

A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a white patterned shirt and a dark tie, is seated at a wooden piano. The piano is decorated with colorful markers and has a sign that reads "If you don't know you're going, Any road will get you there". The background is a brick wall. The text "The Road Home" is overlaid in a white trapezoidal shape in the upper right. Below it, another white trapezoidal shape contains the text "Sunday, January 5 11:00 am Worship".

The Road Home

Sunday, January 5
11:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | <i>The First Noel</i> | arr. by James Koerts Jennifer Semivan and Debi Szeliga |
| Choral Introit | <i>The Lord is My Light</i> Sanctus | Lillian Bouknight |
| Hymn #206 | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | *UMH |
| Call to Worship | | Ivy Plaxton |
| Song #2164 | Sanctuary | **FWS |
| Welcome | | |
| Invitation to Mission | | |
| Time of Prayer | | |
| Offering Our Gifts and Tithes | | |
| Musical Offering | <i>Bridge Over Troubled Water</i> Sanctus | arr. by Kirby Shaw |
| Doxology #95 | | UMH |
| Caleb Williams' Farewell and Blessing | | |
| Scripture | Matthew 2:1-3, 7-12 | ***CEB |
| Message | The Road Home | Caleb Williams |
| Communion | <i>The Road Home</i> Sanctus | Stephen Paulus |
| Hymn | Go to the World | |
| Choral Benediction | <i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i> Sanctus | Peter Lutkin |
| Postlude | <i>In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729</i> | J.S. Bach |

* United Methodist Hymnal
** Faith We Sing
*** Common English Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Launch 2020: Men's Fellowship Kick-Off Breakfast

Saturday, January 11, 9:00 am



New year, new decade, new opportunities! Join us as we kick-off the new year with food and friendship. We will discuss what is being planned for the year and share our ideas for growing our ministries. If you have any questions, **contact the team at mensfellowship@rofum.org**.

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. If you have any questions, **contact Shirley Harris at sharris@rofum.org**.



SPECIAL THANKS

Special Thank You from the Hospitality Team

Thank you to everyone who brought in delicious baked goods and treats to share during our coffee hour. It helped to make our Holidays that much more special.

Special Thank You from Judy Ather

Thanks very much for all the prayers, flowers, and cards. Special thanks to Pastor Bob for all of his visits.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: John Wagster; Carol Hardt; Betty Lawson; 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; Lee Hoffmann; Dick & Judy Bryan

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

Senior Spotlight: June Stephan

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

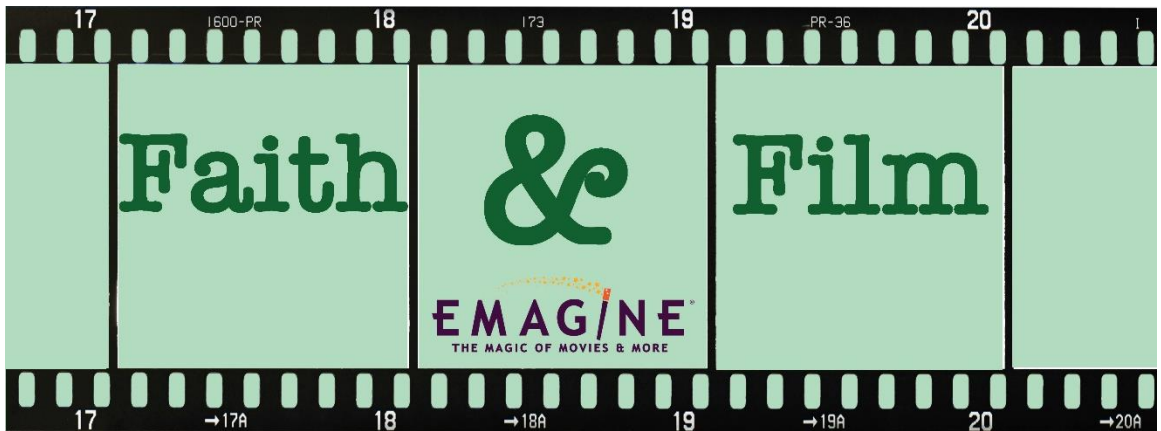
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

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 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!

Dinner and a Movie

January 6 & 20 at The Rock on Third at 112 E 3rd St in Royal Oak

January 13 & 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 5

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| 9:00 am | Royal Oak Children's Choir | Room #307 |
| 9:00 am | Worship & Communion | Sanctuary |
| | Infants & Toddlers – Nursery | |
| 10:00 am | Fellowship Hour | Parlor & Gathering Space |
| 11:00 am | Worship & Communion | Sanctuary |
| | Infants & Toddlers – Nursery | |
| 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hour | Parlor & Gathering Space |
| 12:30 pm | Music Guild | Fellowship Hall |
| 5:30 pm | Royal Oak Youth (ROY) Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 pm | ROY Youth Group | ROY Commons |
| 6:30 pm | Private Room Rental | Parlor |
| 7:00 pm | ROY Choir Rehearsals | Chapel & Choir Room |
| 7:00 pm | Youth Parent Talk | Fellowship Hall |

Monday, January 6

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| 9:30 am | Director Team Meeting | 1 st Floor Conference Room |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program | Fellowship Hall |
| 3:45 pm | Youth Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 pm | AA Meeting | Parlor |
| 6:00 pm | Refueling Our Faith Using Motors (ROFUM) ... | Duggan's Irish Pub |
| 7:00 pm | Faith and Film: <i>Star Wars</i> | Emagine Theater |
| 7:00 pm | Scout Troop 1601 | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga | Chapel |

Tuesday, January 7

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| 9:00 am | First Friends | Nursery |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program | Fellowship Hall |
| 3:30 pm | Piano Lessons | Parlor |
| 6:30 pm | Sing Out Detroit! Auditions | Choir Room |
| 7:00 pm | Men's Basketball | Addams Elementary School |
| 7:00 pm | Good & Beautiful Life Pre-Class | ROY Commons |

Wednesday, January 8

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| 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 |
| 5:30 pm | Holy COW Dinner..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 pm | AA Meeting..... | 1 st Floor Conference Room |
| 6:15 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsals..... | Theater, Sanctuary, & Faith Lab |
| 6:30 pm | Infant/Toddler Music Experience..... | Bible Times Square |
| 6:30 pm | Knowledge Circle..... | Parlor |
| 6:30 pm | Carillon Bell Choir..... | Room #307 |
| 7:30 pm | House Band Rehearsal..... | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 pm | NAR Anon..... | ROY Commons |
| 7:30 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga..... | Chapel |

Thursday, January 9

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| 10:00 am | Lunch Program..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30 am | United Methodist Women Executive Meeting..... | Parlor |
| 1:00 pm | Shawl Ministry..... | Parlor |
| 3:00 pm | Royal Oak Children's Choir..... | Room #307 |
| 6:00 pm | Sanctus Choir Council..... | 1 st Floor Conference Room |
| 7:00 pm | Faith and Sexuality Meeting..... | The Office Coffee Shop |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctus Choir Rehearsal..... | Sanctuary |

Friday, January 10

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| 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 st Floor Conference Room |
| 6:30 pm | Compass Team Meeting..... | Youth Room |
| 6:30 pm | Still Beloved for Spouses..... | Parlor |

Saturday, January 11

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| 8:30 am | CYF Leaders..... | ROY Commons |
| 9:00 am | Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 9:30 am | Compass Team Meeting..... | 1 st Floor Conference Room |
| 12:00 pm | Jack Hughes Visitation & Memorial Service..... | Sanctuary |
| 4:00 pm | Worship..... | Chapel |

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

In every sermon I ever preached here, I took a moment to be a “word nerd.” I can’t leave this place without doing so one last time. There are so many good words to pick:

Farewell = safe travels

auf Wiedersehen = until I see you again

Shalom/Salaam = God’s peace

So long = goodbye for now

But when it really matters, the only word we say is Goodbye. For some 500 years, English speakers have said goodbye when parting ways. It was shortened from the longer phrase “God be with ye.” We don’t say “ye” any more, but it’s the equivalent of today’s “y’all,” meaning more than one person.

And so, as we part ways, that’s what I really want to say: May God be with you all! I’ve seen God’s spirit at work over these last three years, and I have no doubt that God is still at work in this community. A spirit of grace has bound us together in love, and that spirit reaches farther than any distance of space or time.

Like Paul said in his letter to the Romans: “I’m convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.”

Though we may be apart, I know that we will always be together in the Spirit that makes us one.

Yours in love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. B. Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.