

Things You May Hear In Church...

You may hear verbal outbursts related to anxiety, frustration, and yes - even to joy! (We love joy!). Some of our folks are not always in control of their emotions - and that's ok. We are so thankful that here, at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, we are a "no hush-no shush" community (even if we hear a "zzzzz").

Justice League Meeting, Monday, April 24, 7:00 pm

Justice League is a new ministry here at Royal Oak First. The purpose is to provide information and education to the congregation and community by providing programs for social justice. The main focus will look at racial, gender identity, interfaith, and economic equality. Please join us as we become a reconciling congregation. Contact Kim Stroud at kimstroud10@hotmail.com for more information.

Music Guild Big Boy Night, Tuesday, April 25, 5:00 pm

A portion of your dinner bill on Tuesday, April 25, between 5 and 8 at the Big Boy on John R in Madison Heights will go to the Royal Oak First Music Guild. The restaurant is on the east side of John R between 12 and 13 Mile Roads. Coupons to present with payment are available in the Narthex.

Holy COW, Wednesday, April 26

Join us in celebrating the success of 2016-2017 Holy COW! It will be a potluck picnic held on the South Lawn, so bring your favorite dish to pass! This will be our last time gathering for fellowship and music this season. We have much to be thankful for and look forward to gathering again in the fall. Look for details on upcoming summer activities for our youth in Happenings.

R.O.M.E.O.s (Royal Oak Men Eating Out), Wednesday, April 26

Looking for some comradery 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.

Cass Community Social Services Kitchen Meal Prep, Saturday, April 29, 1:00 pm

We have committed to sending a crew to work in the Cass kitchen to prep their evening meal. A maximum of 20 people may attend. You must be 10 years old or older. If interested, please contact Darren Wahl to reserve your spot at dmwahl@pella.com or 248-789-1019, or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* table.

Parents' Meeting, Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 pm

All parents are encouraged to attend this Parents' Meeting to discuss the 2017-2018 Children's Ministries. Our programs are growing and we would like your input on how we've done and what you would like to see in the fall. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org if you have any questions.

Mom's Place Program, Thursday, May 4, 12:15 pm

United Methodist Women are hosting Sue Petoud, from Cass, who will be speaking about Mom's Place and what is happening there. You don't need to be a member of the UMW or even a woman to attend. Contact Kathy Baker at 248-288-2125 or Kathy Riggs at 248-545-5144 for more information.

Sunday Child Care Schedule:

9:00 am: Nursery & Preschool – Choir Room #107

11:00 am: Nursery – Choir Room #107; Preschool – #405; Sunday School (K-2) #402; Sunday School (3-5) #403; Sunday School (6-12) – Room #401

Graduation Sunday, May 7

2017 High School and College graduates will be honored as they begin to embark on new adventures. They will join together for breakfast before being recognized for their accomplishments during the 11:00 service. These young adults are the future leaders of our church – let's let them know how proud of them we are!

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. The walk is open to everyone! We encourage you and your family to gather sponsors and walk together with us. You will find pledge sheets and CROP information at the *Here I Am Lord* Table in Fellowship Hall.

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!

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 is a good time to get answers to any questions you may have. Contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org for more information.

Web Team Meeting, Monday, April 24, 5:30 pm

The Royal Oak First web team will be meeting in the Sanctuary on Monday, April 24, 5:30 – 6:30 pm. We will review the Royal Oak First website and discuss the many facets of our website and we ask all interested parties to attend. If you have any input or questions, contact webmaster Bob Demyanovich, at 248-636-5679 or webmaster@rofum.org.

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

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.

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.

Autism 101 Informational Session

We will be holding an informational session of "Autism 101" for those of you who would like to learn more about our children, youth, and adults with Autism. N'Diva Arhm will lead the session with a short video and a "Q & A" time following. Please contact Amber Evans at amberarco@sbcglobal.net if you are interested or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall. Date to be determined.

Sunday, April 23

Hope Closet

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| 9:00 am | Arise! Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery & Preschool – Choir Room | |
| 10:00 am | Angelus Rehearsal..... | Room #403 |
| 11:00 am | Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery – Choir Room; Preschool – #405; Sunday School (K-2) #402; Sunday School (3-5) #403; Sunday School (6-12) – Room #401 | |
| 12:30 pm | Ben's Ministry Training..... | Room #405 |
| 1:30 pm | Choir Camp Meeting | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 pm | Youth Group..... | Room #402 |

Monday, April 24

Hope Closet

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| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 1601 | |
| 7:00 pm | Justice League..... | Room #403 |
| 7:00 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, April 25

Hope Closet

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| 10:00 am | Pastor Jeff's Book Study..... | Sanctuary |
| 5:00 pm | Big Boy Night for Music Guild | Madison Heights Big Boy on John R |
| 7:00 pm | Men's Basketball..... | Jane Addams Elementary |

Wednesday, April 26

Hope Closet

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| 9:00 am | Staff Retreat..... | Royal Oak Farmers' Market |
| 5:45 pm | Holy COW..... | South Lawn |
| 7:00 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga | Sanctuary |
| 8:15 pm | Arise! Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Thursday, April 27

Hope Closet

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| 11:00 am | As We Gather Service..... | Sanctuary |
| 1:00 pm | Shawl Ministry..... | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 pm | Sanctus Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Friday, April 28

Hope Closet

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| 9:30 am | As We Gather Bible Study | Sanctuary |
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Saturday, April 29

Hope Closet

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| 8:30 am | Cass Kitchen Work Day | Cass Community Social Services |
| 8:30 am | Oak Apple Run Committee Meeting..... | Choir Room |
| 4:00 pm | Saturday Afternoon Worship..... | Sanctuary |

Sunday, April 30

Hope Closet

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| 9:00 am | Arise! Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery & Preschool – | Choir Room |
| 10:00 am | Angelus Rehearsal..... | Room #403 |
| 11:00 am | Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery – Choir Room; Preschool – #405; Sunday School (K-2) #402; Sunday School (3-5) #403; Sunday School (6-12) – Room #401 | |
| 5:30 pm | Summer Trip Meeting..... | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 pm | Youth Group..... | Room #402 |

Prayers

Prayers for our church family: Diane Sexton; Peggy Waisanen; Terri Morris; Marcia Armstrong; Art Miller; Robin Richardson; Kim Frentz; Janice Marsh; Betty Latimer; Bonnie Barber; Lee Hoffmann; Gertrude Penney; Joan Johnson; Shirley Shafer; Margery Youngs; Gerry Elliot; Jim Tempest; Mike Johnson; Gail McHale; Vel Lowman

Prayers for our extended family: Patrick Marron; Bill Bartley; Linda Baker; Coleen Gardner; Joe Gardner; Thea Pickleman; Rayn Pearce; Holly LeBlanc; Steve Jacobs; Dan Grogan; Hilda Downs; Joyce Barber; Nicolas Wright; Terri Morris; Steve Patra; Joely Kremer; Marshall Dunlap; Michele Botell; Rhonda Unger; Loretta Bailey; Effie Lambros; Betty Meade; Denise Wozniak; Lorraine Bowden

Hospitalized: Pam Shewchuck, University of Michigan
Jim Tempest, Henry Ford Hospital

Sympathy to the family and friends of Joann Smith, 4/18.

Homebound Member of the Week: Ruth Porka

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar wish a Happy 90th Birthday to Virginia Sleeman, given with love by her family.