

*A Past Worth
Remembering*



**Saturday, November 17
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship**

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn Sing

Hymn #711

For All the Saints
Stanzas 1, 2, and 6

*UMH

Call to Worship

Hymn #347

Spirit Song

UMH

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Remembering Our Saints

Hymn #700

Abide With Me

UMH

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

Candle in the Wind
Ken Stringer

John/Taupin

Doxology #95

UMH

Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-10

**NRSV

Message

A Past Worth Remembering

Myra Moreland

Hymn #377

It Is Well with My Soul

UMH

OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Greens Sale for Choir Camp ends soon!

Greens Sale



This 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.

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 or 248-515-6924 if you have any questions or you would like to get your order started.



New Parking Lot Tags

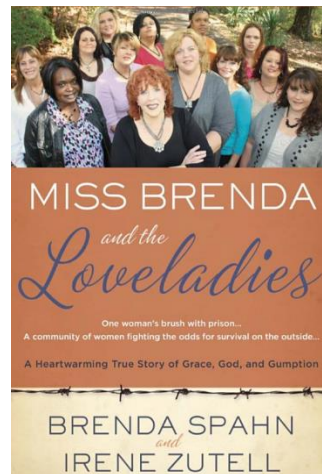


We are growing! With new programming and increased involvement, we are running into some parking issues during our weekday and weekend activities. In an effort to manage the church parking lot, we would like to issue a parking hangtag to those that regularly park in the lot. The tag will hang from a vehicle's rear view mirror and can easily be moved to another vehicle. If additional hangtags are desired, a \$1 donation would be appreciated. Please stop by Fellowship Hall to acquire your tag. Questions? Please contact Charlene Kondrat, Trustee Chairperson at trustees@rofum.org.

Date correction! United Methodist Women Book Club: *Miss Brenda and the Loveladies*

Wednesday, November 28, 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. All are welcome!



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 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 families in Detroit can "shop" for gifts for their family for Christmas. We are collecting toys and gifts for the Cass Christmas Store, and children's winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas Store.

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.





What is Your Favorite Holiday Recipe?

Do you have a special baked goodie that you make for Christmas? Maybe it's a special family recipe, or maybe you found it on the internet and want to try it out. We are looking for people to bring their favorite holiday desserts for coffee hour during Advent (the month of December). If you have a recipe you have always wanted to share, consider signing up now for a Sunday in December by emailing George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org. If you are willing to share your recipe, we would be happy to print copies for you to share.

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 if you have any questions.



United Methodist Women Program and Meeting

Thursday, December 6

Executive Committee: 10:30 am in the Choir Room

General Meeting & Program: 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



United Methodist Women cordially invite all to our annual Advent/Christmas meeting, "50 Years of Christmas in Story and Song". Presenter is Mary Nahhat, who will share heartwarming stories along with group carol singing, a welcome way to joyfully prepare for a special season.

A Christmas dessert table will follow the program.

Parents' Day Out

Saturday, December 8, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Please join us for Parents' Day Out on December 8, immediately following the Christmas Concert Rehearsal until 4 pm. We will provide a fun afternoon with a pizza lunch, crafts, games and a Christmas movie. This will be a donation-based fundraiser for our youth. Please sign up ahead of time with Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



Christmas Concert: A Feast of Carols

Sunday, December 9, 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm

Amidst all the bustle of the Christmas Season, we all need a moment of low-stress joy, love, and music. This year, the combined music ministries of Royal Oak First present the annual *Christmas Concert: A Feast of Carols*. Children's choirs, handbells, instrumentalists, and our adult choir, Sanctus, will join forces to offer you an hour of songs, smiles, and at least one surprise! Mark your calendars and don't miss this highlight of our season! Contact Caleb Williams at caleb@rofum.org with 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.

Winter Activities Weekend

January 25-27, 2019

Invite your friends and join us for a weekend of winter activities, January 25-27, in Roscommon, MI. Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Ice Fishing, and Bowling are conveniently located near our base lodge adjacent to North Higgins Lake State Park.

Sign up at the Welcome table or contact Bob Berard at 248-545-8668 or ski@rofum.org if you have any more questions. Make your reservations by January 4!



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Jackie Bell; Alice Bentley; Janet Cork; Jenny Lowman; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Ken Burton; Lloyd Ramseyer; 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: Susie Inch; 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 on the death of his wife, Athena Milewski, November 3.

Homebound Member of the Week: Charles White

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

The Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Ray Lawson, given by his wife, Betty Lawson.



ROLL OF REMMEMBRANCE

November 1, 2017 – November 14, 2018

Members We Have Lost

Emily Crimmins	Bonnie Mehaffey
Joseph Charles Gardner, Jr	Athena Milewski
Dorothy Gates	Mary Ann Moser
Ruby Hawkins	Victor Pell
George Hoelaars	Ruth Porkka
Raymod Lawson	Christina Smith
David Leenhouts	

Dedications of Abiding Memorials

Music Guild

In memory of Joe Gardner

Sack Lunch Program

In memory of Ann Moser

Children's Ministries

In memory of Keith Leenhouts

Memorials

In memory of Ann Moser
In memory of George Hoelaars
In memory of Jim Shumaker
In memory of Joe Gardner
In memory of Ray Lawson
In memory of Victor Pell
In memory of Athena Milewski

Loved Ones and Their Families

Beverly Lambert	The Lambert Family
Nida Rowe	Ed Rowe, husband
Bobby Veatch	Vel Lowman, mother
Monte Weathers	Mary Ann Tempest
Sandra Bamsey	Former Royal Oak First member
Dr. Terence Williams	Caleb Williams, grandson
Mallory Shell	The Perkins Family
Mark Hedrick	Donna Allen, aunt
David Crumley	Jeanette Cuthbertson, sister
Floyd Showers	The Watkins>Showers Family
Steven Jacobs	Betty Lattimer, aunt

Dr. Glenys Parry Williams
Steve Kosnik
James Yates
Maggie Robbins
Janice LaDuke
Robert George
Richard Stancliff
Bob Brown
Tim Walbridge
Donnie Jones
John McClelland
Mark Shumaker
Earl Cline
Opal Monte
Kenn Clark
Brian Jetty
Christina Brown
Mother
Donald Goff
Cassie Fields
Glenn Goff
Ray Sluss

Marietherese Walbridge

Janet Thatcher

Alan Burger

Mike Wilberding

Mother

Rita Ann Rhoades

Mother

Caleb Williams, grandson
Suzanne Ortiz, friend
Jim Yates, son
Bonnie Barber, sister-in-law
Kim Stroud, sister
Former Royal Oak First member
Sue Buxton, friend
Barbara Nicholas, friend
James Walbridge, brother
Gerals Jones, brother
Nan Wilberding, sister
Jim Shumaker, father
Ann Cline, sister-in-law
Mike Monte, son
Kay LaCombe, sister
Lynn & Paul Nord, grandparents
Doug Brown, son
Joe Nowaczok, son
Phyllis Wagster, sister
Dolly Oberdier, daughter
Phyllis Wagster, sister
Andrew & Pam Sluss,
son & daughter-in-law
Jim & Jane Walbridge,
son & daughter-in-law
Mark & Cathy Tatcher,
siblings-in-law
Kathi Burger, sister
Jim & Nan Wilberding,
brother and sister-in-law
Dana & Dave Beatty,
daughter & son-in-law
Amy & Pete Rhoades,
son & daughter-in-law
Matt & Christina DeVey
son & daughter-in-law

CALENDAR

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
	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
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room and Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner	Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 19

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	Directors' Meeting	2 nd Floor
7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 20

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	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	HopCat
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	2 nd Floor
9:00 pm	Sing Out! Detroit	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 21

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROME0 (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program Thanksgiving	Fellowship Hall
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Friday, November 23

Office Closed

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 24

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, November 25

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	Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room and Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

A little girl wondered what a saint might be. One day her mother took her to a great cathedral to see the gorgeous stained-glass windows with scenes from the Bible. When she saw the beauty of it all she cried out loud, “Now I know what saints are. They are people who let the light shine through!”

We remember the saints today. The ones who let the light shine through. It is the weekend before Thanksgiving and we can think of no better week than to use our time of worship to say thank you to all those saints that have left us this past year and have entered into their eternal rest. We remember that we all stand on the shoulders of the saints that have gone before us. These saints paved the way. They kept the faith. They made sacrifices that make it possible for us to be here today. They let the light shine through.

And so today we pause to simply say, “Thank You.”

Who are the saints in your life that you want to remember today?

A parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle?

A spouse, a child, a sibling?

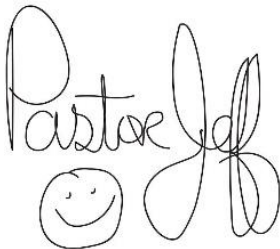
A coach, a teacher, an elder from church?

A neighbor, a friend?

Each of us have people that are saints—people whose memories we still carry in our hearts. Today we simply pause to say thank you for the gift God gave us in these saints. We say thank you for shining the light!

For all the saints!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff