



Guess Who?

You're
Next!



April 15, 2018
9:00 am Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	Our Love Is Loud	
Call to Worship		Karla Ringeisen
Song	Love the Lord	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Welcoming New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Affirmation of Baptism		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Mission Moment		
Musical Offering	<i>Who Am I</i> House Band	Mark Hall
Scripture	John 20:15-16	CEB*
Message	Guess Who?	Jeff Nelson
Song	Crafted and Called	

* 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
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**SATURDAY,
MAY 19**

Royal Oak

**Helping Families
In Our Community**

Women's
Retreat

Friday, May 11, - Saturday, May 12

HANDS 4 ROYAL OAK

Opportunities to Serve

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Now is your chance to serve and connect with your community. This opportunity is open to people age 10 and over. Please complete the form below and turn it in at the *Here I Am Lord* table, the church office, or submit your form online at rofum.org/links. If you have questions, email Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org.

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

On a scale of 1 (not comfortable) to 5 (very comfortable), please rate your comfort level with performing the following jobs:

_____ Plumbing

_____ Working on an extension ladder

_____ Electrical

_____ Other: _____

_____ Drywall/plaster repair

_____ Painting

_____ Carpentry

_____ Caulking

_____ Yard work/landscaping

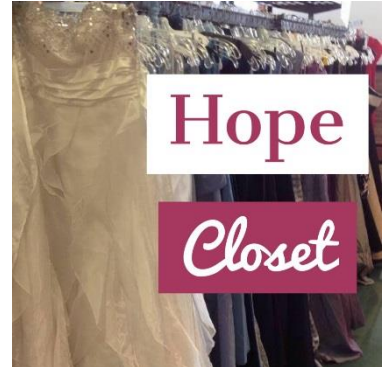
_____ Working on a step ladder



EVENTS

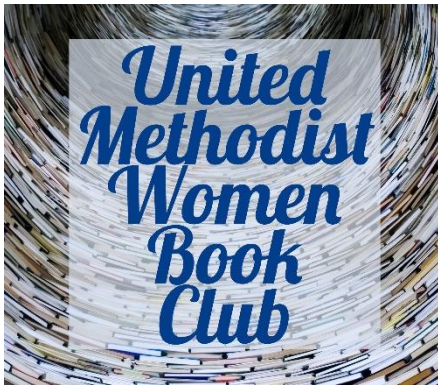
Hope Closet and Fellowship Hour

Hope Closet has returned to distribute free prom dresses to local high school students from our Fellowship Hall. This means that, due to limited space in the Narthex and inclement weather, there will be no coffee hour for this weekend, April 14 & 15.



United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, April 18, 10:00 am



All are welcome to join our Book Discussion group as we read and enjoy *Truman* by David McCulloch, a compelling story about our country's 33rd President, who took office after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. A World War I veteran, he assumed the presidency during the waning months of World War II and the beginning of the Cold War.

This book is an exciting recap of American History. If you have not read this book and are interested in the history of the times, please join us to hear and learn about the Truman years.

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.



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 at the *Here I Am Lord* table in the Narthex between worship services on April 15, online at www.redfordbrightmoorinitiative.org or by emailing admin@redfordbrightmoorinitiative.org. Hope to see you there!

Senior Day at the Detroit 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, by calling the church office, or at the *Here I Am Lord* table in the Narthex by April 22.



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.

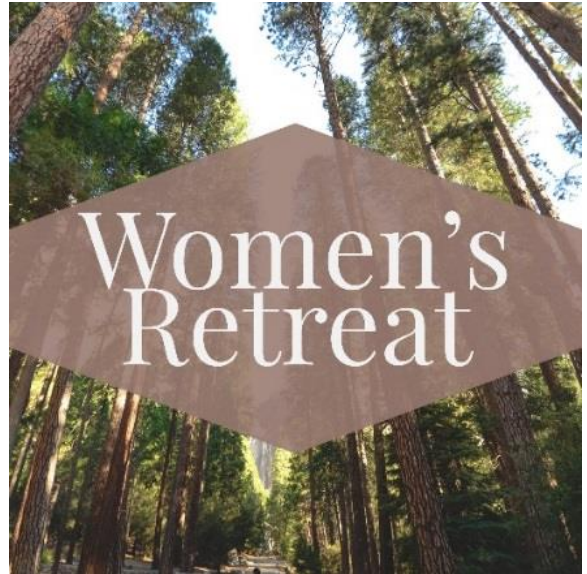
If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, please send a picture of the graduate and their plans for the future to dmoody@rofum.org.

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 at the *Here I Am Lord* table in the Narthex or in the church office. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.



Disability Awareness Sunday

Sunday, June 10



On Sunday, June 10, adults and children alike, will be able to experience what it feels like to have certain disabilities at our Disability Awareness Fair in Fellowship Hall.

There are 20-25 positions available to help make this educational event a meaningful experience for others. Training will be provided on Saturday, June 9. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Amber Evans at amberarco@sbcglobal.net or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* table in the Narthex following Sunday services.

New Transportation Ministry!

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

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



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Marianne Peludat; Judy Ather; Gwen Ross; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Ann Anderson; Christina Smith; Don and Marilyn McCreedy; John Dorsey; Ray & Betty Lawson; Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; The Lowman Family; Pam Shewchuck; Marilyn Hocking

Prayers for our extended family: Charles Prud'homme; Cathy Wyker; Marie Therese Walbridge; Earl Hendrickson; Lynn Shady; Helen Hays; Jerry Sessions; Tara Bouck; Bob Graeber; Pam Heath

Hospitalized: Betty Latimer

Homebound Member of the Week: Joyce Nelson

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

JOIN OUR WORSHIP TEAM

You can help make worship a powerful, welcoming experience for others! 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

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or return it to the church office.

2018 MISSIONS



Funding in mission is an expression of our stewardship and of our connectedness. The Missions Team of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church prays that you will join in to support these important ministries. Please use the Missions envelope located in your bulletin; the Missions envelope in your offering envelope set, or give online at www.rofum.org.

1. **As We Gather/Bag lunch**

Matthew 24:40

Provide hot lunch here & a bag lunch to go
Saints and Scissors – monthly haircuts
Clothing Closet – monthly
Health checks – monthly

2. **Lithuania Partnership**

Matthew 28:16-20

Being in ministry with the Eastern Circuit Churches.

3. **Local Partnerships**

NOAH Project – offers an array of services for the local homeless community. We hold annual sock drives for them, provide sandwiches and attend annual dinners

Redford-Brightmoor Initiative – provides community assistance. We help with the Free Store, food assistance, and have an annual coat drive.

Methodist Children's Home Society – responds to the needs of abused and neglected Children. We provide birthday parties for the residents with presents, decorations, food and cake!

Common Ground Sanctuary – provides a lifeline for individuals and families in crisis. We've provided hundreds of pillows and blankets for the residents.

Covenant Health Clinic – will be here once a month to work with our As We Gather guests, checking vitals, assisting them in making appointments and helping them through the healthcare maze.

Cass Community Social Services – provides emergency, transitional, & permanent housing for homeless men, women, and children. They provide free medical services and offer vocational training. We donate food and clothing for their programs. Our United Methodist Women are very involved with this mission.

4. **Making A Difference Days**

Hands4RoyalOak – serving the people of our community

Tool Time with Rippling Hope – hands-on projects helping the elderly in Detroit

Thank you for your contributions to our mission projects, both monetary gifts and the hands-on gift of yourself.

~Your Missions Committee

CROP WALK

You are invited to participate in the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, May 6. Registration begins at 1:30 pm at Cana Lutheran Church at 2119 Catalpa in Berkley. This is a great opportunity to provide support for our daily lunch program as well as two other local food banks. There are two ways you can join the fight to end hunger:

- 1) Be a walker and get friends and family to sponsor you
- 2) Sponsor a walker! Cheer them on!

Our goal this year is for 20 walkers from Royal Oak First to raise \$4000 for the cause. Don't miss your chance to be part of this wonderful mission!

Sign up sheets and donation envelopes are available in the Narthex following services or you can fill out this form and place in the offering plate.



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Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I am interested in walking

_____ I am interested in sponsoring a walker

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SERMON NOTES

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SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 15 – Mission Sunday

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Worship & Welcoming New Members	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Choir Room	
11:00 am	Worship & Welcoming New Members	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Choir Room; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Meeting	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	Semivan Recital	Sanctuary
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	Fourth Floor
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fourth Floor

Monday, April 16

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
11:00 am	Directors' Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Missions Committee	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 17

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
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	Church Council	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Choir Room

Wednesday, April 18

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Sanctuary
10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance

Wednesday, April 18 (Continued)

11:00 am	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday) Dinner	Narthex
6:15 pm	Holy COW Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403

Thursday, April 19

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 20

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen

Saturday, April 21

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Spring Garden Clean-Up	Meet in Parking Lot
9:00 am	Noah's Flood Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 22 – Confirmation Sunday

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Choir Room	
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Choir Room; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
3:00 pm	Harris Recital	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fourth Floor
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fourth Floor

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

One thing that Royal Oak First is passionate about is feeding people. We take very seriously Jesus' words, "I was hungry and you fed me." In taking care of the hungry, we know we are taking care of Jesus. Our feeding ministry takes lots of forms at Royal Oak First. We enjoy potlucks and Supper Clubs with each other. We serve fish to nearly 2,000 people every Lent. And the center of it all is our daily lunch program that serves around 12,000 meals annually. Feeding people is one of the main ways we make Christ's love real!

Every year the churches of our area come together and join forces to raise money for local, national, and international hunger programs by participating in the CROP Walk. CROP Walk is the main fundraising event of Church World Service, one of the world's foremost hunger and poverty relief organizers. We can join their effort by participating in this year's local CROP Walk.

The CROP Walk is a walk throughout the community where each walker has gathered pledges to support hunger relief efforts. A portion of the proceeds will stay right here at Royal Oak First. Please plan to participate in this year's walk by either walking or by supporting your favorite walker (like me!!!!). This year's event takes place on Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 pm. We will have information regarding the walk in the lobby after all of our services this week!

Please support us as we help feed the world!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature that reads "Pastor Jeff" in a cursive style. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.