

With Us
Advent 2018

Christmas Eve
7:00 pm Worship

Unto Us



ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Call to Worship

Response Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry *Night of Silence* Daniel Kantor
Kaylee Derkowski and Hannah Richardson

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Nielander Family

Music Ministry *The People Who Walked in Darkness* Angerman
Revelation Barrett

Service of Lessons and Carols

Song What a Glorious Night
Lesson John 1:1-5, 14a *CEB

Hymn #245 The First Noel
Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 CEB

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Mary Did You Know?* arr. Schrader
Angelus and Alumni

Lesson Luke 2:1-7 CEB

Hymn #217 Away in a Manger

Lesson Matthew 1:18-23 CEB

Scripture Luke 2:8-20 CEB

Message Unto Us Jeff Nelson

Hymn #239 Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn #246 Joy to the World

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible

A photograph of a church congregation from an elevated perspective, showing people seated in wooden pews. A semi-transparent dark red banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS, 4:00 PM, CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM, ACOUSTIC WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS, 11:00 AM, TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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Sack Lunch Program

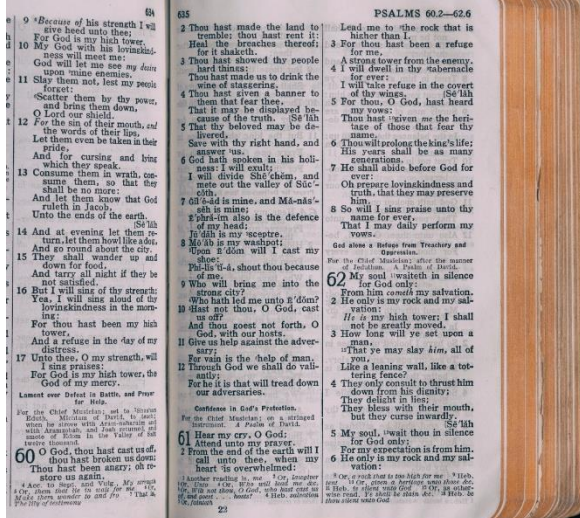
Monday-Friday

10:30 am - 11:30 am

PUB(LIC) THEOLOGY

real people, real conversation

Every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Beginning in February



PASTOR JEFF'S
TUESDAY MORNING
BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS
10:00 AM

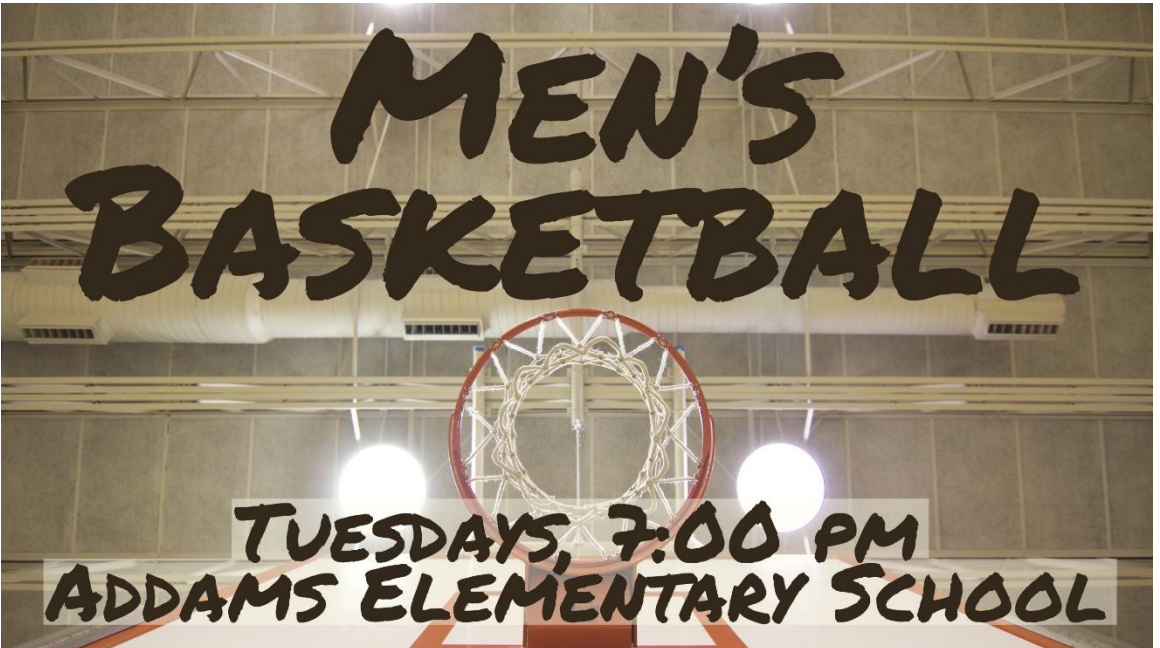
ROga Chair Yoga

Tuesdays
11:30 am

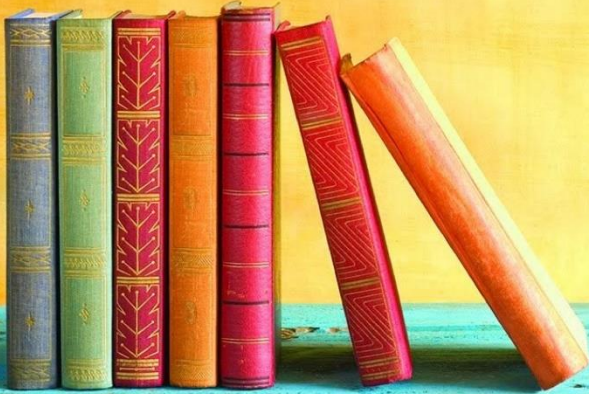


MEN'S BASKETBALL

TUESDAYS, 7:00 PM
ADDAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



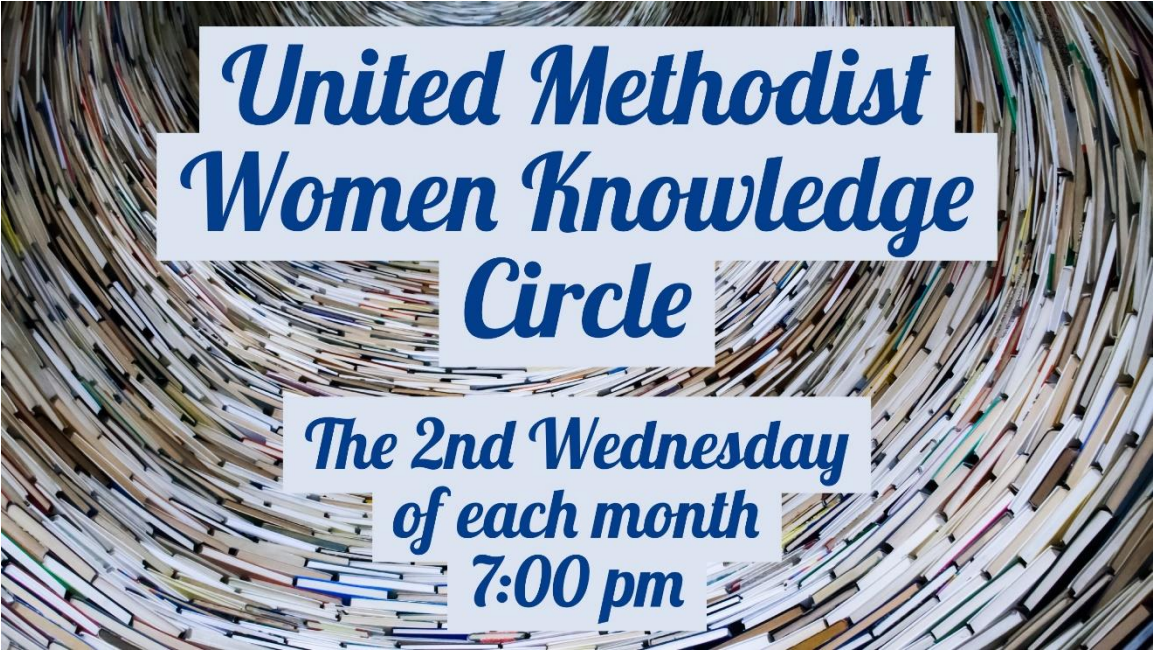
Women's Book and Bible Study



*Tuesdays at
7:00 pm*

**The 1st Monday
of each month
6:00 pm
Duggan's Irish
Pub**



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United Methodist Women Knowledge Circle

*The 2nd Wednesday
of each month
7:00 pm*



Wednesdays
7:30 pm



The 1st Thursday of each month
1:00 pm

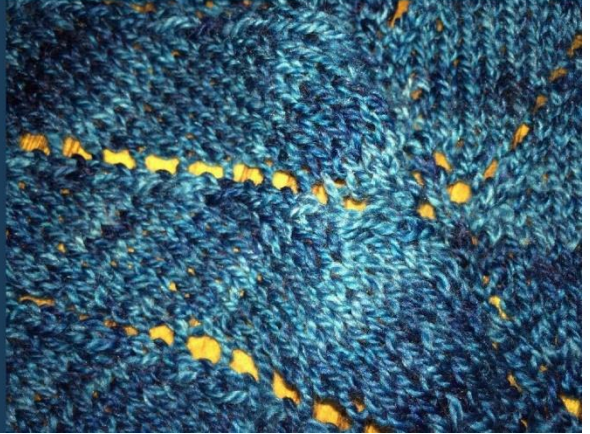


United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

SHAWL MINISTRY

2nd & 4th
Thursday
of the month
1:00 pm



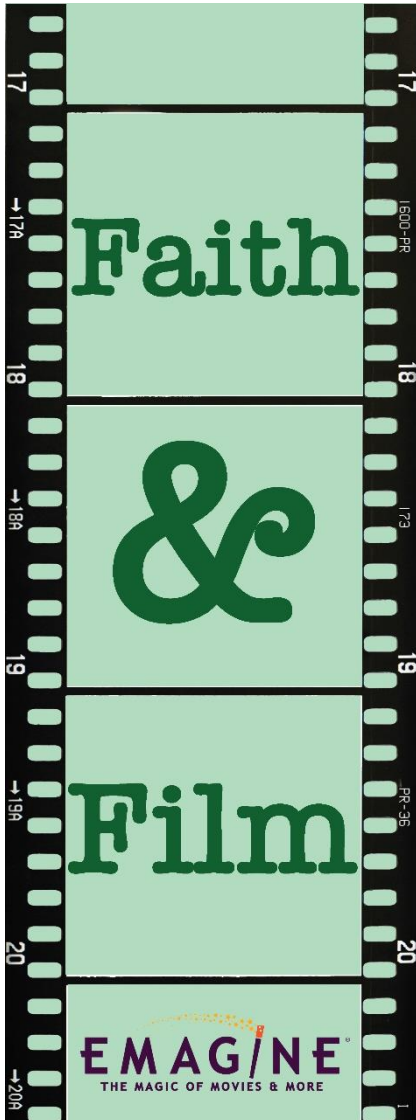
SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

THE 3RD SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH
5:30 PM



FAITH & FILM

Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! Our third annual Faith and Film series comes home to Royal Oak. Monday nights in January, we will head over to the Emagine Theatre at 11 Mile and Main at 7:00 pm to see a current movie together. Tickets are only \$7 (a \$5 discount at this premiere theatre.) Contact the church office at 248-541-4100 or office@rofum.org.



January 7 – Welcome to Marwen

When a devastating attack shatters Mark Hogancamp and wipes away all memories, no one expected recovery. Putting together pieces from his old and new life, Mark meticulously creates a wondrous town where he can heal and be heroic.

January 14 – Mary Poppins Returns (all kids 12 and under are free!)

The mysterious Mary Poppins returns to Depression-era London to visit Jane and her brother Michael, now a father of three, and helps them rediscover the joy they knew as children.

January 21 – Aquaman

When Arthur Curry learns that he is the heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis, he must step forward to lead his people against his half-brother, Orm, who seeks to unite the seven underwater kingdoms against the surface world.

January 28 – The Upside

Inspired by a true story, *The Upside* is a heartfelt comedy about a recently paroled ex-convict who strikes up an unusual and unlikely friendship with a paralyzed billionaire.

PASTY SALE

“If I Knew How Good They Were...”



This quote was heard more than once from those who bought pasties at the last Pasty Sale. Don't be left out. The next Pasty Sale is Saturday, January 5. You can pick them up on Saturday, January 5, between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall or after both services on Sunday, January 6. The cost is \$5 each. You can order one of two mouth-watering kinds: meat or vegetarian. Just fill out the order form below and turn it in at the

Welcome Table after Sunday services or leave it in the office. Another option is to call or text Shirley with your order at 248-765-5617 or by email at sharris@rofum.org.

The proceeds will be split between youth missions and choir camp. Don't be one of those who said with great regret, “If I knew how good they were...”

Pasty Order Form

Name _____

Phone # and/or email address _____

Meat _____

Vegetarian _____

Total # _____ x \$5 = _____

Pick-Up time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday, January 5 _____

Sunday, January 6, following 9:00 service _____

Sunday, January 6, following 11:00 service _____

Questions or allergy considerations? Contact Shirley Harris at 248-765-5617 or sharris@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

All day long, we will tell the story of a young, pregnant Mary and her fiancé Joseph going door-to-door in the little Palestinian village of Bethlehem, looking for a place to give birth to this miracle they are carrying. Will anyone make room for them? Will anyone find a room for God to enter the story?


Making room—it is what Christmas is all about.

Welcome to Royal Oak First's Christmas Eve Celebration—there is room for you here! If this is your first Christmas Eve worshipping with us know that we are glad you are here. Please know there is room here today for you to experience the joy and the wonder of God in our midst. If Royal Oak First is your church home then you already know that there is room for you to experience the spirit and the traditions that make this place, and this day, so special. No matter where you have been or what you have been through, there is room for you here!

Making room for God to enter our world is what we are all about here at Royal Oak First. This Christmas we made room for over 100 kids from our community who have a parent in jail or prison. The gifts that we provided were a reminder that they were not forgotten. Tomorrow morning we will make room to share Christmas with nearly 50 folks from our community who have no place to go, many of them homeless. The meal we share together will be a reminder that God is with us. Christmas is always possible when we find room for God to enter our lives and our world.

Thank you for making room to be with us today.

Merry Christmas!

A handwritten signature in cursive 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.