



Jeff



Saturday • 3:59 PM

What do you mean when you say...

sin?



Sat 4:00 PM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn Sing Mary Nahhat

Hymn #2221 In Unity We Lift Our Song \*FWS

Call to Worship Leonard Benyas

Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)  
Chorus only

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Bird Set Free* Sia  
Adrianna Marino

Doxology #95 \*\*UMH

Scripture Romans 7:13-25, Exodus 3:7-10 \*\*\*CEB

Message What do you mean when you say sin? Myra Moreland

Hymn The Old Rugged Cross

\* Faith We Sing  
\*\* United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\*\* Common English Bible



# In Paradise

Heaven in Music:  
from Fauré to Coldplay

Sunday, March 10  
4:00 pm



## Fish Dinners

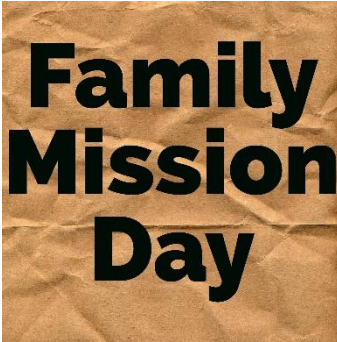
4:30-7:00 pm  
March 1, 15, & 29  
April 12



The Way  
Forward

Wednesdays  
at 6:30 pm

# OPPORTUNITIES



## Family Mission Day

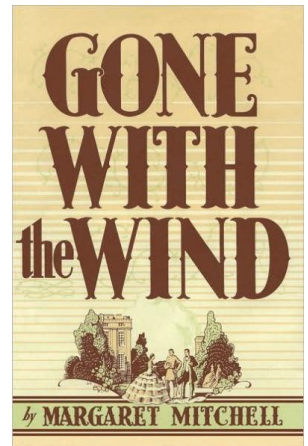
**Monday, February 18, 9:30 am**

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).

## United Methodist Women Book Club: *Gone With The Wind*

**Wednesday, February 20, 10:00 am**

Published in 1936, *Gone With The Wind* by Margaret Mitchell focuses on the South during the time of the American Civil War. It depicts the struggles of young Scarlett O'Hara, the daughter of a wealthy plantation owner. The book was a fiction best seller in 1937. The author received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and it was adapted into the popular film of the same name in 1937. Join us as we enjoy a discussion of this outstanding story of Civil War days. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## 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).

## **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 Breakfast**

**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.

Contact Neal Harris at 248-765-5618 or [MensFellowship@rofum.org](mailto:MensFellowship@rofum.org) or sign up at the Welcome Table.

## **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.

Opportunities to serve are available to everyone (children and youth even get credit for Choir Camp,) so be sure to sign up at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links). If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@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 5, 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.

## United Methodist Women Program and Meeting

Thursday, March 7

Committee: 10:30 am, Choir Room

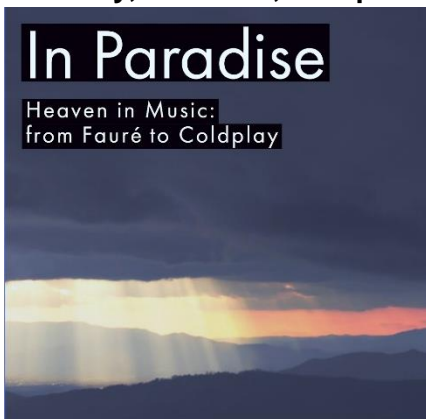
Program: 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special presentation from Robin Richardson, as she teaches us more about our partners in Lithuania and the ways that we can help each other. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## 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).

## Conversations and Coffee: Lenten Discussion Sessions

Begins Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for Coffee and Conversation each Wednesday night in Lent. Together we will tackle critical issues: Bringing America Back together, Growing Young, Finding God in a Digital Age, The End of Racial America, and Sustainability and Happiness. We will meet in the sanctuary and hear from an expert on the topic, then break into discussion groups. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at [mmoreland@rofum.org](mailto:mmoreland@rofum.org).

## 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).

## Service Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative

**Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store on Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. If you like to spend time with babies and children, you can sign up to be a babysitter to watch the children while parents shop. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Table. For more information, contact Astrid Harrod at 248-635-6357 or [RBI@rofum.org](mailto:RBI@rofum.org).



## Euchre Party for Lithuanian

**Saturday, 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:** Alexis Bagrosky; 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

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Clifford Anderson

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

**The Chancel Flowers** are in loving memory of Bob George, given by his family.



# CALENDAR

## 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
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council .....	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Laci's Gospel Cabaret .....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary

## Monday, February 18

8:45 am	Pastors' Meeting .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
9:15 am	Core Team Meeting .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
9:30 am	Children & Family Mission Day .....	Fellowship Hall
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	Missions Team .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, February 19

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	Sing Out Detroit .....	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Hollingsworth/Dowd Home

## Wednesday, February 20

10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 20 continued

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 .....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Scripture on Human Sexuality Bible Study .....	Chapel
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

### Thursday, February 21

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Nello's Eatery
10:00 am	As We Gather Worship Service .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

### Friday, February 22

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 23

9:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast .....	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Youth Ropes Course Outing.....	Troy Gymnastics

### Sunday, February 24

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
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12:30 pm	Communion Training.....	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 and Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

“This is not a fluke. Royal Oak First has experienced a rebirth that will continue to propel you through these early decades of the twenty-first century. I fully expect you to be a flagship church for United Methodist ministry in the Detroit area for years to come...You currently have about 400 persons joining you in worship on a weekend. I see the possibilities for 1,000 in just a few years!”

That quote comes from the opening paragraph of the consultation report that Paul Nixon wrote after spending the last weekend of January with us. Let his words sink in for a minute.

There is something special happening among us.

The Spirit is alive and moving.

We have an opportunity to work together to build a church that truly makes Christ’s love real. Imagine hundreds more people experiencing real love through an inclusive community, developing real friendships, and making a real difference in the world around us.

In order to live into this opportunity Paul Nixon recommends that we prioritize the following:

- Increase the number of groups and short-term experiences where relationships form and deepen.
- Refresh our Sunday strategy for fellowship and welcoming.
- Plan for a Grand Opening month in September 2019 with double the normal building traffic.
- Plan for a fall 2019 capital campaign, simultaneous with our regular budget pledge drive.

In the weeks to come, we will be reaching out, asking each of you to find a place to help build this movement. We cannot do this with you.

Thank you for being a part of this moment. You are a blessing.

As Paul Nixon reminded us in his report, “Grace is winning out at Royal Oak First, so it is important to keep the challenge of leaning toward your neighbors and community in the consciousness of your leaders.”

Let’s keep leaning into this future!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff