



# CALLED

**March 3, 2018**  
**4:00 pm Afternoon Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #2172	We Are Called	FWS*
Call to Worship		Fred Bowden
Sung Response	Crafted and Called	Caleb Williams
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Song #348	Softly and Tenderly (st. 1 & 4)	UMH**
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>How I Love the Lord</i> Dana Wolf	Mary Ann Lawrence
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Matthew 4:18-22	CEB***
Message	Called	Jeff Nelson
The Lord's Supper		
Hymn #344	Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore	UMH

\* Faith We Sing  
\*\* United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\*\* Common English Bible

# EVENTS

## Born Perfect: A Safe in my Church event

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

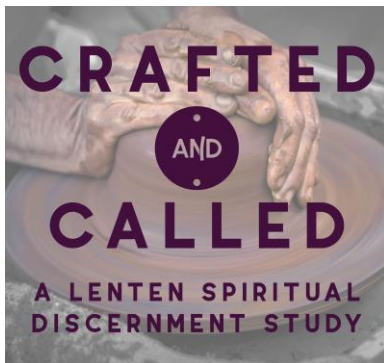
The people of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church know that God loves us and there is nothing we can do about it, so it is time for us to help spread the word. Join us for Born Perfect, a loving response to the practice of Conversion Therapy. The afternoon will include music, poetry, and personal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



## 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**

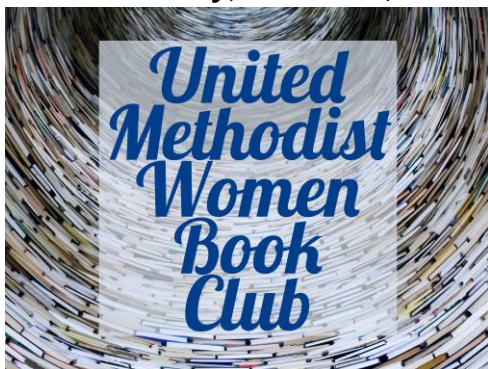
**4:30 - 7:00 pm**

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.



## 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

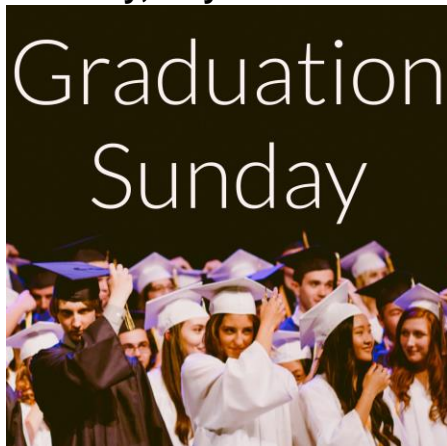
Sunday, April 1, 10:30 am

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.



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

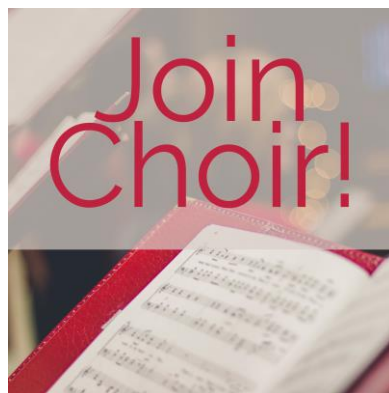


We are looking for cooks for Sunday Youth Night for Royal Oak Youth (ROY) and Wednesday Evenings for Holy COW. Sunday Night dinner starts at 6:45 pm and we average about 30 youth. Wednesday Night dinner starts at 5:30 pm and we are averaging about 60 children and their families.

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).

## Are you ready for Noah's Flood? Join 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:** Lori Altman; Ann Anderson; John Guilmet; Christina Smith; Barbara Nicholas; Bob Brown; 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:** 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; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

**Hospitalized:** Howard Emory

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Zenovia Courtney

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



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm

# JOIN OUR WORSHIP TEAM

You can be an important part of our worship team on your schedule! We are looking 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                      \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Sunday  
    \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Sunday                      \_\_\_\_ As-Needed Substitute

\_\_\_\_ Greeter (6 times per year)  
    \_\_\_\_ 4:00 pm Saturday                      \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Sunday  
    \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Sunday                      \_\_\_\_ As-Needed Substitute

\_\_\_\_ Communion Server  
    \_\_\_\_ 4:00 pm Saturday                      \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Sunday  
    \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Sunday                      \_\_\_\_ As-Needed Substitute

\_\_\_\_ Crucifer

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# 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 4 – Communion 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
3:30 pm	Born Perfect: A Safe in My Church Event .....	Sanctuary
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 5

9:00 am	Worship Committee .....	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Core Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Core Directors' Meeting .....	Choir Room
4:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies .....	Kitchen
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, March 6

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
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 7

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

### Wednesday, March 7 (Continued)

2:00 pm	Piano Club .....	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors).....	Duggan's Irish Pub
6:15 pm	Holy COW Choir Rehearsals ....	Choir Room, Room #402, Room # 403
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	First Adventures Spring Trek Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

### Thursday, March 8

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
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	One Faithful World.....	Muslim Unity Center in Bloomfield Hills
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

### Friday, March 9

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Fish Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 10 – Mission Weekend

12:00 pm	Kids Acting Out Rehearsal .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Klingensmith-Williams Wedding .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship .....	Sanctuary

### 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

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I have been doing some work lately around our “branding.” It feels weird, maybe even a little crass, to talk about branding our church. It feels as if it is a commodity we sell or a faith product that is in competition with other faith products in the marketplace. Our faith, our church, our community are too important and complex to boil down to a few simple sound bites and a nice new logo. Branding is a way to create a cohesive message to send out into the world about who we are, what we do, and what makes Royal Oak First unique.

The first question this branding work asked was, “Who are your people?” or “What makes a Royal Oak First person a Royal Oak First person?” It was fun to think about what makes us unique.

I have had the pleasure of sitting with dozens of people over the last year who are finding a new spiritual home here at Royal Oak First. They tell me what they experience here is a place where faith is fun, real and significant.

Fun: There is a lot of joy in this place. We love to laugh. We wear fun Christmas sweaters. We have Star Wars Sunday. We don’t take ourselves too seriously.

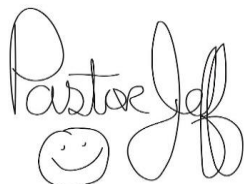
Real: We don’t pretend to have it all together and don’t expect others to have all together either. We are honest about hurts, hang ups and habits. We have doubts and questions and places where we disagree.

Significant: We are a place that really tries to be a blessing to others. We believe what we do here matters and can literally change the world for the better. We believe that belonging to a community literally saves and changes lives so we strive to draw the circle wide to include everybody we can in this movement of love!

I guess if we need to brand ourselves, I’ll start there—Royal Oak First is a place where faith is fun, real, and significant.

I think I’d like to belong to a place like that.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff