

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude O Holy Night/How Great Thou Art arr. Caleb Williams

Prelude Christmas Carol Medley arr. by Amy Rhoades

Hymn #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful *UMH

Stanzas 1, 3, 4 and 6

Call to Worship Ginny Borts

Hymn #240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH

Invitation to Mission

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Johanson/Murray Family

Service of Lessons and Carols

Hymn #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH
Lesson John 1:1-5, 14a **CEB
Hymn #245 The First Noel UMH
Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 CEB

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering I Wonder as I Wander John Jacob Niles

Caleb Williams

LessonLuke 2:1-18CEBHymn #217Away in a MangerUMHLessonMatthew 1:18-23CEB

Music Ministry We Are Not Alone Pepper Choplin

Sanctus

Message Unto Us Jeff Nelson

Hymn #239 Silent Night, Holy Night UMH

Hymn #246 Joy to the World UMH

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Postlude Hark! The Herald Angels Sing John Leavitt

*United Methodist Hymnal **Common English Bible





PUB(LIC) THEOLOGY real people, real conversation Every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Beginning in February

e 9 *Because of his strength I give heed unto thee;
For God is my high tower.
d 10 My God with his lovinger

God will let me see my dein upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:

Scatter them by thy power,

2 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride.

pride,
And for cursing and bins which they speak.

Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they

And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, Unto the ends of the earth. [Sèlah

turn, let them how like ador,
And go round about the city.
15 They shall wander up and
down for food,
And tarry all night if they be
not satisfied.

lovingkindness in the morning:

For thou hast been my his tower,

And a refuge in the day of my distress.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:

Lament ever Defeat in Battle, and Proper for Help.

For the Chief Musician; set to 'Souries Edeth, Microian of David, to Jest; when he shows with Arain-anharism of

60 O God, thou hast cast useff, thou hast been anary; oh retrough of thou hast been anary; oh restrong us again.

Ance to Supe, and Vulg. My serval.

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PSALMS 60.2-

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it: Heal the breaches thereof; 3 for it shaketh.

hard things:
Thou hast made us to drink the
wine of staggering.
4 Thou hast given a banner to

That it may be displayed because of the truth. Se lah 5 That thy beloved may be delivered. Save with thy right hand, and

Save with thy right hand, and answer 'us. 6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will divide She chem, and

côth.

7 ôil 'ô-ād is mine, and Mā-nās'sèh is mine;
E'phrā-im also is the defence
of my head;

Jū dāh is my 'sceptre.

8 Mô'āb is my washpot;
'Upon E'dom will I cast m
shoe:
Phi-lis'ti-a, shout thou becaus

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who hath led me unto E'dom? 10 Hast not thou, O God, cast us off? And thou goest not forth. O

Sary;
For vain is the 'help of man.
12 Through God we shall do valiantly;
For he it is that will tread down

Confidence in God's Pretection.
For the Chief Mesician; on a stringed intermed.

A Padio of David.

61 Hear my cry. O God;
Attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:

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PSALMS 60.2—62.6 Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

A strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:

I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. Se lah 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my yows:

my vows:
Thou hast regiven me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou will prolong the king's life.

His years shall be as man generations.

7 He shall abide before God fo ever: Oh prepare lovingkindness and

8 So will I sing praise unto the name for ever,
That I may daily perform m

God alone a Refuge from Treathery and Oppression.

For the Chief Musician; after the minner of Jectatium. A Paulm of David.

From him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation:

He is my high tower: I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye set upon man,

"That we may slav him all o

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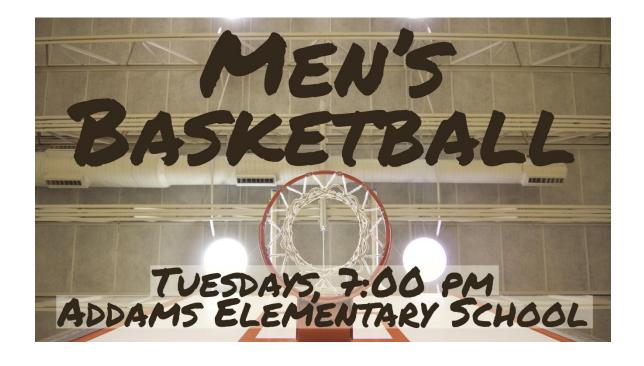
They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity;
They delight in lies;

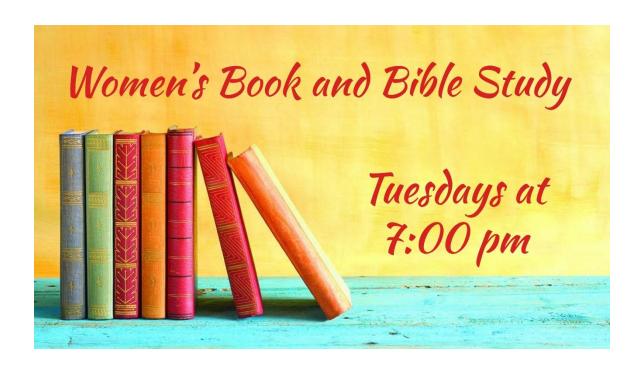
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> TUESDAYS 10:00 AM

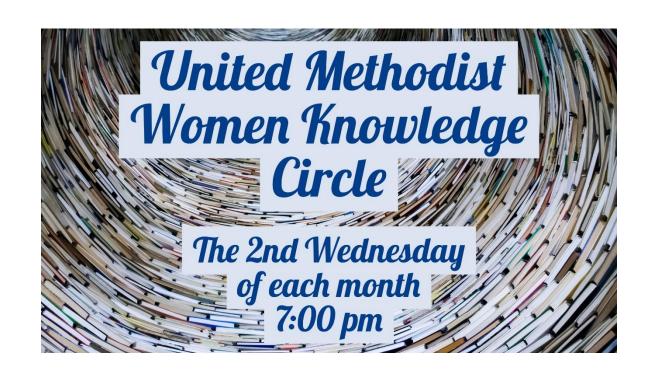






The 1st Monday
of each month
6:00 pm
Duggan's Irish
Pub









The 1st Thursday of each month

1:00 pm

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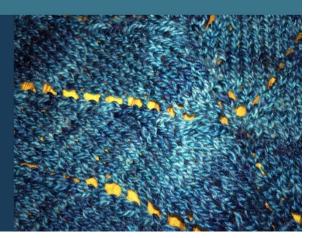
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SHAWL MINISTRY

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



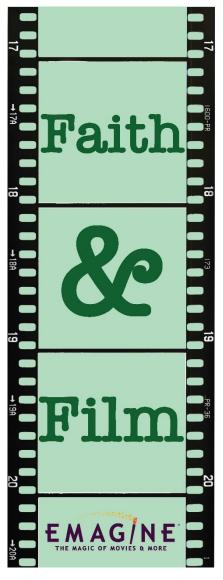
SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

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/o	r 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	s or allergy considerations? Contact Shirley Harris	at 248-765-5617 or

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!