



Easter

Sunday, April 21
7:00 am Sunrise Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Welcome

Hymn Sing of the One

We have walked with him as strangers
through the journey of the day,
and have told him of the violence
that has swept our hope away.
He has offered words of comfort,
words of energy and light.
Did our hearts not blaze within us
as he broke the bread this night?

Risen one, stay with us, raise us,
once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom,
free our hearts from ev'ry fear.
In the calm of each new evening,
in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship
we will never be alone.

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

Because He Lives
Jennifer Semivan & Caleb Williams

Scripture Luke 24:13-35 CEB*

Song *Grace* U2
Caleb Williams

Message George Marck

Song Do Something Matthew West

Chorus:

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something,
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
Oh, it's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something

DO GOOD DINNERS

\$10 meals to help our food-insecure friends

-EST. 1991-

pronto!

-RESTAURANT & VIDEO BAR-

To thank you for helping our neighbors in need, you will receive a coupon that will give you 5% off your bill at Pronto and will give 5% of your bill to our lunch program.

OPPORTUNITIES

Where Friends Gather Women's Retreat

Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5



Join us for a weekend of friendship and connecting with other women. Campfires, activities, small group discussions, and time to be with friends await us. We will enjoy time with speaker, Marlene Lawson, on Real Women, Real Life, Real Faith.

The cost is \$190 for a triple-occupancy room, \$212 for a double, or \$262 for a single. If the cost is restrictive for you, let us know. We will not allow that to get between you and a weekend of friendship.

If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

Projection Training

Sunday, April 28, 12:00 pm

The projection on the wall during worship services plays a big part in making worship enjoyable for everyone and the Projection Team is always open to new members to make that happen. There will be an open training session for anyone interested. Contact Debi Szeliga at dszeliga@rofum.org if you have any questions.





Music Experience for Parents and Tots

Wednesday, May 1, 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.

Pillowcase Workshop

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm

A pillowcase may not seem like much, but to kids who don't have anything it can be a lot. Our United Methodist Women and Knowledge Circle invite you to help make pillowcases for Cass Community Social Services and the Redford Brightmoor Initiative. You don't have to know how to sew to be able to help. If you have a sewing machine or serger, bring it along. Cotton fabric donations (solid or patterned) can be placed in the marked drawer in the Lower Level Elevator Lobby. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at pillowcases@rofum.org or 248-390-4345.



Collections for our Lunch Program



Our Lunch Program does a lot more than serve lunch. It includes a monthly clothing closet, and our volunteers distribute clothing and other necessities every day. Right now, our storage is running low on a few things. We could use blankets and sheets, socks, and men's summer clothing. Additionally, we are always collecting things like fruit cups, lemonade mix, soap, razors, deodorant, washcloths, and feminine hygiene products. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with the label "Lunch Program". Contact the church office at office@rofum.org if you have any questions.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Jim & Mary Anne Tempest; Zenovia Courtney; Howie Emmons; Art & Delores Miller; Lorraine Dorsey; Marilyn McCreedy; Steve D'Angelo; Dave Minch; Don & Kathy Seidler; Ceci Tamm; Dan Mayer; John Wagster; Barb Seizert; Audrey Fick; Lloyd & Janet Ramseyer; Carol Hardt; Marguerite Nowacek; Al & Margaret Simmons; Doris Whitney; James Respecki; Jean Foster; Lee Hoffmann; Anne Brace; Gwen Ross; Eileen Albers; Nancy Lorenz; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Kris Hanstrom; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

Prayers for our extended family: Shelia Boyer; Margie Reese; Bernise Amell; 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

Sympathy to the Evans Family on the death of Lucille's mother, Jean Scheibner.

Homebound Member of the Week: Charles White

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

The roses on the Altar are in celebration of Mary Nahhat's 86th birthday, given by her family.



**Easter
Flowers
and
UMCOR
Donations**

Easter Flowers Decorating our Sanctuary

In Honor of

Royal Oak First Church Family
Grace Perkins
Granny
Oma
Virginia Sleeman

In Memory of

Clyde & Opal Beachum
B. Clair Baroo
Jim & Marie Dunstan

Given by

Elsie Consolacion
The Ex Family
Hannah Richardson
Hannah Richardson
Her Family

Given by

The Beachums
Mike Dabney
Jay, Patty, Jeff,
and Tom Dunstan

David Fick

Our Great Grandmothers
Charlie McCormick, father
Dean and Phyllis Moltmaker
Christopher Rush
Chris Christopher
Felina, Filipina, & Loma Samson
and Virgilio & Salud Puyat
Noreen & Rinaldo Bucciarelli
Joseph S. Tripoli
Frank & Shirley Wahl

Audrey Fick, Amy Rhoades,
and Jennifer Bowen
Zach and Ben LaRose
Julia McCormick
Laura Potter
Mom, Dad, Julie, and Danny
The Samson Family
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The Sleeman Family
The Tripoli Family
The Wahl Family

United Methodist Committee On Relief

Our congregation has made a contribution to UMCOR in honor or memory of the following loved ones:

In Honor of

My Children, Grandchildren, and
Great Grandchildren
Rev. Jeff Nelson & Family

In Memory of

John Buxton
Bill & Vera Chiri
Raymond G. Lawson
William & Eleanor Gill,
Henry & Betty Campbell
Bob & Mary Springstead
Owen A. Perkins
Beverly Lambert and Beth Judge
Keith and David Leenhouts
My Parents
Shirley Campbell

Given by

Suzanne Buxton

Patricia & Noel Peterson

Given by
Suzanne Buxton
Elizabeth L. Chiri-Lawson
Elizabeth L. Chiri-Lawson
Peggy Gill

The Ex Family
The Lambert Family
The Leenhouts Family
Nancy Carol Lorenz
The Suarez Family

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21 – Easter

7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service	Front Lawn
9:00 am	Easter Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Easter Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Parlor; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 22

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting	2 nd Floor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 23

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	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	1 st Floor
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group	2 nd Floor
7:15 pm	Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 24

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
1:00 pm	Piano Lesson	Choir Room
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Violin Lesson	Room #403
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 24 continued

6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study	1 st Floor
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414

Thursday, April 25

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Nello's Eatery
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shaw Ministry	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
6:00 pm	Brew with Your Buds Men's Fellowship	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, April 26

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
9:30 am	Momentum Clergy Cohort	2 nd Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making	Kitchen

Saturday, April 27

3:30 pm	Staff & Usher CPR & AED Training	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 28

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	Projection Training	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
3:00 pm	Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings Concert	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group and Dinner	Fellowship Hall and Kitchen

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Want to know my favorite flower?

I bet you will never guess.

Rose? Tulip? Chrysanthemum?

It is not even the Lily.

My favorite flower is the crocus. I bet nobody has ever shown up for a first date with a bouquet of crocuses. I have never seen a bride walk down the aisle clutching a beautiful arrangement of crocuses. It probably doesn't even make people's top 10 or even top 25.



But the crocus is my favorite of all the flowers. And here is why:

The crocus is a tough flower. It is a brave flower. It is no rose. It doesn't wait until June when the hazards of winter are safely behind to stick its neck out into the world. No, the crocus knives its head right through the frozen ground. It doesn't care if there is still snow on the ground. No, when crocus is ready to tell the world that the seasons are about to change, that something new is just around the corner, it pops up and just tells you. The crocus wants to be the first tell you that spring is on its way.

The crocus believes in spring, and it has something personal and emphatic to say about it!

It takes guts to go first and the crocus is one gutsy flower!

To me, Easter faith is a lot like the crocus. It is bold enough to stick its neck out and say, "Hey, God is up to something new around here! God is bringing a new world! It may not look like it, it may not feel like it, but it is coming."

Easter faith comes when the ground is hard and the winter seems like it might never end. It comes as a surprise, as a much needed reminder that God is not done with us yet. Easter faith knows that wrongs don't work themselves out, injustices and inequities and hurts don't just dissolve.

Easter people stick their necks out. They care enough to think through and work through the hard ground. They have something personal and emphatic to say. They know that like the crocus, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, are the first signs of an entirely new way of being in the world.

Happy Easter!

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

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

* Common English Bible