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ROFUM - Bag Lunch Program (Monday through Friday) 10:30AM – 11:30AM  
Genesis Church 309 N. Main St. Royal Oak (1st Saturday each month) 11:30AM – 12:30PM

Food Assistance Program Hotline at 1-800-481-4989  
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**Local Food Pantries (www.PantryNet.org)**

Gleaners Food Bank – 2131 Beaufait Detroit, MI 48207 – 1-866-453-2637  
God’s Helping Hands – 1866 Starr-Batt Rochester Hills, MI 1-248-852-7400  
The Salvation Army – 3015 N Main Street, Royal Oak, MI 1-248-585-5600 (By Appointment only)  
St. John’s Episcopal Church – 26998 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak 1-248-546-1255 – option 6  
St Mary’s Catholic Church – 730 S Lafayette Road, Royal Oak, MI 1-248-547-1818 M,T,T 9am-11am

**MEDICAL HELP**

FernCare Free Clinic – 459 E 9 Mile Road – Ferndale, MI 1-248-677-2273 (By Appointment only)  
PHOA – People Helping One Another – FREE Medical Transportation – 1-586-493-9822  
Samaritan Counseling Center - 1-248-474-4701  
Common Ground Sanctuary – 1-248-336-9272  
Haven Crisis Support Line -1248-334-1274 – Toll Free 1-877-922-1274  
Veterans Service – Pontiac – 1-248-858-0785

WIC Program – 1-248-858-1272 Medical Care Facility (Oakland County) Pontiac 1-248-858-1415  
Mental Health Services – 1-248-858-0291

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**May 18, 2017**

11:00 a.m. Hope/Faith/Testimony & Music Worship

**AS WE GATHER SERVICE**

*Welcome in the name of our Lord. As the prelude begins, let us quiet our voices and cell phones as we prepare our hearts and spirits for worship.*

**Prelude**

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome “AS WE GATHER” worship service in the heart of ROFUM serving God, one another, and the community.**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word.

**People: The Word: with God.**

Leader: The Word: was God!

**People: The Word IS God.**

Leader: Jesus: written all over the Book.

**People: Jesus: written all over the world.**

Leader: Read! Read!

**People: Let me read Jesus!**

**Hymn# #156 (UMH) “Love to Tell the Story”**

*Welcome to Royal Oak First. We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning. If you are visiting us, we invite you to stop by the information Area in the back of our worship space where you will find information about us. **Please come again at our next “As We Gather Worship” on Thursday, morning, May 25th, 2017, at 11:00a.m.***

*Other ROFUM worship times are on Saturday’s at 4:00pm, Sunday’s at 9:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary.*

*If you missed any of the As We Gather Services, you can view at Youtube.com – [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for As We Gather Service.*

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**AS WE GATHER SERVICE**

**The People of God are met by God's Word**

**Scripture Reading:**

**John 14:1-3**

**Fred Bowden**

<sup>14</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

**Personal Testimony**

**Rev. Caleb Williams**

**Add'l Testimony**

**Fred Bowden**

**Special Musical Selection**

**Rev. Caleb Williams**

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Please continue page 13 of the United Methodist Hymnal.  
Communion Music and Song

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn# #347 (UMH) "Spirit Song"**

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**AS WE GATHER SERVICE**

**Prayer for Hope, Faith & Message**

**Circumstances beyond our control**

**Robert P. Demyanovich**

Life constantly presents each of us with circumstances which are beyond our control. There is a point in every one's life beyond which the gift of choice cannot reach. There is an area in which everyone must bow to the surging swept of life's determinism. Even the most extreme indeterminist must admit that there are areas in which one's life is determined. Freedom is always within limits. Our freedom must operate within the framework of an already existent determinism. We are continually confronted with circumstances which we did not have the freedom to choose, but which we are forced to deal with.

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Fred Bowden**

**ALL: We praise Your Almighty Name! You have blessed our nation with immense wealth and opportunity. Lord, you have commanded us to honor You with our wealth, and I pray that You will be honored greatly this day as we give to You what is already Yours. Bless these cheerful givers and bless the tithes and offerings that they give. We love You! Amen**

**Announcements:**

As We Gather - Friday Bible Study Every Friday morning at 9:30 am. You are invited to join us - Watch, Explore, Experience, & Discuss the Bible here at ROFUM. All are welcome to attend.

**Hymn# #593 (UMH) "Here I Am, Lord"**