



Jeff



Sunday • 10:59 PM

What do you mean when you  
say

grace?



Sun 11:00 PM



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Fantasy in C Major, BWV 570</i>	J.S. Bach
Hymn #147	All Things Bright and Beautiful	*UMH
Call to Worship		Kathi Burger
Song	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Chorus only	
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Music Ministry	<i>You Raise Me Up</i> John Marsh	Lovland/Graham
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Sanctus	arr. Shafferman
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Genesis 1-2:4 Kathi Burger, Caleb Williams, Faye Bond	**CEB
Message	Grace	Jeff Nelson
Hymn	Amazing Grace	
Postlude	<i>Toccata on Amazing Grace</i>	J.C. Pardini

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible

Welcome to  
the Party!

Sunday, February 10  
2:00 pm

Contact [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org)  
or 248-541-4100

SATURDAY  
NIGHT  
SUPPER  
CLUB



FEBRUARY 16  
5:30 PM



Fish  
Dinners

4:30-7:00 pm  
March 1, 15, & 29  
April 12

The Way  
Forward

Wednesdays  
at 6:30 pm



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Scripture on Human Sexuality Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

As the United Methodist Church gets into the historic conversation on The Way Forward, Pastor Jeff Nelson and Robin Oesterwind will lead us in a three-week study of the scripture on human sexuality and how we as Christians can prepare for any possible changes that may be coming. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship

Applications Due February 15



It is time to take steps to apply for college scholarships for the 2019 school year. The scholarship committee administers the scholarship fund in memory of Keith J. Leenhouts.

Application forms are available in the church office and at Royal Oak High School and Berkley High School. Guidelines for awarding the scholarships are included with the applications. Contributions to the Keith J. Leenhouts scholarship fund will be gratefully accepted. Checks payable to Royal Oak Methodist Church should be sent to the church office designated to The Leenhouts Scholarship Fund.

## Saturday Supper Club Valentine's Party

Saturday, February 16, 5:30 pm

We want everyone to join us for a wonderful Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 16, at 5:30 pm. Show off your cooking skills (or your buying skills) and bring your favorite dish or dessert. If you have questions, contact Pastor Myra Moreland at [mmoreland@rofum.org](mailto:mmoreland@rofum.org).



# Family Mission Day

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**Monday, February 18, 9:30 am**

Our daily lunch program is the cornerstone of our Missions here at Royal Oak First. Bring your family on Monday, February 18, to learn more about the program and work together to help this amazing team. Who knows? Maybe you will find a new place to serve. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).

## Birthday Club for Methodist Children's Home

**Wednesday, February 20**

It's Birthday Club time at the Methodist Children's Home! There are five boys living at the Methodist Children's Home with February birthdays. If you would like to be part of their party, opportunities include buying gifts from the boys' wish lists; donating wrapping paper, decorations, or paper goods; or attending the party. Help us make the party a success and bring joy to some boys living in difficult circumstances. You can sign up at the Welcome Table or by contacting Gigi Harris at [birthdayclub@rofum.org](mailto:birthdayclub@rofum.org).



## Men's Fellowship

**Saturday, February 23, 9:00 – 11:00 am**

A new men's group is forming at Royal Oak First. Enjoy a tasty breakfast with a great group of guys and help us chart a course that includes friendship, fun, service and personal/spiritual growth.

Sign up at the Welcome Table or call, text, or email Neal Harris at 248-765-5618 or [MensFellowship@rofum.org](mailto:MensFellowship@rofum.org).

## Communion Server Training

**Sunday, February 24, 12:30 pm**

Serving communion is a wonderful, personal way to enhance the worship experience for yourself and others. If you are interested in joining the team of servants who call us all to the table, contact Debi Szeliga at [dszeliga@rofum.org](mailto:dszeliga@rofum.org) or simply come to the communion server training on Sunday, February 24.





## **Fish Dinners are Coming Soon!**

**March 1, 15, 29, & April 12**

**4:30 – 7:00 pm**

Our famous fish dinners are coming back! Be sure to join us in March and April for four wonderful nights of food, fellowship, and service. Adult meals start at just \$10. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).

## **Scout Sunday**

**Sunday, March 3**

All youth and adults involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, Camp Fire, Indian Guides, etc. are encouraged to attend Scout Sunday, March 3, in their uniform. Please come celebrate with us! Contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

# SCOUT SUNDAY



## **Big Boy Night for Music Guild**

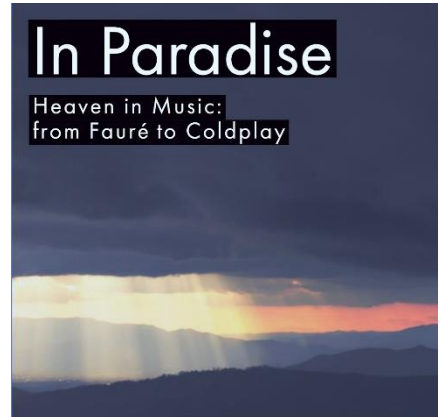
**Tuesday, March 3, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Come to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd. in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 20% of your dinner tab (with a flyer) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name! Contact Shirley Harris at [sharris@rofum.org](mailto:sharris@rofum.org) with any questions. Flyers are available at the Welcome Table.

## In Paradise: Heaven in Music

**Sunday, March 10, 4:00 pm**

Music has the power to transport us, to comfort and to challenge, and to offer a glimpse of heaven on earth. Join us March 10 for a concert that explores many ideas of heaven, from the choir and harp of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* to Coldplay's *Paradise*. Youth and adult choirs, orchestra, and our own House Band will join forces for this unique event. Free admission, so bring a friend. For more information, contact the office or Minister of Worship & Arts Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org).



## Choir Camp Staff Applications

**Deadline: Friday, March 15**



It isn't too early to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and lots of fun! Our annual choir camp is coming, and you have the opportunity to be part of this transformative week for the children and youth of the church. Camp will be the week of July 21-27, so be sure to mark your calendars and join us!

Camp staff applications will be available in the church office and at the Welcome Table. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 15. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248-703-8805 or email her at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

## Euchre Party for our Lithuanian Partnership

**Sunday, March 23, 6:00 – 11:00 pm**

**Royal Oak Farmers' Market**

Calling all Euchre players! Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a fun night of cards with your church family while supporting our partnership with Lithuania. Bring a beverage, an appetizer to share, and a friend. The party starts at 6:00 pm, and the games will begin at 7:00.

Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) or at the Welcome Table. Admission is \$25 per person. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org)



# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Mary Anne Tempest; James Respecki; Jennie Notarantonio; Don Siedler; Rebecca Turcotte; Jean Foster; Shirley Gnegy; Diana Shornak; Art Miller; Lee Hoffmann; Anne Brace; The Lowman Family; Dorothy Matsumoto; Gwen Ross; Nancy Matson; Diane Sexton; Laci Marie Basel; Ed Rowe; Eileen Albers; Jayden Bryant; Nancy Lorenz; Brad & Judy Ather; Charlene Faunt; Nate DeAngelo; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Suzanne Hughes; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Ann Anderson; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

**Prayers for our extended family:** George Bartley; David Moser; Sarah Leoni; 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

**Sympathy** to Lynn & Tim Huber on the death of their father, Foster Braun, on February 3.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Marge Youngs

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at  
[prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.



## SERMON NOTES

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday, February 10

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
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society .....	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party! .....	Parsonage
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, February 11

8:45 am	Pastors' Meeting .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Directors' Team Meeting .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, February 12

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 .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit .....	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball .....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	HopCat
7:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee .....	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor

### Wednesday, February 13

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
4:30 pm	Violin Rehearsal.....	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 .....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study.....	Church Office
6:30 pm	Scripture on Human Sexuality Bible Study.....	Youth Room
7:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Acolyte Training .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
7:45 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Choir Room
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Room #414

### Thursday, February 14

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Nello's Eatery
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Ascend Church Music Practice .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

### Friday, February 15

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, February 16

10:00 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Saturday Supper Club.....	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 17

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
12:15 pm	Emergency Team Meeting.....	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Laci's Gospel Cabaret.....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale.....	Sanctuary

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I was at the chiropractor the other week and my doctor kept using chiropractic words. Words like Lumbosacral Strain, Subluxation, and Intervertebral Disc. My doctor dropped these words as if she was sure I knew exactly what she meant. She spoke a language I didn't speak—a language I didn't understand. I found myself needing to stop her from time to time and say, "What do mean when you say..."

It is really easy to develop an insider language, a way of speaking that only others like you will understand. The faith community has developed its own insider language. We use theological and religious words, assuming everybody knows what we mean, words like grace, sin, salvation and Kingdom of God.

What do we mean we use these words?

What don't we mean?

Do these words still matter?

How do these words shape our life together?

"What do we mean when we say..."

For the next month, we will be looking at some of the unique words we throw around in the church, hoping to give us some deeper connections to our faith and to each other.

Thanks for being here this morning.

We are glad you are here!

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Joel". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.