room
11:30 am	Sermon PracticeSanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (ROFUM Chair Yoga) Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons Choir Room
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities Choir Room
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball..... Jane Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	SPRC Church Office
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible StudySanctuary

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 am	Staff New Year's Brunch (Office Closed until 1:00)	Parsonage
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 Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Spring Trek Informational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am	The Journey: Preaching & Speaking Workshop	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, January 12

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 13

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, January 14

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Today is an important day in the life of Royal Oak First. When communities experience a revival of faith, people start to claim their calls into deeper forms of mission and service. Sometimes this results in persons answering the call into pastoral ministry. Today we celebrate that Reverend Myra Moreland has answered this call.

Michigan Area Bishop David Bard has appointed Myra Moreland to serve as an Associate Pastor at Royal Oak First. Myra will be giving primary pastoral leadership to our Saturday Night worship community as well as offering programming leadership in the areas of Children, Families and Youth, Adult Discipleship, and Congregational Care.

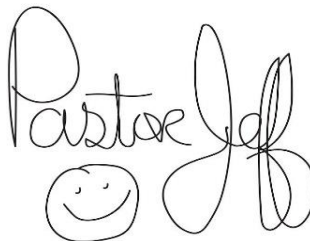
Myra and I have been friends for over 10 years. We met while I was pastoring in Birmingham. Her deep faith and passion for children and seniors are amazing. She has always had a strong commitment to empowering women to live their faith. When I was appointed back to the area, Myra came to visit her old friend. This visit led to an invitation to join us for worship which in turn led Myra to feel like maybe God was calling her to be a part of the movement of the Spirit here in Royal Oak.

One day, while talking over a Greek Salad at Jimi's, I finally just said, "Myra, it's clear that you have the gifts to be a pastor. When are you finally going to answer this call?" Here we are today, a year and a half later, and I am proud to introduce you to our new Associate Pastor, Reverend Myra Moreland.

Please join us in both welcoming and praying for Myra as she begins this new chapter of life. Myra is the first to answer this recent call into pastoral ministry, followed by Bob Prud'homme, Bob Demyanovich and Fred Bowden, all of whom are in the candidacy process. And who knows? I believe that there are more out there that the Holy Spirit is nudging to answer their call as well!

Today is a good day!

Here I am Lord. Send me!



Pastor Jeff