

WAS IT A
MORNING
LIKE THIS?

April 1, 2018
7:00 am Sunrise Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (stanzas 1-2)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (stanzas 3-4)

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Prayer Song Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the world!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

Was It a Morning Like This?
Sam Garrett

Sandi Patty

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

CEB*

Sung Response

Alleluia (Celtic)

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Message

Was It a Morning Like This?

Myra Moreland

Hymn

Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
And dwell in every place and time.

* Common English Bible



Noah's Flood

*An All Ages
Community Opera
by Benjamin Britten*

*April 29,
11:00 am and
4:00 pm*

*Free will
offering*

HANDS 4 ROYAL OAK



Saturday, May 19

We are going out into the Royal Oak First community to help families complete small projects around their house. Homeowners will supply the materials and Royal Oak First volunteers will do the work. If you or someone you know could use a little help, fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, turn it in to the church office, or send the information to Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org by April 8.

Hands4RoyalOak Job Requests

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle the job(s) requested:

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| • Replace furnace filter | • Minor painting |
| • Clean or repair gutters | • Spring yard work |
| • Replace electrical fixtures | • Repair or install towel bars |
| • Install smoke detectors | • Replace door locks or hardware |
| • Minor plumbing | • Clean or repair dryer vent |
| • Clean windows or install screens | • Install shelving |
| • Repair drywall | • Hang pictures |
| • Install grab bar or handrail | • Any other job? Just ask. |

Other: _____



Easter Flowers Decorating the Sanctuary

In Honor of

Marisol Pindes
Our Children, Ben and Zack
Evelyn Lois Lockwood
Coffee Hour Coordinators & Servers
Tootsie!

In Memory of

Joan & Bert Combs
Jim & Marie Dunstan
Joe Gardner, my Bible buddy
Our Parents, Gerritt & Florence Hoelaars and
Lewis & Marge Caine
Bill & Virginia Hassberger

Dave Fick
Filipina, Felina, and Loma Samson
Ann & Anthony Andrus and Louis Somers
Al & Eileen Thompson

Given by

Mike Dabney
Brian and Jessica LaRose
Kelsey & Mark Lockwood
George Marck
Olivia and Audrie

Given by

Cory, Lisa, and Riley Combs
Jay & Patty Dunstan
Marie Evans
George & Joan Hoelaars

The Plaxton Family,
Rick & Elsa Reynolds
Audrey Fick and Amy Rhoades
George Samson
Mike and Linda Somers
Patty Thompson

UMCOR – United Methodist Committee On Relief

Our congregation has made a contribution to UMCOR in honor or memory of the following loved ones:

In Honor of

Our Family;

Chris, Emily, Eleanor, Courtney, Francisco

Pam Shewchuck

My Children, Grandchildren, and

Great Grandchildren

ROFUM's Wonderful Music Ministry

Our Parents; Frances & Bud Clark, and

Margaret & Bill LaCombe

Our Parents

My Family

Sam & Mary Nahhat

Cathy & Mark Thatcher

Choir Camp Staff

In Honor of

John Buxton

LeRoy Scheibner, our father

Dominic Geskey

William & Eleanor Gill

Beverly Lambert and Beth Judge

Keith Leenhouts

Cal Sleeman

Shirley Campbell

Given by

Bruce & Cathy Baker

Ann, Eric, and Ray Blessman

Suzanne Buxton

Elsie Consolacion

Kay & Dick LaCombe

Ray Lawson & Betty Chiri-Lawson

Betty Locke

The Nahhat Children and Grandchildren

Noel & Patti Peterson

Carolyn Rondot

Given by

Suzanne Buxton

The Evans Family

The Geskey Family

Peggy Gill

The Lambert Family

The Leenhouts Family

Virginia Sleeman

The Suarez Family

EVENTS

United Methodist Women

Thursday, April 5, 1:00 pm



Come join us to hear about the “Blessings in a Backpack” program that helps feed many families in Royal Oak. The program begins at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting (nut free) food for the backpacks that day, so bring along some canned tuna or chicken, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, etc. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.

Celebrate our newest Eagle Scout!

Sunday, April 8

Join us for a special Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 8, to celebrate Andrew Gibson, our newest Eagle Scout! With cake, ice cream sundaes, and you, this is sure to be a wonderful time!

Andrew’s Eagle Scout project was repainting and decorating one of our Sunday School rooms. He ran a bottle drive to fund the project and donated the surplus (over \$300!) to the church.

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NEW EAGLE SCOUT!



Welcome
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Sunday, April 8, 2:00 pm

You are invited to a gathering at the pastor’s house. Get to know some other people, learn more about the church, and ask any questions you might have about Royal Oak First. Contact George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org if you would like to pre-register or if you have any questions.

Funny for a Change

Sunday, April 22

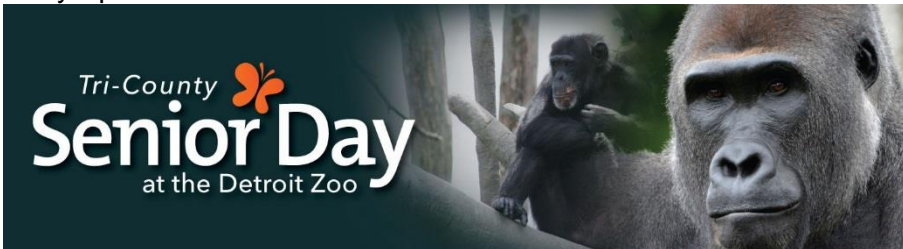
Join the Redford Brightmoor Initiative for *Funny for a Change* at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle on Sunday, April 22. Doors open at 5:00 pm, Silent Auction begins at 5:15 pm and the show at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased between worship services on April 8 and 15, online at www.redfordbrightmoorinitiative.org or by emailing admin@redfordbrightmoorinitiative.org. Hope to see you there!



Royal Oak First goes to the Zoo!

Wednesday, April 25

Come join us for live music, tours, bingo, and a senior resource area on this special no-cost Senior Day at the Detroit Zoo. We will meet at the church at 9:30 am and transportation will get us to the zoo. We will return to the church at 1:30 pm for lunch. Please RSVP to Erica Plesco at ericaplesco@gmail.com or by calling the church office by April 22.

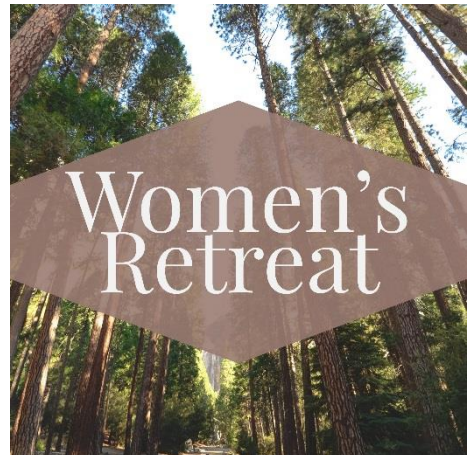


Royal Oak First Women's Retreat

Mother's Day Weekend

Friday, May 11, 4:00 pm – Saturday, May 12, 3:00 pm

Relax the body, stimulate the mind, and strengthen the spirit. Join us for this wonderful weekend of yoga, discussions, and study at the beautiful Colombiere Retreat & Conference Center in Clarkston. The cost for the event is \$130 and includes meals, accommodations, yoga class, and discussion sessions, along with unlimited use of the walking paths through the woods. Registration forms are available in the church office. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.



OPPORTUNITIES

Teach Computer Skills

Saturdays, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Computer Lab Service Opportunities



The new computer lab at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) has service opportunities for people with basic computer skills. You will have the opportunity to teach people the basics of Microsoft Office, résumé building (especially using Indeed), and using the internet to search and find solutions. One-time and recurring opportunities are available for anyone interested. To serve, contact Astrid Harrod on the Royal Oak First missions committee at 248-635-6357 or asharrod@gmail.com.

South Oakland Shelter

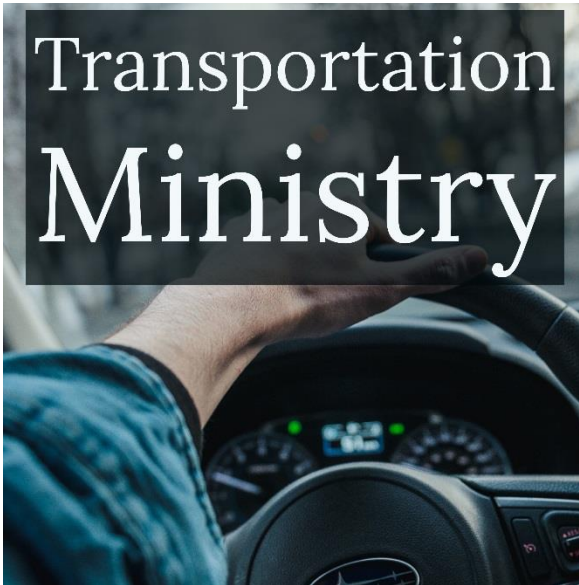
Sunday, April 1 – Sunday, April 8

South Oakland Shelter (SOS) is a traveling homeless shelter created to serve individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness. We have partnered with our neighbor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, as they open their facility this week. We have 100 service opportunities to provide drivers; dinner, breakfast, and bag lunch cooks; night attendants (men and women); and bedding linen washing.

We hope you take this chance to 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.



New Transportation Ministry!



We have a wonderful new service opportunity for individuals with good hearts and good driving records. Our new Transportation Ministry will help our members with transportation and mobility limitations get to doctors' appointments, church, and other important commitments. This opportunity will allow you to meet wonderful people and do good for your church family in a way that fits into your schedule.

If you are interested in this important ministry, contact Laurie O'Donnell at lodonnell@rofum.org.

Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am

Calling all green thumbs! We are cleaning up our green spaces for spring and we have a wonderful chance for you to work together with your church family to make our church more beautiful for spring. Meet in the parking lot at 9:00 am with a desire to serve and connect and, if you have them, a rake and work gloves. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Yago at chuckyago@att.net.



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

_____ 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

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

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Judy Ather; Gwen Ross; Howard Emory; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Ann Anderson; Christina Smith; Don and Marilyn McCreedy; John Dorsey; Diana Shornak; Patti Cooper-Koerner; Ray & Betty Lawson; Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; The Lowman Family; Art Miller; Pam Shewchuck; Marilyn Hocking

Prayers for our extended family: Harold Lambert; Helen Hays; Jerry Sessions; Tara Bouck; Bob Graeber; Pam Heath; Don Parsons; Kirt Taylor; Ethan Meade; Karen Halsig; Jonah Newblatt; Al Janney; Jerry Oberlander; Harold Baker; Laura Vroman; Josh Williamson; Greg Lynn; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Charles Prud'homme

Homebound Member of the Week: Florence Martin

Sympathy to the family and friends of Ann Moser for her death on March 23.

Sympathy to Nan Wilberding and family for the death of her brother, John McClelland.

Sympathy to Jim Shumaker for the death of his son, Mark Shumaker.

Sympathy to Ann Cline for the death of her brother-in-law, Earl Cline, on March 25.

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

The Chancel flowers are in honor of Jane Button's 80th birthday from her loving husband, Phil.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday

7:00 am	Sunrise Service.....	Front Lawn
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt	The Park on S West between 5 th and 6 th
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 2

7:00 am	First Adventures Spring Trek leaves for Tennessee	Parking Lot
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild	Choir Room

Tuesday, April 3

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:45 am	ROga (ROFUM Chair Yoga)	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room

Wednesday, April 4

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Choir Room
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
2:00 pm	Piano Club	Choir Room
6:00 pm	ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors)	Duggan's Irish Pub
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403

Thursday, April 5

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

Friday, April 6

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

Saturday, April 7 – Missions Saturday

First Adventures Spring Trek returns

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary
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Sunday, April 8 – Missions Saturday

9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship, Communion, & 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	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party.....	Pastor Jeff's House
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy 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,

Happy Easter and welcome to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church!

We are glad you are here!

Easter sits at the center of our faith and at the center of our lives. Here at Royal Oak First, Easter is not just a day or a season. For us, Easter is a way of life!

Easter means we try to live as if life is always full of possibilities. It means that love can always surprise us, and new beginnings are simply part of the fabric of life. Because of the everyday truth of Easter, we believe that this world can be transformed. So, if you are newer to Royal Oak First or if today is your first time worshipping with us, just know that this is what we are all about—partnering with God in making Easter real all day, every day.

In the shadows of our church is a place called Common Ground Sanctuary. It is a shelter for teens currently experiencing homelessness. Over the course of the year, some 150 young people will pass through their doors. In order to help them know that Easter is real, we have collected over 200 pillows, 230 pillowcases and 140 blankets so that each kid who is trying to find their way can be wrapped in love. It isn't the act of giving them a pillow that changes the world, but the belief that every one of those kids deserves the chance of a fresh start. They deserve Easter to be real every day!

That is what this day is all about!

That is what this place is all about!

That is what this life is all about!

Please join us next week, next month, and throughout the year as we try to make God's love real everyday.

Happy Easter!

