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# salvation

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*noun*

1. The yearning, hope, and purpose of all life.
2. The ongoing transformation of both the individual and the community.
3. The whole enchilada.

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Sunday, February 24  
9:00 am Worship

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Joy of the Lord

Song Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Noisy Bucket

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *The Ash Grove* Welsh Traditional  
Andrew Lindblom and Heather Riggs

Scripture Excerpts from Romans 8 and Philippians 1:6 \*CEB  
Joan Johnson

Message What do you mean when you say salvation? Jeff Nelson

Song In the Garden

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible



# Fish Dinners

4:30-7:00 pm

March 1, 15, & 29

April 12

# ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6  
7:00 PM



# In Paradise

Heaven in Music:  
from Fauré to Coldplay

Sunday, March 10  
4:00 pm

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Virtual Tech Team

Technology is amazing. Usually. Our Director of Communications, Sam Garrett, is creating a virtual team to be a sounding board for those moments when technology is less amazing. The one thing we can promise: this team will not meet in person. All communication will be handled via email and text message, so you never have to worry about fitting a new meeting into your schedule. If you enjoy solving puzzles like, "What is the best way to boost a Wi-Fi signal?" or researching problems like, "Can we add a donate button to a Facebook Live video after it has started?" contact Sam Garrett at [sgarrett@rofum.org](mailto:sgarrett@rofum.org).



## 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.

## **Ash Wednesday**

**March 6, 7:00 pm**

Every year, as the church prepares for Easter, we enter a season called Lent. These 40 days help us refocus and remember who we are before the big celebration. We begin the season next week with a worship gathering called Ash Wednesday. At 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 6, join us for this deep and powerful hour of worship. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## **United Methodist Women Program and Meeting**

**Thursday, March 7**

**Committee: 10:30 am, Choir Room**

**Program: 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

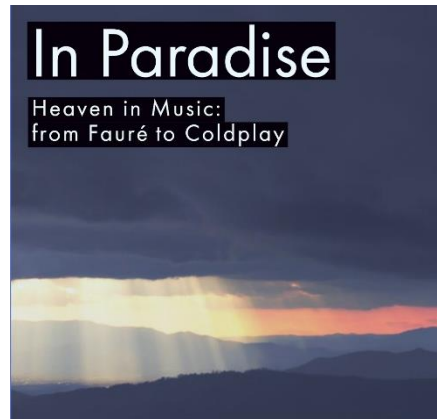


Join us for a special presentation from Robin Richardson, as she teaches us more about our partners in Lithuania and the ways that we can help each other. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).

## 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).



## Communion Enrichment Class for Royal Oak Youth

Begins Sunday, March 10, 11:00 am

Why do we practice Holy Communion? Our middle and high school students will explore this question and others during a special Sunday School series throughout the month of March. On Saturday, April 6, the group will gather at 1:30 pm to make the bread for the weekend's worship services. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Haight at [communion@rofum.org](mailto:communion@rofum.org).

## Coffee and Conversations: 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 Lithuania

**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:** Art Miller; Mary Anne Tempest; James Respecki; Jennie Notarantonio; Don Siedler; Jean Foster; Shirley Gnegy; Diana Shornak; Lee Hoffmann; Anne Brace; The Lowman Family; Dorothy Matsumoto; Gwen Ross; 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; Ann Anderson; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

**Prayers for our extended family:** Carl Wilson; Alexis Bagrosky; George Bartley; David Moser; Sarah Leoni; Carol Barney; Larry Buger; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Marcia Armstrong

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



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm



# GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTION

Girl Scout Troop 76245 is collecting food and kitchen staples for the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit. If you would like to help with this important mission, bring any of the items listed below with you next weekend.

- Coffee Creamer (non-refrigerated)
- Sugar Packets
- Cereal Bars
- Pretzels and Chips (individual bags)
- Granola Bars
- Heavy Duty paper plates and plastic utensils
- Gallon size zipper bags
- Food storage containers (with lids)
- Dish soap
- Spatulas
- Kitchen Scrubbers
- Stainless Steel Cleanser



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# CALENDAR

## 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
	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	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

## Monday, February 25

10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day .....	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Directors' Team Meeting .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, February 26

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
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit .....	Sanctuary & 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 .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor

## Wednesday, February 27

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 .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Spring Trek Meeting .....	Gathering Space

### Wednesday, February 27 continued

7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

### Thursday, February 28

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Nello's Eatery
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Piano Tuning.....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

### Friday, March 1

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
4:30 pm	Fish Dinner.....	Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, Choir Room, Narthex

### Saturday, March 2

10:00 am	Wedding.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 3 – Scout Sunday

8:30 am	Usher Training .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
9:00 am	Worship & Communion.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	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	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Usher Training .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
3:00 pm	World Sabbath .....	Islamic House of Wisdom
5:30 pm	High School Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale.....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	High School Youth Group and Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

There are three High Holy Seasons at Royal Oak First: Christmas, Easter, & Fish Dinners!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> season is upon us. On March 1, 15, 29, and April 12, we will host over 1,200 of our neighbors for a night of good food and good fellowship. Let's be honest, while we will raise some money for missions and choir camp, Fish Dinners are not primarily a fundraiser. What they are is a gift to the community of welcome and hospitality. It is a chance for people to relax and enjoy the company of others. That is a real gift in the world today.

Last year was my first experience, and on the first night there was one man who was the first to arrive. I don't remember his name, but I do remember him telling me that coming to our fish dinners was something he and his wife had done for many years. He then went on to tell me that his wife had died in the last year but he knew that coming to the fish dinner that night would bring comfort to his grieving heart. It was right then that I realized the power and importance of this ministry. It's not for the money we raise, or the food we serve, but for the friendship and sense of belonging we offer.

So, here's what I need you to do:

- 1) Pick a date and pick a friend or two and come and enjoy the dinner.
- 2) Pick a date that you would be willing to come and make the dinner a success. There is a job for everyone including working the kitchen, wiping down tables, shaking hands at the door, or selling tickets.

Please join the Royal Oak First Cod Squad ("Cheesy" is my middle name...), and let's make sure our community knows that they are welcome here in our home.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff