

### Did you know...

The term “disability” means “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities, for example walking, thinking, seeing, speaking, or hearing.

**All people are different.** What is important to remember is that we are all different and need to be recognized for that which we are capable of doing, not for what we may require aid to accomplish. “The best way to help everyone is for people to learn, understand, and respect all people whether they are the same or different.” – [www.ncsd.org](http://www.ncsd.org)

### Parents’ Meeting, Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 pm

All parents are encouraged to attend this Parents’ Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 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 Director of Children, Youth, and Families, Danielle Moody, at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

### Mom’s Place Program, Thursday, May 4, 1:00 pm

United Methodist Women are hosting Rev. Sue Pethoud, 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 Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125 or Kathy Riggs at 248-545-5144 for more information.

### Graduation Sunday, May 7

2017 High School and College graduates will be honored as they 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 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. Contact Lucile Evans at [lucilleevans@gmail.com](mailto:lucilleevans@gmail.com) for more information.

### Welcome to the Party Gathering, 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. We want to 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.

Please RSVP with Laurie O’Donnell in the office (248) 541-4100 or at [lodonnell@rofum.org](mailto:lodonnell@rofum.org), or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table.

### **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

### **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!

### **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](mailto:amberarco@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* table in Fellowship Hall. Date to be determined.

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

Stop by Berkley High School at 2325 Catalpa Dr on Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for barbecue, music, and a cruise around Berkley in a new vehicle, donated by Royal Oak Ford. Support Berkley High School's Peer to Peer program in honor of Dominic Geskey by test driving a car with Royal Oak Ford. Each test drive earns \$20 for Berkley High School, up to \$8,000. One licensed driver, age 18 or older, per household can drive. Please contact Alex Goodson or Steve Eby at Royal Oak Ford at 248-548-4100 with any questions.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.timhawkins.net) or contact Paul Perkins at [pperkins@comcast.net](mailto:pperkins@comcast.net).

### **Oak Apple Run, Saturday, June 3**

Come celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.oakapplerun.org) or contact Kim Frentz or Paul Perkins at [paulperkins@oakapplerun.org](mailto:paulperkins@oakapplerun.org).

## Sunday, April 30

Hope Closet

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	
3:00 pm	Harris-Ko Recital.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Summer Trip Meeting.....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Youth Group.....	Room #402

## Monday, May 1

7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 1601 .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, May 2

10:00 am	Pastor Jeff's Book Study.....	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga).....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Jane Addams Elementary

## Wednesday, May 3

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	Parent Meeting for Children's Ministries.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
8:15 pm	Arise! Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 4

10:30 am	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service.....	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	United Methodist Women Program .....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Friday, May 5

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Sanctuary
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## Saturday, May 6

9:30 am	Media Strategy Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Diana Munch's Spring Recital Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship.....	Sanctuary

## Sunday, May 7

Crop Walk

9:00 am	Arise! Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – 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	
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

# Prayers

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

**Prayers for our extended family:** Frankie Shermetaro; Patrick Mallon; Bill Bartley; Linda Baker; Coleen 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

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of Gertrude Penney, 4/25.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Yvonne Quinn