



Get Moving!

Saturday, November 24
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #102	Now Thank We All Our God	*UMH
Call to Worship		Ginny Borts
Hymn #694	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Stanzas 1 and 2	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>I Feel Like Travelin' On</i> Joan Johnson, Mountain Dulcimer	William Hunter
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-4	**NRSV
Message	Get Moving!	Myra Moreland
Song #2036	Give Thanks	***FWS

*United Methodist Hymnal
**New Revised Standard Version
***Faith We Sing



Transportation Ministry

Contact Nancy Thompson
Transportation@rofum.org



A Feast of Carols

Christmas Concert 2018 December 9, 2pm & 4pm

WEAR YOUR BEST
**CHRISTMAS
SWEATER**
ON DECEMBER
15 AND 16!



Don't Miss Out! 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.

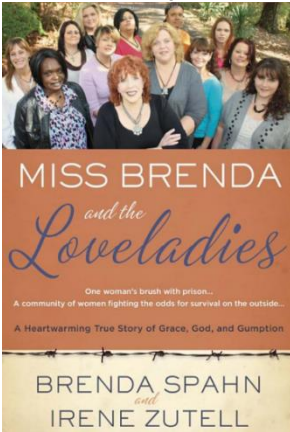
Transportation Ministry

Our Transportation Ministry seeks to help some of our most faithful members by providing people with transportation issues a way to get to church, and by providing drivers with wonderful opportunities to get to know people they may not have the chance to meet otherwise. If you would like to be a driver on weekends or throughout the week, sign up at the Welcome Table in the Narthex, or contact Nancy Thompson at transportation@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.



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 the church office at office@rofum.org. If you are willing to share your recipe, we would be happy to print copies for you to share.

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.



A Feast of Carols

Christmas Concert 2018

Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 24, 3:00 pm

We would love your children to be part of our Christmas Pageant at the 3:00 pm worship service on Christmas Eve! All children, preschool through 5th grade who are in town for the holiday, are invited to be part of this event. Our rehearsals will be:

Wednesday, December 12, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. (Dinner at 5:30 pm.)

Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. (Dinner at 5:30 pm)

Sunday, December 23, 12:30 - 1:00 pm, following 11:00 worship.

Please consider joining us for this very special event. No choir experience necessary! Contact Jennifer Semivan at jsemivan@rofum.org by Sunday, December 9, to let us know how many of your family can participate.

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!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Again this year we are offering the choice of providing a poinsettia or contributing to UMCOR in honor or memory of a loved one. The poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 23, and our Christmas Eve services. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed as a bulletin insert on Sunday morning, December 23. If you wish to participate, return this form to the church office on or before ***Sunday, December 9.***

Please use one (1) form per poinsettia/UMCOR tribute.

Money must accompany your order (checks payable to First United Methodist Church)

___ Enclosed is \$11.00 for a poinsettia (please indicate color below)

Color: ___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

___ I will donate and deliver my plant to a homebound member on Sunday morning, December 23. (The church will provide the name and address of a homebound member.)

___ I will pick up my plant following the 11:00 pm candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve.

___ I will order my own plant & deliver it to the church on Friday, December 21.

___ Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for UMCOR in place of a poinsettia.

This will be a memorial to _____
(Please Print)

OR in honor of _____
(Please Print)

Given by _____
(Please Print)

Phone # _____

Additional forms are available in the church office and at the Welcome Table.

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; Sherry Giles; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim & Mary Ann Tempest; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

Prayers for our extended family: James Chamberlain; 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; Judy Gettel; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap

Sympathy to the family and friends of Goldie Chiti, on her death, November 15.

Sympathy to the Miller family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Clara May Miller, November 16.

Homebound Member of the Week: Clifford Anderson

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

The Chancel Flowers are in memory of those we miss at our Thanksgiving tables and in loving memory of Tom O'Donnell, given by Laurie O'Donnell and family.



CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 26

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	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 27

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
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	Women's Book and Bible Study	2 nd Floor
9:00 pm	Sing Out! Detroit	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 28 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	Children, Youth, and Families Ministries Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study	Church Office
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414

Thursday, November 29

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Nello's Eatery
9:00 am	Mrs. Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 30

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, December 1

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

Sunday, December 2

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	Family Book Club and Cookie Decorating	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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This is a time to be thankful, to count our blessings. Please let me share with you what a blessing it is for me to serve at Royal Oak First. I am so grateful to be part of such a vibrant congregation.

Thanksgiving is filled with so many things: turkey and dressing, family, community. It is also filled with family dynamics and all those anxious moments around the table. Of course, no Thanksgiving is complete without eating entirely too much, followed by the post dinner nap.

So, this Sunday we recognize that it is time to put down the turkey leg and “get moving.” We look at God’s call to Abram and Sarai, looking closely at that first word. God says, “Go.” God promises many things to Abram and Sarai but to receive the full abundance they must first get moving. We often talk about God moving in the world, but we learn in Genesis that God moves through people like Abram and Sarai, people like you and me. Where is God calling you? Is it to a new place, a new way to serve or simply a new state of mind?

I see so many from our congregation for whom “moving” is a big issue. Wheel chairs and walkers, age and illness make even getting to church difficult. I left a visit with Lee Hoffman a couple of weeks ago feeling so helpless. Lee lives at Woodward Hills. She wants to come to worship so badly, but getting her to Royal Oak is not simple. I called Nancy Thompson who heads up our new Transportation Ministry and she started making calls. Sure enough, on Sunday morning, in comes Annette Wahl pushing Lee Hoffman’s wheelchair down the center aisle. From that point, I sat back and watched as the spirit of the living God moved through the congregation. Jay Dunstan and Paul Kremer stepped up and agreed to alternate Sundays for the next month, picking up both Lee and Dori Bridson from Woodward Hills. This is only the beginning as we work to get any and all who want to worship here each week. The transportation ministry at Royal Oak First is moving down the road (pun intended). If you want to be part this important ministry (or if you are one of the many who are picking up folks each Sunday), please contact Nancy Thompson at transportation@rofum.org.

Wherever God is calling you, just know that God’s Kingdom is not standing still. Don’t miss the abundance you will find when you answer the call.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Myra