



Sunday, December 22 11:00 am Worship

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140 J.S. Bach

Introit Luke 2:4-5 *CEB

Shaelyn Simms

Hymn #250 Once in Royal David's City **UMH

Kiersten Ciccone, Soloist

Call to Worship Bob Prud'homme

Hymn #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH

Stanzas 1 and 2

Welcome

Invitation to Mission

Noisy Bucket

Call to Prayer

Advent Wreath Lighting The Samson Family

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering Bogoróditse Devo S. Rachmaninoff

Sanctus

Doxology #95 UMH

Scripture Luke 2:4-6 CEB

Message The Couple Jeff Nelson

Focus Welcome To Our World Chris Rice

Brian Wright

Hymn #219 What Child Is This UMH

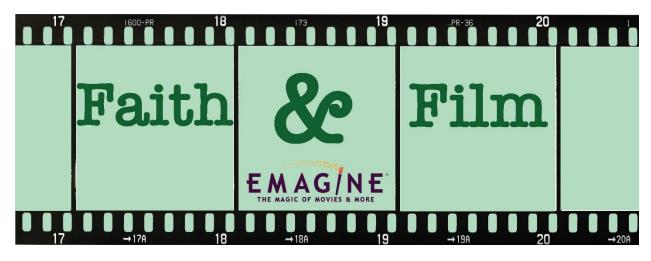
Postlude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Grimoaldo Macchia



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

11:00 am Traditional Christmas Worship 3:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant 7:00 pm Blue Jeans Christmas Worship 9:00 pm Traditional Christmas Worship 11:00 pm Candlelight & Communion

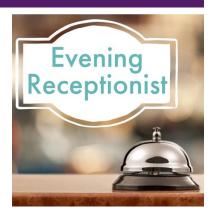




ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Receptionist Position Available

As a member of the administrative and hospitality staff, the Evening Receptionist serves as a welcoming face for our evening classes, choirs, support groups, committees, and visitors. For more information, visit rofum.org/jobs or contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.





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. Our next set of Grow Groups begins in January. For more information about these classes, check out our course catalogue or contact the church office at office@rofum.org.

Love Gift for Caleb Williams

Our Minister of Music and Arts, Caleb Williams, has resigned his position and will be leaving in early January. Help us send him off with love and support by contributing to a Love Gift for him. Mark a contribution envelope with "Love Gift" or make a contribution to the Love Gift Fund online at rofum.org/giving. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.



Christmas Eve Service Opportunities



With five services on Christmas Eve, there are many opportunities to extend the hospitality of the church to members and visitors alike. If you would like to be a greeter and welcome people into the church for Christmas Eve services, **contact Mike Monte at mmonte@rofum.org**.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Ken Burton; Anne Vincent; Yvonne Quinn; Peggy Waisanen; John Dorsey; Tyler Young; Sue Hughes; Dorothy Matsumoto; Lynn Nord; Kip Tull; Phyllis Hassberger; Betty Locke; Judy Ather; Inge Wichers; Suzanne & Jack Hughes; Lee Hoffmann; Dick & Judy Bryan

Prayers for our extended family: Susie Inch; Leslie Inch; Mary Healander; Patrick

Tamm; Carl Wilson; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Carl & Shirley Shafer

Sympathy to Sue Buxton on the death of her brother Jerry Bosworth, December 13.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Meetings

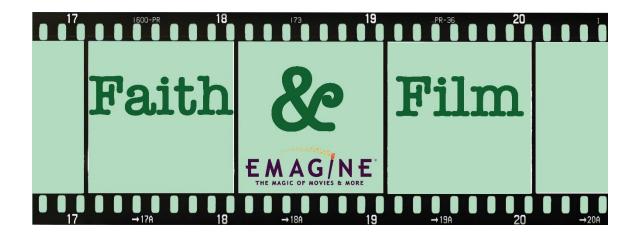
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

Nar-Anon

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

Still Beloved for Spouses

Second Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parlor



Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! Monday nights in January, we will head over to the Emagine Theatre at 11 Mile and Main at 7:00 pm to see a current movie together. Tickets are only \$7 (a \$5 discount at this premiere theatre.) If you have any questions, **contact the church office at 248-541-4100 or office@rofum.org**.

January 6 - Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

A year after the events of *The Last Jedi,* the remnants of the Resistance face the First Order once again—while reckoning with the past and their own inner turmoil. Meanwhile, the ancient conflict between the Jedi and the Sith reaches its climax, bringing the decadeslong saga to an end.

January 13 – Frozen 2 (all kids 12 and under are free!)

Set three years after the events of the first film, the story follows Elsa, Anna, Kristoff, Olaf, and Sven, who embark on a journey beyond their kingdom of Arendelle in order to discover the origin of Elsa's magical powers and save their kingdom after a mysterious voice calls out to Elsa.

Two more films will be announced soon, so keep watching this space!

SERMON NOTES



In Memory Of

John Blagg George Renwick, Jr Joseph & Theresa Knapp Charlie McCormick Athena Milewski Bill & Virginia Hassberger

Rick Reynolds

Rick Reynolds
Family members lost
but not forgotten
Don Mansfield

In Honor Of

Grandpa John &
Grandma Charlene
Phyllis Hassberger
Elsa Reynolds

Given By

Pat Blagg
John & Cynthia Cline
Jamie Knapp
Julia McCormick
Merrill Milewski
Brent, Allison,
Dane, & Ivy Plaxton
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Dane, & Ivy Plaxton
His Family
The Simms and
Heckman Families
Lori & Jeff Vickers

Given By Nan & Chris Orletski

The Plaxton Family The Plaxton Family

UMCOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our congregation has contributed to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in honor or in memory of the following:

In Memory Of

John Blagg
Chris Christopher
Chris Christopher
Jean & LeRoy Scheibner
Rhea Embrey
My Parents
Frank & Jackie Kinney
Raymond G. Lawson
Keith and David Leenhouts
My Parents
Athena Milewski
Our Parents

In Honor Of

Calvin Sleeman

Our Children & Granddaughter Dick & Kay LaCombe Our Beautiful Family Virginia Sleeman

Ronaldo & Noreen Bucciarelli

Given By

Pat Blagg
Kim Christopher
Elsie Consolacion
The Evans Family
Joan Johnson
Joan Johnson
Steve & Janet Kinney
Elizabeth L. Chiri-Lawson
The Leenhouts Family
Nancy Carol Lorenz
Merrill Milewski
Art & Delores Miller
Julie & Craig Sleeman
The Sleeman Family

Given By

Bruce & Cathy Baker Joan Johnson Sam & Mary Nahhat Her Family

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22				
9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's ChoirRoom #307	,		
9:00 am	Worship & Noisy BucketSanctuary	/		
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery			
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square			
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour Parlor & Gathering Space			
10:15 am	Pastor Chat 1st Floor Conference Room	1		
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy BucketSanctuary Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	,		
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square			
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour			
12:15 pm	Pastor Chat			
12:15 pm	Men's Steering TeamParlor			
6:00 pm	ROY Youth GroupROY Commons			
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals Chapel & Choir Room	1		
Monday, December 23				
9:30 am	Director Team Meeting 1st Floor Conference Room	ì		
9:30 am	Lunch Program ConcertFellowship Hall	ĺ		
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall	ĺ		
12:00 pm	Clothing SortingFellowship Hall			
3:45 pm	Youth Band RehearsalSanctuary	1		
6:00 pm	AA MeetingParlor	٢		
6:00 pm	Piano LessonSanctuary	1		
Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve				
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall			
11:00 am	Christmas Eve Traditional WorshipSanctuary			
3:00 pm	Children's Christmas PageantSanctuary			
7:00 pm	Blue Jeans Christmas Eve WorshipSanctuary			
9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Traditional WorshipSanctuary			
11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight & CommunionSanctuary	/		

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall		
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Thursday, December 26 Office Closed Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall		
7.00 pm	Tailit & Sexuality Meeting	The Office Coffee Shop		
Friday, December 27				
9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	As We Gather Bible Study Roga Chair Yoga Lunch Program Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making Wedding Rehearsal AA Meeting	Choir RoomFellowship HallKitchenSanctuary		
Saturday, December 28				
9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary		
Sunday, December 29				
9:00 am 9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir Worship Infants & Toddlers – Nursery			
10:00 am 11:00 am	Fellowship Hour			
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parlor & Gathering Space		

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

During the month of January, we are going back to the movies! We will meet for a 7:00 m showing at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak on Monday nights. We even get discounted tickets at only \$7. Then the following Sunday the message will focus on themes we experienced together in the film.

I am really excited to announce our first two films:

Monday, January 6 - Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker



This is the final installment of the greatest science fiction/fantasy franchise of all time. The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more as Rey, Finn and Poe Dameron's journey continues. With the power and knowledge of generations behind them, the final battle commences.

Monday, January 13 - Frozen 2

Family Night—All Children 12 & Under Free Elsa and Anna redefined the Disney "princess." In this sequel, Elsa the Snow Queen has an extraordinary gift—the power to create ice and snow. But no matter how happy she is to be surrounded by the people of Arendelle, Elsa finds herself strangely unsettled. After hearing a mysterious voice call out to her, Elsa travels to the enchanted forests and dark seas beyond her



kingdom—an adventure that soon turns into a journey of self-discovery.

The following two week's movies will be announced in January.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for these two fun films. They will be sure to both entertain and inspire.

See you at the movies!

