

Sunday

January  
23

11:00  
a.m.  
Worship



Faith

&

Film

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” arr. John Behnke	Kyle Webber
<b>Hymn #400</b> (*UMH)	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Congregational Singing
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Eileen Albers
<b>Musical Response</b>	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
<b>Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Noisy Bucket	Erica Plesco
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Eileen Albers
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Stuck in a Moment You Can’t Get Out Of”	Erica Plesco
<b>Doxology #95</b> (*UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Scripture</b> (**CEB)	Mark 2:1-12	Eileen Albers
<b>Message</b>	Stuck in a Moment	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”	Kaylee Derkowski
<b>Hymn #2226</b> (**TFWS)	“Bind Us Together”	Congregational Singing
<b>Benediction</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Postlude</b>	“Prelude and Fugue in D Minor” (from Eight Little Preludes and Fugues) arr. J.S. Bach	Kyle Webber

*\*United Methodist Hymnal*

*\*\*Common English Bible*

*\*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Being Mortal

## “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](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up.

First Thoughts



ABIDE

## “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](mailto:firstthoughts@rofum.org) with your email address and let us know which devotional you would like to receive.**

MEN'S WINTER GEAR  
COLLECTION



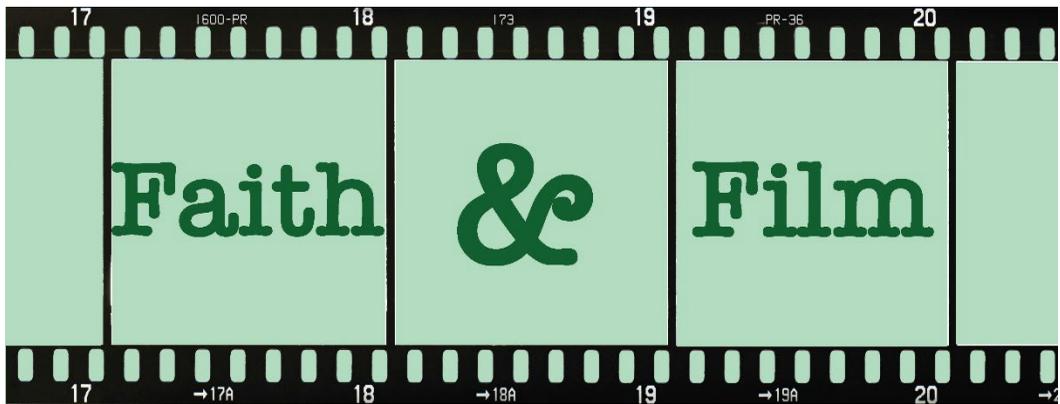
## NEEDS FOR MEN'S WINTER GEAR!

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)**, and **men's winter socks**. Thank you for supporting our Lunch Program guests!

SHAWL  
MINISTRY

## SHAWL MINISTRY

If you love needlework and would enjoy the fellowship of others in mission, **Shawl Ministry will meet Thursday, January 27 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** They create shawls and afghans to give to persons in need of prayer, comfort or blessings. Shawl Ministry meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.

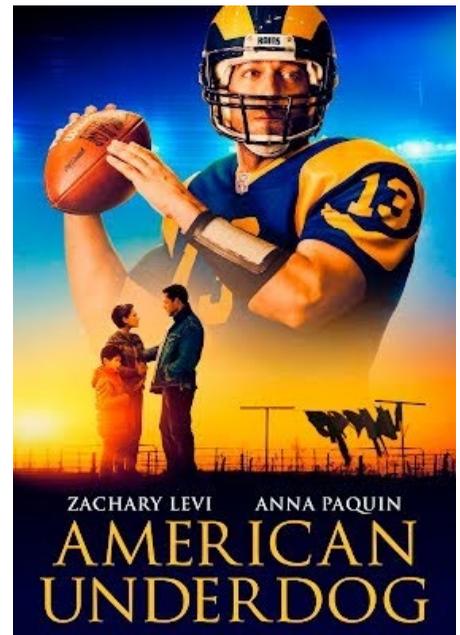


## FAITH & FILM FINAL MOVIE IS TOMORROW NIGHT

Join us at the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. to see the final movie in our Faith & Film series together. Tickets are only \$8.50. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or [office@rofum.org](mailto: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 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.



# Share the Love



## SHARE THE LOVE

Help us share the love! In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church.

Then, during Valentine's Day weekend, we hope to make and deliver 100 bags of treats and notes. So, we need everyone's hands!

We need people to:

- send cards
- bake
- make cards (kids and adults)
- assemble bags
- deliver

Please visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or visit the information table after service to sign up. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



Starting February 1, we will be offering a  
Time of Prayer every Tuesday from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Join one of our Pastors in the Sanctuary to review the  
prayer list, share our own joys and concerns and spend  
some time in silence with God.

Contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org)  
with any questions.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

John Dorsey • Amanda Fitch • Marilyn Hocking • Jon Rye • Betty Latimer • Kevin Richardson • Craig Sleeman • Wendell Bell • 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 •

## **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 •

## **Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19**

For the complete Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

*“Thank you for being a friend/  
Travel down the road and back again/  
Your heart is true/  
You’re a pal and a confidant.”*

We have been thinking about actress Betty White a lot these past weeks. Since her passing, we have been remembering how Betty made us laugh, made us feel young and reminded us to not take ourselves too seriously. Betty was a devoted advocate of civil and animal rights. In fact, shelters across the country experienced jumps in both adoptions and donations this week in celebration of what would have been her 100th birthday. And I have found myself watching reruns for her iconic show *The Golden Girls*.

I love television shows about a group of friends. Shows like: *The Golden Girls*, *Friends*, *Community*, *That '70s Show*, *The Wonder Years* and *Cheers*. Throughout my life, I have always had a good group of friends - people I can share life with. These friendships have made life's celebrations sweeter and its hardships more bearable.

This week's film *Sing 2* is a friends' film. It is the story of a group of friends who truly help each other discover goodness within them that they could not find on their own. The movie reminded me of the scripture text we will use this week. It is a story about a group of friends who did what it took to get one of their buddies to Jesus.

May we all both find, and become, those kind of friends.

Grace and Peace,



P.S. Hope you can join us for our last film, *American Underdog*. It is a film about football, faith and the triumph of the human spirit. It is truly a feel good film.