



February 4, 2018
9:00 am Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs	Love Can Change the World	
Call to Worship		Crystal Reed
Sung Response	Welcome	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Take My Life</i> House Band	arr. Chris Tomlin
Scripture	Mark 1:14-15	CEB*
Message	The Truth Will Set You Free, If It Doesn't Kill You First	Jeff Nelson
The Lord's Supper		
Hymn	Draw the Circle Wide	

* Common English Bible



Fish Dinners are back!

4:30-7:00 pm

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

CRAFTED

AND

CALLED

Welcome
to the
Party!

Sunday,
February 11
2:00 pm

3113 Marion Dr
Royal Oak

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



**Sub Sandwich
Sale Pick-Up
Today!**

Fish Dinners are Coming Soon!

February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Our famous fish dinners are back! Be sure to join us in February and March for four wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Adult meals start at just \$10. Flyers with more information are available in Fellowship Hall.



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Jumpin' Jams

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am

This interactive movement and music exploration, led by Jennifer Semivan (Registered Music Therapist) is open to kids in preschool through 5th grade of all abilities! Jump in and try it out! We'll be waiting for you in Fellowship Hall!

Choir Camp Staff Applications

Due: Sunday, February 11

It isn't too early to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Again this year we will be going to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly. Camp will be the week of July 22-28, 2018, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Camp staff applications will be available in the church office and the Missions Table. The deadline for submission is Sunday, February 11. We look forward to another wonderful year. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248-703-8805 or jtripoli@rofum.org.



**CHOIR CAMP
WILL BE HERE
SOONER THAN
YOU THINK!**

Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 11

SCOUT SUNDAY



All youth and adults involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, Camp Fire, Indian Guides, etc. are encouraged to attend Scout Sunday, February 11, with their uniform. This will be a special recognition also of the 100th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 1601. After the 11:00 am service the Scouts will be serving a Hot Dog lunch with chili, chips, coleslaw, and cake for a free-will offering. Please come celebrate with us! Contact Randy Riggs 248-545-5144 if you have any questions.

Men's Clothing Needed for our Lunch Program

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).



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.

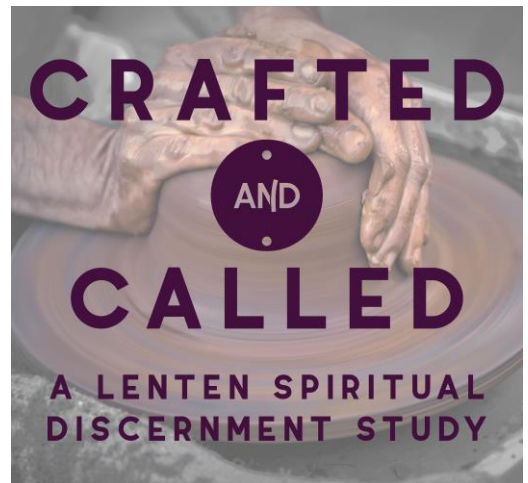
You can help out once, twice, or as many times in the year as you choose. Contact Jennifer Semivan at jsemivan@rofum.org for more information.

Crafted and Called

Tuesdays during Lent, 7:00 pm

Prayer Service at 6:30 pm

February has started and most of our New Year's resolutions are ancient history, but God isn't done with us. Starting February 20, Tuesday nights at 7, 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 singing and silent prayer in the sanctuary at 6:30 before each session. For more information, contact the church office.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Marijean Kroell; Ann Moser; Bonnie Barber; Ethan Watkins; John Dorsey; Dick Bryan; Diana Shornak; Patti Cooper-Koerner; 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: Jan & Randy Hunt; Jerry Oberlander; Art & Jo Deming; Herb Chace; Tim Walbridge; Harold Baker; Laura Vroman; Richard Long; Josh Williamson; Greg Lynn; Stewart Francke; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Richard Long; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

Homebound Member of the Week: Charles White

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at
pgill@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.

Letters for Ethan Watkins

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church member, Ethan Watkins, (pictured at the right) 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.



HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

We want 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 _____

SERMON NOTES

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SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am	Sub Sandwich Making	Kitchen
9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour & Super Bowl Sub Sale.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Communion	
	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 & Super Bowl Sub Sale.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Group Super Bowl Party	The Gilberts' House

Monday, February 5

9:30 am	Core Meetings	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	Communications Meeting.....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting	Choir Room

Tuesday, February 6

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
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Jane Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Choir Room
10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program and Saints & Scissors	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
2:00 pm	Piano Club	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Lithuania Team Meeting	Church Office

Wednesday, February 7 (Continued)

6:00 pm	Refueling Our Faith Using Motors (ROFUM).....	Duggan's Irish Pub
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	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403

Thursday, February 8

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Pastoral Care Team.....	Choir Room
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, February 9

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program & Covenant Care	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Event Planning Meeting	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Fish Dinner	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 10

8:30 am	Tool Time Work Day	Meet in Church Parking Lot
10:00 am	Jumpin' Jams.....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, February 11 – Scout Sunday

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 –	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship	
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12:15 pm	Coffee Hour & Hot Dog Lunch hosted by Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party.....	Parsonage
3:00 pm	<i>Truth & Reconciliation</i> Screening	Southfield Hope
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,

When we lived in Redford, we enrolled our boys in swimming lessons in the neighboring community of Dearborn Heights. One day, while watching them learn their strokes I looked around at the other parents and realized that Bridget was the only mom there not wearing a head cover. From what we could observe, it appeared that we were the only non-Muslims in the crowd. I don't think I met a Muslim person until I was in my mid-twenties, and here were my kids making friends with kids of a different religion at a very young age.

Also during this time, Casey wanted to participate in the community-wide basketball team. Redford had undergone a significant demographic shift while we lived there, and the schools were now about 70% African-American, making Casey the only white kid on an otherwise all black team. It was kind of a standing joke with the other parents. I'd ask, "Which one is your kid again?" "He's number 7." "Want to guess which one is mine?" Again, I realized, I don't think I had met an African-American until I was in college. Now I was watching my son play and make friends with kids of a different race at a very young age.

My kids, our kids, have been exposed to a diversity that I never had the opportunity to experience. For them, diversity, difference, is just a given and it is the world they have always known. They are better prepared for the realities of a diverse workplace than I ever was. And the truth of the matter is, my kids, our kids, are better prepared for a more diverse church. Despite the differences that once divided the church, they will find unity together in worship, friendship, and service. I only hope they will stick with us through our struggles so that the church we hand off to them is fully inclusive.

That is why coming to the communion table today is so important. It is our chance to practice sharing a meal, sharing life, sharing this church, and sharing this world with people of different ages, races, cultures, orientations, and gender identities. We practice doing this at the communion table so that we might be able to extend that same inclusion at every table!

Please God, may it be so!

Grace and Peace,

