

# IT'S REAL

Sunday, November 11  
9:00 am Worship

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song My Lighthouse

Call to Worship

Song Your Grace is Enough

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry *Be Still* David L. Ray  
Canticle

Children's Time

Mission Moment

Time of Prayer

Scripture Luke 5:1-11 \*CEB  
Janet Kinney, Liturgist

Message It's Real Jeff Nelson

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Wide Enough for Me* Caleb Williams

Song Take My Life



# Veterans Day

Honoring all  
who served

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## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

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

**One week left to  
purchase Christmas  
greens to support our  
children and youth  
music ministry!**

More information is available  
on the next page.



# OPPORTUNITIES

## All Saints Celebration

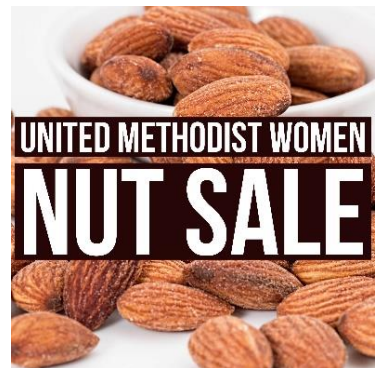
November 17 & 18



Next weekend, we will remember the many beloved church members, family members, and friends who have died since October 30, 2017. The names of these loved ones will be included in the All Saints pages in the bulletin. To have your friend or loved one included, please provide the church office with your name, name of the deceased, your relationship to the deceased, and date of death by Wednesday, November 14.

## United Methodist Women Nuts Are Here!

Your orders have been filled and are ready to be paid for and picked up. You may pick them up in the narthex. We do have some extra nuts that may be purchased. So come check out the varieties we have and support this important UMW sale that raises money for local missions like The Haven, Sanctuary, Methodist Children's Home, national missions like McCurdy School (school and career training for Indians in New Mexico) and international missions like Urgent Action Fund supporting women activists working in conflict or disaster to promote and protect the rights of Women.



## 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 ends soon!

Next Sunday will be the last day to place a pre-paid order for wreaths, roping, grave blankets, etc. following Sunday worship services. Twenty percent of each purchase helps offset the cost of Choir Camp for our children.

Orders will be ready for pick-up 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.



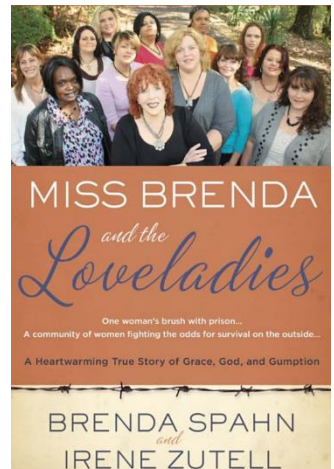
## Methodist Children's Home Birthday Club Thursday, November 15, 4:30 pm

Our next birthday party at the Methodist Children's Home in Redford is this Thursday, 4:30 - 6:30pm. If you would like to purchase gifts for one of the boys from their wish list, or donate decorations, paper goods, wrapping paper, or money for food & cakes, please sign up on the Welcome Table or contact Gigi Harris at [gracelharris@yahoo.com](mailto:gracelharris@yahoo.com). This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the life of a boy living in difficult circumstances!

## United Methodist Women Book Club: *Miss Brenda and the Loveladies*

**Wednesday, November 21, 10:00 am**

Following a life-altering brush with the law that threatened to send her to prison, Brenda Spahn made a promise to God. "With a heart to help and a will that couldn't be crushed, Brenda fought the system and overcame tremendous obstacles to take ex-cons into her own home and help them navigate the alien world of life on the outside." Brenda teamed up with Irene Zutell, a well-known author of woman's stories to tell the story of her foundation, the Lovelady Center, the largest transitional non-profit center of its kind in the country. The book testifies to the power of faith and how God changes hearts every day. All are welcome!



## Looking for a way to share our story? Order a shirt!

**Orders Due Sunday, November 25**

Looking for a way to share Royal Oak First's message in your community? Need Christmas gift ideas for yourself, friends, and family? Interested in supporting Choir Camp? Just in time for your Christmas shopping, the Music Guild is conducting a sale of shirts in a variety of styles.

Order forms will be available following worship services, with shirts to be available by December 9. Contact Christine Ryckman at [shirts@rofum.org](mailto:shirts@rofum.org) or 248-515-6924 if you have any questions or you would like to get your order started.



## Family Book Club & Cookie Decoration

**Sunday, December 2, 12:00 pm**

Enjoy reading Christmas Stories by Laura Ingalls Wilder with your family and then join us on December 2, following the 11:00 am worship service to discuss the book and decorate Christmas cookies. Please contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) to sign up and receive a copy of the book.



## Christmas Store Collections

Every year, Cass Community Social Services and Redford-Brightmoor Initiative both provide a free Christmas Store where needy families in Detroit can “shop” for gifts for their family for Christmas. Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting toys and gifts for the Cass Christmas Store, and children's winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas Store.

Cass needs dolls, small play sets like Lego, basketballs, footballs, matchbox car sets, bags, action figures, and toys for toddlers. Please avoid puzzles, family games, anything with batteries, and Play-Doh. Items should be new and unwrapped. The children's winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas store can be any size from infant to 18-20, and should be new and unwrapped.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex, and place them on the wooden Christmas tree or in the collection boxes provided. If you have any questions, contact Missions chair, Jennie Notarantonio, at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org).



## Collections for our Lunch Program



It's starting to get very cold outside, and can be dangerous for those living on the streets. Our Sack Lunch Program is in need of donations of winter items for our guests. We could use gloves, winter hats, socks, blankets, and sleeping bags. Additionally, we are always collecting personal care items like soap, razors, deodorant, washcloths, and feminine hygiene products. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with the label "Sack Lunch". Contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

## Christmas Day Lunch Program

**Tuesday, December 25, 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

Every year, we serve special holiday meals for our lunch guests. We are looking for a team of people to cook and serve lunch on Christmas. Service hours are 9:30-12:00, including set-up and cleaning. If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, contact Mark and Cathy Thatcher at [mct51950@gmail.com](mailto:mct51950@gmail.com).



## Fred Bowden and Bob Demyanovich's Licensing Ceremony

**Sunday, November 18, 3:00 pm**

Okemos Community Church  
4734 Okemos Rd  
Okemos, MI 48864

Our dear friends, Fred Bowden and Bob Denyanovich, have completed their schooling to become Licensed Local Pastors. We hope you can join us at the licensing ceremony to recognize their accomplishment.

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Jenny Lowman; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Ken Burton; Lloyd Ramseyer; Carol Hardt; Roger Johnson; 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:** Nichelle Marshall; Jackie Pingel; The Rock Family; Dave Jensen; Susan Chamberlain; Pat Strelecki; Melissa Glasson; Beth Zimmerman; Patrick Tamm; 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 Merrill Milewski for the death of his wife, Athena Milewski, November 3.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** June Stephan

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



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm



# STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONS

As the Generosity campaign comes to a close, 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. Why do we give?
  - a. United Methodists believe that faith must be confirmed by actions, and our gifts enable our ministries and missions. James (2:14-17) tells us “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”
2. How can we give?
  - a. Cash, checks, credit/debit card, and online giving at [rofum.org](http://rofum.org) are all ways to give. Online giving is encouraged and is a convenient option for many because it can be set up as an automatic recurring payment.
3. Why are pledges important?
  - a. The church needs to plan its programs for the coming year and pledges are essential for the church to establish a realistic budget for these programs. Typically, 85% of our budget is funded through pledges received during the fall stewardship campaign.
4. Will we have a balanced budget in 2019?
  - a. The 2019 budget will be based on the pledges received during the fall stewardship campaign. This will be a balanced budget although we recognize there can always be unanticipated expenses. For example, a colder winter or hotter summer than expected can increase our utility costs.
5. Last week’s bulletin contained a pie chart showing how our budget is allocated among our ministries. Where is the money we spend for our building and staff salaries shown in the pie chart?
  - a. Our building and staff exist to support our ministries and missions so these expenses are allocated across our ministries on a pro rata basis.
6. What is Conference Giving?
  - a. Conference giving is often referred to as apportionments. Every United Methodist congregation is interconnected throughout the denomination via a unique, interlocking chain of conferences. The main way we support the ministries of the larger United Methodist denomination is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches. All of us giving together allow United Methodists to do what we cannot do alone.

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 11 – Celebration Sunday

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Baptism .....	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
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room and Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale .....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, November 12

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
7:30 pm	Trustees Meeting .....	Room #403

## Tuesday, November 13

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
12:30 pm	Staff Meeting .....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit! .....	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
9:00 pm	Sing Out! Detroit .....	Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, November 14

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Caleb's Office
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, November 14 continued

11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room
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	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study .....	Church Office
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

## Thursday, November 15

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
5:00 pm	Methodist Children's Home Society Birthday Club .....	MCHS Redford
7:00 pm	Finance Committee .....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, November 16

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, November 17

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sing Out Detroit .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 18 – All Saints Celebration

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,

Could you help us make Christmas happen for some families?

Christmas is only 49 days away! I know, right? How did that happen so fast?

Part of what makes Christmas so special is the joy of giving, especially giving gifts to the children in our lives. Seeing the wonder and excitement on the face of a kid who has opened that gift you have selected especially for them, well, it is one my favorite things about the season.

After years of working with families who struggle economically, I have learned that Christmas can be a time of despair. The inability to give your kids a special gift while others around are able to, can be a source of guilt or shame. That is why for years the United Methodist Women have been collecting toys to support the Cass Community and Redford Brightmoor Christmas stores. Both of these stores are located in low-income communities and provide hundreds of residents with an opportunity to shop for gifts, wrap them, and put some joy under their trees this Christmas.

That is why, in the lead up to Christmas, I am asking you to go out and buy three things:

a toy

a winter coat

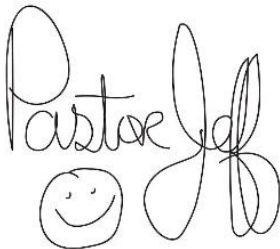
and a pair of boots

Bring them to church throughout the month of November. It will be a joy to add these blessings to the other churches, joining together to make the joy of gift giving a reality for so many families.

Three simple ways to make Christ's love real this Christmas: a toy, a coat and a pair of boots.

Together we are making a difference!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the word "Pastor" is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.