

Open My Eyes

Sunday, May 5
11:00 am Worship

My Story
at Royal Oak First

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Sonatina, Opus 55 No. 1</i>	F. Kuhlau
Hymn #147	All Things Bright and Beautiful	*UMH
Call to Worship		Thom Derkowski
Hymn #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Lonely People</i> Marianne Peck	Dan & Catherine Peek
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Matthew 11:2-6	**CEB
Message	Open My Eyes	Jeff Nelson
Communion	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i> Erica Plesco	arr. by Mark Hayes
Hymn #451	Be Thou My Vision	UMH
Postlude	<i>10,000 Reasons</i>	Matt Redmond


* United Methodist Hymnal
** Common English Bible

OPPORTUNITIES

Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship

The Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship Committee is very pleased to award scholarships to students who have had exemplary academic achievements. They are also making important contributions in their church and the community.

We congratulate 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 and wish them much success in all of their future endeavors.



KEITH
LEENHOUTS
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP



Refueling Our Faith Using Motors

Monday, May 6, 6:00 pm

Calling all car enthusiasts! Enjoy food, stories, and discussions about everything from how to mix carburetion to salvation. Use your love for cars to plan fun things and do work for others. If you have any questions, contact Brian Baker at cars@rofum.org.

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 can be placed in the marked drawer in the Lower Level Elevator Lobby. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.



Saturday Supper Club Spring Fling

Saturday, May 18, 5:15 pm

Join us for dinner with friends and a performance by Doe (House Band members Erica Plesco and Jason Sherman). We will provide the main dish, so you can show off your cooking skills (or your buying skills) and bring your favorite side dish or dessert. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.



Graduation Sunday Sunday, May 19

Each year, we honor our high school and college graduates as they 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.



Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond

June 24 – 27, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Save the date! This year, Vacation Bible School is taking our kids *To Mars and Beyond* as they learn faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope. For more information, go to www.rofum.org/vbs. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: John Wagster; Dave Minch; Bob Foote; Jim & Mary Anne Tempest; Zenovia Courtney; Howie Emmons; Art & Delores Miller; Lorrane 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: John Hoaglund; Nancy Leet Matson; 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

Homebound Member of the Week: Clifford Anderson

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

The chancel flowers are in loving memory of Cathy Marsh on our wedding anniversary, given by John Marsh.

The chancel flowers are in loving memory of Ray Lawson, given by his wife, Betty, and family.

HANDS 4 ROYAL OAK

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 am-1:00 pm



We're going out into the 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 Welcome Desk, 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, May 5

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
1:00 pm	Crop Walk.....	First Congregational Church
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

Monday, May 6

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Narthex
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting.....	Youth Room
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children’s Choir.....	Room #414
6:00 pm	Refueling Our Faith Using Motors (ROFUM).....	Duggan’s Irish Pub
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
7:20 pm	Softball Game.....	Worden Park Field 2
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting.....	Choir Room

Tuesday, May 7

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

10:00 am	Pastor’s Book and Bible Study.....	Parlor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Narthex
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga.....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons.....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit.....	Room #414 & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology.....	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group.....	Youth Room

Wednesday, May 8

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Narthex
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

Wednesday, May 8 continued

4:30 pm	Violin Lesson.....	Room #403
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)	Parlor
6:15 pm	Children's Choirs.....	Royal Oak Manor
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle	Parlor
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

Thursday, May 9

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Parlor
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Narthex
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Friday, May 10

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

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

Saturday, May 11

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
10:00 am	Bridal Shower.....	Parlor
10:00 am	Sing Out Detroit	Choir Room
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Youth Group Roller Skating	Skate World of Troy

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Worship & Missions	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-3 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Missions	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I spent last week in Wisconsin visiting my dad. We didn't do anything fancy. We played cribbage (he beat me 6 games to 4 and took me for 42 cents.) We went to his church and stocked the shelves of their food pantry. We saw a couple of movies (Breakthrough, a good film about faith and prayer; and Dumbo, a live-action remake of the Disney classic). We watched the Brewers. We went out for dinner at the local pub where they still have the best French Dip in the world. And we drove around our hometown, taking a good trip down memory lane. It wasn't anything fancy, but it sure was nice.

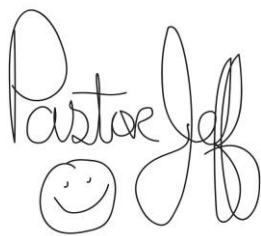
When I had called my dad about a month ago and asked if I could come home for a visit, he said, "Sure... but I am not dying!" To which I said, "Exactly! That's why I want to come."

Sometimes we convince ourselves that something needs to be big or fancy or exciting in order to capture our imagination or command our time. It is too easy in the community of faith to think that God is only present in the big things, or that God is most active in emergencies. My trip back home reminded me of God's gentle presence in the small, unremarkable, mundane moments of our lives.

Our lives are busy. They are full. There are lots of things vying for our attention. It is easy to miss the beauty found in the ordinary moments that unfold all around us.

So do me a favor this week. Play some cribbage (or whatever game you enjoy). Turn on the ballgame. Go see a movie. Eat a really good sandwich. And know that God is in those moments with you.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.