



In Focus
Advent 2019

The Couple

*He went to be enrolled together with
Mary, who was promised
to him in marriage and
who was pregnant.
Luke 2:5*

*Sunday, December 22
11:00 am Worship*

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140	J.S. Bach
Introit	Luke 2:4-5 Shaelyn Simms	*CEB
Hymn #250	Once in Royal David's City Kiersten Ciccone, Soloist	**UMH
Call to Worship		Bob Prud'homme
Hymn #230	O Little Town of Bethlehem Stanzas 1 and 2	UMH
Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Call to Prayer		
Advent Wreath Lighting		The Samson Family
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Bogoróditse Devo</i> Sanctus	S. Rachmaninoff
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Luke 2:4-6	CEB
Message	The Couple	Jeff Nelson
Focus	<i>Welcome To Our World</i> Brian Wright	Chris Rice
Hymn #219	What Child Is This	UMH
Postlude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Grimoaldo Macchia

* Common English Bible

** United Methodist Hymnal



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



Join a group and

GROW

with us

Part of our

CONNECT GROW SERVE

Ministries



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 Healand; 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 Imagine 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 decades-long 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

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Poinsettias Decorating our Sanctuary

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
Brent, Allison,
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
Ronaldo & Noreen Bucciarelli
Calvin Sleeman

In Honor Of

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

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 Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Parlor & Gathering Space
10:15 am	Pastor Chat.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parlor & Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Pastor Chat.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
12:15 pm	Men's Steering Team.....	Parlor
6:00 pm	ROY Youth Group.....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals	Chapel & Choir Room

Monday, December 23

9:30 am	Director Team Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
9:30 am	Lunch Program Concert.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Clothing Sorting	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Christmas Eve Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Children's Christmas Pageant.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Blue Jeans Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:30 am Lunch Program Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 26

Office Closed

10:00 am Lunch Program Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Faith & Sexuality Meeting The Office Coffee Shop

Friday, December 27

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 Sandwich Making Kitchen

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary

6:00 pm AA Meeting Parlor

Saturday, December 28

9:30 am Ascend Church Sanctuary

3:00 pm Wedding Sanctuary

4:00 pm Worship Chapel

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am Royal Oak Children's Choir Room #307

9:00 am Worship Sanctuary

 Infants & Toddlers – Nursery

10:00 am Fellowship Hour Parlor & Gathering Space

11:00 am Worship & Noisy Bucket Sanctuary

 Infants & Toddlers – Nursery

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!

Pastor Jeff
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