



# **This is My Story**

**Sunday, April 28  
9:00 am Worship**

**My Story**  
at Royal Oak First

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	Home	
Song	Crafted and Called	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Noisy Bucket		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Fix You</i> Steve D'Angelo	Coldplay
Scripture	John 20:24-29 Janet Kinney	*CEB
Message	This Is My Story	Myra Moreland
Song	Blessed Assurance	



**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**

Sign up  
online at  
[rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links)

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**Royal Oak**

Helping Families  
In Our Community

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 1**

CONTACT  
[HANS4ROYALOK@ROFUM.ORG](mailto:HANS4ROYALOK@ROFUM.ORG)

# 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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](mailto: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 Brightmorrow 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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **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](http://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](mailto: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

## Wednesday, May 1 continued

6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:30 pm	Music Experience for Parents and Tots.....	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, 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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*