



You've Got a Friend in Me

Sunday, February 16
11:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's Song Leader		Mary Nahhat
Prelude	<i>Thank You For Being a Friend</i>	Andrew Gold
Hymn #577	God of Grace and God of Glory	*UMH
Call to Worship		Faye Bond
Hymn #526	What a Friend We Have in Jesus Stanza 1	UMH
Welcome and Invitation to Mission		
Baptism		Cecelia Louise Bartelloti Daughter of Joseph and Melanie Bartelloti
Music Ministry	<i>Let It Be Me</i> Lori and Tracy Altman	Kenny Rogers
Time of Prayer		Bob Prud'homme
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i> Men's Chorus	Andrae Crouch
Doxology #95		UMH
Commissioning of Pastor George Marck		
Scripture	John 15:12-17	**CEB
Message	You've Got a Friend in Me	George Marck
Song	<i>You've Got a Friend in Me</i> George Marck and Neal Harris	Randy Newman
Song #2130	The Summons Stanzas 1, 4 and 5	***FWS
Postlude	<i>Finale Festoso</i>	Grimoaldo Macchia

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible

*** Faith We Sing



Fish Dinners

4:30-7:00 pm

February 21

ASH WEDNESDAY

**FEBRUARY 26
7:00 PM**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love & Logic Seminar

Friday, February 28, 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, February 29, 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 or contact Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org** if you have any questions.

Fish Dinners are Coming Soon!

February 21, March 6 & 20, & April 3

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Our famous fish dinners are coming back! Be sure to join us in February, March, and April for four wonderful nights of food, fellowship, and service. Adult meals start at \$10.

Opportunities to serve are available to everyone (children and youth even get credit for Choir Camp,) so be sure to sign up at rofum.org/links. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, **contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org**.



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

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 a number of topics and issues, including the four realms of racism and change, historical roots of racism in the U.S., movements for racial justice in the U.S., 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**.



Spring Trek

April 6-11, 2020

Royal Oak First Adventures is pleased to announce Spring Trek 2020 at Red River Gorge Geological Area southeast of Lexington, KY. The fun includes camping, hiking, rock climbing, and rappelling. This is organized as a family-oriented gathering, but special arrangements can be made to accommodate unaccompanied youth whose parents are unable to participate.

If your family would like to attend, **contact Jon Cline by text at 248-561-2975 or by email at springtrek@rofum.org** by Saturday, January 25.



Endowment Fund



Royal Oak First is a thriving and growing Christ-centered community. Having both a long and short-term financial strategy in place to support continued growth is essential in any healthy church.

Toward that end, a team of church members has been established with

responsibility to address our Endowment Fund. If you don't know yet about the Endowment Fund, it is essentially the church's long-term savings account that made possible the building renovation that we enjoy today. Over the next couple of months, we will share information on the fund's purpose, how you can contribute (if you choose to do so), how it is managed, and a long-term vision to further develop the fund and its uses.

If you have any questions or are considering legacy gifts, please **contact John Boyse, Endowment Fund Team Leader, at 248-224-6006.**

Keith J. Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship

Applications due Wednesday, April 1

It is time to apply for college scholarships for the 2020/2021 school year. Royal Oak First is proud to offer the Keith J. Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship in memory of Judge Keith J. Leenhouts.

Application forms are available in the church office and at Royal Oak High School and Berkley High School. Guidelines and requirements are included in the application packets. The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1.

If you have any questions, contact the church office.





Big Boy Night

Tuesday, March 10, 5:00-8:00 pm

Come to the Big Boy in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 20% of your dinner tab (with a flyer) goes to the Royal Oak First Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for fun prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Harris at sharris@rofum.org. Stop by the Connect Here Desk next time you are at church to pick up a flyer.

Wondering what to do with all those plastic grocery bags?

Plastic grocery bags. They are difficult to recycle, but throwing them out is bad for the environment, so those bags tend to accumulate in drawers or an ironic “bag-of-bags” until we run out of room and get rid of them. Instead of throwing them away, you can drop them off in the church kitchen. In addition to being one of the most common requests from the guests of our lunch program, we use plastic grocery bags to make sleeping mats for people experiencing homelessness.



RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family; Dorothy Matsumoto; Marguerite Horak; Theresa Skelton; Vickie Zimmerman; Jan Carlson; James Respecki; Tim Olson; Bruce Conrad; Jennifer Semivan; Jane & Phil Button; Don McCreedy; Barb Nicholas; Patty Dunstan

Prayers for our extended family: Ivan Rice; Sue Sugden; Susan McNabb; Margie Reese; Paula Yocum; Bill Kincannon; Marshal Knight; Jackson Turner; Neva Aredyan; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Theophil & Delores Bratta

Sympathy to Judy Bryan and Ginny Borts on the death of their husband and brother, Dick Bryan, February 10.

Sympathy to Ginny Borts and Judy Bryan on the death of their sister and sister-in-law, Marcia, February 11.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Pre-School-8 th 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 th Grade) – Bible Times Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parlor & Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Ghana Trip Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
1:00 pm	Sigma Alpha Iota Meeting	Parlor
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary & Parlor

Monday, February 17 – President's Day

9:30 am	Director Team Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study	Parlor

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 am	Family Day of Service	Cass Community Social Services
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!	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Endowment Meeting	Parlor
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, February 19

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
12:00 pm	Lake Louise Lunch.....	ROY Commons
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons.....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW Dinner	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Creation Care Ministry	Room #304
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
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, February 20

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, February 21

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
4:30 pm	Fish Dinner	Lower Level and First Floor
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	ROY Commons

Saturday, February 22

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week as part of the modern love series, we are thinking about friendship. Each of us can identify with feelings of friendship and the treasuring of our friends. By all means, treasure those friendships because they are part of God's gifts to you.

Jesus tells us in the scripture today that he will be our friend and commands us to love one another. Jesus gives us the 'template' or way to follow as a way to be a friend to others. The love of God for us is unwavering, always on target, and complete in a way that can allow us to be the best self we can ever hope to be.

But, it's the third part of friendship that I've really been pondering this week. God calls us to be friends to others and not just to those we might initially gravitate toward. God calls us to be friends to people in need, to those who might need us more than we need them. And it's by this that God builds up his kingdom in the world. So, live the credo, 'You've Got a Friend in Me' this week because, by it, God is using you to change the world. And isn't that what we're all about – changing the world?

George Marck