

Sunday

**January
16**

**9:00 a.m.
Worship**

WEST SIDE STORY

Faith

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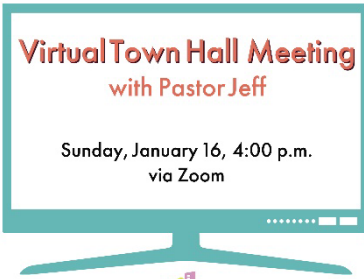
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Maria” from <i>West Side Story</i>	Leonard Benyas
Song	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	Congregational Singing
Song	“Be Still”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Receiving of New Members		Bridget Nelson/Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Erica Plesco
Musical Response	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“One Hand, One Heart” from <i>West Side Story</i>	Doug and Jenni Clark
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*NIV)	1 John 2:9-17	Erica Plesco
Message	People Like Me	Tim Schoenherr
Song	“Somewhere” from <i>West Side Story</i>	Jenni Bowen
Benediction		Tim Schoenherr
Sending Music		House Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PASTOR JEFF IS TODAY!

Join us for a virtual town hall meeting with Pastor Jeff **TODAY, Sunday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom**. We will have updates from various church areas (i.e. finance, personnel, etc.) followed by open comments. We emailed out the Zoom link on Thursday. Please see us after service if you didn't receive it.



SAVE THE DATE! DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR FUTURE MISSIONS PROJECTS?

Join us on **Tuesday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m.** for a Missions 2022 planning and sharing meeting. We will meet upstairs at church in Room 305 to brainstorm ideas for the new year. If you have ideas but can't attend, please email Karla Goetz at missions@rofum.org prior to the meeting. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas!



PASTOR CHAT

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: "How can I help serve the community?"; "I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church"; or "How can my kids be involved in the church?" will be covered. **The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

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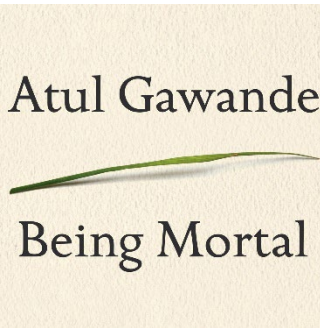


NOISY BUCKET

Give your spare change to help
Lithuanian Methodist Churches

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Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, January 23 at either service** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania.



“BEING MORTAL” BOOK DISCUSSION

Using the bestseller “Being Mortal”, we will engage in conversations about how to live a life with meaning to the last with dignity and joy. We will uncover our deepest wishes and find ways to live more fully now and how we can encourage that for others in our lives. **Beginning Wednesdays, January 26-February 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Visit www.rofum.org to sign up.



“FIRST THOUGHTS” AND “ABIDE” DEVOTIONALS AND THOUGHTS EMAIL

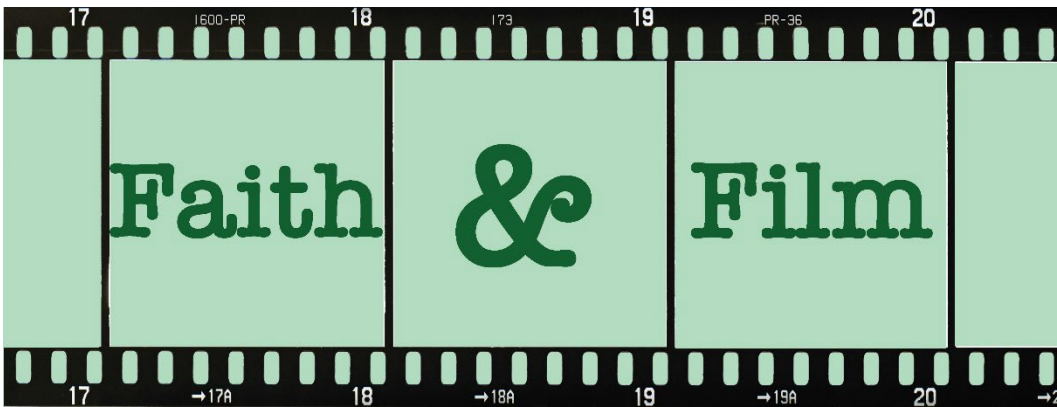
We now offer two new weekly emails from Pastor Jeff and our other pastors/preachers. “First Thoughts” is a moment of inspiration and information on what God is doing in our church and community. “Abide” is a weekly devotional geared for the men of our congregation. **Email us at firstthoughts@rofum.org with your email address and let us know which devotional you would like to receive.**

MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



NEEDS FOR MEN'S WINTER GEAR!

We need the following items: men's gloves/mittens, **men's winter boots**, men's winter hats, **long/thermal underwear tops and bottoms (L, XL, XXL)**, men's winter socks and **sleeping bags**. Thank you for supporting our Lunch Program guests!



FAITH & FILM HAS BEGUN!

Royal Oak First has gone back to the movies! For three Monday nights in January, we will head over to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. to see a current movie together. Tickets are only \$8.50. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org. The theater we will be in is reserved just for Royal Oak First.

We will be requiring all attendees to wear a mask while inside the theater.

Monday, January 17—"SING 2"

Can-do koala Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch a dazzling stage extravaganza in the glittering entertainment capital of the world. There's just one hitch -- he has to find and persuade the world's most reclusive rock star to join them. What begins as Buster's dream of big-time success soon becomes an emotional reminder of the power of music to heal even the most broken heart.

Monday, January 24—"AMERICAN UNDERDOG"

The inspirational true story of Kurt Warner, who overcomes years of challenges and setbacks to become a two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl champion, and Hall of Fame quarterback. Just when his dreams seem all but out of reach, it's only with the support of his wife, Brenda, and the encouragement of his family, coaches and teammates that Warner perseveres and finds the strength to show the world the champion that he already is.



**The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, January 17, 2022
in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

"Our lives begin to end the day
we become silent about things
that matter."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

John Dorsey • Kevin Richardson • Amanda Fitch • Marilyn Hocking • Jon Rye • Betty Latimer • Craig Sleeman • Wendell Bell • Andrew Sluss • Brian Cook • Al Simmons • Grace Perkins • Sue Parisi • John Wagster • Bruce Conrad • Yvonne Bashur • Phil and Jane Button • Dorthea Schuldeis • Carl Sweet • Todd Wells • Nancy Lorenz • Lisa Rye • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer • Tom Soboleski • Janet Ramseyer • Patricia Callahan • Maya Lane Harris • Diane Shornak • Carrie Morse • Michael Frank •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

The Blevins Family • Michael Tucker • Tom Dunstan • The Broderik Family • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Tina Bell • Jethro Horton • Flora Jones • Deni Bartley • Earl Hendrickson • Evert & Kay Burchell • Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp • Michael McFarlane • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

Sheryl and Kerry Hunter on the death of Sheryl's sister, Lisa Vanderham on January 11, 2022

The Matsumoto family on the death of Dorothy Matsumoto on January 7, 2022

Joyce Negrich on the death of her brother, Charles Turner on December 22, 2021 and the death of her brother-in-law, John Brown on December 20, 2021

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

For the complete Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PREACHER

Sally Field, accepting the Oscar for her work on *Places in the Heart*, said it with such conviction and unbridled joy: “And I can’t deny the fact that you like me. Right now, you like me!” Stuart Smalley said it as a Daily Affirmation™: “I’m good enough, I’m smart enough, and, doggone it, people like me.” I sometimes ask, quizzically: “People like me?”

“Like”, the verb, is one of those words that a good English teacher asks you to avoid in writing. Actually, “good”, the adjective, is also one of those words that a good English teacher asks you to avoid in writing. And we should avoid them. They have little meaning. “How was your day?” “Good.” “Have you met Charisse? I like her.” Hearing those responses, I don’t know anything about your day, or Charisse. We should demand great, exemplary, virtuous teachers of English, and insist that they eradicate “good” and “like” from common usage. Wouldn’t that be nice? “Nice”, now there’s a descriptive word. I hear Charisse is nice.

“Like” can be a preposition as well. People like me. People who are the same. People who share characteristics, values, and virtues. People who share hopes, dreams, and aspirations. We gravitate toward those people because it is with them that we can be our most authentic selves. We don’t have to wear our armor. We can just be. People like me, like people like me.

Now, add “don’t” to those words. People like me don’t. People like me don’t go to college. People like me don’t fall in love. People like me don’t get the promotion. People like me don’t fit in. People like me don’t get divorced, struggle with addiction, or suffer from depression. People like me don’t deserve happiness. People like me don’t have people who like me.

Did you see *West Side Story*? Yeah. I liked it. It was good. See you Sunday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Schoenherr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

--Tim Schoenherr