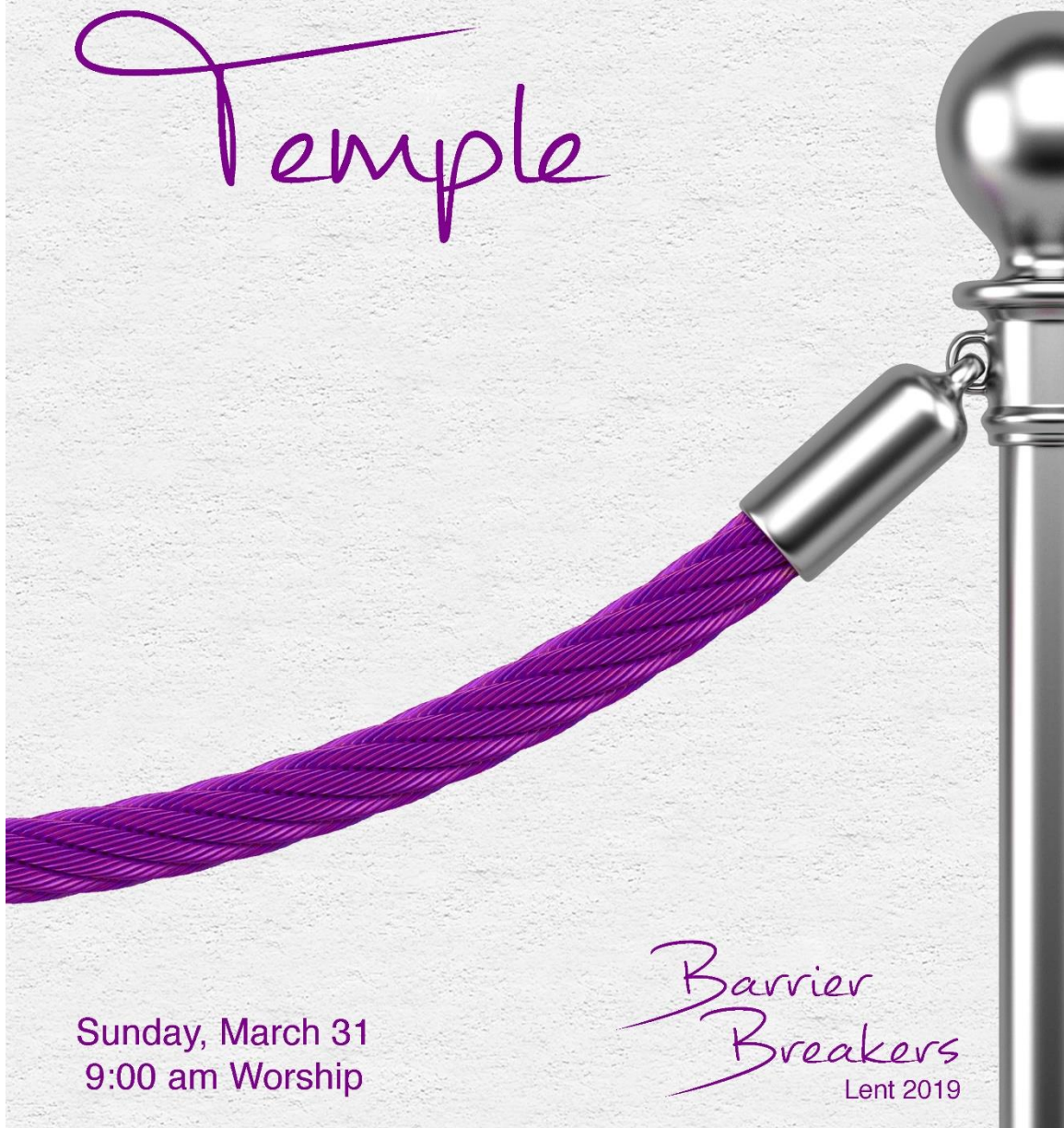


Temple



Sunday, March 31
9:00 am Worship

Barrier
Breakers
Lent 2019

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Joy of the Lord

Song You Have Shown Us

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering	<i>God Help the Outcasts</i> Sandy Prokopp	Menken/Schwartz
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Song	<i>Love Breaks Through</i>	Caleb Williams
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Scripture	Matthew 21:12-16 Kathi Burger	*CEB
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Message	Temple	Caleb Williams
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Song	We Fall Down	
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* Common English Bible

Coffee and Conversations

Wednesday, April 3

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

*Dreaming the End
of Racial America*
Willie Jennings



RIPPLING HOPE WORK DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Welcome to the Party!

Sunday, April 14
2:00 pm

Contact gmarck@rofum.org
or 248-541-4100

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: 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.

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

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



Refueling Our Faith Using Motors

Monday, April 1, 6:00 pm

Calling all car enthusiasts! Our monthly auto appreciation group, ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors) is moving to the first Monday of each month at Duggan’s Irish Pub on Woodward Ave. Enjoy food, stories, and discussions about everything from how to mix carburetion to salvation. Use your love for cars to plan fun things and do work for others. If you have any questions, contact Brian Baker at cars@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.



Music Experience for Parents and Tots

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 pm -7:15 pm

This is an opportunity to share the joy of music with your infants and toddlers. We will learn songs and movement activities that you can do at home, too! Family dinner begins at 5:30 pm before the class. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org if you are interested.

Fish Dinners

Friday, April 12, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

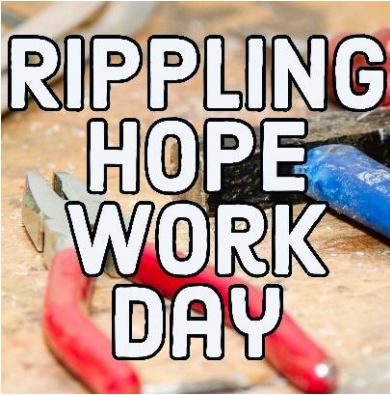
There is only one chance left! Be sure to join us for food, fellowship, and service. Adult meals start at just \$10.

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. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@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.

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am

Calling all green thumbs! We are cleaning up our green spaces for spring and we have a wonderful chance for you to work together with your church family to make our church more beautiful for spring. Meet in the parking lot at 9:30 am with a desire to serve and connect and, if you have them, a rake and work gloves. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Yago at chuckyago@att.net.



Welcome to the Party!

Sunday, April 14, 2:00 pm

You are invited to a gathering at the pastor's house. Get to know some other people, learn more about the church, and ask any questions you might have about Royal Oak First. Contact George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org if you would like to sign up, or if you have any questions. If you don't sign up ahead of time, you are still welcome to show up!

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 or at the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at missions@rofum.org.

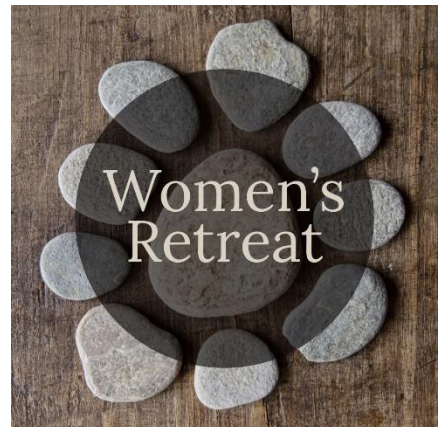


Musician Roll-Call

This community is full of hidden talents! Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Did you play in high school and your instrument is collecting dust in some closet? Let us know! We're updating our roster of musical people, and we don't want to leave you out. Please send your info to Assistant Director of Worship & Arts, Debi Szeliga, at dszeliga@rofum.org.

***Where Friends Gather* Women's Retreat** **Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5**

Save the date! All are welcome to join our second annual Women's Retreat. More information is to come, so be sure to watch your bulletins. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



CROP WALK

You are invited to participate in the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, May 6. This is a great opportunity to provide support for our "As We Gather" lunch program as well as two other local food banks. There are two ways you can join the fight to end hunger

- 1) Be a walker and get friends and family to sponsor you
- 2) Sponsor a walker! Cheer them on!

Don't miss your chance to be part of this wonderful mission!

Sign up sheets and donation envelopes are available at the Welcome Table or you can fill out this form and place in the offering plate.



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Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I am interested in walking

_____ I am interested in sponsoring a walker

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

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Dave Minch; Kathy Seidler; Laurie O'Donnell; Ceci Tamm; Dan Mayer; John Wagster; Barb Seizert; Audrey Fick; Lloyd & Janet Ramseyer; 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: Bernise Amell; Lorrane Dorsey; Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; Alexis Bagrosky; George Bartley; David Moser; Carol Barney; Larry Burger; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa

Homebound Member of the Week: Shirley Olsen

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



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

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.

Maundy 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.

SERMON NOTES

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, April 1

Spring Trek Leaves

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Core Team Meeting	3 rd Floor
2:00 pm	Directors' Team Meeting.....	3 rd Floor
6:00 pm	Active Shooter Training.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors).....	Duggan's Irish Pub
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting	Choir Room

Tuesday, April 2

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	Hospitality Team Meeting	3 rd Floor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group	Royal Oak Taphouse

Wednesday, April 3

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
2:00 pm	Piano Club	Choir Room
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Violin Rehearsal.....	Room #403

Wednesday, April 3 continued

5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary
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, April 4

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Choir Room
1:00 pm	United Methodist Women Program.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Faith & Sexuality	Royal Oak Taphouse
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, April 5

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, April 6

Spring Trek Returns

4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 7

8:00 am	Middle School Communion Bread Baking	Kitchen
9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

So... why the pink shoes?

Even before our modern culture of overwork, the church built in some time in its calendar to take a break. Right in the middle of the season we call Lent, the six weeks of quiet and reflection, there's one week that doesn't look like the others. Rose Sunday, or Laetare Sunday [Latin for *rejoice*], is a little break from the more reserved and somber tone of the season. It's called Rose Sunday from the tradition of wearing pink vestments (the fancy clothes ministers sometimes wear).

That's why I'm wearing my pink shoes today, for all the people who just need a moment to be joyful when life can be so heavy the rest of the time. And, admittedly, there aren't many Sundays to sport these pink shoes.

This week, join me in bringing a little Rose Sunday to the world:

- When somebody drives like an idiot, give them a break.
- When somebody annoys you, in person or online, give them a break.
- When you drop the ball, give yourself a break, too.

Dig some pink out of the closet if you've got it, and let's add some brightness to this world.

Happy Rose Sunday!

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