



Future Matters



Sunday, September 30
9:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	My Lighthouse	
Call to Worship		
Song	Every Time I Feel the Spirit	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children’s Time		
Noisy Bucket		
Baptism	Annabelle Germain Daughter of Mike and Sarah Germain	
Song	<i>Join the Stream of Living Water</i> House Band	Caleb Williams
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>I Give to You a Future</i>	Canedo/Manibusan
Scripture	Isaiah 11:6-9 Marisa Haight, Liturgist	*CEB
Message	Future Matters	Jeff Nelson
Song	I Will Follow	

*Common English Bible

Welcome to
the Party!

Sunday, October 21
2:00 pm

Contact 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.

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.

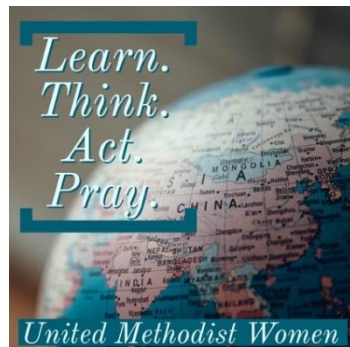
United Methodist Women Program

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!





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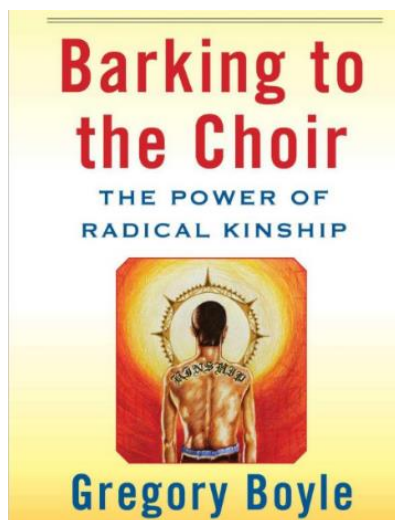
Saturday, October 6

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 to sign up, then contact Jennie Notarantonio at 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 or 248-541-4100.



Welcome to the Party!

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 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 5th 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.



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.



United Methodist Committee on Relief

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.

Lunch Program Service Opportunities



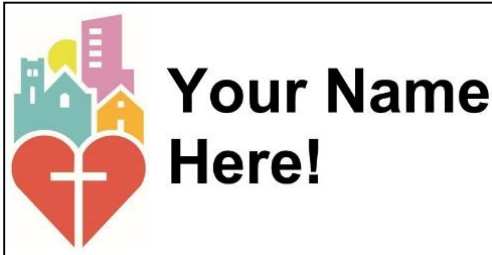
One of the cornerstones of our church is our daily lunch program. Every weekday, we hand out bagged lunches and serve a hot meal to people in need in our community.

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. 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.

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 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 nd 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

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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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