



REAL

Friendships

Saturday, October 27
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #555	Forward Through the Ages	*UMH
Call to Worship		Kathy Seidler
Hymn #557	Blest Be the Tie That Binds Stanzas 1 and 3	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Music Ministry	John Marsh	
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	John Marsh	
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Luke 5:1-11	**CEB
Message	Real Friendship	Myra Moreland
Song #2226	Bind Us Together	***FWS

*United Methodist Hymnal

**Common English Bible

***Faith We Sing



Pancake Breakfast
with our friends from Lithuania!

Sunday, November 4

Following the 11:00 am Worship Service

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CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Join us on November 11, following worship services, to celebrate all our blessings!

Walking on Waves



Sunday, November 4
5:00 pm

OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Series: It's Real



We are living in a time where it is hard to know what is real. When we can't trust the "realness" of information, institutions, and even people, sometimes we're left with an emptiness of spirit and purpose. For the last couple of years our mantra at Royal Oak First has been, "Making Christ's Love Real." Not empty religious dogma, but real love. Not fake public smiles, but real deep friendships. Not patting our own backs, but making a real difference. Come experience powerful worship, not just saying what we like to hear, but also listening for where God might be calling us.

It's Pastor Appreciation Month

Let us show the Pastors our love by writing a heartfelt note of how God used them to make a difference in your life. These notes will be used to remind them that they are making a difference. Please pick up a card at the welcome table and return it to the basket once it is complete. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtropoli@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.

The Mitten Tree

Each year, we fill the United Methodist Women's Mitten Tree with new, adult-sized hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for our friends at the Cass Community Social Services Developmentally Delayed Adults Program. Many of these adults are forgotten at Christmas time. Throughout the month of November, the Mitten Tree will be back in the Narthex, waiting for us to hang our donations on it. Let's work together and fill the tree! If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.



Christmas Greens Sale for Choir Camp

Greens Sale



Beginning Sunday, October 28, Music Guild will be taking pre-paid orders for wreaths, roping, grave blankets, etc. after Sunday Services. 20% of each purchase helps offset the cost of Choir Camp for our children. Order forms are available at choir practice and on Sunday after the services. Paid orders are due Sunday, November 18.

Pick-up will be after Thanksgiving on Friday, from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at Bruce and Cathy Baker's house in Royal Oak. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.

If you would like to help the Greens Sale in another way, you can also help pick up the greens at Eastern Market or help prepare them for distribution.

United Methodist Women Pillowcase Workshop

Thursday, November 1, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Want to help brighten the life of a child? Come to the United Methodist Women program on Thursday, November 1, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making pillowcases for the children at Cass Community Social Services and the children at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative. Many of these children have no pillowcases. These pillowcases will be given to the children at Christmas. Sewing skills are not needed to help with this mission project. A free-will "World Thank Offering" will be collected. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.



Service Opportunities for the Friends of Lithuania Gathering

Thursday, November 1, and Saturday – Sunday, November 3 – 4

Do you like to drive
and meet new people?



Friends from across the country and world will be joining us for the Friends of Lithuania Gathering on Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3. We are looking for drivers to help get guests to and from the airport on Thursday, November 1; Saturday, November 3; and Sunday, November 4. If you would like to help offer this first show of hospitality to our guests, contact Robin Richardson at 248-563-4119.

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, you can sign up to be a babysitter to watch the children 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.



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.

Visit from Rev. Sam Seizert

Sunday, November 4, 11:00 am

Rev. Samuel Seizert will be visiting our congregation on Sunday, November 4, during the 11:00 am worship service. Rev. Seizert was an Associate Pastor here from 1970 to 1981 and again from 1997 to 1999. Please come to say hello and give him a hug. He will be delighted to be back and to see all of you who remember him well and fondly!



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 4, 12:00 pm

Please join us on November 4, immediately following the 11:00 service for Jay Dunstan's world famous pancakes! You will also have the opportunity to meet Pastor Remigius Matulaitis, Pastor Andrus Kask, and Deacon Jelena Kask from Lithuania. We will hear a recap from the Friends of Lithuania Gathering, learn more about the great work that is being done there and see what projects are planned for the upcoming year. We can't wait to see you there!

Walking on Waves: a Royal Oak First Concert

Sunday, November 4, 5:00 pm

Water has the power to move us, from mighty storms to quiet creeks. Mark your calendars for an hour of inspiring water music by Royal Oak First music ministries. We'll journey from the despair of drought and desert mirages, through tears and dreams of distant shores, to the joy of heavenly rivers and unquenchable love! A freewill offering will be taken, so bring a friend to support youth and adult singers and instrumentalists. Contact our Minister of Worship & Arts, Caleb Williams, at caleb@rofum.org for more info.





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.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Athena Milewski; Ken Burton; Lloyd Ramseyer; Carol Hardt; Roger Johnson; David Leenhouts; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Suzanne Hughes; Anne Brace; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Woody Siddall; Ann Anderson; Ed Rowe; Cecilia Tamm; Dona Wells; Ava Fall; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; 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

Sympathy to Dana and Dave Beaty on the death of Dana's mother, on October 20.

Homebound Member of the Week: Shirley Olsen

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

The flowers on the Altar are given by Dave and Sue Minch in memory of Dave's liver donor.

The second arrangement on the Altar is in celebration of Faye Bond's birthday, given by her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Joany.

STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONS

This month, you will hear a lot about the ways that your generosity helps make Christ's love real. You may have some questions about how we put your generosity to use to do that. We have compiled some of the most frequently asked questions to help.

1. What is the 2019 operating budget?
 - a. The projected budget is \$775,000, a 6% increase over the 2018 budget.
2. How is the budget determined?
 - a. Many factors are considered in the budget process including looking at the previous year's expenses and new ministries that we would like to implement to support our growing church. The 2019 income will be based on the results of the fall stewardship campaign. The expense budget will be compared to the estimated income and adjustments will be made so we go into 2019 with a balanced budget.
3. How many people do we employ?
 - a. We have a staff of 6 full time and 12 part time employees. In addition, we have many volunteers that provide support for our programs.
4. How much do we pay in salaries?
 - a. Our 2019 budget is \$429,070.
5. What are the annual utility costs?
 - a. Last year we spent \$50,000 on utilities. This year appears to be slightly higher. Through September, we have spent \$38,586 on utilities (\$23,453 on electricity, \$10,248 on gas and \$4885 on phones and water).
6. How much do we pay for routine building maintenance including lawn care and snow removal?
 - a. Last year we spent \$30,000. This year we have spent \$26,598 through September.
7. What is the average pledge?
 - a. Last year the average pledge was \$2,667
8. What is the total number of pledges?
 - a. Last year there were 230 pledges.
9. What is our current membership?
 - a. Our current membership is around 760. We have welcomed over 60 new members this year.
10. What is our average worship attendance?
 - a. Our average worship attendance has climbed from 300 to 385 this year.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am	Worship, Noisy Bucket, & New Members	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	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
12:00 pm	Royal Oak Spooktacular	Downtown Royal Oak
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 29

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 30

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
1:00 pm	Piano Tuning	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies	Kitchen
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit!	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	2 nd Floor

Wednesday, October 31

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Caleb's Office
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Fellowship Hall North

Wednesday, October 31, continued

7:30 pm	House Band.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

Thursday, November 1

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 Pillowcase Making Workshop.....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies	Kitchen
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, November 2

9:00 am	Friends of Lithuania Conference	Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
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
1:30 pm	Piano Club	Choir Room

Saturday, November 3

9:00 am	Friends of Lithuania Conference	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Walking on Waves Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time (Fall Behind)

9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Communion	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
1:00 pm	Harris Recital	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Walking on Waves Concert.....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

5, 28, 62, 65, 70 and 5

Those six winning numbers would have won \$1.6 Billion in the Mega Millions Lottery. I am going to let you in on a little secret. My wife Bridget gets very excited every time the lottery hits these record highs. She loves to dream about how we would spend the money. And here is what is interesting, she doesn't get all that excited about buying homes or cars or toys for us. No, what she gets excited about is dreaming about all the big puffy checks that she could give away to organizations doing important work.

- \$1 million to the NOAH Project to feed the hungry here in our community
- \$1 million to World Medical Relief to send crucial supplies around the world
- \$1 million to Church World Service to feed the hungry around the world
- \$1 million to the Methodist Children's Home to care for boys in foster care
- \$1 million to Common Ground to help homeless teens
- \$1 million to Alternative for Girls to give young girls every chance to succeed
- \$1 million to Cass Community Social Services and the Redford Brightmoor Initiative to empower the poor
- \$1 million to the Southern Poverty Law Center to combat racism and hate crimes
- \$1 million to The United Methodist Committee on Relief to be on the front lines when natural disasters strike
- \$1 Million each for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, heart disease, and multiple sclerosis research

And this is just the short list.

The truth of matter is that our odds of winning the Mega Millions are vanishingly small. We're 400 more times likely to be hit by lightning. So why do so many people go out and spend two dollars on contests that they are almost certain to lose? Because, like Bridget, the moment unlocks our deepest hopes: How could I make the world better?

All this dreaming about how we'd like to make an impact made us realize something: this is why we belong to the church. This place takes our deepest hopes and dreams for a world without hunger and poverty and allows us to join with others in helping to make that happen. Even without having access to those millions of dollars, we are able to give what we can. With the generosity of others, and the grace of God, we can be a part of something bigger than ourselves and be a partner in changing the world.

At the end of day, we realized something—belonging to this place, and to people like you, we already possessed the winning ticket!

Together we are making a difference!

Grace and Peace,

