

Saturday, October 13
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

Strangers in Their Own Land

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #600	Wonderful Words of Life	*UMH
Call to Worship		Adrianna Marino
Song #191	Jesus Loves Me	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry		
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering		
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Habakkuk 3:17-19	**NRSV
Message	Strangers in Their Own Land	Myra Moreland
Hymn #393	Spirit of the Living God	UMH

*United Methodist Hymnal
**New Revised Standard Version

Welcome to
the Party!

Sunday, October 21
2:00 pm

Contact office@rofum.com or
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SATURDAY NIGHT
SUPPER CLUB

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 20
5:30 PM

POTLUCK DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
BY THE NAHHAT FAMILY SINGERS!



**Big
Boy**®

BIG BOY NIGHT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
5:00-8:00 PM

OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Basketball is Back!

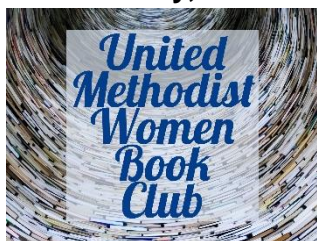
Beginning Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 pm

Get together with this group of guys to play a friendly game of basketball every Tuesday at Jane Addams Elementary School on Webster in Royal Oak. There is a \$5 nightly fee for participants. Contact Craig Sleeman at basketball@rofum.org with any questions.



United Methodist Women Book Club

Wednesday, October 17, 10:00 am



A Man Called Ove by bestselling author Fredrik Backman is the story of the life of Ove, a grumpy curmudgeon with staunch principals. Called "a funny crowd-pleaser" by Publishers Weekly, this heartwarming story shows how life can go from anger to love as characters realize that life is sweeter when shared with others. Join in the discussion, share this time with us, and make your life a little bit sweeter!

Saturday Supper Club

Saturday, October 20, 5:30 pm

We want everyone to join us for good food, good friends, and great entertainment on Saturday, October 20, at 5:30 pm. Local favorites, The Nahhat Family Singers, will provide our entertainment for the evening. Show off your cooking skills (or your buying skills) and bring your favorite dish or dessert. If you have questions, contact Pastor Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.



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. If you don't pre-register, you are still welcome to show up!

Big Boy Night for Music Guild

Tuesday, October 23, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Come to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd. in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 15% of your dinner tab (with a coupon) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name! Contact Shirley Harris at sharris@rofum.org with any questions. Coupons are available at the Welcome Table.

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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. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org if you have any questions.



Volunteer Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store on Saturday November 3, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. If you like to spend time with babies and children, they can also use babysitters while parents shop. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Table. For more information, contact Astrid Harrod at 248 635-6357 or RBI@rofum.org.



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. On Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 pm, we will hold a training session for any current or new volunteers in the church kitchen. If you have questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at missions@rofum.org.



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.

Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship

Applications Due February 15



It is time to take steps to apply for college scholarships for the 2019 school year. The scholarship committee administers the scholarship fund in memory of Keith J. Leenhouts.

Application forms are available in the church office and at Royal Oak High School and Berkley High School. Guidelines for awarding the scholarships are included with the applications. Scholarships will only be granted to those students enrolled in a college or university accredited by the North Central Association. The deadline for submission of the applications is February 15, 2019. Contributions to the Keith

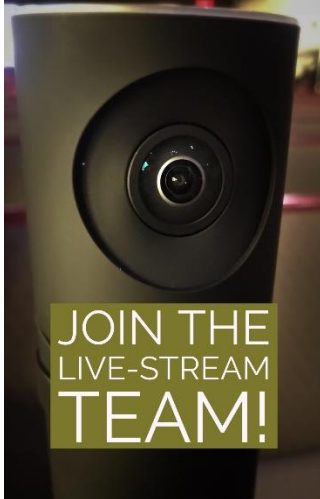
J. Leenhouts scholarship fund will be gratefully accepted. Checks payable to Royal Oak Methodist Church should be sent to the church office designated to The Leenhouts Scholarship Fund.

College Care Packages

Our youth will be putting together care packages to send to our college students who are away at school. Please send your student's name and address to Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org. If you would like to make a donation for the care packages, please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



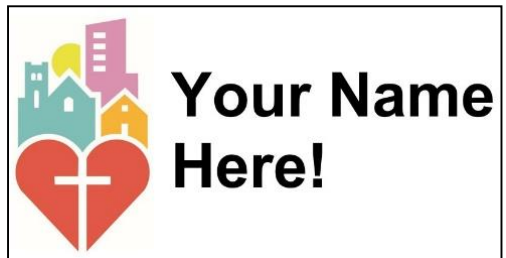
Worship Service Live-Stream Team



Every Sunday, our worship service live-stream allows our members who have transportation issues, are travelling, are sick, or maybe just had trouble getting moving in the morning to attend worship from wherever they are. We are creating a team of people to help make the live-stream happen. We will provide camera training and opportunities to serve as often as you want. If you are comfortable with technology and interested in this fun new team, contact Sam Garrett, at sgarrett@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: Carl & Shirley Shafer; Patti Peterson; Suzanne Hughes; Anne Brace; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Woody Siddall; Ken Burton; Ann Anderson; Roger Johnson; Carol Hardt; Lloyd Ramseyer; Ed Rowe; Cecilia Tamm; Dona Wells; Ava Fall; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; Athena Milewski; Marianne Peck; Celia Horak; 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 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

Homebound Member of the Week: Vera Miller

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

BIBLE FRIENDS

Many long-time members remember when they received their first Bible from the church. This weekend, this year's third graders receive their Bibles. We believe that the children will understand why the Bible is special to us: because it tells the story of our relationship with God. Our hope for these third graders, as they study their new Bibles with their Bible Friends, is that they begin to understand their own importance in the life of the church. Bible recipients and their Bible Friends are listed below.

Bible Recipients	Bible Friends
Annabelle Cook	Marianne Peck
Jacqueline Crowe	Marian Kremer
Matthew Derkowski	John Marsh
Ava Guerra.....	Karla Ringeisen
Emily Johanson	Janice Marsh
Cade Shaner	Bill Warren
Johnny Whitney	Al Beachum
Virginia Wright	Amy Rhoades
Tyler Warren	Matt Strait

SERMON NOTES

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CALENDAR

Sunday, October 14

Bible Sunday

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
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Harris Suzuki Party	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 15

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting	2 nd Floor
7:00 pm	Missions Committee	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Trustees Committee	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 16

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:00 am	Pastor Jeff's Book and Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga (Chair Yoga)	Choir Room
11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit!	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	2 nd Floor

Wednesday, October 17

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Caleb's Office
10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 17, continued

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	Children's Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Fellowship Hall North
6:30 pm	Children, Youth, and Families Committee	Fellowship Hall South
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study	Church Office
6:30 pm	The Way Forward Book Study	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	House Band.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

Thursday, October 18

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:00 am	As We Gather Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, October 19

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
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 20

10:00 am	Ascend Church	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Saturday Night Supper Club	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 21

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	
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party!.....	Pastor's House
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the temperature outside is rapidly dropping. Yesterday it was in the 80s (in October), and by tomorrow night the forecast says we will be in the 30s. At the same time, Hurricane Michael is cutting a path of devastation from the Florida panhandle to the Carolina coast. Crazy, unpredictable weather in what sometimes seems like crazy, unpredictable times.

Tuesday night as I left the Ladies' Book Study, I stood in the church parking lot for a moment. It was a beautiful night, clear sky, perfect temperature. Against this backdrop I watched a group of women saying good night with hugs and genuine expressions of love and concern and care for each other. It was yet another reminder to me that in the midst of all the "crazy" God continues to move and show the hand of his love.

This weekend is Bible Sunday, a milestone event for our third graders. We recognize each of our children in the third grade. They will stand before the church, supported by a Bible Friend and mentor, and be presented with a Bible. Please don't let the significance of this moment pass as we share the scriptures, traditions and stories of our faith with the next generation.

Our Bible Sunday scripture takes us deep into the Old Testament. As the song goes, "Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you." There is a powerful lesson in the ancient words from the prophet Habakkuk. He is a prophet living in crazy, destructive times who asks the universal question "Where are you, God, and why have you let all of this happen?" God shows Habakkuk a path to climb above the chaos and find goodness and grace, just as God shows us today.

Join us this weekend as we celebrate our third graders and as we find the path to good amid the struggles of life.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Myra