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Saturday, March 23  
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

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Breakers  
Lent 2019

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #133	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	*UMH
Call to Worship		Joanna McGee
Song #2232	Come Now, O Prince of Peace	**FWS
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	An a cappella medley Beginner	
Doxology #95		UMH
Song	<i>Love Breaks Through</i>	Caleb Williams
Scripture	Matthew 8:1-4; 14-17	***CEB
Message	Touch	George Marck
Hymn #560	Help Us Accept Each Other	UMH

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Faith We Sing

\*\*\* Common English Bible

# Coffee and Conversations

Wednesday, March 28

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

*The Search for God  
in a Digital Age*  
Craig Detweiler



## Fish Dinners

4:30-7:00 pm

March 29

April 12



# RIPPLING HOPE WORK DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Coffee and Conversations: Lenten Discussion Sessions

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm



Join us for Coffee and Conversation each Wednesday night in Lent. Together we will tackle critical issues: The Search for God in a Digital Age; Dreaming The End of Racial America; and Sustainability, Happiness, and the “Slow” Movement. 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).

## Men’s Fellowship Opportunities

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 pm

### Brew with your Buds

Inviting all men of the church to join us at Jolly Pumpkin on Main Street to grab a beverage, some food and hang out with fellow men 6:00 – 8:00 pm. If you have any questions, contact Michael Spath at [brew@rofum.org](mailto:brew@rofum.org)

Saturday, March 30, 4:00 pm

### Fowling

We are going Fowling! Don’t know what Fowling is? Football+Bowling+Fun=Fowling. Head down to the Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck with us and join in the fun! If you have any questions, contact Neal Harris at [MensFellowship@rofum.org](mailto:MensFellowship@rofum.org)



## Fish Dinners

March 29 & April 12

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Our famous fish dinners are back! Be sure to join us for these 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).

## United Methodist Women Program and Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 1:00 pm

Join us for a special presentation from Laci Marie Basel, a father and former high school principal as she shares *Journey of Faith*, her compelling and heart-wrenching experience as a transgender woman. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## Rippling Hope Work Day

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am



Rippling Hope works to help seniors and low income Detroiters with home repairs and maintenance. Meet us in the church parking lot at 9:00 am to go to the Rippling Hope Offices in Detroit. Our work will be finished by 4:00 pm. There will be jobs for everyone middle-school-age and older of all skill levels. Our projects may include interior and exterior painting, drywall installation, porch repairs, fence repairs, and general yard maintenance. Sign up at the Welcome Table or by contacting Mike McNutt at [ripplinghope@rofum.org](mailto:ripplinghope@rofum.org).

## South Oakland Shelter at St. Paul Lutheran

Sunday, April 21 – Saturday, April 27

South Oakland Shelter is a traveling homeless shelter for the people in our community. For one week each year, we partner with our Downtown Royal Oak neighbors at St. Paul Lutheran to make the week a success. You can help. Opportunities include Morning & Evening Drivers to and from the SOS office in Southfield, breakfast & dinner cooks/servers, overnight hosts, donations of food item staples, and making bagged lunches. Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) or at the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org).



# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Laurie O'Donnell; Ceci Tamm; Dan Mayer; John Wagster; Barb Seizert; Audrey Fick; Lloyd & Janet Ramseyer; Lorraine Dorsey; Carol Hardt; Laci Basel; Marguerite Nowacek; Art & Delores Miller; Al & Margaret Simmons; Patty Dunstan; Mary Lou Graeber; Inge Wichers; Linda Somers; Doris Whitney; Joan Johnson; Mary Anne Tempest; James Respecki; Don Siedler; Jean Foster; Lee Hoffmann; Anne Brace; Gwen Ross; Eileen Albers; Nancy Lorenz; Nate DeAngelo; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Ann Anderson; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

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

**Sympathy** to the family of Laurie O'Donnell on the death of her mother.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Joyce Nelson

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



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm

# COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS



Wednesday, March 27, 6:00-7:30 pm  
*The Search for God in a Digital Age*  
Craig Detweiler

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00-7:30 pm  
*Dreaming the End of Racial America*  
Willie Jennings



Wednesday, April 10, 6:00-7:30 pm  
*Sustainability, Happiness, and the  
“Slow” Movement*  
William Powers

# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm Sunday Celebrations**

Saturday, April 13, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 & 11:00 am

This is the day we relive the great Jesus parade as it entered the city. It is a day of excitement with palms to wave and joy to spread.

## **Mauudy Thursday**

April 18, 7:00 pm

This powerful evening service is a very meaningful night of song and communion. We will recreate the upper room where Jesus gathered for one last meal with his closest friends. Nursery care is available.

## **Good Friday Worship**

April 19, 12:00 pm

Come to the foot of the cross and experience the passion of Jesus. This is a service of deep reflection with powerful music and a message that will make you wrestle with the pain and suffering of the world.

## **7 Last Words**

April 19, 7:00 pm

This is an experience you don't want to miss. Local poets and musicians are taking the seven last words and creating original works that will make these ancient words come alive! Nursery care is available.

## **Easter Weekend**

Saturday, April 20, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 21, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00

Come out and celebrate the resurrection of Christ. This is the day where we say, "God's not dead!" We remember that the movement of peace, justice, kindness, and inclusion is alive and well.



HOLY WEEK  
SCHEDULE



# EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering a choice of spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21, or contributing to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. If you wish to participate, place this form in the offering plate or return it to the church office on or before Sunday, April 7.

Checks made out to Royal Oak First United Methodist (ROFUM) or cash must accompany your order.

Please use one form per sentiment. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and church office.

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\_\_\_ Easter Lily (1 bloom) - \$12

\_\_\_ Easter Lily (2 blooms) - \$23

\_\_\_ Azalea - \$23

\_\_\_ Daffodil - \$9

\_\_\_ Hyacinth - \$9

\_\_\_ Tulip - \$9

\_\_\_ I will pick up the plant after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_ I am willing to deliver my plant to a homebound member on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_ I will order my own plant and deliver it to the church on Friday, April 19.

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for UMCOR.

This is a memorial to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Tear out this page and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 24

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Parlor; 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
12:45 pm	Usher Training .....	Royal Oak Taphouse
2:15 pm	Family Bowling Day .....	Hartfield Lanes
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale.....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group and Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

## Monday, March 25

9:00 am	Organ Tuning .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Directors' Team Meeting.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor

## Tuesday, March 26

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
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	HopCat
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting .....	Conference Room off Gathering Space
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, March 27

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out).....	The Avenue Restaurant
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Violin Rehearsal.....	Room #403
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) .....	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 27 continued

6:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation .....	Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Chapel
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

### Thursday, March 28

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Brew with Your Bud's Men's Group .....	Jolly Pumpkin Restaurant
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

### Friday, March 29

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Fish Dinner.....	Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, Choir Room

### Saturday, March 30

4:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Fowling .....	The Fowling Warehouse
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 31

9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Parlor; 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
12:45 pm	Coffee Hour Volunteer Training .....	Royal Oak Taphouse
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	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

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

~ Isaiah 55:8–9

Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I sat in heartbroken disbelief as the stories of the mass shootings at the Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Center in Christchurch, New Zealand unfolded. People murdered in the midst of the sacred act of prayer and worship, targeted precisely because of their faith. I sat for a long time in our sanctuary Monday morning and prayed for each of the 50 victims and their families. I asked that God would bring peace to these families and to our world.

When Bridget and I moved to Detroit in 1997, we lived on the far west side just a couple of miles from Dearborn. Coming from where I grew up in Wisconsin we had never really met or interacted with Arab Americans and Muslims. We got involved in many interfaith activities and actions that helped us learn to know and appreciate our new neighbors. We met people of deep faith and people committed to helping shape a world of peace. I couldn't help but think of some of these old friends in the days after the New Zealand shootings.

God's ways are not our ways. Thank God for that...

When our ways are often bent on hatred....God calls us to a way of neighborly love.

When our ways are bent on the power of violence...God calls us to a way of generous service.

When our ways want revenge...God calls to the way of cheek turning and foot-washing.

We are on our way toward Easter—to discovering, once again, that God's way brings dead things back to life.

Thanks be to God!

Glad to be on "the way" with you.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.