

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
9:00 AM WORSHIP

WISE MEN

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song My Lighthouse

Call to Worship

Song I Saw the Light

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Jesus* The Velvet Underground
Andrew Lindblom and Erica Plesco

Scripture Matthew 2:1-3, 9-12 *NRSV
Crystal Reed

Message Wise Men Myra Moreland

Communion *Go Light Your World*
House Band

Song This Little Light of Mine



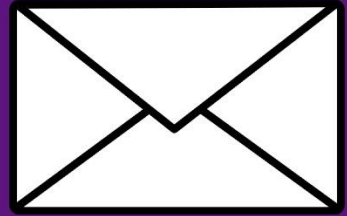
OPPORTUNITIES

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!

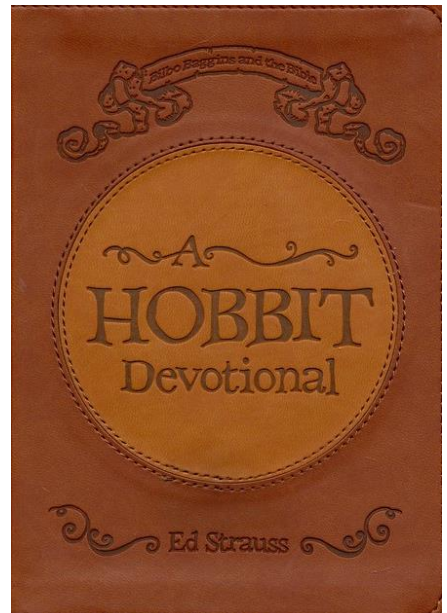
Be sure to pick up your January update with the month's calendar, the birthday and congregational care lists, and a special note about the meaning behind our new logo.

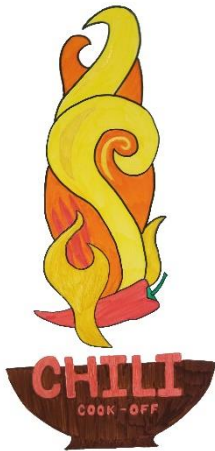
*January
Update*

The Hobbits Are Returning!

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 pm

The Hobbit Devotional Book Study returns this week, and we would love to have you join us. Come to the Hobbit Hole (also known as the Church Office) on Wednesday nights to accompany us on our journey!





Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, January 13, 12:00 pm

Do you have a secret family recipe for chili that you think everyone will enjoy? Or do you just love making chili? Bring it on! Enter the Chili Cook-Off supporting our Youth Mission Trip and see if you can beat last year's reigning champions, Anna Longe and Jennifer Tripoli. Do you think you can stand the heat? Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org for more information.

Winter Activities Weekend

January 25-27, 2019

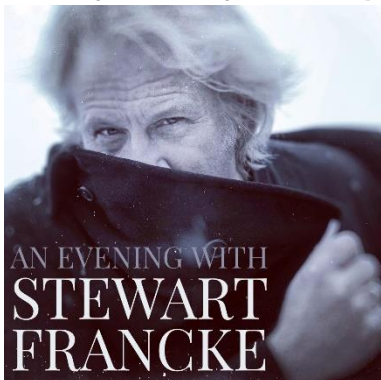
Invite your friends and join us for a weekend of winter activities in Roscommon, MI. Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Ice Fishing, and Bowling are conveniently located near our base lodge adjacent to North Higgins Lake State Park.

Sign up at the Welcome table or contact Bob Berard at 248-545-8668 or ski@rofum.org if you have any more questions.



An Evening With Stewart Francke

Friday, January 25, 7:00 pm



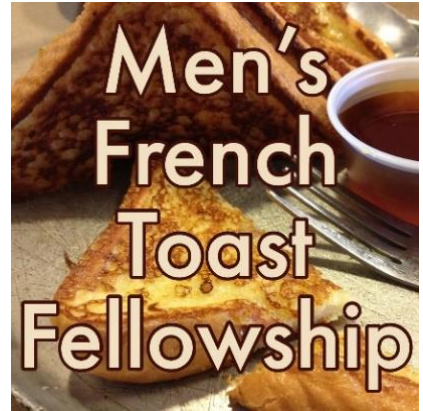
An Evening With Stewart Francke will feature Stewart speaking about the lessons found in his memoir, "What Don't Kill Me Just Makes Me Strong," and performing stripped down acoustic interpretations of his songs that grew from his experiences with cancer, recovery, addiction, sobriety, and overcoming 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 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.



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. Informational meetings are scheduled for Monday January 7, at 7:00 pm and Wednesday January 9, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (same information at both meetings). 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.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Laci Marie Basel; Ed Rowe; Eileen Albers; Jayden Bryant; Nancy Lorenz; Paul Kremer; Vel Lowman; Gene Davis; Brad & Judy Ather; Charlene Faunt; Mary Anne Tempest; Jenny Lowman; 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 Fleissmann; Dan Grogan; Julie Fuller; James & Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Jackie Pingel; Dave Jensen; Beth Zimmerman; Patrick Tamm; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap

Homebound Member of the Week: Joyce Nelson

Sympathy to the family and friends of Vera Miller on her death, December 29.

Sympathy to the Matsumoto Family on the death of Jan's mother, Donna J. Reed, December 28.

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



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 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 – 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.



SERMON NOTES

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6

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| 9:00 am | Worship & Communion | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall | |
| 10:00 am | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30 am | Music Guild | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 am | Worship & Communion | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405 | |
| | Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402 | |
| | Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403 | |
| 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 12:15 pm | Emergency Training Team | Sanctuary |
| 5:30 pm | Youth Group Rehearsal | Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414 |
| 6:45 pm | Youth Group Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:15 pm | Crucifer/Acolyte Training..... | Sanctuary |
| 7:15 pm | Royal Oak Youth Parent Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:15 pm | Youth Group..... | Fellowship Hall |

Monday, January 7

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| 9:00 am | Mrs. Mason's Candies | Kitchen |
| 9:15 am | Core Meeting | 2 nd Floor |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:45 am | Directors' Meeting | 2 nd Floor |
| 6:00 pm | ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors)..... | Duggan's Irish Pub |
| 6:30 pm | Relationships in Transition..... | Room #414 |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Faith and Film Movie Night – <i>Welcome to Marwen</i> | Emagine Royal Oak |
| 7:00 pm | First Adventures Spring Trek Informational Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, January 8

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| 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 |
| 12:30 pm | Staff Meeting | Berkley First UMC |
| 1:00 pm | Communion Ministry Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 3:30 pm | Piano Lessons | Choir Room |
| 7:00 pm | Staff/Parish Relations Committee | Church Office |
| 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 9

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| 9:00 am | Mrs. 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) | 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 | The Hobbit Devotional Book Study | Church Office |
| 7:00 pm | First Adventures Spring Trek Informational Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Knowledge Circle | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:30 pm | House Band Rehearsal..... | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 pm | Nar-Anon..... | Room #403 |
| 8:00 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga | Room #414 |

Thursday, January 10

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| 7:00 am | Men's Morning Fellowship | Nello's Eatery |
| 9:00 am | Mrs. Mason's Candies | Kitchen |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program | Fellowship Hall |
| 1:00 pm | Shawl Ministry | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctus Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Friday, January 11

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| 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 12

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| 2:20 pm | Ring Ceremony | Sanctuary |
| 4:00 pm | Worship | Sanctuary |

Sunday, January 6

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| 9:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall | |
| 10:00 am | Fellowship Hour & Chili Cook-Off | 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 | |
| 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hour & Chili Cook-Off | Fellowship Hall |
| 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 |

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year Friends!

For our first Sunday in the new year, we go back to the nativity one more time. This time we join the Wise Men and follow the star. I did some research during Advent about this famous star that appeared mysteriously. I found an article by David Weintraub titled, "Navigating the Crossroads of Science and Religion." There are truly interesting astrological phenomenon happening during the Nativity story.

The story of the Wise Men and the star is only found in the gospel of Matthew and the writer carefully chose words that lead us down an astrological path. Lost in translations, several of the words used by Matthew were actual astrological terms in Greek. David Weintraub takes it a step forward with a modern day explanation for the star. "Together, a rare combination of astrological events (the right planet rising before the sun; the sun being in the right constellation of the zodiac; plus a number of other combinations of planetary positions) would have suggested to ancient Greek astrologers a real horoscope and a royal birth." You could say that God chose a moment when the stars literally aligned, to send his son to the earth and to send a message to the entire world that something big, something "royal," was happening in Bethlehem.

The question is, what does this mean for us and our understanding of God coming to the earth in Jesus. Looking back to the question of the article, how do we navigate the crossroads of science and religion? How do we navigate the boundaries of intellect and faith?

We'll be looking at these questions this weekend as we travel together back to the Christ child, where it all began.

Grace and Peace,

Myra Moreland