



With Us
Advent 2018

Sunday, December 9
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Good News

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Variations on Picardy</i>	Michael Helman
Hymn #220	Angels from the Realms of Glory	*UMH
Call to Worship		Bob Prud'homme
Hymn #251	Go, Tell It on the Mountain Stanzas 1 and 2	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Lighting the Advent Wreath		Libby Mildren, Raul Rivas, Catalina, Luciana
Time with Children		
Music Ministry	<i>All is Well</i> Tracy and Lori Altman	Michael W. Smith
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Carol of the Drum</i> Treble voices of Sanctus	arr. by Davis
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Luke 2:8-20	**CEB
Message	Good News	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #238	Angels We Have Heard on High Stanzas 1-3	UMH
Postlude	<i>Toccata (Homage to Mulet)</i>	Michael Helman

*United Methodist Hymnal

**Common English Bible



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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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 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.



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.

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 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 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. 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)

___ 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 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 nd 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	
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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,

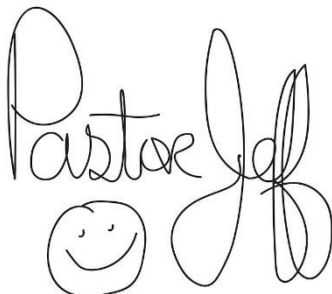
One of our mantras around here is, “Making Christ’s Love Real.” We don’t just want our faith to be something we talk about, we want it to be something people can feel and experience. We are committed to matching our words with tangible acts of hospitality, kindness, and mercy.

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.