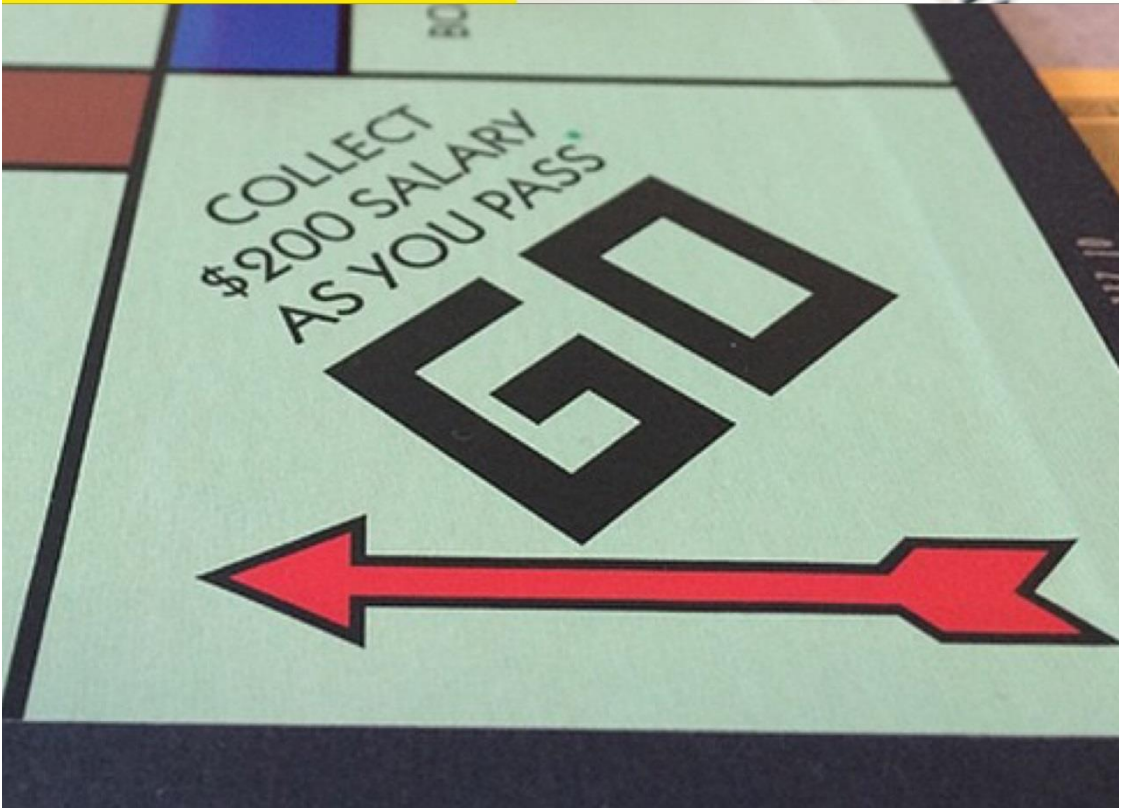


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May 13, 2018
9:00 am Worship
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs

Undignified

God Loves You (and There's Nothing You Can Do)

Call to Worship

Karla Ringeisen

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Children's Time

Time of Prayer

Prayer Song

Shelter

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Mission Moment

Musical Offering

Ashokan Farewell
from Ken Burns' *Civil War*
Kirsten Samuelson-DeVault, violin

Jay Unger

Scripture

John 20:19-23

CEB*

Message

Peace Be with You

Jeff Nelson

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* Common English Bible

Wear Red for Pentecost!

May 19 & 20

CURIOUS ABOUT THE
RENOVATION?

Meet us in the Narthex
for tours of the new spaces
following each worship
service this weekend.



2018 MISSIONS



**HERE I AM LORD
....SEND ME**



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. Lunch Program

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

2. Lithuania Partnership

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

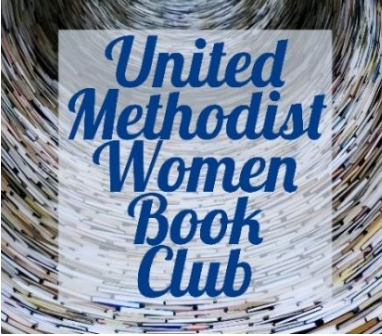
Thank you for your contributions to our mission projects, both monetary gifts and the hands-on gift of yourself.

~Your Missions Committee

EVENTS

United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 am



All are welcome to join our Book Discussion group as we continue our discussion of *Truman* by David McCulloch, a compelling story about our country's 33rd President, who took office after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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.

Pillowcase Making Workshop

May 16, 7:00 pm

Each year, we gather in the Fellowship Hall to make pillowcases for the children of Cass Community Social Services and the Redford Brightmoor Initiative. You do not need to sew to help with this project; many steps of the pillowcase making process do not involve sewing. If you would like to help, but can't attend the workshop, you can donate cotton fabric. Donated fabric can be placed in the marked bin in the elevator lobby on the lower level. Bring a sewing machine, if you have one, and a desire to connect and help others. If you have any questions, call Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.



Disability Awareness Sunday

Sunday, June 10

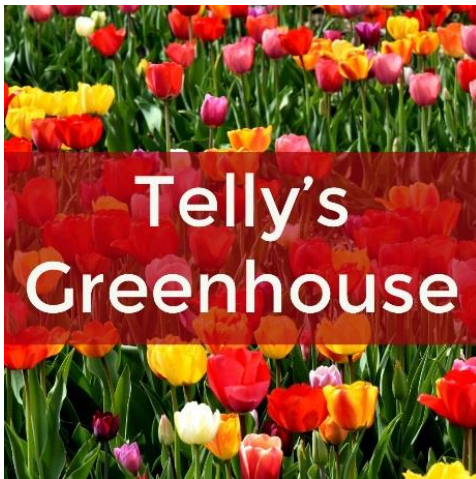


On Sunday, June 10, adults and children alike, will be able to experience what it feels like to have certain disabilities at our Disability Awareness Fair in Fellowship Hall.

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 Fellowship Hall.

Information Cards

Have you found yourself looking for an easy way to invite people to Royal Oak First? We have, so we created an information card to give out to anyone who may be interested in coming to visit us. Be sure to pick some up in the Narthex or in the church office!



Telly's Greenhouse Fundraiser

Telly's Greenhouse in Troy and Shelby will donate 10% of each purchase made with a special coupon. Be sure to stop by the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall to pick up your coupon. The offer only lasts until June 30, so don't wait!

Lunch Program Opportunities

Looking for something to get involved in? Like to meet new people? Have you considered working with the As We Gather Lunch Program? There are many parts that are needed to keep this program running. Scheduling, pick-ups, shopping, tracking inventory, sandwich making, substitutes for serving, clean up etc.

If you are interested in this growing ministry, please contact Laurie O'Donnell in the office or email her at lodonnell@rofum.org.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Cynthia Cline; Marianne Peck; Lee Hoffmann; Alice Bentley; Ruby Hawkins; Betty Latimer; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Gwen Ross; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Ann Anderson; Christina Smith; Don and Marilyn McCreedy; John Dorsey; Betty Lawson; Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; The Lowman Family; Pam Shewchuck; Marilyn Hocking

Prayers for our extended family: John Bell; Reynold Pearce; Eric Nimmo; Nancy K; Chris; Lindsey & Jason; Norbert Wnukowski; Charles Prud'homme; Cathy Wyker; Marie Therese Walbridge; Earl Hendrickson; Lynn Shady; Helen Hays; Jerry Sessions; Tara Bouck; Pam Heath

Hospitalized: Jim Tempest

Sympathy to Betty Lawson, for the death of her husband, Ray Lawson, May 6.

Homebound Member of the Week: Christina Smith

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

The chancel flowers are in memory of Marie Dunstan, given by Tom, Jeff, Patty, and Jay Dunstan.

The second arrangement is in honor of Patty Dunstan, given by Jay, Jimmy, Christina, Tom, Little Jay, Brianna, and Mason.

The two roses are in celebration of the birth of Jolene Iris and Dani Mae, granddaughters of Rita Nicholas and great-granddaughters of Barb Nicholas on May 5, 2018.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 13 – Mother’s Day

7:00 am	Royal Oak In Bloom Flower Show.....	Parking Lot at Main & 6th
9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship 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	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 14

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Directors’ Meeting	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Lunch Volunteer Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Ale Mary’s
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting.....	Choir Room

Tuesday, May 15

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
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Choir Room and Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study	Royal Oak Taphouse

Wednesday, May 16

9:00 am	Bulletin Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group.....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
10:00 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

Wednesday, May 16 (continued)

6:15 pm	Holy COW Choirs.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Pillowcase Project - 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, May 17

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Organ Practice	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Prom Prep.....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Methodist Children's Home Society Birthday Party ...	MMHS Redford
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, May 18

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Saturday, May 19

8:00 am	Hands4RoyalOak Registration and Opening Rally	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Hands4RoyalOak	Worksites
2:00 pm	Wedding Set-Up.....	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Wedding.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship, New Members, & 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	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Choir Camp Meeting	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Youth Group Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Youth Group.....	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Of all the Sunday's of the year, Mother's Day might be the hardest to preach. It is hard because Mother's Day brings up a lot of different emotions. For me, it is a day that I just miss my mom who has been gone for 20 years. For others, Mother's Day can highlight the strain in the relationship with our mom, while for some moms it highlights the hurt that exists with their kids. For some women, Mother's Day is an all-too-stark reminder that they will never have children. And for many others, Mother's Day is an almost impossible task—trying to have a bouquet of flowers, an after-church brunch and just the right greeting card to say thank you to the woman who literally gave us life. I have learned that there is no way to even come close to preaching a sermon that encompasses all that this day holds.

So here is what we want to say today:

For all those mothers, grandmothers, aunts and “other mothers” that have touched, shaped and poured their life into ours, we say, “thank you!”

For all of those today who are missing their moms, we grieve with you.

For all of those for whom this day is a reminder of the brokenness of their family, we hear you and we pray you find some healing and comfort.

For those mothers who have lost children and today makes you miss them more, we cry with you.

For all of those women who wanted children and couldn't or never had the chance, we sit with you in the pain that today might cause.

And for those women for whom Mother's Day makes it feel like your value is limited only to the act of child-rearing, we affirm the fullness of your person and recognize all of the ways you bring life into this world.

Whatever Mother's Day means to you, just know that God is present in you. We pray that your time in worship this weekend reminds you of this truth!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff
