



His Banner Over Me is Love

Sunday, February 9
11:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's Song Leader		Beth Simms
Prelude	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Jason Payne
Hymn #384	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	*UMH
Call to Worship		Thom Derkowski
Hymn #191	Jesus Loves Me	UMH
Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>Whacky Do Re Mi</i> Upper Elementary Choir	Teresa Jennings
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Praise the Lord</i> Sanctus	G.F. Handel
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Song of Solomon 2:3-4, 8-13	**CEB
Message	His Banner Over Me is Love	Myra Moreland
Song #2218	You Are Mine	***FWS
Postlude	<i>Fanfare on Hyfrydol</i>	David Lasky

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible

*** Faith We Sing

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.



Love and Logic®



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.**

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 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

**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 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 with special arrangements 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



**ENDOWMENT
FUND**

Building for the future

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.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Theresa Skelton; Vickie Zimmerman; Jan Carlson; James Respecki; Woody Siddall; Tim Olson; Bruce Conrad; Jennifer Semivan; Jane & Phil Button; Don McCreedy; Barb Nicholas; Patty Dunstan; Kim Abela-Godfrey; John Wagster; Marge Youngs; Carol Hardt; Betty Lawson; Anne Vincent; Dick & Judy Bryan

Prayers for our extended family: Sue Sugden; Susan McNabb; Margie Reese; Paula Yocum; Paul Hendrickson; Bill Kincannon; Marshal Knight; Jackson Turner; Neva Aredyan; Sheila Boyer; Elaine Berndes; Susie Inch; Leslie Inch; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Priscilla Benson

Sympathy the Shirley Harris on the death of her brother, Paul Hendrickson, February 1.

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9

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
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary & Parlor
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Youth (ROY) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	ROY Youth Group.....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals	Bible Times Square & Choir Room

Monday, February 10

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
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Refueling Our Faith Using Motors (ROFUM).....	Duggan's Irish Pub
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study	Parlor

Tuesday, February 11

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
5:30 pm	Missions Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit!	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Compass Team	1 st Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, February 11 continued

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 12

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
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	AA Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	Discipleship Fast Track.....	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 13

10:00 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, February 14 – Valentine's Day

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

Saturday, February 15

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

Yes, I know, last week's message was pretty heavy. Justice and Mercy are important. We do need to open our eyes and really look at what is happening in the world around us. But, we also need to remember that "this is the day the Lord has made." We need to take time to "rejoice and be glad in it."

For the next three weeks, we are going to celebrate Love – Modern love. If you are on Facebook, you probably saw my post. I asked you all to share "what fills your heart with love." Oh my goodness, the pictures that you all posted were so precious (look for them on the big screen). There were pictures of couples, children, grandchildren, dogs, and cats. It is fun to call attention to and celebrate the joys of life, the things that fill our hearts with love.

Many of you took the Modern Love survey and we will be talking about those results as well this weekend. It's clear that the traditional images of love, relationships and marriage are shifting. In the words of Bob Dylan, "the times, they are a changin'." The truth is, the times are always "a changing." If we look back through the Bible, we see some pretty radical changes in the views of marriage, love and relationship. We've come a long way from Solomon and his 700 wives. Still, through all of the changes from Biblical times to today, we find one amazing constant: Love. It is the title of the sermon for this weekend. It is the promise of God: "His Banner Over Me Is Love."

Celebrate with us on this pre-Valentine weekend. As I type this letter, I hear the echo from the Beatles' tune playing over and over again. "All you need is love; all you need is love. All you need is love; love. Love is all you need."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Moya