



Working
9 to 5

Sunday, December 29
11:00 am Worship



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Noël Nouvelet</i>	Dale Wood
Hymn #238	Angels We Have Heard On High Stanzas 1 - 3	*UMH
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Hymn #228	He Is Born Stanzas 1 and 3	UMH
Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i> Chloe Johnson	Regney/Shayne
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Luke 2:20-24	**CEB
Song	<i>9 to 5</i> Erica Plesco	Dolly Parton
Message	Working 9 to 5	Myra Moreland
Hymn #251	Go Tell It On the Mountain	UMH
Postlude	<i>Christ the Lord to Us is Born, Op. 80 No. 14</i>	C. Van Hulse

* Common English Bible
** United Methodist Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**.



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**.



RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Senior Spotlight: Al Simmons

Sympathy to the Sue Hughes and the Peltier family on the death of Jack Hughes, December 24.

Sympathy to Joyce Burton on the death of her husband, Ken Burton, December 24.

Sympathy to Rebecca & Jack McNaughton on the death of Rebecca's sister, Susan Flynn, December 26.

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!

CALENDAR

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	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parlor & Gathering Space

Monday, December 30

9:30 am	Director Team Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor

Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

	Office Closed	
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

	Office Closed	
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor

Thursday, January 2

10:00 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith & Sexuality Meeting.....	The Office Coffee Shop
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Brewery Night	The Royal Oak Brewery

Friday, January 3

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.....	Parlor

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

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	Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals.....	Chapel & Choir Room
7:00 pm	Youth Parent Talk	Fellowship Hall

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I woke up Thursday morning to the sound of trash cans being dragged to the street; trash cans filled with ribbons, Christmas wrapping paper and all the remnants of our Christmas celebrations. The retail world will start slashing prices to reenergize post-Holiday spending, our favorite radio station will finally switch back to their normal playlist and yes, for many of us, it is back to work.

Today's sermon title is "Working 9 to 5". Our minds go immediately to that movie from the 80s with Jane Fonda, Lilly Tomlin, and Dolly Parton. Before we know it we will be humming that great Dolly Parton song "9 to 5, what a way to make a living" The movie and the song are familiar to us, but what you might not know is that the movie is based on a real group called 9to5. It is an organization formed by a group of women in Boston in 1976 to fight for the rights of working women. I love this quote from their website, "These women decided enough was enough. They felt feisty, empowered and fed up. They decided to fight for fair pay and equal treatment." 9to5 today is one of the largest and most respected organizations of working women in the United States. It was true of those first founders of 9to5 and it is still true today, that while fighting the good fight, these women are still working 9to5. (Well, when you consider that more than 13 million men and women work two or more jobs just to make ends meet, 9 to 5 is more like 8 to 10pm or worse.)

Even the Christmas shepherds didn't get a pass on earning a living. They did not leave the manger to become monks and contemplate all they have seen and heard. No, they went back to their sheep. While in some ways everything was the same; nothing was the same. They went back praising God and telling all those around them what had happened.

This weekend, we look at what it means to take our Christmas experience out into the 9 to 5 world. Are we leaving the manger scene feeling "feisty and empowered" and ready to make Christ's love real in the "real" world?

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor
Myra*