



Hearts

You're Next!



April 8, 2018

9:00 am Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	Everlasting God	
Call to Worship		Michelle Haight
Response	Home	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen</i> African-American Spiritual Art Miller	
Scripture	John 20:11-18	CEB*
Message	Hearts	Jeff Nelson
Table of Communion		
Communion Music	<i>Shelter</i> House Band	Jars of Clay
Song	Hold Us Together	

* Common English Bible

*Welcome to
the Party!*

*Sunday, April 8
2:00 pm*

*Contact office@rofum.com or
248-541-4100*

Noah's Flood

*An All Ages
Community Opera
by Benjamin Britten*

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

Free will offering

**JOIN OUR
WORSHIP
TEAM**

**Contact Jennifer Semivan
JSemivan@rofum.org**

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

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EVENTS

Celebrate our newest Eagle Scout!

Sunday, April 8

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

CELEBRATE OUR
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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.

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

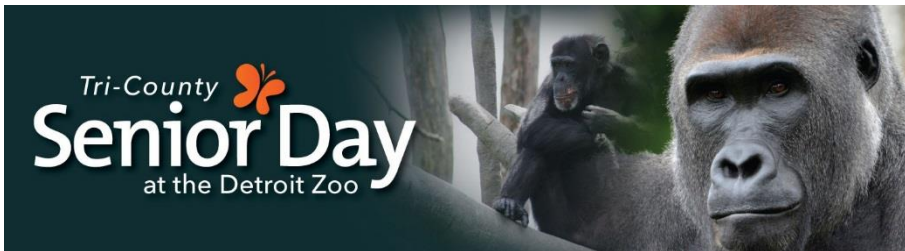
Join the Redford Brightmoor Initiative for *Funny for a Change* at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle on Sunday, April 22. Doors open at 5:00 pm, Silent Auction begins at 5:15 pm and the show at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall between 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.



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 in the church office. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Betty Latimer; 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: Mary Therese Walbridge; Earl Hendrickson; Lynn Shady; Helen Hays; Jerry Sessions; Tara Bouck; Bob Graeber; Pam Heath

Hospitalized: Marianne Peludat

Homebound Member of the Week: Vera Miller

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

The Chancel flowers are in honor of Dylan Yates' 25th birthday!

The second arrangement on the Chancel are in celebration of Pastor Bob Demyanovich's appointment to Cass City United Methodist Church in Cass City, Michigan.

CROP WALK

You are invited to participate in the Annual CROP Walk. This is a great opportunity to provide support for our "As We Gather" 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 Fellowship Hall 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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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. Financial assistance is available upon request. 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: _____

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 8

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
5:00 pm	Noah's Flood Gossips' Rehearsal	Choir Room
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

Monday, April 9

9:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Choir Room
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 10

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	Staff Parish Relations Committee	Church Office
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary

Wednesday, April 11

9:30 am	Bulletin 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
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Holy COW Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 11 (Continued)

7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle	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, April 12

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Choir Room
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Organ Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
8:30 pm	Sanctus Sprinkle	Narthex

Friday, April 13

Confirmation Retreat

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 14

Confirmation Retreat

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

8:30 am	Tool Time Work Day	Meet in Parking Lot
9:00 am	Noah's Flood Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 15

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 –	Choir Room
10:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Narthex
11:00 am	Worship, Communion, & Baptism	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
12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour	Narthex
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Meeting	Choir Room
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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

What next?

That is what the disciples were left asking themselves after that first Easter morning and it is what we are still asking some 2,000 years later. We have just finished our journey through Lent and onto Easter. 40 days of looking inward, discovering the unique ways God had crafted and called us. We collected over 200 pillows, pillowcases and blankets for our friends at Common Ground. The journey culminated in Holy Week where we worshiped together 11 different times and gathered over 1,500 people to hear the stories of Jesus' last days, his death, and resurrection. And so, here we are asking ourselves, "What's next?"

Over the next several weeks we will seek to answer that question and look at what the resurrected Jesus did in the days after that first Easter. In looking at these stories we are hoping to discover what it means to live that "resurrected life," what it means to be "Easter People." In doing this, I think we will discover that Jesus wanted to show us that Easter was not just a day. No, Easter is way of living, a way of being in the world.

One of things we believe here at Royal Oak First is that Jesus was not some anomaly, an exception, a once in history moment. Instead we have experienced Jesus has the model for what humanity can and should be like when it begins to live in faith, hope and love. Jesus didn't want us to stand in awe of him. Jesus wanted us to emulate him. He wanted to live the resurrected life.

So that's what's next? Learning to live more like Jesus lived, so the movement he began some 2,000 years ago can continue to heal and transform our world.

Looking forward to taking this next leg of the journey with you.

Grace and Peace,

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