



*With Us*  
Advent 2018

Sunday, December 9  
9:00 am Worship

# Good News

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song                      Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Call to Worship

Song                      Oh What a Glorious Night

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Lighting the Advent Wreath                      Chris, Christie and Cora Mikell

Time with Children

Time of Prayer

Mission Moment

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering	<i>I Bless Your Name</i>	Selah
	Edward Ishak, Guitar	

Scripture	Luke 2:8-20	*CEB
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Message	Good News	Jeff Nelson
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Song	Angels We Have Heard on High
	Stanzas 1-3



# A Feast of Carols

Christmas Concert 2018

December 9, 2pm & 4pm



SATURDAY NIGHT  
SUPPER CLUB

SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 15  
5:30 PM

POTLUCK DINNER AND A CHRISTMAS  
SING-ALONG!

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







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## Advent 2018

### Events

**Christmas Concert: A Feast of Carols**

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

**Christmas Sweater Weekend**

December 15 & 16

**Christmas Sing-Along Supper Club**

Saturday, December 15, at 5:30 pm

**Church-Wide Community Caroling**

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 pm

**The Longest Night**

Thursday, December 20, 7:00 pm

### Christmas Eve Services

**Traditional Worship**—11:00 am

**Children's Christmas Pageant**—3:00 pm

The story of the first Christmas, told by children

**"Blue Jeans" Christmas Eve**—7:00 pm

Christmas Eve with a praise band, youth choirs, and candlelight

**Festive Traditional Service**—9:00 pm

Traditional candlelight service, with Sanctus and Carillon Bells

**Candlelight & Communion**—11:00 pm

Traditional candlelight service with communion

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Christmas Concert: A Feast of Carols

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



Amid 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 wonderful music! Contact Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org) with any questions.

## Christmas Sing-Along Supper Club

Saturday, December 15, 5:30 pm

Christmas is a time to experience the love and joy of God with your family and friends. Join us for good food, good friends, and great entertainment on Saturday, December 15, at 5:30 pm. Our Christmas Sing-Along, featuring the songs of the season brought to us by Caleb Williams and Sam Garrett, is sure to be wonderful fun! Show off your cooking skills (or your buying skills) and bring your favorite dish or dessert. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at [mmoreland@rofum.org](mailto:mmoreland@rofum.org).



## Community Caroling

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 pm

Help us spread the love and light of Christmas to our community and make some new friends doing it! Meet at the church on Sunday, December 16, then go out into the community to sing Christmas Carols and shine the light! If you have any questions, contact Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org).

## 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.

Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 - 7:30 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](mailto:jsemivan@rofum.org) by Sunday, December 9, to let us know how many of your family can participate.



## Winter Activities Weekend

**January 25-27, 2019**

Invite your friends and join us for a weekend of winter activities 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](mailto:ski@rofum.org) if you have any more questions. Make your reservations by January 4!

## Bring Your Favorite Holiday Treat!

Do you have a special baked goodie that you make for Christmas? 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, contact George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org). If you are willing to share your recipe, we would be happy to print copies for you to share.



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Each year we offer the chance to provide a poinsettia for our worship space or contribute 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)**

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\_\_\_ 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:** Nate DeAngelo; Lisa Rye; Valin Szymkowski; Charlene Faunt; Ed Rowe; Mary Anne Tempest; Gwen Ross; Jackie Bell; Alice Bentley; Janet Cork; Jenny Lowman; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Ken Burton; Lloyd Ramseyer; Roger Johnson; Suzanne Hughes; Anne Brace; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Ann Anderson; Ed Rowe; Dona Wells; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; Sherry Giles; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

**Prayers for our extended family:** Dan Grogan; Annie Richardson; Julie Fuller; James Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Nichelle Marshall; Jackie Pingel; Dave Jensen; Susan Chamberlain; Pat Strelecki; Beth Zimmerman; Patrick Tamm; Gerald Sessions; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Judy Gettel; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Zenovia Courtney

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





## SERMON NOTES

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday, December 9

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
2:00 pm	Christmas Concert: A Feast of Carols.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Christmas Concert: A Feast of Carols.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

## Monday, December 10

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Directors' Meeting.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, December 11

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
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball .....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Contact Myra Moreland
9:00 pm	Sing Out! Detroit .....	Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, December 12

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Choir Room
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
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

### **Wednesday, December 12 continued**

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

### **Thursday, December 13**

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Eatery
9:00 am	Mrs. Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:00 am	Royal Oak Buisness DDA Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting .....	Church Office

### **Friday, December 14**

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study.....	Choir Room
9:30 am	Organ Tuning.....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making .....	Kitchen

### **Saturday, December 15**

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Supper Club.....	Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, December 16**

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	
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Church-Wide Caroling .....	Downtown Royal Oak
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Youth Christmas Party.....	Fellowship Hall

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

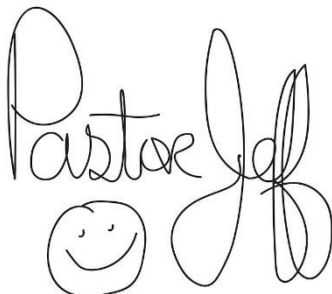
One of our mantras around here is, “Making Christ’s Love Real.” We don’t just want our faith to be something we talk about, we want it to be something people can feel and experience. We are committed to matching our words with tangible acts of hospitality, kindness, and mercy.

This is exactly what happened with the coming of Christ. In Jesus, God’s love was made real. It came in the flesh, it was something we could see, feel, touch, and experience. Jesus showed us that caring for the poor and the sick were not just nice ideas. No, when Jesus encountered hungry people, they were fed. When Jesus encountered someone who was sick, they were cared for and received healing. Jesus made Christ’s love real.

Antone is a part of our community. He is a frequent guest at lunch. This past week he stopped in the office with some good news. He had a job interview. What worried him was that he didn’t have the right clothes to make the right first impression. Our staff didn’t hesitate and before the day was out Antone was outfitted for his interview. There was great joy on the days that followed when Antone returned to the office with the even better news that he got the job!

Christ’s love made real!

Keeping It Real,

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