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CHRISTMAS

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Sunday, January 13

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Festive Voluntary</i>	Henry Purcell
Hymn #553	And Are We Yet Alive Stanzas 1-4 and 6	*UMH
Call to Worship		Charlene Faunt
Hymn #156	I Love to Tell the Story Refrain only	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>I Dream a World</i> Sanctus	André J. Thomas
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Isaiah 2:1-5, Isaiah 11:1-9, Isaiah 43:18-21	**CEB
Message	The Power of Imagination	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #451	Be Thou My Vision	UMH
Postlude	<i>Flourish on Italian Hymn</i>	Gilbert Martin

*United Methodist Hymnal
**Common English Bible



AN EVENING WITH STEWART FRANCKE

Friday, January 25

7:00 pm

More information available
at rofum.org

Men's French Toast Fellowship

Saturday, January 26, 9:00 am

Contact MensFellowship@rofum.org



CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
AFTER THE 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



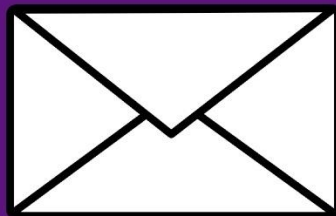
OPPORTUNITIES

Offering Envelopes are available for pickup

Your 2019 offering envelopes are available in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to pick them up today!

Contact Karen Calhoun at kcalhoun@rofum.org if you have any questions.

*New Offering Envelopes
are here!*



January Updates are here!

Be sure to pick up your January update with the month's calendar, the birthday and congregational care lists, and a special note about the meaning behind our new logo.

Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, January 13, 12:00 pm

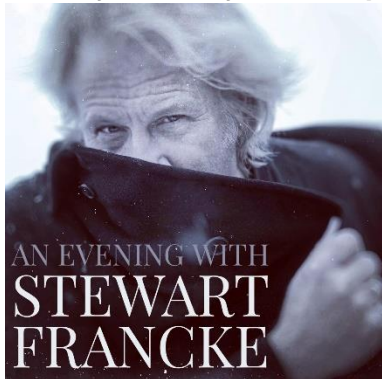
Make sure you stop by the Chili Cook-Off on Sunday! You get delicious chili, and you help support the Youth Mission Trip. Who doesn't love that?

We can't wait to see you there!



An Evening With Stewart Francke

Friday, January 25, 7:00 pm



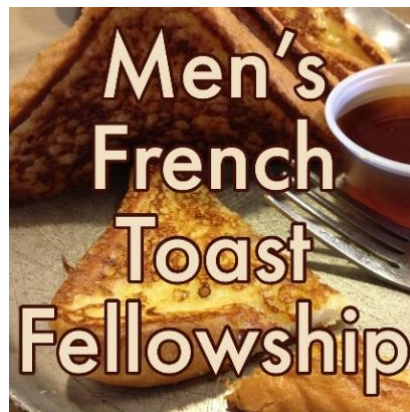
An Evening With Stewart Francke will feature Stewart speaking about the lessons found in his memoir, "What Don't Kill Me Just Makes Me Strong," and performing stripped down acoustic interpretations of his songs that grew from his experiences with cancer, recovery, addiction, sobriety, and overcoming adversity with one's grace and soul intact. To purchase tickets or find more information, go to rofum.org/links

Men's French Toast Fellowship

Saturday, January 26, 9:00 – 11:00 am

It's a new year and a great time to ignite our men's ministry here at Royal Oak First. Join us for breakfast and fellowship as we plan an exciting future together. We will gather to eat and share our hopes for 2019. God is calling the men of our congregation to join together and catch the Spirit that is already hard at work here on 7th Street.

If you are interested, sign up at the Welcome table, or contact Neal Harris at MensFellowship@rofum.org or 248-765-5618.



Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sandwich Sale

Sunday, February 3



Have you been looking for something to serve on Super Bowl Sunday? Do you want to help support our children and youth going to Choir Camp? Do you love a good Italian Sub? If you answered yes to any of those questions, we have just the thing for you! Order your \$5 Sub Sandwiches now! Subs will be made on Sunday, February 3, and will be available for pickup following Sunday worship services. Order forms are available at the Welcome Table or you can contact Shirley Harris at 248-765-5617 or sharris@rofum.org to place your order.

Spring Trek

April 1-6, 2019

Royal Oak First Adventures is pleased to announce Spring Trek 2019 at Fall Creek Falls State Park, Spencer, TN. The fun includes camping, hiking, rock climbing, and rappelling. This is organized as a family-oriented gathering, but with special arrangements to accommodate unaccompanied youth whose parents are unable to participate. Contact Jon Cline by text at 248-561-2975 or by email at springtrek@rofum.org for more information.



Wondering what to do with all those plastic grocery bags?



Plastic grocery bags. They are difficult to recycle, but throwing them out is bad for the environment, so those bags tend to accumulate in drawers or an ironic “bag-of-bags” until we run out of room and get rid of them. Instead of throwing them away, you can drop them off in the church kitchen. In addition to being one of the most common requests from the guests of our lunch program, we use plastic grocery bags to make sleeping mats for people experiencing homelessness.

New Royal Oak First mugs are here!

New year, new mug! Be sure to buy your new Royal Oak First mug before they are gone. There are two styles of travel mugs available for \$10 each and the classic ceramic mugs are available for \$5 each. Contact George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org or stop by the Welcome Table to pick up an order form.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: The Lowman Family; Dorothy Matsumoto; Gwen Ross; Nancy Matson; Diane Sexton; Laci Marie Basel; Ed Rowe; Eileen Albers; Jayden Bryant; Nancy Lorenz; Gene Davis; Brad & Judy Ather; Charlene Faunt; Mary Anne Tempest; Nate DeAngelo; Lisa Rye; Jackie Bell; Janet Cork; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Suzanne Hughes; Anne Brace; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Ann Anderson; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

Prayers for our extended family: Carol Barney; Michelle Rutowski; Larry Buger; Tim Johnson; Hermann Fleisshmann; Dan Grogan; Julie Fuller; Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Dave Jensen; Beth Zimmerman; Patrick Tamm; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap

Homebound Member of the Week: Shirley Olsen

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



Wednesdays
7:30 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.) If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248-541-4100 or office@rofum.org.

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 – *Bumblebee*

On the run in the year 1987, Bumblebee the Autobot seeks refuge in a junkyard in a small California beach town. Charlie, on the brink of turning 18 years old and trying to find her place in the world, soon discovers the battle-scarred and broken Bumblebee. When Charlie revives him, she quickly learns that this is no ordinary yellow Volkswagen.

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.



CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13

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 & Chili Cook-Off	Fellowship Hall
1:00 am	Lindblom Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Baptism Meeting	Parsonage
5:30 pm	Youth Group Rehearsal	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 14

9:00 am	Mrs. Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Directors' Meeting	2 nd Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith and Film Movie Night – <i>Mary Poppins Returns</i>	Emagine Royal Oak
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 am	Mrs. Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:00 am	Pastor's Book and Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Church Office
7:00 pm	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	HopCat
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, January 16

9:00 am	Mrs. Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Study	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)	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Children, Youth, and Families Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Congregational Care 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, January 17

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

Friday, January 18

9:00 am	Mrs. 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, January 19

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

Sunday, January 20

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
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale.....	Sanctuary

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Nearly fifty-one years ago on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson Avenue in the heart of downtown Detroit, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. first proclaimed these words:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.”

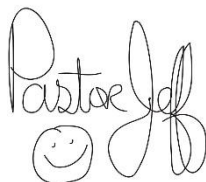
A few months later, he would utter these prophetic words again from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech painted a picture of a world far different than the one in which he was living, and this vision has given us the courage to close the gap between his dream and our reality. Before there were changes in laws and systems, there was a change in vision. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped us rethink the way the world should, and could, become.

It begins with vision. How do we imagine our lives and our world? How do we want them to look? What would we want to be different? What needs to change in order for your dreams for the future to become a reality? It is the alternative vision that compels us to live our lives in new and transforming ways.

This week’s film, “Welcome to Marwen,” tells the real life story of Mark Hogancamp, a man whose imagination created a new world, a world where acceptance and love were possible for him. This film reminds us that visions and dreams still matter, and here at Royal Oak First we are committed to keeping the vision of a transformed world at the forefront. We have a vision of a world where the hungry are fed, children and youth are inspired, seniors are cared for, and those who the church has too often forgotten are included. That is our dream. That is our vision. We invite you to help us make it a reality!

Let’s keep imagining a new world!

Grace and Peace,

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.

PS - Please come back to the movies with us this week as we all see, *Mary Poppins Returns*. It is at the Royal Oak Imagine, 7pm and \$7 a ticket. This week is family week so all kids 12 and under are free!