



See the Good, Be the Good

Sunday, September 29
11:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Pastorale</i>	Domenico Scarlatti
Hymn #117	O God, Our Help in Ages Past Stanzas 1, 3, 4 and 6	*UMH
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Hymn #473	Lead Me, Lord	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Towel & Basin Award Recognitions		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Do All the Good You Can Do</i> Sanctus	Caleb Williams
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Philippians 4:8 and Romans 8:28	**CEB
Message	See the Good, Be the Good	Jeff Nelson
Song #2172	We Are Called	***FWS
Postlude	<i>Joyous Recessional</i>	Matthew Corl

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible

*** Faith We Sing



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Pot-Luck Dinner at 5:30 pm
Show at 6:30 pm



Join a group and

GROW

with us

Part of our

CONNECT GROW SERVE
Ministries



BIG BOY NIGHT



Big Boy

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00-8:00 PM

OPPORTUNITIES



Sock-It-To-Me September!

Sock It To Me September

Our friends at the NOAH Project hand out over 10,000 pairs of socks every year. Each September, they hold a sock collection contest, Sock It To Me September. After two years as champions, we lost the coveted Golden Sock Award, coming in 2nd with over 2,000 pairs of socks. Help us reclaim 1st place and bring a package or two (or ten) of new socks any time in September.

Join a Grow Group

The ConnectGrowServe Ministries at Royal Oak First work to help us connect to each other, grow in faith and knowledge, and serve others in the name of Christ. This fall, we are launching 13 new Grow Groups to help us grow spiritually and personally. Classes begin the week of Monday, October 7. For more information about these classes, check out our course catalog, or **contact the church office at office@rofum.org**.



Comedy Sportz

Sunday, September 29

5:30 pm Potluck

6:30 pm Show

Join us for an evening of family fun. First, a potluck dinner. Next, a fantastic show from Comedy Sportz, the family-friendly comedy troupe that does improv as a competitive sport. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

Scout Troop 1601

Mondays, 7:00 pm

Scout Troop 1601 would like to invite all boys and girls (ages 11 and older or past grade 5) interested in joining the Scouts of America to visit. The 2019-2020 calendar is packed full of exciting activities including camping, backpacking, and opportunities to serve our community! **Contact Scoutmaster John Brady at troop.1601.scoutmaster@gmail.com** if you would like to visit the troop or if you have any questions.



Introducing First Friends

Tuesdays, 9:00 am-11:00 am, beginning October 1

First Friends gives parents/caregivers space to play with their children and friends in a safe, friendly place outside their own home. A staff member will be here to greet you and answer any questions. This is a drop-in playtime, as you are able, with no structure or staffing. If you have any questions, **contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org**.

United Methodist Women

Thursday, October 3, 1:00 pm

The UMW program speaker for October will be Stacey from Cass Community Activity Center for the Developmentally Disabled Adults. She will be presenting the history, current activities, and what is hoped for the future of the Cass Activity Center. Stacey will bring two of her "brightest stars" to talk with us also. All are welcome to join us in the Parlor and learn more about this important Center supported by the Methodist Church.





World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6

Celebrate our connection to the global Church with the Bishop of the Michigan Area, Rev. Dr. David Bard. Bard's preaching brings deep insight and a hopeful vision for the future of the church, along with plenty of charm and humor. He will lead us in communion, sharing this sacred meal with churches around the world. Following the 11:00 am worship service, join us for a special celebration brunch of our renewed building and all the people that saw the project through.

Big Boy Night for Music Guild

Tuesday, October 8, 00 pm – 8:00 pm

Come to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd. in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 20% of your dinner tab (with a flyer) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name! **Contact Shirley Harris at sharris@rofum.org** with any questions. Flyers are available at the Connect Here Desk.



African Children's Choir

Sunday, October 13, 9:00 & 11:00 am

They have been featured on popular television shows, including "The Tonight Show" and American Idol." Now they are going to be at Royal Oak First! Don't miss this Sunday as we're led in worship and music by the African Children's Choir, a group of African children, aged 7 to 10 years old. As part of the organization Music for Life, your offering will help provide education, discipleship, and leadership training for thousands of children as they work to break cycles of generational poverty.



Aging In Grace

Sunday, October 13, 12:30 pm

Medicare & Medicaid in Layman's Terms with Janice Roble, MSW, CSW ACSW

Sunday, October 20, 12:30 pm

Legal Aspects of Aging with Craig Sleeman, Attorney

Sunday, October 27, 12:30 pm

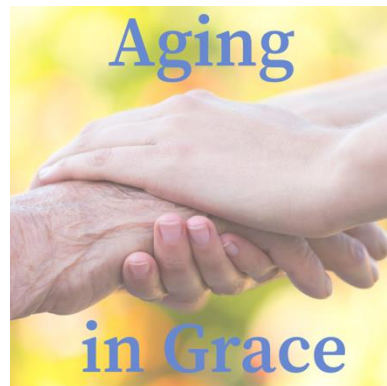
Normal Cognitive Decline vs. Dementia: When to Worry with Lynn Breuer, LMSW, CHC

Sunday, November 3, 12:30 pm

Successful Aging Through Financial Empowerment with LaToya Hall, MSW

Sunday, November 10, 12:30 pm

Mental Health Concerns of Aging with Matthew Swarts, MSSW, LMSW



Nut Sale by United Methodist Women

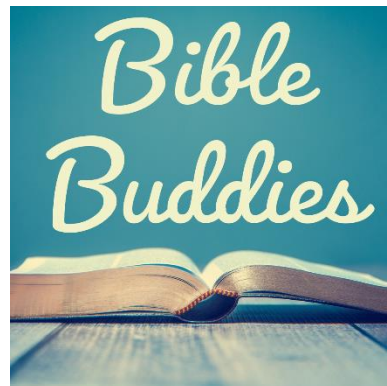
Orders due Sunday, October 13

The Annual United Methodist Women Nut Sale starts today! Pistachios, Pralines, Mixed Nuts, Pecans, Cashews, Chocolate Covered Raisins, Chocolate Peanuts, Malted Milk Balls, Milk Chocolate Almonds, and Dark Chocolate Almonds are available, so there is something for everyone. Prices range from \$7.50 to \$10.50. This is a pre-order-only sale, so make sure you place your orders by Sunday, October 13. Pick up an order form at the Connect Here Desk. If you have any questions, **contact Cynthia Cline at 248-496-0261 or nuts@rofum.org**.

Bible Buddies

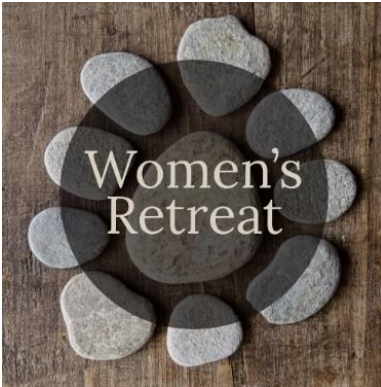
Sunday, October 20, 11:00 am worship service

The annual gesture of a Bible Buddy presenting a Bible to a third-grade student does more than provide a Bible to a child. Bible Buddies pass on a bit of their faith and values. If you are interested in becoming a Bible Buddy or purchasing a Bible for a child, **contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org** or sign up at the Connect Here Desk.



Women's Retreat

Friday, November 1 – Sunday, November 3



Join us for a weekend of friendship and connecting with other women. Campfires, activities, small groups, and book discussions await us at Lake Huron Retreat Center.

The cost is \$175 for a triple-occupancy room, \$197 for a double, or \$247 for a single. If the price 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**.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Beckham Boozan; Jack Hughes; John Boyse; Pecky Lewis; Neal Harris; Janet Kinney; Karen Parke; Ken Burton; Alice Bentley; Ann Cline; Dorothy Matsumoto; Diane Sexton; Marge Youngs; Melinda Loftin; Jill Paswater; Betty Latimer; Shirley Gnegy; Marianne Peck; Lloyd Ramsayer; Lee Hoffmann; Art & Delores Miller; Dick & Judy Bryan

Prayers for our extended family: Ryan Monte; Sheila Boyer; Margie Reese; Norma Jean Wilke; Carol Barney; Paul Edward; LeeAnna Radick; Tim Murphy; Kris Beachum

Sympathy to the DeTavernier family on the death of Mike's brother, Ricky DeTavernier.

Senior Spotlight: Jack & Suzanne Hughes

This list includes prayer concerns from the past six weeks.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

The Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of John Buxton and in honor of Sue Buxton on receiving the John L. and Susanne B. Buxton Towel and Basin Award, given by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery;	
	Sunday School – Bible Times Square (Chapel)	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery;	
	Sunday School – Bible Times Square (Chapel)	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Comedy Sportz Potluck	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Comedy Sportz Show	Sanctuary

Monday, September 30

10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting	ROY Commons (Youth Room)
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Bible Times Square (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 am	First Friends.....	Nursery
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	ROY Commons (Youth Room)

Wednesday, October 2

9:30 am	Royal Oak Community Roundtable	Parlor
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	Parlor
2:00 pm	Piano Club	Parlor
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons.....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Wednesday, October 2 continued

6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	Drama Room, Sanctuary, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music	Bible Times Square (Chapel)
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	ROY Commons (Youth Room)
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Bible Times Square (Chapel)

Thursday, October 3

10:00 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting.....	Parlor
1:00 pm	UMW General Meeting	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
7:00 pm	Faith & Sexuality Meeting	The Office Coffee Shop
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary & Choir Room

Friday, October 4

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab	Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor

Saturday, October 5

8:30 am	CYF Team Meeting.....	ROY Commons (Youth Room)
4:00 pm	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery;	
	Sunday School – Bible Times Square (Chapel)	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery;	
	Sunday School – Bible Times Square (Chapel)	
12:15 pm	World Communion Sunday Brunch	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Core Values.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
5:30 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group	ROY Commons (Youth Room)
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room & Sanctuary

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

What a month it has been! In celebration of your hard work and sacrifice to open your new, renovated building you have held a block party; hosted free Christian yoga, a kids' acting program, a showcase for local young people to play their music, training days for clergy and youth workers, a night of bold leadership with Rachel Billups, a 150th birthday for United Methodist Women, and a fantastic choir festival with over 70 voices singing together in one voice; and had a former NFL player share his story of transformation and recovery. Tonight we will come together for laughs and fun with local improv troupe Comedy Sportz. Nearly 1000 new people have walked through our doors to experience your hospitality.

There is one other fantastic number I want to share with you.

Last week we had 79 children and youth involved in our Sunday morning program! Last year on the same Sunday, we had 12. When I saw that comparison, I did a double-take. Is that true? I hope you are seeing that God is indeed using this space to gather a new generation of people to experience Christ's love in real ways!



We are genuinely Downtown for Good!

Next Sunday we will culminate our Grand Opening Celebration on World Communion Sunday. We will be privileged to be joined in worship by our bishop, The Reverend David Bard. Bishop Bard will be our preacher of the day and he will preside over the sacrament of Holy Communion. He is an excellent preacher, a pastoral presence and a visionary leader for the future of the United Methodist Church in these changing times. Bishop Bard joined us three years ago when the renovation was in its early stages and has returned to celebrate its completion!

After the 11:00 worship service next week, we will have a pancake breakfast and brunch. This will be one more way we can enjoy the work that God continues to do through the people of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church.

Hope you will join us for worship next week!

This is an exciting time to be part of this movement.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff