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# LITTLE WOMEN

FROM GRETA GERWIG  
THE WRITER AND DIRECTOR OF LADY BIRD



Saturday

January  
25

4:00 pm  
Worship

Faith

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Film

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #92	For the Beauty of the Earth Stanzas 1, 2 and 4	*UMH
Call to Worship		Adrianna Marino
Song	Ancient Words	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Music Ministry	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> Saturday House Band	
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Best News Ever</i> Rosabelle Moody	MercyMe
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Romans 12:1-2	**CEB
Message	Just Do You	Myra Moreland
Song	<i>Heroes</i> Erica Plesco	Ann Reed
Song	Your Grace Is Enough	

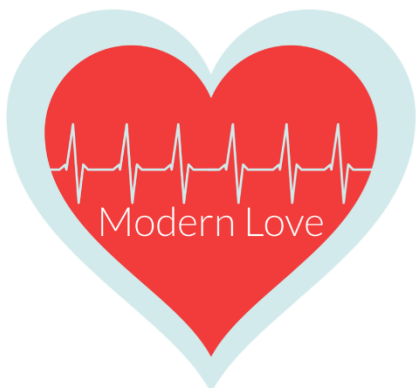
\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible



# Love and Logic®

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**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

## Sub Sale

**Sunday, February 2**

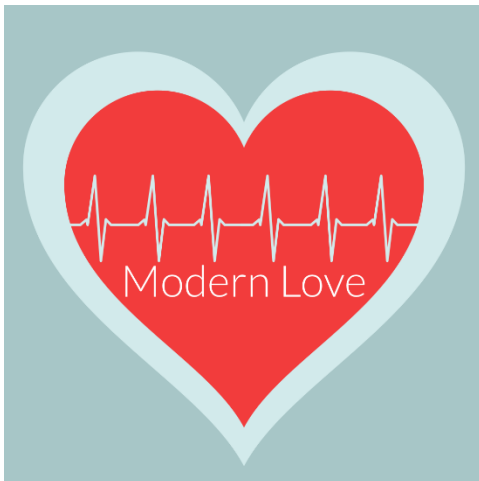
The youth group will be making subs for you on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2. They will be available for pick-up following worship services in the Gathering Space. All subs contain ham, salami, and two kinds of cheese. Lettuce, tomato, onion, and condiments will be available at pick-up. Subs are \$6 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)**.



## United Methodist Women Program

Thursday, February 6, 1:00 pm

Join us as we welcome Redford Brightmoor Initiative Director, Robert Counts. RBI, one of our ongoing mission partners, takes action to improve the quality of life and build relationships in one of Detroit's most economically depressed neighborhoods. In addition to their free store, RBI works to provide community lunches, housing assistance, neighborhood improvements, and youth programs. Come learn about how our church can continue to help them in their missions.



The UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 am, prior to the program.

## Love & Logic Seminar

Friday, February 7, 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Love and Logic is a research driven, whole-child philosophy dedicated to making parenting fun and rewarding instead of stressful and chaotic! For over 40 years, parents have been getting practical tools and techniques that help achieve healthy, respectful relationships with their children. Join us for this two-day seminar with a qualified Love and Logic trainer. Meet other parents and learn some great techniques and strategies! The cost is \$50 per family and nursery care will be available for children 5 and under. **Sign up online at [rofum.org/lovelogic](http://rofum.org/lovelogic) or contact Bridget Nelson at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org)** if you have any questions.

## 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.**



## Doing Our Own Work: An Anti-Racism Seminar for White People

**March 6 & 7, April 3 & 4, and May 1 & 2, 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

**DOING  
OUR OWN  
WORK**

Anti-racist action and reflection form the heart of Doing Our Own Work. Each participant is invited to identify a "sphere of influence" that serves as the focus of action and reflection. Participants will explore the following topics and issues: the four realms of racism and change, historical roots of racism in the U.S., movements for racial justice in the U.S., white privilege, claiming and shaping an anti-racist identity, practicing the skills of interrupting racism, strategies for institutional change, and developing networks of support and accountability.

Lead by Dessa Cosma and Liz Miller, the cost for this 6-day seminar \$575, including a nonrefundable \$100 deposit. This cost includes the program, resource materials, and snacks & beverages for all six days. Scholarships and payment plans are available. To register or find more information, **go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links).**

# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Woody Siddall; Tim Olson; Bruce Conrad; Jennifer Semivan; Jane & Phil Button; Don McCreedy; Barb Nicholas; Patty Dunstan; Ann Cline; Kim Abela-Godfrey; John Wagster; Marge Youngs; Carol Hardt; Betty Lawson; Anne Vincent; Dick & Judy Bryan

**Prayers for our extended family:** Bill Kincannon; Marshal Knight; Jackson Turner; Neva Aredyan; Sheila Boyer; Elaine Berndes; Susie Inch; Leslie Inch; Kris Beachum

**Senior Spotlight:** Marge Youngs

**Sympathy** to the family of Steven Seizert on his death, January 12.

**Sympathy** to the Riggs family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Carolyn Rice, January 23.

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**

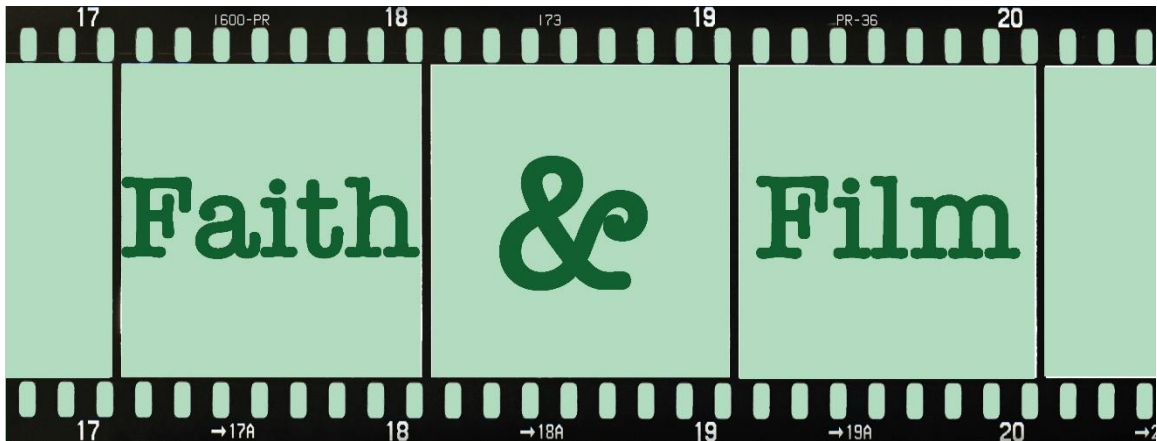
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

## **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



Join us at MJR Troy at Maple and Livernois for our final movie night of the season! 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 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 27 at Detroit Taco Company at 304 N Main St in Royal Oak**

Stop by 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 26

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
10:00 am	Dearborn First UMC Retreat .....	Room #305
10:15 am	Pastor Chat.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
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	Pastor Chat.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary
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	Private Room Rental.....	Parlor
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals .....	Bible Times Square & Choir Room
8:00 pm	ROY Seniors Small Group Meeting.....	National Coney Island

## Monday, January 27

9:30 am	Director Team Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day.....	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601 .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith and Film: <i>Just Mercy</i> .....	MJR Troy at Maple & Livernois
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, January 28

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
12:30 pm	Private Room Rental.....	Bible Times Square
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, January 28 continued

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 .....	Parlor

## Wednesday, January 29

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 30

10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
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 31

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, February 1

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

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" ~ Martin Luther King Jr.*

This past weekend, the nation celebrated the birthday of Dr. King. Dr. King's legacy of Christian witness stands as a reminder that our faith demands an active response to the suffering and injustices of our world. He spoke out against the powers and principles of racism, reminding us that every single person is imbued with the image of God.

I recently watched a vital documentary called *King in the Wilderness*, which detailed the last years of Dr. King's ministry. During this time, King was not just standing up for equal rights of African Americans; he was also speaking out against the violence of war and organizing to address the death-dealing effects of poverty. The ability to make these connections reminds us that our faith can never be a single issue, but must always be looking for new ways to stand in solidarity with our most vulnerable neighbors.

This week's Faith and Film movie, *Just Mercy*, is a story about the continuation of King's legacy. It tells the real-life story of Bryan Stevenson's quest to exonerate innocent death-row inmates in Alabama. This film shows us the connections between racism and poverty and asks us to consider if we are truly willing to see the dignity in all people. You will leave this film troubled and moved to action. I hope you join us at MJR Theatres on Maple and Livernois this Monday. The film starts at 7:00 and costs \$7.

I am looking forward to seeing this film and then coming back to do the work of changing the world.

Grace and Peace,

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