

Sunday

January  
19

9:00 am  
Worship



Faith

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Film

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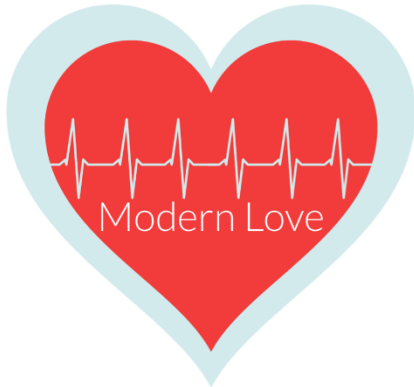
# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	<i>Show Yourself</i> Kimi Matsumoto, Flute	Lopez/Lopez
Song	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)	
Song	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	
Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Show Yourself</i> Amanda Najor	Lopez/Lopez
Scripture	1 Peter 3:21-22 and Ephesians 4:1-6 Karla Ringeisen	*CEB
Message	The Water Remembers	Jeff Nelson
Baptismal Remembrance	<i>All is Found</i> Sam Garrett	Lopez/Lopez
Postlude	<i>Jubilate</i> Gordon Young	



IT'S PASTY DAY!

PASTIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP OR PURCHASE.  
EXTRAS ARE LIMITED, SO DON'T MISS OUT!  
JUST \$5 EACH!



**Take the Survey!**

[rofum.org/modernlove](http://rofum.org/modernlove)

Submit your responses by  
Sunday, February 2.



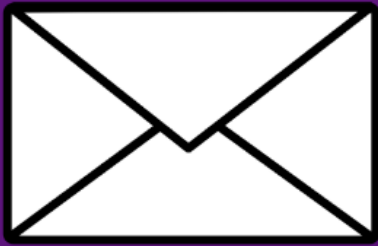
**Sub Sandwich Sale**

**\$6 or two for \$10**

Contact Bridget Nelson at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*New Offering Envelopes  
are here!*



## **2020 Offering Envelopes are here!**

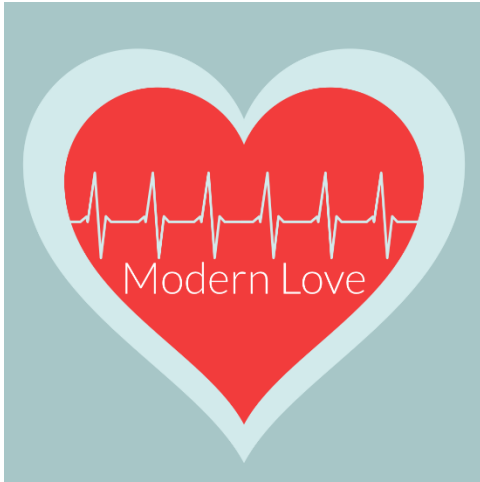
Be sure to pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes in the Gathering Space following worship services. If you don't see your envelopes there, or if you don't have envelopes yet, add your name to the list on the table.

## **Sub Sale**

**Sunday, February 2**

The youth group will be making subs for you on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2. They will be available for pick-up following worship services in the Gathering Space. All subs contain ham, salami, and two kinds of cheese. Lettuce, tomato, onion, and condiments will be available at pick-up. Subs are \$6 or two for \$10. All funds will go to support our youth summer service trips. If you have any questions, **contact Bridget Nelson at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org).**





## Modern Love Survey

### Responses due Sunday, February 2

Our February worship series will be Modern Love, inspired by the popular podcast of the same name. To help us with this series, we have created a survey to know what our members think about love and relationships. You can find the survey at [rofum.org/modernlove](http://rofum.org/modernlove) or you can pick up a paper copy at the Connect Here Desk and return it to the church office. Submit your anonymous responses by Sunday, February 2. If you have any questions, **contact Sam Garrett at [sgarrett@rofum.org](mailto:sgarrett@rofum.org)**.

## Men's Chorus

### Performs Sunday, February 16, 11:00 am

A special Men's Chorus will perform on Sunday, February 16, at the 11:00 am worship service. Come and lift your voice in praise. Rehearsals will be at 12:30 pm on Sunday, January 26, and February 2 and 9. If you have any questions, **contact Neal Harris at 248-765-5618.**



# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Phil Button; Don McCreedy; Barb Nicholas; Patty Dunstan; Ann Cline; Kim Abela-Godfrey; 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:** Charles White

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).

# 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

# STAFF TRANSITIONS

As we move into this time of transition in our worship and arts program, it will truly be a team effort.

## **Debi Szeliga – Interim Director of Worship and Music**

Debi's hours will expand to full time during this interim and she will continue to provide worship coordination, planning, recruiting and organizing, incredible accompanist work and will assist in conducting the search process for new staff.



## **Chris Hall – Interim Conductor of Sanctus Choir**

We are excited to welcome Chris Hall back to Royal Oak First. Chris served as the choir director at Royal Oak First in the 80s and early 90s. Chris will help provide direction for the choir through February 9, giving us time to search for a longer term interim.

## **Erica Plesco – Interim Leader of the House Band**

Erica has been a familiar face in our House Band for the past three years. Along with help from Jennifer Semivan, Mike McNutt, and Laci Basel, Erica will select music and hold rehearsals.



## **Neal Harris & Faye Bond – Interim Conductors of Angelus Senior High Choir**



We are thrilled that Neal and Faye will be working together with our high school choir. Neal and Faye are long-time leaders in our congregation and gifted musicians. Neal and Faye are committed to helping our people grow in their faith and in their love of music and arts.



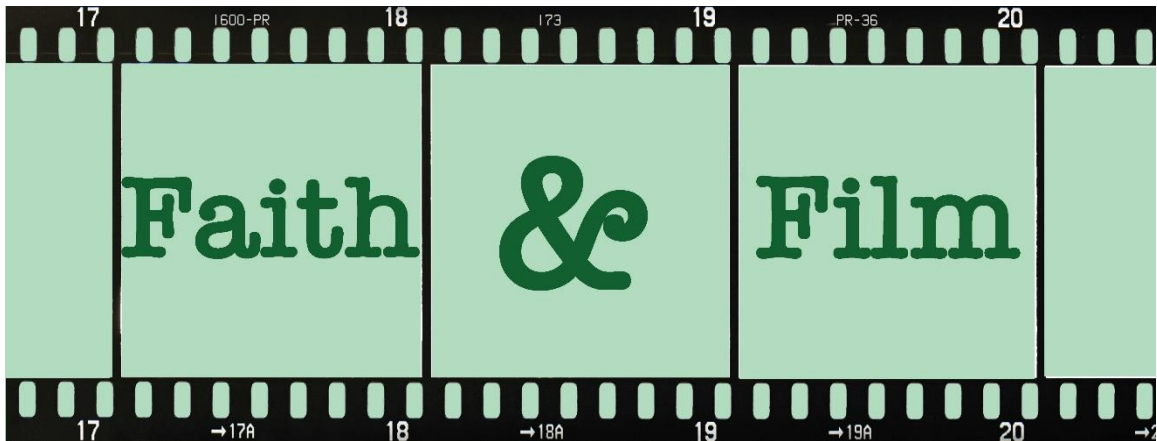
## **Pastor George Marck – Pastor of As We Gather and New Member Care Coordinator**

George and his family have been long-time members of Royal Oak First and George has been a part of our staff team for over three years now. In 2020, Pastor George's role will be focused on helping those who are new to our movement feel known, needed, and cared for. Additionally, George will deepen his pastoral care work with our lunch program guests.



We give thanks to God for truly blessing us with so many great people who will lead us through this time of transition. Please pray for all these folks as they begin their season of service and leadership.





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! If you have any questions, **contact the church office at 248-541-4100 or [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org)**.

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

**January 27 at Detroit Taco Company at 304 N Main 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 19

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
12:15 pm	Ghana Trip Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Core Values .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Private Room Rental.....	Parlor

## Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Faith and Film: <i>Little Women</i> .....	MJR Troy at Maple & Livernois
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, January 21

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	Compass Team .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
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 22

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
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons.....	Parlor
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
7:30 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 23

10:00 am	As We Gather Worship Service .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Friday, January 24

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
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

## Saturday, January 25

9:30 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I met this past weekend with our newly elected Compass Team. This is the group of dedicated leaders who have agreed to serve this congregation as a vision casting and governance team. Each of them brings spiritual maturity, a servant's heart and experience in giving leadership to the church.

At our first organizing retreat, this team reaffirmed two very important commitments for Royal Oak First and our movement. First, we continue to stand by our vision of "Making Christ's Love Real!" We want people's faith experience to be something that matters, and that makes sense in their day-to-day living. For us, faith is more than ideas, doctrines, and beliefs - it is a way of living with each other and the world around us.

The second was our commitment to saying, "All are Welcome—and All Means All!" In a world that seeks to divide us in every which way, we seek to hold a community that finds its unity in Christ. We will continue to build a movement where people of different ages, races, economic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and political persuasions can come together in love. This is the sign and symbol the world needs. It is not always easy. It sure can be messy. And yet, it is at the very heart of the ministry of Christ.

Please keep the members of this team, Brian LaRose, Ann Brown, Tim Ryckman, Carrie Beerer, Robin Richardson, Jeff Vickers, Jay Dunstan, Jennifer Tripoli, and myself in your prayers. The work ahead of us exciting.

We are glad you are here!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive 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.

PS - Don't forget that this week's Faith & Film movie is *Little Women* and it has moved to a new location. Please join us at the **MJR in Troy, right on the corner of Livernois and Maple**. Parking is ample and free and the cost is only \$7.