

Sunday

January  
12

11:00 am  
Worship



Faith

&

Film

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's Song Leader		Elizabeth Wright
Prelude	<i>Cantina Band</i> Jennifer Semivan and Debi Szeliga	John Williams
Introit	<i>Main Theme from Star Wars</i> Charles Larkins, Trumpet	John Williams
Hymn #555	Forward Through the Ages	*UMH
Call to Worship		Carrie Beerer
Hymn #393	Spirit of the Living God	UMH
Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
New Members		
Music Ministry	<i>Introit on the Imperial Death March</i> Carillon Choir	arr. by C. Williams
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Lord, Here Am I</i> Sanctus	John Ness Beck
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1-3	**CEB
Message	Luke, Leia and the Communion of Saints	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #711	For All the Saints Stanzas 1-3	UMH
Postlude	<i>The Throne Room and End Title</i> Charles Larkins, Trumpet	John Williams

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

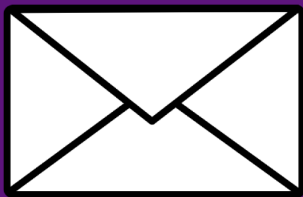
## Pasty Sale

**Saturday, January 18, & Sunday, January 19**

These \$5 pasties are available in two mouth-watering flavors: beef or vegetarian. Proceeds from the sale are split between Youth Missions and Choir Camp. Order forms are available at the Connect Here Desk, or you can order online at [rofum.org/pastyorders](http://rofum.org/pastyorders). If you have any questions, **contact Shirley Harris at [sharris@rofum.org](mailto:sharris@rofum.org)**.



*New Offering Envelopes  
are here!*



## 2020 Offering Envelopes are here!

Be sure to pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes in the Gathering Space following worship services. If you don't see your envelopes there, or if you don't have envelopes yet, add your name to the list on the table.

# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** John Wagster; Marge Youngs; Carol Hardt; Betty Lawson; Anne Vincent; Yvonne Quinn; Peggy Waisanen; Lorraine Dorsey; Tyler Young; Sue Hughes; Dorothy Matsumoto; Lynn Nord; Phyllis Hassberger; Betty Locke; Judy Ather; Inge Wichers; Lee Hoffmann; Dick & Judy Bryan

**Prayers for our extended family:** Neva Aredyan; Sheila Boyer; Elaine Berndes; Susie Inch; Leslie Inch; Mary Healander; Patrick Tamm; Carl Wilson; Kris Beachum

**Senior Spotlight:** Joe & Peggy Waisanen

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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# STAFF ADDITIONS

As 2020 opens I want to let you know about some new faces that will be joining our staff team this year.



## **Michael Monte – Hospitality Coordinator**

Michael and his husband, Brian, have been connected to Royal Oak First for nearly 15 years. Michael will help our church be one of the most welcoming congregations in the community. Michael will be working with coffee hour hosts, ushers and greeters, and a host of others to ensure everyone who walks through the doors of our church know that “we are glad they are here!”



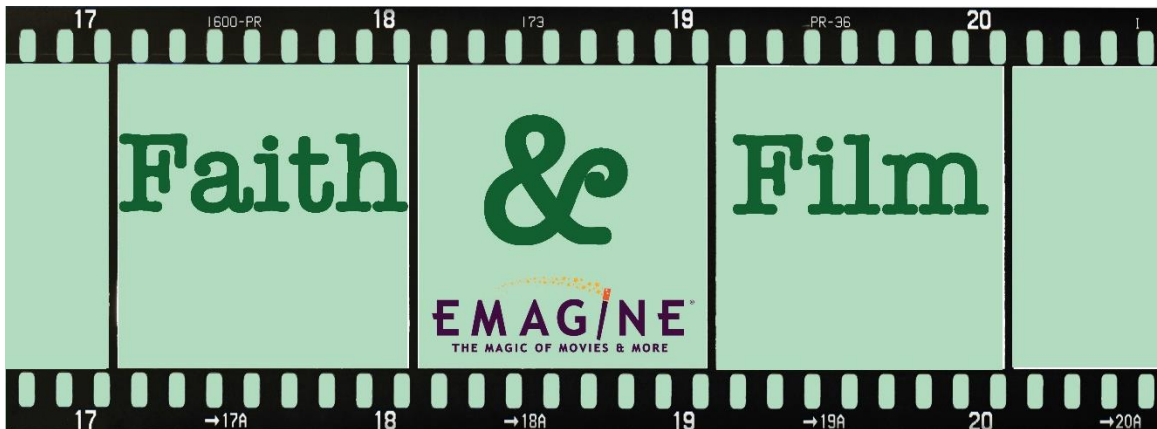
## **Joyce Hollingsworth – Missions Coordinator**

Joyce and her wife, Tami, are newer to our movement. Joyce brings years of experience in organizing and community service with her. She will be working to keep the connections with our ministry partners strong by helping us provide more hands-on service opportunities.



## **Heather Diemond – Evening Receptionist**

Heather will be the face greeting you at the door Sunday through Thursday evenings. She will help you find your meetings, answer any questions you might have about programs and welcome our guests. Heather is the proud mother of Zelda, one of the newest members of our community.



Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! Monday nights in January, we will head to the theater 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](mailto:office@rofum.org)**.

**January 13 – *Frozen 2*** at Emagine Theatre at 11 Mile and Main (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.

**January 20 – *Little Women*** at MJR at Maple and Livernois

In the years after the Civil War, Jo March reflects back and forth on her life, telling the beloved story of the March sisters - four young women each determined to live life on their own terms.

**January 27 – *Just Mercy*** at MJR at Maple and Livernois

After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life.

## **Dinner and a Movie**

**January 13 & 27 at Detroit Taco Company at 304 N Main St in Royal Oak**

**January 20 at The Rock on Third at 112 E 3rd St in Royal Oak**

Stop by Rock on Third or Detroit Taco Company before heading out to our Faith and Film movie night and 20% of your total bill will be donated to the church to help our kids go to Choir Camp! All you have to do is mention the church when placing your order.



# CALENDAR

## Sunday, January 12

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Pre-School-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) – Bible Times Square	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Parlor & Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Pre-School-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) – Bible Times Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Parlor & Gathering Space
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society .....	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Core Values.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Youth (ROY) Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	ROY Youth Group.....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals .....	Bible Times Square & Choir Room
8:00 pm	Youth Group Seniors Small Group.....	National Coney Island

## Monday, January 13

9:30 am	Director Team Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Faith and Film: <i>Frozen 2</i> .....	Emagine Theater
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601 .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Bible Times Square
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, January 14

9:00 am	First Friends.....	Nursery
10:00 am	Discipleship Fast Track.....	Parlor
10:00 am	Good & Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit! .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Good & Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Weirder Bible .....	Room #305
7:30 pm	Caring For Creation Grow Group .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

### Wednesday, January 15

10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Club .....	Parlor
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEO) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons .....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Creation Care Environmental Ministry .....	Room #304
5:30 pm	Holy COW Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Discipleship Fast Track .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Theater, Sanctuary, & Faith Lab
6:15 pm	The Shack .....	Room #303
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Room #307
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music Experience .....	Bible Times Square
6:30 pm	Understanding Good & Evil .....	Room #305
7:00 pm	Diversity & Inclusion Committee .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	NAR Anon .....	ROY Commons
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Bible Times Square
7:45 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Room #307

### Thursday, January 16

10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #307
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

### Friday, January 17

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
11:00 am	Susan Flynn Visitation & Funeral .....	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making .....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

### Saturday, January 18

8:00 am	Music Guild Pasty Making .....	Kitchen
11:00 am	Ken Burton Memorial Service .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

“A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...”

I was just six years old when that line flashed across the movie screen at The State Theatre, the little, one screen, downtown movie house in Rheinlander, Wisconsin. The year was 1977 and the phenomena that is Star Wars was born. For Generation Xers like myself, Star Wars, and the now 43 years of films that have followed, are simply a part of our cultural narrative.



I dressed up as a Star Wars character four years in a row for Halloween.

I figured out how to play the iconic theme song on my clarinet.

And for kids growing up in the North woods of Wisconsin, all it took was two sticks and your buddy and suddenly you were Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader battling in an epic struggle of good versus evil.

We love great stories and epic tales. We fall in love with heroes that give themselves over to something larger than themselves. We want an invitation to participate in bringing transformation to the world. A good story always makes it clear—it is only in the transformation of one’s self is anyone able to participate in the transformation of the world.

That is what this Sunday is really all about. It is not just a trip down nostalgia lane for middle-aged guys like me. It is not to simply dissect and appreciate a good movie. No, Star Wars Sunday is the reminder that we are all invited into a real life story of transformation. That is what the Jesus journey is all about. “Come and follow me and I will give you a chance to change the world...and guess what? You’ll be changed in the process as well.”

So yes, thank you for indulging my childhood memories but more importantly, thank you for accepting the invitation to this journey to change and transform our lives and the world.

I should end this by saying, “May the Force be with you...” but guess what? It already is!!!!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.