



# Future Matters



Saturday, September 29  
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #154	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 6	*UMH
Call to Worship		Cathy Seidler
Song #143	On Eagle's Wings	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Music Ministry	<i>Minuet in G Major</i> Audrie Miller, Violin	J.S. Bach
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Fight Song</i> Olivia Miller	Rachel Platten
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Isaiah 11:6-9	**CEB
Message	Future Matters	Myra Moreland
Hymn #117	O God, Our Help in Ages Past Stanzas 1, 3, 5, and 6	UMH

\*United Methodist Hymnal

\*\*Common English Bible

Welcome to  
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Sunday, October 21  
2:00 pm

Contact [office@rofum.com](mailto:office@rofum.com) or  
248-541-4100

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30  
1:15 PM



Today is the last day  
of Sock-It-To-Me  
September!  
Bring in your donations  
today to help us keep  
the Golden Sock!



# BIBLE FRIENDS

**Touch the life of a child. Communicate what is important to you.**

## **October 14, 11:00 am Worship Service**

We are looking for Bible Friends to help our class of third graders discover their own Bibles. The opportunity includes:

- Participating in the presentation of Bibles to third graders on October 14
- Sharing your favorite Bible passages with your student
- Keeping in contact with your youth
- Being a visible role model in any way you can

The annual gesture of a Bible Friend presenting a Bible to a third grade student does more than provide a Bible to a child. You pass on a bit of your faith and values. You make a memorable statement that the Bible is important and children are important.

If you are interested in becoming a Bible Friend, complete this form and return it to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Moody at 248-541-4100 or [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).

\*You do not need to purchase a Bible to be a Bible Friend and do not need to be a Bible Friend to purchase a Bible.\*



I would like to participate as a Bible Friend \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to purchase a Bible (\$20 enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional forms are available for pick-up at the *Here I Am* Lord Table.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Refueling Our Faith Using Motors

**Monday, October 1, 6:00 pm**

Calling all car enthusiasts! Our monthly auto appreciation group, ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors) is moving to the first Monday of each month at Duggan's Irish Pub on Woodward Ave. Enjoy food, stories, and discussions about everything from how to mix carburetion to salvation. Use your love for cars to plan fun things and do work for others. If you have any questions, contact Brian Baker at cars@rofum.org.



## The Way Forward Book Study

**Beginning Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 pm**



This February, our representatives will gather to discuss and to decide our denomination's stance on performing same gender marriages and ordaining LGBTQ persons to be our pastors.

To help us facilitate the important conversations involved in this decision and the effects it will have, Pastor Jeff will offer a three-week book study, around *Living Faithfully, Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church* beginning Wednesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm.

Bishop David Bard, accompanied by members of the Michigan delegation to General Conference, will lead two conversations locally on *The Way Forward*: one at Nardin Park United Methodist Church on October 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and one at Northville United Methodist Church on October 21, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

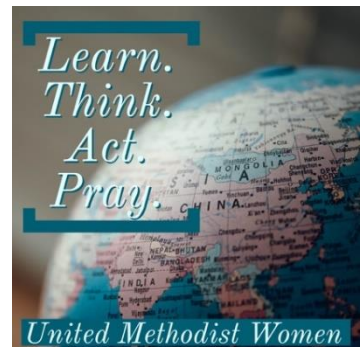
## United Methodist Women Program

**Thursday, October 4**

**Executive Meeting: 10:30 am**

**Program: 1:00 pm**

Join us for our monthly program in Fellowship Hall, "How to Make a Difference All Over the World", followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome!





## Hands4Detroit

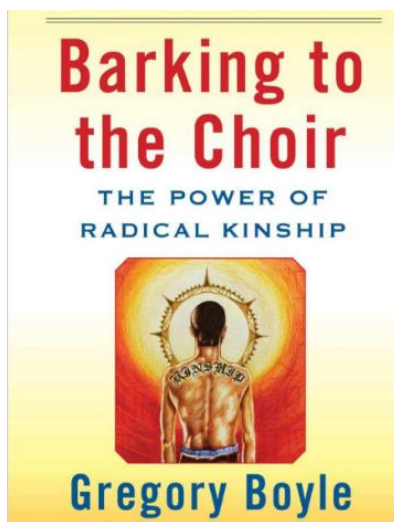
**Saturday, October 6**

Hands4Detroit offers many volunteer opportunities for people of all ages including sorting donated food, neighborhood cleanups, home and building repair, kitchen help at Cass, and more. If you are interested in participating, grab a few friends or family members, and go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) to sign up, then contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org).

## Tuesday Book and Bible Study with Pastor Jeff

**Tuesday, October 9, 10:00 am**

Pastor Jeff's Tuesday Morning Book and Bible Study is back! The first book of the season is *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle. *Barking to the Choir* offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. The stories of the people Boyle works with uplift the soul and reveal how bright life can be when filled with unconditional love and kindness. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org) or 248-541-4100.



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**Sunday, October 21, 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](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org) if you would like to pre-register or if you have any questions.

## Jumpin' Jams

**Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am**

This interactive movement and music exploration, led by Jennifer Semivan (Registered Music Therapist), is open to kids in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade of all abilities! Jump in and try it out! We'll be waiting for you in Fellowship Hall! If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Semivan at [jsemivan@rofum.org](mailto:jsemivan@rofum.org).



## Spooktacular is Back!

**Sunday, October 28, 1:00 pm**



Every year, the City of Royal Oak hosts the annual Spooktacular, a Halloween festival with games, trick-or-treating, and entertainment for the families of our community. Royal Oak First is one of the hosts for this community event with candy and games. We will be collecting candy donations in the elevator lobby on the lower level.

## Hurricane Florence Relief

The catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Florence has killed at least 32 people and disrupted the lives of millions. The damage to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure is expected to total \$16 billion to \$20 billion. We are currently collecting monetary donations to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in response to the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. If you would like to contribute to UMCOR's Hurricane Relief efforts, note on your check or offering envelope "UMCOR" or "Hurricane Relief". 100% of your donations will go directly to Hurricane Relief.



United Methodist Committee on Relief

## Lunch Program Service Opportunities



One of the cornerstones of our church is our daily lunch program. Every weekday, we hand out bagged lunches and serve a hot meal to people in need in our community.

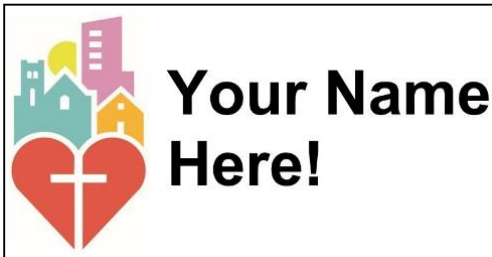
Opportunities to serve once a week, once or twice a month, or as needed as a substitute are available. Lunch Servers pack up bag lunches, heat and serve the pre-cooked hot meals, and do some light clean up of the serving dishes. If you have questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org). On Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 pm, we will hold a training session

for any current or new volunteers in the church kitchen.

## Parking Lot Attendant Position available

We are hiring a Parking Lot Attendant to watch over our parking lot early afternoon to mid evening, every Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. This position allows you to get to know the families and members of our church, be the first face of welcome they see when they come to church, and make sure that our members have a safe place to park for Holy COW (Church on Wednesdays), Choir rehearsals, and the Saturday Afternoon Worship Service. If you have any questions, or if you would like to apply, contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

## New Name Tags



What's the one most hospitable thing that you can do? No, it's not greeting people at the front door, or helping at coffee hour. It's wearing your nametag. With that one simple act, you're helping everyone greet you and you're helping every person that you greet. Our name tag rack in the Narthex is full of new name tags. If you don't have a name tag, just sign the sheet on the

welcome table and we'll make sure you get one! If your new name tag has an error, drop it in the basket at the welcome table and add your name to the sign up sheet.

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Ed Rowe; Cecilia Tamm; Dona Wells; Suzanne Hughes; Ava Fall; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; Carol Hardt; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; Athena Milewski; Marianne Peck; Celia Horak; Anne Brace; Barb Nicholas; Sherry Giles; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim & Mary Ann Tempest; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

**Prayers for our extended family:** The Rock Family; Dave Jensen; Susan Chamberlain; Rachel B.; Pat & Jim Strelecki; Melissa Glasson; Beth Zimmerman; Gerald Sessions; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Delphine Reddy; Judy Gettel; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlain

**Sympathy** to the family of Kathi Burger for the death of her brother, Alan Burger.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Zenovia Courtney

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.



# UMW NUT SALE

## Pre-Orders Only

The United Methodist Women's Missions nut sale begins today. **This is a pre-order only sale.** The deadline for pre-orders is Sunday, October 14. Please fill in the number of bags for each type of nut you would like on this form. You may turn in your order form at the *Here I Am Lord* table in the Narthex after weekend worship services or in the UMW mailbox located outside the church office. **Please DO NOT put any money in the UMW mailbox. You may pay for your order when you pick it up.** You may also mail your orders to Cynthia Cline at 713 Knowles St, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or email your orders to Cynthia at nuts@rofum.org. Your orders will be filled and ready for pick-up after the worship services on November 18 and 19.

### Checks should be made payable to UMW

_____ Chocolate Covered Raisins - \$7.50	_____ Pistachios - \$10.50
_____ Chocolate Peanuts - \$8.25	_____ Pralines - \$10.50
_____ Malted Milk Balls - \$8.25	_____ Mixed Nuts- \$10.50
_____ Milk Chocolate Almonds - \$10.00	_____ Pecans - \$10.50
_____ Dark Chocolate Almonds - \$10.00	_____ Cashews - \$10.50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Pick up following:

4:00 pm Saturday Service \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 am Sunday Service \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 am Sunday Service \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Cline at (248)496-0261  
or nuts@rofum.org.

Additional forms are available for pick-up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table.

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 30

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
12:30 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Sanctuary
1:15 pm	Church Conference.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, October 1

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
6:00 pm	ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors).....	Duggan's Irish Pub
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, October 2

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Roga (Chair Yoga).....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit! .....	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study.....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, October 3

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
2:00 pm	Piano Club .....	Choir Room

## Wednesday, October 3 continued

5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study .....	Church Office
6:30 pm	The Way Forward Book Study .....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	House Band.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

## Thursday, October 4

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	United Methodist Women (UMW) Executive Meeting.....	Choir Room
1:00 pm	UMW Program.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

## Friday, October 5

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

## Saturday, October 6

Hands4Detroit

10:00 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Wedding .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, October 7

World Communion Sunday

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

When I am able to move into my new office, you find two pictures hanging on the wall. The first is of Magglio Ordonez's 2006 walk-off home run that sent our Tigers to the World Series. It was a magical moment, on a magical night, in the midst of a magical season. I was there, sitting in the upper left field deck as the white ball flew over the fence and joy erupted across an entire city. For that moment, all seemed right with the world. Detroit, our hard working, suffering city got a win. In the stands people of all different ages, races, and backgrounds were hugging, kissing, and high fiving each other. In that moment, we were all one. Yes, it was just a baseball game but when I look at the picture I see hope and possibility—I dream that the world might one day feel just like it did that cool autumn evening in 2006.



The second picture is a print of an 1833 Edward Hicks painting called, "The Peaceable Kingdom." Hicks, a devout Quaker, was taken by the vision of the biblical prophets that the day was coming when lions and lambs would be friends, a day when predator and prey were at peace. Like the first picture, this one also gives me a hope-filled vision for the world, a vision that inspires me to think of new possibilities and new ways for being in community. I dream, and work for a day when the vision of the "Peaceable Kingdom" might become a reality.

What image of the future inspires you?

What does the world that God is calling us to create look like for you?

Together let's work to paint the visions that inspire us all to see a new future and a new world!

Please God may it be so!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff  
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