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April 22, 2018
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Fugue</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Hymn #117	O God, Our Help in Ages Past (st. 1-3, & 6)	UMH*
Call to Worship		Patrick Calhoun
Response #2078	Alleluia (Honduras)	FWS**
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Noisy Bucket Offering		
Musical Offering	<i>Pennies from Heaven</i> Leonard Benyas	Arthur Johnston
Confirmation		
Music Ministry	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i> Sanctus	John Bell
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>I Refuse</i> Revelation	Josh Wilson
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Mark 16:1-7	CEB***
Message	Risk	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #529	How Firm a Foundation (st. 1, 2, & 5)	UMH
Postlude	<i>Toccata on Easter Hymn</i>	Matthew Corl

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Faith We Sing

*** 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

**SATURDAY,
MAY 19**

Royal Oak

**Helping Families
In Our Community**



**SUNDAY, MAY 6
7:00 pm**

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LUTHERAN
SINGERS**

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.

Name: _____ If under 18, enter age: _____ Shirt Size: __

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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 Fellowship Hour will be held outside on Sunday, April 22.

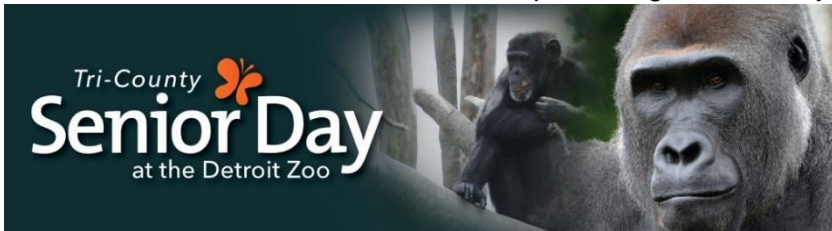


Senior Day at the Detroit Zoo

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 Nathex by April 22.



Noah's Flood

Sunday, April 29, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

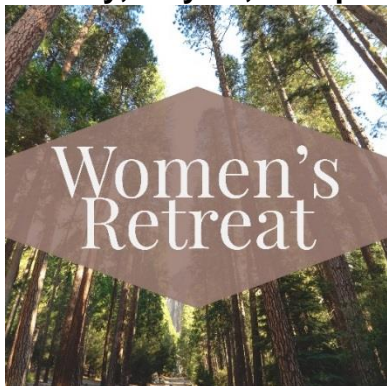
The Flood is coming! Your combined music ministries invite you to Noah's Flood, a musical celebration of hope and diversity. This powerful and humorous work by Benjamin Britten mixes professionals and amateurs from the community with Royal Oak First's musical ensembles, including children's and adults' choirs, orchestra, bells, 4-hand piano, organ, and even some coffee mugs. For more info, contact Minister of Worship & Arts, Caleb Williams, at caleb@rofum.org or call the office.



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@yahoo.com 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.

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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CONGRATULATE OUR CONFIRMANDS



Russell Calhoun
Kaylee Derkowski
Alena Enerson
Claire Geskey
Ella Geskey
Matthew Gilbert
Nolan Irish-Minewiser

Liam Longe
Nico Nader
Casey Nelson
Elliot Nielander
Ivy Plaxton
Jake Tripoli

Thank you to Sharon Cross and Kip Tull for all your hard work leading the youth throughout this year as they prepared to be confirmed.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Betty Latimer; Ron & 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: Norbert Wnukowski; Charles Prud'homme; Cathy Wyker; Marie Therese Walbridge; Earl Hendrickson; Lynn Shady; Helen Hays; Jerry Sessions; Tara Bouck; Bob Graeber; Pam Heath

Homebound Member of the Week: Shirley Olsen

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

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 it 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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SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 22 – Confirmation Sunday

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Choir Room	
10:00 am	Coffee Hour	Front Lawn
11:00 am	Worship, Noisy Bucket, & Confirmation.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Choir Room; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	Front Lawn
3:00 pm	Harris Recital	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Youth Summer Service Trip Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 23

9:00 am	Core Meeting	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Directors' Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 24

Narthex Slate Refinishing

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	Women's Bible Study.....	Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 25

Narthex Slate Refinishing

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Sanctuary
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, April 25 (continued)

5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Holy COW Choir Rehearsals	Sanctuary, Choir Rm, Rms 403 & 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 26

Narthex Slate Refinishing

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	Piano Tuning.....	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Cooking Matters Class.....	Fellowship Hall and Kitchen
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, April 27

Narthex Slate Refinishing

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:00 am	Organ Tuning.....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, April 28

10:00 am	Noah's Flood Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Wedding	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 29

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Choir Room	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Choir Room; Preschool – Room #405	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Noah's Flood.....	Sanctuary

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

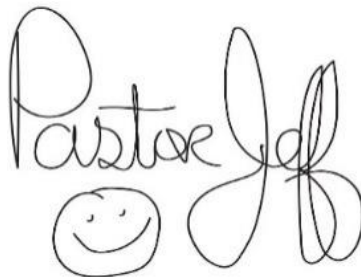
The 11:00 service this Sunday will be a milestone moment for 13 of our young people. For the past year, these young people have been meeting, sharing, learning, and praying together and today they will stand before us and we will confirm the faith that was first spoken to them at their baptism. Today is the day that they say to us, “We are ready to take this next step of faith!”

For us here at Royal Oak First, Confirmation is not just about memorizing the dates and facts about Jesus, the history of Christianity, or the particulars of the United Methodist Church. Confirmation does not mean passing a test by having the right answers to a set of theological or doctrinal questions. This is a moment when we hope these young people will say, “Here I have found a way of life that is worth living and a community of people that it is worth living it with!” We hope that at the end of their time together these students will commit to a life that stands up for justice, seeks to create a kind and more loving world, and will know that service is at the center of our faith.

So to Russell, Kaylee, Alena, Claire, Ella, Matthew, Nolan, Liam, Nico, Casey, Elliot, Ivy, and Jake, we say congratulations. We are so proud of you! We will pray for you and always be here for you while you take your place in the life of the church and your next steps in this journey of faith!

I want to especially thank Sharon Cross and Kip Tull for being these students trusted guides and mentors. Your selfless giving of your time and talent will leave an indelible mark on these students forever. You have lived your faith in front of them—they have seen Christ in you. Thank you for your service.

Grace and Peace,

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