



# Easter

Sunday, April 21  
9:00 & 11:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preludes	<i>Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate</i> String Quartet	W.A. Mozart
	<i>Come, Christians Join to Sing</i> Carillon Bell Choir	arr. by Charles Maggs
Choral Introit	<i>Alleluia! Jesus is Alive!</i> Sanctus and Orchestra	Caleb Williams
Hymn #302	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Stanzas 1, 2 and 4	*UMH
Call to Worship		Myra Moreland
Hymn #364	Because He Lives	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Theme from Concerto in B Flat Major</i> Rachel Kamischke, Harp	G.F. Handel
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	John 20:1-18	**CEB
Song	<i>Love Rescue Me</i> Andrew Lindblom	U2
Message		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #318	Christ Is Alive Stanzas 1, 3 and 5	UMH
Choral Benediction	44. Hallelujah from <i>Messiah</i> Angelus, Sanctus and Orchestra	G.F. Handel
Postlude	<i>Festival Alleluias</i> Sanctus	William Ferris

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.

**The roses on the Altar** are in celebration of Mary Nahhat's 86<sup>th</sup> 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



# CROP WALK

You are invited to participate in the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, May 5, at First Congregational Church of Royal Oak at 1:00 pm. 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. You can also register online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links).

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.