



# WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

**March 11, 2018**  
**9:00 am Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song #400      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing      UMH\*

Call to Worship      Janet Kinney

Sung Response      Crafted and Called      Caleb Williams

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Children's Time

Time of Prayer

Prayer Song Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Mission Moment

Musical Offering      Beautiful Things      Gungor  
House Band

Scripture      1 Corinthians 12:4-11      CEB\*  
Exodus 4:1-2

Message      What Is in Your Hand?      Myra Moreland

Hymn      You Have Shown Us

\* United Methodist Hymnal

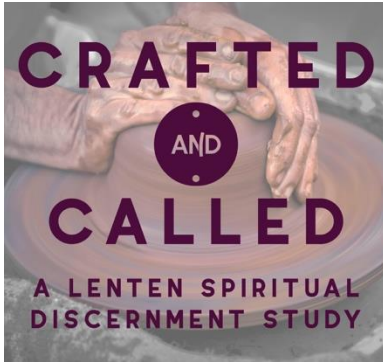
\*\* Common English Bible

# EVENTS

## 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.

## Last Chance for Fish Dinners

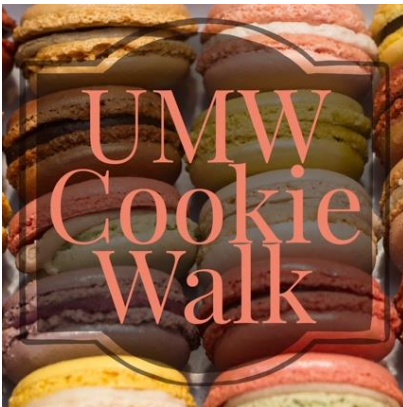
March 23, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

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



## United Methodist Women Cookie Walk

March 23, 4:30 - 7:00 pm



United Methodist Women will be putting on a Cookie Walk during the last Fish Dinner on Friday, March 23. Come and pick out your favorite cookies and help fund mission projects here and abroad.

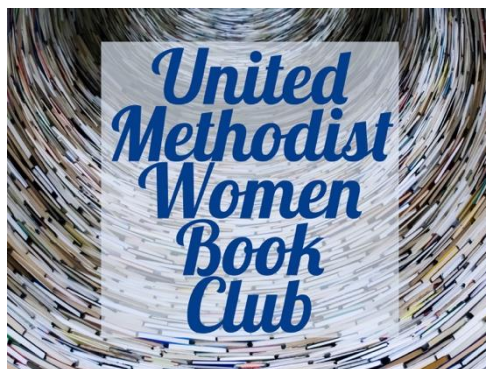
Bakers, please turn in your cookies before 1:00 pm on Friday. Label cookies if they have nuts. All donations are welcome.

Contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125 if you have any questions.

## United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 am**

All are welcome to join us as we explore this meaningful story. Our study book this month is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. It is the story of a home-schooled fifth grader living with a special medical condition often equated with Treacher Collins Syndrome. He is enrolled at a middle school for the start of the next academic year and, as expected, he and his family face many challenges. The story is a wonderful spur for the reader to embrace understanding and kindness. If you have any questions, contact Mary Nahhat at 248-546-6230.



## Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 1, 10:30 am**



Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday, April 1. The eggs will be hidden in the park on S. West St, between 5th and 6th Streets. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will take place in the Fellowship Hall. A collection bin is in Fellowship Hall for donations of candy and plastic eggs. Contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

## Graduation Sunday

**Sunday, May 6**

Each year, we honor our high school and college graduates as they begin to embark on new adventures. Be sure to join us for this special Sunday as we celebrate the accomplishments of our young members.

If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, please send a picture of the graduate and their plans for the future to [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).





# OPPORTUNITIES

## 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.



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

## Are you ready for Noah's Flood? Sing With Sanctus Choir!

Sanctus Choir is starting a new special 8-week semester, culminating in the performance of Benjamin Britten's community opera, *Noah's Flood*, on Sunday, April 28, at the 11:00 am worship service and at a special concert at 4:00 pm. Whether you join for the semester, the year, or life, you can be part of a wonderful ensemble that makes a difference in the life of the church creates lasting friendships. To learn more, contact Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org).



## South Oakland Shelter Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, April 1 – Sunday, April 8



South Oakland Shelter (SOS) is a traveling homeless shelter created to serve many of the individuals and families within our community that are experiencing homelessness. The shelter rotates through churches that provide overnight guests with food, fellowship, and a listening ear for one week. We have partnered with our downtown neighbor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, as they open their facility to house up to 30 overnight guests. Volunteers are crucial to ensure a successful week. We have set a goal of 100 volunteers to provide morning & evening drivers; dinner, breakfast and bag lunch cooks; night attendants (men and women); and bedding linen washing.

Please join us as we strengthen our ties to the community and make new friends at St. Paul and SOS. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Laurie O'Donnell at [lodonnell@rofum.org](mailto:lodonnell@rofum.org) or the St. Paul Action Committee at 248-398-9439.

### Long-time member is seeking companionship and household help. Could that be you?

Would you like to offer companionship, help with dinner, and some light housework to one of our church elders? We are looking for some household help for a long-time member of Royal Oak First. The position offers \$15 an hour. Contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org) with any questions.



# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Howard Emorey; Joe Gardner; Sue Buxton; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Ann Anderson; John Guilmet; Christina Smith; Barbara Nicholas; Don and Marilyn McCreedy; Gerald Elliot; Mike Johnson; 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:** Bob Graeber; Pam Heath; Don Parsons; Patricia Semivan; Kirt Taylor; Ethan Meade; Karen Halsig; Jonah Newblatt; Al Janney; 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; Charles Prud'homme

**Hospitalized:** Ray Lawson, Troy Beaumont

**Sympathy** to Sue Buxton on the death of her friend, Richard Stancliff.

**Sympathy** to Barbara Nicholas on the death of her friend, Bob Brown.

**Sympathy** to Jean Pell on the death of her husband, Victor Pell.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Emily Crimmins

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

The Chancel flowers are in loving memory of Dominic Geskey given by his church family.

The second flower arrangement wishes a Happy Saint Patrick's Day from the O'Donnell Family. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

# JOIN OUR WORSHIP TEAM

You can be an important part of our worship team! We have opportunities for people to serve as ushers, greeters, communion servers, and crucifers (the people who carry the cross into the 11:00 am Sunday service).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Usher (6 times per year)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 pm Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ As-Needed Substitute

\_\_\_\_\_ Greeter (6 times per year)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 pm Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ As-Needed Substitute

\_\_\_\_\_ Communion Server

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 pm Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ As-Needed Substitute

\_\_\_\_\_ Crucifer

Tear out this page and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.



# EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering a choice of spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1, or contributing to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. If you wish to participate, place this form in the offering plate or return it to the church office on or before Sunday, March 18.

Checks made out to Royal Oak First United Methodist (ROFUM) or cash must accompany your order.

Please use one form per sentiment. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and church office.

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 Easter Lily (1 bloom) - \$9.50

Azalea - \$20.00

Daffodil - \$7.50

Hyacinth - \$7.50

Tulip - \$7.50

I will pick up the plant after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

I am willing to deliver my plant to a homebound member on Easter Sunday.

I will order my own plant and deliver it to the church on Friday, March 30.

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for UMCOR.

This is a memorial to \_\_\_\_\_

This is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, March 11 – Mission Weekend

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; 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
3:00 pm	World Sabbath Sunday .....	Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills
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, March 12

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	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, March 13

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
6:30 pm	Taizé Prayer Service .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Crafted and Called Discernment Study .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball .....	Addams Elementary

## Wednesday, March 14

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant

### **Wednesday, March 14 (Continued)**

5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Tull Home
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 .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

### **Thursday, March 15**

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
2:00 pm	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Kids Acting Out Rehearsal .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
8:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council .....	Choir Room

### **Friday, March 16**

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
1:00 pm	Kids Acting Out Rehearsal .....	Choir Room and Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, March 17**

1:00 pm	Kids Acting Out Rehearsal .....	Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm	Victor Pell Memorial Service .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship .....	Sanctuary

### **Sunday, March 18**

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; 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
1:30 pm	Safe Sanctuary Training .....	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,

This week a group from our church staff went on a field trip. We went to watch and learn from a United Methodist church in Kansas City, Missouri. Like Royal Oak First, Good Shepherd in Kansas City is a fast-growing church. It was great to meet their staff and talk about how we can better serve our congregations and our communities.

I couldn't help but think about all the things we do so well as a church here at Royal Oak First. We are talking this week about spiritual gifts and yes, we will look at the gifts that God has given us as individuals. But, I was reminded this week of the gifts we have as a church. The welcoming and inclusive spirit here is a gift. All of you do this so well and I hear it time and time again from new members and from people visiting our church. This is a welcoming place, a place where people feel at home and are able to worship God.

Of course, that church gift is fueled by the individual gifts and talents from each of you. Some of you are just good at saying, "Hello." Some of you are great at giving a hug and some of you know when to just smile and give folks some space (that is a real talent). When we pull all of that together you have one big welcoming body, making Christ's love real.

Join me on Sunday as we dig deeper into the gifts that God has given each of us.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Myra*