



This is My Story

**Saturday, April 27
4:00 pm Worship**

My Story
at Royal Oak First

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #57	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Stanzas 1, 2, 5 and 7	*UMH
Call to Worship		Leonard Benyas
Hymn #572	Pass It On Stanza 1	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Open Our Eyes</i> Saturday Night Choir	Bob Cull
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	John 20:24-29	**CEB
Message	This Is My Story	Myra Moreland
Hymn #369	Blessed Assurance	UMH

* United Methodist Hymnal
** Common English Bible



New Date!

Women's Retreat

Friday, November 1 -
Sunday, November 3

Contact Danielle Moody
Dmoody@rofum.org

Sunday
May 5
1:00 pm

ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK



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Royal Oak

Helping Families
In Our Community

SATURDAY,
JUNE 1

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OPPORTUNITIES

Where Friends Gather Women's Retreat

Date Change! Friday, November 1 – Sunday, November 3



Join us in November for a weekend of friendship and connecting with other women. Campfires, activities, small group discussions, and time to be with friends await us.

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, 12:30 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.

United Methodist Women Program and Meeting

Thursday, May 1

Committee: 10:30 am, Choir Room

Program: 1:00 pm, Parlor

Join us for a special presentation from Lisa Friend from Chelsea Retirement Home. If you have any questions, contact the church office at office@rofum.org.



Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship



The Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship Committee is very pleased to award scholarships of \$1,000 to six students who have had exemplary academic achievements. They are also making important contributions in their church activities, and in helping others through their involvement in the community.

The well-qualified students receiving scholarships are Eleanor M. Gilbert of Birmingham, Natalie M. Haight of Troy, Maya Jane Longe of Royal Oak, Hanna J. Tripoli of Troy, Franklin Wahl of Berkley, and Eli Yarmy of Royal Oak. We congratulate these deserving students and wish them much success in all of their future endeavors.



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 Brightmooor 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.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 19

Each year, we honor our high school and college graduates as they begin to embark on new adventures. Be sure to join us for this special Sunday as we celebrate the accomplishments of our young members.

If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, please send a picture of the graduate and their plans for the future to dmoody@rofum.org.



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: John Wagster; Dave Minch; Bob Foote; Jim & Mary Anne Tempest; Zenovia Courtney; Howie Emmons; Art & Delores Miller; Lorraine Dorsey; Marilyn McCreedy; Steve D'Angelo; Don & Kathy Seidler; Ceci Tamm; Dan Mayer; 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: Lee Potter; John Orletski; Tom Murray; Shelia Boyer; Margie Reese; Bernise Amell; Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; 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 Mark and Cathy Thatcher on the death of their son-in-law, John Guilmet.

Homebound Member of the Week: Marge Youngs

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



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.



Saturday, June 1, 9am-1pm

We're going out into the ROFUM community to help families complete **small projects** around their house. Homeowners pay for the materials and volunteers will do the work. If you need work done, please fill out the information below. You can place it

in the offering plate, turn it in at the Mission table, church office, or email Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org.

Examples of possible projects include:

- Replace furnace filter & smoke detectors
- Clean or repair gutters
- Replace electrical fixtures
- Minor plumbing
- Caulking
- Clean windows or install screens
- Install grab bar or handrail
- Minor painting
- Spring yard work
- Repair or install towel bars
- Replace door locks or hardware
- Clean or repair dryer vent
- Install shelving
- Hang pictures
- Any other job? Just ask

Homeowners Needing Work Done

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

Describe the Work Requested: _____

Want to help?

We are looking for volunteers to do the work. Families welcome, but children should be at least 10. Sign up online at rofum.org/links and let us know if you need a t-shirt and your handyman skill level. If you have questions, contact Dave Enerson and Larry Brown at Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
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	Gathering Space
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
3:00 pm	Piano Recital	Parlor
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group and Dinner	Fellowship Hall and Kitchen

Monday, April 29

10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Core Team Meeting	Youth Room
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting	Youth Room
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children’s Choir	Room #414
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 30

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
1:00 pm	Worship Summit Meeting	Youth Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group	Youth Room

Wednesday, May 1

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
2:00 pm	Piano Club	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
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study	1 st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, May 1 continued

6:30 pm	Music Experience for Parents and Tots	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, May 2

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Nello's Eatery
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
10:30 pm	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Choir Room
1:00 pm	United Methodist Women General Meeting.....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
6:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Faith and Sexuality Meeting	The Office Coffee Shop
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, May 3

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Tower Entrance
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making	Kitchen

Saturday, May 4

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am	Diana Munch Recital Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Tour	Charity United Methodist Church of Flint
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5

Crop Walk

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Worship & Communion.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-3 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Communion.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; 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	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
1:30 pm	Diana Munch Piano Recital	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group and Dinner	3 rd Floor and Kitchen

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Monday morning, I started the process of putting away the ceramic bunnies and Easter baskets that lined the window of my dining room. I made my way to the dining room table and pulled off the colorful Easter tablecloth, looking at the thick pads that covered my dining room table. This table, a beautiful, rich brown mahogany, was one of the first pieces of “real” furniture my husband and I bought as a newly married couple. It has been hidden for decades beneath the pads and the tablecloths. My daughter asked me recently, “Why are you still protecting this table?” The truth is; I have not been protecting anything. I have been hiding all the scratches, dents and scars made by a growing family.

Monday, with this weekend’s sermon swirling in my head, I removed the pads from the table. Like the scars of our lives, every scratch, every ding tells a story: the cat running into the dining room with the dog in hot pursuit, leaping on the table and skidding the full length, using his back claws to slow down the slide. There are dings and dents from sippy cups and toys that went flying during dinner. My favorite is a pattern of little dots carved deep into the wood, made when a three-year-old Laynie banged a fork along the side of the table as a work of art.

It’s just a table, but stands as a symbol of all the scars and wounds in our lives that we try to hide. We are embarrassed; we want to pretend they aren’t there. Maybe we don’t want to face the pain. Then along comes the risen Jesus who asks us to look at the wounds in his hands, his feet, his side. Jesus shows us that from our wounds, or through our wounds, we find resurrection. Every scar tells a story. It is a story of survival. It is a story of new life.

Starting today, we tell our stories and experience the resurrection.

Pastor Myra