

A close-up photograph of a chalice and a piece of bread. The chalice is made of a dark, possibly silver or copper, metal with a textured, etched design on its bowl. It has a long, slender stem and a flared base. To the right of the chalice is a large, irregular piece of white bread, possibly a communion wafer or a slice of a loaf. The background is a soft, out-of-focus warm tone. A purple banner is overlaid on the top right, and a white banner is overlaid on the bottom center.

# The Power of Including

**Saturday, October 6**  
**4:00 pm Afternoon Worship**

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #617	I Come With Joy Stanzas 1 - 4	*UMH
Call to Worship		Leonard Benyas
Song #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>I Believe</i> Art Miller	Irvin Graham
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>You'll Never Walk Alone</i> Art Miller	Rogers/Hammerstein
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	1 Corinthians 11:17-26	**CEB
Message	The Power of Including	George Marck
Communion		
Hymn #620	One Bread, One Body	UMH

\*United Methodist Hymnal

\*\*Common English Bible

Welcome to  
the Party!

Sunday, October 21  
2:00 pm

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

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SATURDAY NIGHT  
SUPPER CLUB

SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 20  
5:30 PM

POTLUCK DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT  
BY THE NAHHAT FAMILY SINGERS!

# 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.\**



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**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 *Welcome Table*.

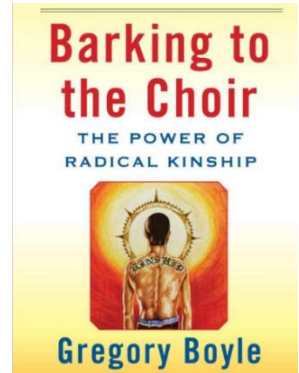


# OPPORTUNITIES

## 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.



## Kids' Bike Collection

**Saturday, October 13, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**



Do you have a gently used children's bike in your garage that you want to get rid of? The non-profit organization Free Bikes 4 Kids wants to get 1,000 bikes into the hands (and feet) of Detroit kids! Drop off your bike donations (of all sizes) at the Henry Ford Medical Center at 26300 Woodward, in Royal Oak, south of 11 Mile. They will clean them up, tune them up, and give them all away in December. For more information, including a list of other drop-off locations, go to [fb4kdetroit.org](http://fb4kdetroit.org).

## Men's Basketball is Back!

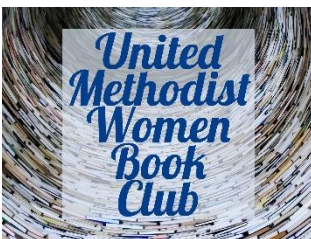
**Beginning Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 pm**

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](mailto: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 Myra Moreland at [mmoreland@rofum.org](mailto: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](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org) if you would like to pre-register or if you have any questions.

## 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](mailto:sharris@rofum.org) with any questions.

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



## 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**



United Methodist Committee on Relief 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.

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.

## **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 [jttripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jttripoli@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 fund in memory of Keith J. Leenhouts is administered by the scholarship committee.

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, 2018. 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.

## PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Ken Burton; Ann Anderson; Roger Johnson; Patti Peterson; Carol Hardt; Lloyd Ramseyer; 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 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:** Florence Martin

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 is almost over. **This is a pre-order only sale.** The deadline for pre-orders is this 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 Welcome 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](mailto:nuts@rofum.org). Your orders will be filled and ready for pick-up after the worship services on November 10 and 11.

### 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](mailto:nuts@rofum.org).

Additional forms are available for pick-up at the Welcome Table.

# CALENDAR

## 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
	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
5:00 pm	Cantata Chorale .....	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 8

9:00 am	Core Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
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
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, October 9

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	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 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	Pub(lic) Theology .....	HopCat
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, October 10

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:00 am	All-Staff Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, October 10, 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 .....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Mayer Home
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 11**

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Finance Committee .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

### **Friday, October 12**

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 13**

10:00 am	Angelus Choir Retreat .....	Contact Caleb Williams at <a href="mailto:caleb@rofum.org">caleb@rofum.org</a>
10:00 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sing Out Detroit .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

### **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

# LETTER FROM LITHUANIA

Dear Friends,

You are invited! We are excited to announce a Friends of Lithuania gathering, here at Royal Oak First! Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3, friends and partners from the United States will gather with pastoral leadership from the Methodist Church in Lithuania. We will join together to strengthen our relationships and renew our friendships. This is a perfect opportunity to meet the pastors we keep hearing about, Remigijus Matulaitis and Andrus & Jelena Kask.

Re-established just over 20 years ago, the Methodist Church in Lithuania has goals to:

- develop Lithuanian leadership
- work towards a self-sustaining Methodist Church
- develop lay leaders
- support the spiritual development of church members.

Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis' appointment as the first Lithuanian-born District Superintendent for the Methodist Church in Lithuania was a major step forward. The church continues to train and support lay ministry, work toward self-sustainable churches, and support the spiritual growth of all church members.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table. The registration fee is \$75, and includes meals (Friday lunch & dinner and Saturday lunch), refreshments, and conference materials. Registration forms are due on Monday, October 15.

If you have any questions, contact Executive Director Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



Pastor Jeff, Pastor Andrus, Pastor Jelena, members of Royal Oak First, and members of the Lithuanian Methodist church on the July trip to Lithuania.