



# I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

**February 25, 2018**  
**11:00 am Traditional Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Celtic Hymn</i>	Hans-André Stamm
Hymn #577	God of Grace and God of Glory (stanzas 1, 2, & 4)	UMH*
Call to Worship		Ginny Borts
Sung Response	Crafted and Called	Caleb Williams
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Noisy Bucket Offering		
Music Ministry	<i>When I Think of You</i> Revelation Choir	arr. Gary Rhoades
Time of Prayer		
Prayer Song	Take, Oh Take Me As I Am	
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>The Road Home</i> Sanctus	Stephen Paulus
Doxology #95		
Scripture	Luke 24:13-30	CEB**
Poem	<i>A Farmer's Prayer</i>	Roger Johnson
Message	I Love to Tell the Story	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #156	I Love to Tell the Story	UMH
Postlude	<i>Grand Choer in G Major</i>	Théodore Salomé

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible



# Lenten Projects

**BIG BOY NIGHT**  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
5:00-8:00 PM



**CRAFTED AND CALLED**

**TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
**7:00 PM**

Two more chances for  
Fish Dinners!



4:30-7:00 pm  
March 9 & 23

# EVENTS

## Collection for Common Ground Sanctuary

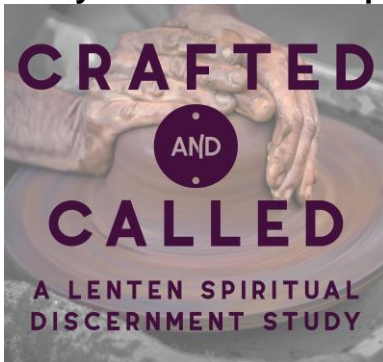
During the Lenten season this year, we will be collecting 120 pillows and pillowcases for the kids and youth who stay at the Common Ground Sanctuary in Royal Oak. We will also be making 120 fleece blankets with knotted fringe in different colors and patterns for them. On March 3 & 4, we will have a congregation-wide effort to tie the knots on the edges of the blankets after all three services in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help cut the fleece to prep them for the knot tying or if you have a wheel cutter and/or a cutting mat, please contact Jennie Notarantonio at [jnotar@sent.com](mailto:jnotar@sent.com) or 248-763-4728.



## Crafted and Called

Tuesdays during Lent, 7:00 pm

Prayer Service at 6:30 pm



It's not too late to join Crafted and Called! Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, all people are invited to gather at church to explore and learn more about the ways we've each been made unique and where God is calling us. There will be teaching, reflection, and table conversation. To help decompress from the day and re-center, there will be a Taizé service of singing and silent prayer in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm before each session. For more information, contact the church office.

## Fish Dinners

March 9 & 23

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Be sure to join us on March 9 and 23 for our wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Adult meals start at just \$10. Flyers with more information are available in Fellowship Hall.





## Big Boy Night for Music Guild

**Tuesday, February 27, 5:00-8:00 pm**

Join us on Tuesday, February 27, for our Big Boy Night! Come to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd. in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 15% of your dinner tab (with a coupon) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name! Contact Shirley Harris at [sharris@rofum.org](mailto:sharris@rofum.org) with any questions.



## United Methodist Women Program

**Thursday, March 1, 1:00 pm**



Join us as the UMW welcomes David Cox to hear about the Methodist Church in Cuba. The program will begin at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 1, in Fellowship Hall.

The UMW Executive meeting will be held at 10:30 am, before the program.

## Born Perfect: A Safe in my Church event

**Sunday, March 4, 3:30 pm**

The people of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church know that God loves us and there is nothing we can do about it, so it is time for us to help spread the word. Join us for Born Perfect, a loving response to the practice of Conversion Therapy. The afternoon will include music, poetry, and personal stories that will help us *all* remember that we were born perfect. An afterglow will follow next door at Pronto Restaurant.



# OPPORTUNITIES

## If you love to cook, then we want you!



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 Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).

## Do you want to join our worship team?

You can be an important part of our worship team on your schedule! Communion servers are needed on the first Sunday of every month at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Our 11:00 service needs Crucifers (the people who carry the cross) for the beginning and end of worship each Sunday.

You can help out once, twice, or as many times in the year as you choose. Contact Jennifer Semivan at [jsemivan@rofum.org](mailto:jsemivan@rofum.org) for more information.



## Men's Clothing Needed

On the last Monday of each month, the Fellowship Hall is transformed into a mini-clothing store with Men's, Women's, and Children's departments for our Lunch Guests. Our stock is running low and we need clothing, especially men's clothing. If you have any clothing or shoes you would like to donate, please bring it to church on weekends or any time during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00).

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Ann Anderson; John Guilmet; Christina Smith; Barbara Nicholas; Bob Brown; Don and Marilyn McCreedy; Gerald Elliot; Mike Johnson; Marijean Kroell; Ann Moser; Bonnie Barber; John Dorsey; Diana Shornak; Patti Cooper-Koerner; Ray & Betty Lawson; Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; Dian Wurdock; The Lowman Family; Art Miller; Pam Shewchuck; Bob Demyanovich; Marilyn Hocking

**Prayers for our extended family:** Don Parsons; Patricia Semivan; Kirt Taylor; Ethan Meade; Karen Halsig; Jonah Newblatt; Al Janney; Jan & Randy Hunt; Jerry Oberlander; Tim Walbridge; Harold Baker; Laura Vroman; Josh Williamson; Greg Lynn; Stewart Francke; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of former member, Robert George, on the event of his death, February 17, 2018.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Goldie Chiti

**The chancel flowers** are a tribute to my parents, Noel and Patricia Peterson, and the elders of this church, given by Kathy Peterson on her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**The second arrangement on the chancel** is in celebration of Travis Walls' 34th birthday! We love you TravMan! From your whole family!

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [pgill@rofum.org](mailto:pgill@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



## CRAFTED AND CALLED

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am: Worship Service

11:00 am: Traditional Worship Service

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm: Communion Service

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

12:00 pm: Traditional Service

7:00 pm: 7 Last Words Poetry & Arts Night

Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday

4:00 pm: Saturday Afternoon Service

Sunday, April 1 – Easter

7:00 am: Sunrise Service

9:00 am: Worship Service

10:15 am: Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am: Traditional Worship Service





# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, February 25 – Noisy Bucket Sunday

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Senior Prom Planning .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:15 am	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	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, February 26

9:30 am	Core Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Core Directors Meeting .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Justice League .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, February 27

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
5:00 pm	Big Boy Night for Music Gulid .....	John R Big Boy in Madison Heights
6:30 pm	Taizé Prayer Service .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Crafted and Called Discernment Study .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball .....	Addams Elementary

## Wednesday, February 28

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship Arts Department Meeting .....	Choir Room

### **Wednesday, February 28 (Continued)**

11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	LGBTQ Spiritual Support Meeting .....	Pronto Restaurant
6:15 pm	Holy COW Choir Rehearsals ....	Choir Room, Room #402, Room # 403
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

### **Thursday, March 1**

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	UMW (United Methodist Women) Executive Meeting .....	Sanctuary
11:00 am	As We Gather Service .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	UMW Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

### **Friday, March 2**

9:00 am	Event Planning Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program & Covenant Care .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making .....	Kitchen

### **Saturday, March 3 – Communion Weekend**

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship .....	Sanctuary
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### **Sunday, March 4 – Communion Weekend**

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

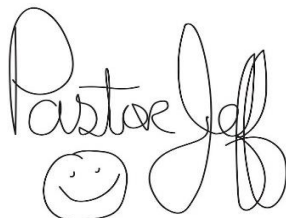
In the shadow of our church is a very special place, a place that provides shelter and safety for nearly 150 kids each year, kids who find themselves with nowhere else to go. Common Ground Sanctuary is an agency that provides temporary shelter for kids that, for one reason or another, cannot stay in their home. Maybe there are issues of abuse. Maybe the child cannot figure out how to live within their family system. Some of the children are in the foster care system and need to find a new family. Sometimes a kid who is wrestling with their sexual orientation or gender identity feels like their home is not a safe place to figure that out. Common Ground Sanctuary provides a place for all these kids to go and gives them trained counselors and social workers who will help them figure out their next steps. This amazing little agency is making a big difference right here in Royal Oak, literally just a few blocks from the church.

I don't think you can have a place that is helping homeless kids as one of your neighbors and not do something to help them out. We are in the midst of our Easter journey, a journey of going deeper into the heart of our faith. The deeper we go into this journey the more we will discover that we are called to be generous and giving people. So, for our Easter offering this year, I am asking you to help me collect 120 pillows and pillowcases for these kids. When a kid arrives at the Common Ground they often arrive with very little that is their own. They have had to leave most of their things behind and are entering into a place where nothing is familiar. We want each kid to have a pillow, pillowcase and blanket that is all their own.

So sometime over the next two weeks, will you run out and pick up a couple of pillows and bring them with you to church. Come Easter morning, we will be able to offer these pillows and blankets to our neighbors at Common Ground who are engaged in some very important and significant work.

We are a congregation committed to making Christ's love real and together we can make a difference!

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.