



Happenings

May 6/7, 2017

Myth vs Fact

Myth: Children should never ask people about their disabilities.

Fact: Many children have a natural, uninhibited curiosity and may ask questions that some adults consider embarrassing. But scolding curious children may make them think that having a disability is “wrong” or “bad”. Most people with disabilities won’t mind answering a child’s question.

Myth: The lives of people with disabilities are totally different from the lives of people without disabilities.

Fact: People with disabilities go to school, get married, work, have families, do laundry, grocery shop, laugh, cry, pay taxes, get angry, have prejudices, vote, plan, and dream like everyone else.

CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, May 7, 2:00 pm

This year the Berkley/Royal Oak CROP Hunger Walk will take place Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 pm at Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Contact Lucille Evans at lucilleevans@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome to the Party Gathering, Sunday, May 7, 2:00 pm, at the Parsonage

You are invited to a gathering at the Pastor’s house at 3113 Marion Dr. in Royal Oak on Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 pm. Get together with folks that have been journeying with us. This will give you a chance to get to know some other people, learn more about the church and ask any questions you might have about membership, missions, and ministry here at Royal Oak First.

If you haven’t already registered, just show up! There is always room for more!

Faith Abilities Ministries, Next Meeting: May 8, 7:00 pm

Faith Abilities, one of our new ministries, would like to thank you for being open minded, welcoming and inclusive to all who come through our doors. Our growing church has many people with different abilities, looks, and sounds; and ALL ARE WELCOME!

R.O.M.E.O.s (Royal Oak Men Eating Out, Wednesday, May 10, 11:30 am

Looking for some camaraderie and conversation with the fellows? Come for breakfast or lunch at The Avenue Restaurant, located at 31253 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, **every Wednesday morning at 11:30 am**. Contact Bob Giles at sherrygiles47@gmail.com for more information.

Please join the United Methodist Women Shawl Ministry, Thursday, May 11, 1:00 pm

All are welcome, you don’t need to be a United Methodist Woman to attend. We get together **every second and fourth Thursday** of the month to create shawls, baby blankets, crosses, and anything else you can knit or crochet! These are given to comfort and bring joy to others. For more information, contact Mary Nahhat at mcnahhat@aol.com.

Young Adult Gathering, Sunday, May 13, 7:00 pm

All young adults (21-30ish) are invited! Meet up at church for some fellowship before heading out in Royal Oak. We will have refreshments, and the group will go out together from church at about 8:30 pm. Bring a friend and come meet some other young adults!

Sunday Child Care Schedule:

9:00 am: Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall

11:00 am: Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – #405; Sunday School (K-2) #402; Sunday School (3-5) #403; Sunday School (6-12) – Choir Room

Drive4Dom presented by Berkley High School and Royal Oak Ford, Saturday, May 13

How would you like to test drive a brand new vehicle, donated by Royal Oak Ford, and take a spin around Berkley? You can do it and raise money for the **Peer to Peer Program in honor of Dominic Geskey**, who was a member here and a student at Berkley High School.

For each test drive, Royal Oak Ford will donate \$20 to the Peer to Peer Program, which introduces students with different abilities to other students for fun and friendship.

After your spin around town, you can stay and enjoy fun, music, and a BBQ! **We also need volunteers to be passengers.** Must be 18 or older. You can sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall after services or contact Amanda Levin at aflevin@comcast.com.

Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 pm

You are invited to attend an all church Town Hall meeting in Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 pm. There will be a conversation about the realignment of staff and building updates. This will be an opportunity to find out what is happening in our church. Contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org for more information.

Pillowcase Workshop, Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm

Join us May 17 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The making and gifting of these pillowcases to the children is a way to help brighten their day and their room, and show them God's love. Everyone, non-sewers and sewers alike, can have fun helping us make pillowcases for the children at Cass Community Social Services Mom's Place. You do not need to know how to sew to help with this project. Cotton fabric donations in solid colors and prints can be placed in the marked bin in the elevator lobby on the lower level. For questions or more info, call Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345 or 248-545-5144.

Laughter Is Good Medicine Tim Hawkins at Grace Christian Church, Friday, May 19, 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of comedy to lift your spirit. Come see Tim Hawkins at Grace Christian Church in Sterling Heights on Friday, May 19, 7:00 pm. Advance ticket prices are \$25 per person, with a \$2 per person discount for groups of 10 or more. All those interested in going as a group, please sign up in the church office or at the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall. For more information, visit www.timhawkins.net or contact Paul Perkins at pperkins@comcast.net.

Tiny Homes, Sunday, May 20, 9:00 am

Join the Royal Oak First Volunteer Team as we help complete the first six of 25 tiny homes in a Detroit neighborhood being developed by Cass Community Social Services. The homes will be offered, "rent to own" to disadvantaged, but responsible, people with limited means.

The type of work is expected to include installing trim, finishes, and other miscellaneous interior work as well as outdoor yard work. High school aged youth are invited as well as adults.

Please contact Bob Berard at cerab@outlook.com or 248-545-8668 for more information or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall.

WhatA Fellowship Breakfast, Saturday, May 20, 9:20 am

Everyone is welcome! Join us for fellowship and food as we learn about Fresh Water in Liberia and the Bishop Judith Craig's Children's Village. The program will be presented by Rev. Mike Seymour.

Michigan Concert Choir, Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Please join us as Music Guild hosts "The Best of Maureen Miles" featuring music from three of her musicals as well as songs she wrote for the Muppet movie "Heavenly Tales". Come and listen to some of her favorite songs – you may hear one of yours as well! There will be a free will offering taken to benefit Choir Camp.

Block Party! Sunday, May 21, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Fun, games, and food for every age! There will be a Cake Walk, photo booth, and bounce house. We will also have a dunk tank for a certain pastor...now is your chance to see him splash!

Join us on 7th Street, between Lafayette and Washington. Suggested donation of \$25 per family. All donations help fund the Summer Youth Mission Trip "Summer Impact" held in Cincinnati this year.

Oak Apple Run, Saturday, June 3

Come celebrate the 40th Annual Oak Apple Run. As the founding sponsor, Royal Oak First has been providing Family Fun and Fitness for the community for 40 years. This year, Oak Apple Run proceeds will go to Cass Community Social Services Tiny Homes. So, join the fun and come run, walk, volunteer, or cheer. For more information visit www.oakapplerun.org or contact Kim Frentz or Paul Perkins at paulperkins@oakapplerun.org.

Detroit Waste Systems Electronics Recycling

We have been selected as a pilot partner with Detroit Waste Systems (DWS) to reclaim used electronic equipment such as computers, cell phones, DVD players, etc., to provide a service to you (getting them out of the house) and to ensure environmentally responsible recycling. DWS will be sharing funds from the sale of this equipment with our Lunch Program. The collection box is located in the Elevator Lobby on the lower level. A comprehensive list of accepted equipment is posted by the box.

Schedule

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am	Arise! Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
9:30 am	Graduates Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Angelus Rehearsal.....	Room #403
11:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – #405; Sunday School (K-2) #402; Sunday School (3-5) #403; Sunday School (6-12) – Choir Room	
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	CROP Walk.....	Greenfield Presbyterian Church
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party Gathering	The Parsonage
3:00 pm	Diana Munch's Spring Recital	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Youth Group	Room #402

Monday, May 8

7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 1601	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 9

10:00 am	Pastor Jeff's Book Study	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga).....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 10

10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	R.O.M.E.O (Royal Oak Men Eating Out)	The Avenue
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal	Choir Room
8:15 pm	Arise! Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 11

11:00 am	As We Gather Service.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Choir Camp Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, May 12

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, May 13

9:00 am	Drive4Dom (through 3:00 pm).....	Berkley High School
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering.....	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

7:00 am	Royal Oak in Bloom (through 3:00 pm).....	Williams Street Parking Lot
9:00 am	Arise! Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
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12:00 pm	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council.....	Choir Room

Prayers

Prayers for our church family: John Marsh; Jim Tempest; Joe Gardner; Diane Sexton; Peggy Waisanen; Terri Morris; Marcia Armstrong; Art Miller; Shirley Shafer; Marshall Dunlap

Prayers for our extended family: Corinne Janes; Mark Goss; Frankie Shermetaro; Patrick Mallon; Bill Bartley; Coleen Cardner

Hospitalized: Pam Shewchuck, University of Michigan
Donald Hocking, Royal Oak Beaumont
Evelyn Shumaker, Royal Oak Beaumont

Homebound Member of the Week: Patricia Scott