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Saturday, March 9
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

Barrier
Breakers
Lent 2019

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #529	How Firm a Foundation Stanzas 1-3 and 5	*UMH
Call to Worship		Joanna McGee
Hymn #600	Wonderful Words of Life	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	Blackbird Andrew Harrod	Lennon/McCartney
Doxology #95		UMH
Song	Love Breaks Through	Caleb Williams
Scripture	Luke 10:25-37	**CEB
Message	Barrier Breakers: Torah	Jeff Nelson
Song	Ancient Words	Michael W. Smith

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible



In Paradise

Heaven in Music:
from Fauré to Coldplay

Sunday, March 10
4:00 pm

Coffee and
Conversations

Wednesdays, beginning March 13
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Euchre Party for Lithuania

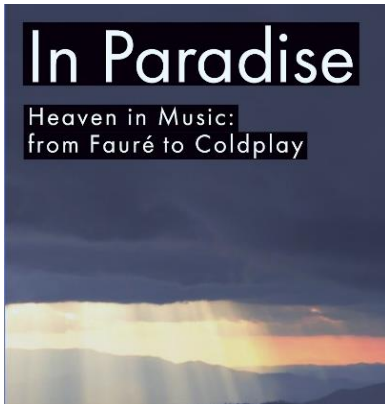
Saturday, March 23
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OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary Banners

There are many ways of expressing and exploring our faith through the arts: drama, painting, poetry, music. Mary Nahhat loves making banners (when she isn't singing, teaching, or making shawls). This season, she made new banners helping us visualize a line of scripture, Romans 8:38. On the left panel, we see a strong white beam dividing the top from the bottom. On the right panel, though, the barrier seems to have been demolished, with white pieces tumbling to the bottom of the banner. The apostle Paul said, "nothing can separate us" from God's love, and Mary has helped us internalize those words in a new way. If you're interested in learning more or would like to help with future artwork, please contact Caleb Williams, caleb@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.

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.



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.

Fish Dinners are Back!

March 15, 29, & April 12

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Our famous fish dinners are back! Be sure to join us in March and April 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. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.



United Methodist Women Cookie Walk

Friday, March 15, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm



Be sure to check out the cookie walk at the next Fish Dinner on Friday, March 15. \$4 gets you a small, one-pound can to fill with the cookies of your choosing, and \$8 gets you a large, three-pound can.

If you would like to bake cookies for the event, you can drop them off at the church on March 15 by 12:00 pm. Please label all cookie donations for allergens.

Proceeds from this cookie walk, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, support missions here and abroad. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.

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.



Euchre Party for Lithuania

Saturday, March 23, 6:00 – 11:00 pm

Royal Oak Farmers' Market

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 or at the Welcome Table. Admission is \$25 per person. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at missions@rofum.org.



Family Bowling Day

Sunday, March 24, 2:15 pm

Join us at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley for a fun afternoon of bowling with your family. All are welcome! Bumpers, ramps, and light bowling balls are available for anyone who needs them.

The cost is \$8 per person, which includes shoe rental and 2.5 hours of bowling. Let us know if you will join in on the fun so we have enough lanes ready. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org to RSVP or if you have any questions.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: 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 Jim Yates and family on the death of his uncle, Morris Yates.

Homebound Member of the Week: Zenovia Courtney

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



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS



Wednesday, March 13, 6:00-7:30 pm
Bringing America Together
Arthur C. Brooks

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 pm
Growing Young
Kara Powell



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

SERMON NOTES

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10

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
12:15 pm	Emergency Training Team	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room
4:00 pm	In Paradise Concert	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Middle School Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Middle School Youth Group and Dinner	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Monday, March 11

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:45 pm	Worship Development Team Meeting	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Directors' Team Meeting	3 rd Floor
4:00 pm	Detroit AGO Scholarship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	4 th Floor

Tuesday, March 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
3:30 pm	Knowledge Circle Cookie Bake	Kitchen
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	Church Office
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	3 rd Floor

Wednesday, March 13

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	Choir Room

Wednesday, March 13 continued

5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)	Fellowship Hall
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	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Knowledge Circle	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414

Thursday, March 14

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Royal Oak Unity Fair Meeting	Fellowship Hall South
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall North
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, March 15

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, and Choir Room

Saturday, March 16

4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
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Sunday, March 17

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
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council	Choir Room
1:00 pm	Rebirth Informational Meeting.....	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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

Dear Friends,

Today begins Lent, the six-week journey towards Easter. Lent comes from the Old English word "lencten," meaning spring. So yes, Lent is a journey toward spring, to a time of when the green of the grass and the buds on the trees signal rebirth and new beginnings. We, too, go in search of this rebirth.

During this season we are setting aside some time on Wednesday evenings to gather for some important reflections about the renewal of our community and world. Each week begins with a 40-minute video presentation from an expert in their field. After the presentation, we gather together for coffee and conversation. It should be a time to both get to know each other a bit better and to wrestle together about what it means to be the community of faith.

This week's conversation is particularly important. It is entitled *Bringing America Together*. I have seen the presentation and highly recommend you come and take part. The presenter is Arthur Brooks. Brooks is an American social scientist, musician, and columnist for The New York Times. He is the president of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank, and is best known for his work on the junctions between culture, economics, and politics. His message is both challenging and refreshing.

Please plan to come and join us this Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. We will gather in the sanctuary to see the presentation and then meet in the new gathering space for conversations.

The journey to Easter begins.

I am glad to be on this journey together.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor J. J." with a simple smiley face drawn below the first "J".