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REAL Difference

Saturday, November 3
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #2126	All Who Hunger	*FWS
Call to Worship		Adrianna Marino
Hymn #2235	Siyahamba	FWS
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Take a Risk</i>	Caleb Williams
Doxology #95		**UMH
Scripture	Luke 5:1-11	***CEB
Message	Real Difference	Jeff Nelson
Communion	<i>Wide Enough for Me</i>	Caleb Williams
Hymn #432	Jesu, Jesu	UMH



Pancake Breakfast
with our friends from Lithuania!

Sunday, November 4

Following the 11:00 am Worship Service



Walking on Waves

Sunday, November 4
5:00 pm

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CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Join us on November 11, following worship services, to celebrate all our blessings!

OPPORTUNITIES

The Mitten Tree

Each year, we fill the United Methodist Women's Mitten Tree with new adult-sized hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for our friends at the Cass Community Social Services Developmentally Delayed Adults Program. Many of these adults are forgotten at Christmas time. Throughout the month of November, the Mitten Tree will be back in the Narthex, waiting for us to hang our donations on it. Let's work together and fill the tree! If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.



Christmas Greens Sale for Choir Camp

Greens Sale



The Music Guild Christmas Greens Sale will continue taking pre-paid orders for wreaths, roping, grave blankets, etc. after Sunday Services. Paid orders are due on Sunday, November 18. Twenty percent of each purchase helps offset the cost of Choir Camp for our children. Order forms are available at choir practice and on Sunday after the services.

Orders will be ready for pick-up after Thanksgiving on Friday, from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at Bruce and Cathy Baker's house in Royal Oak. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.

If you would like to help the Greens Sale in another way, you can also help pick up the greens at Eastern Market or help prepare them for distribution.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 4, 12:00 pm

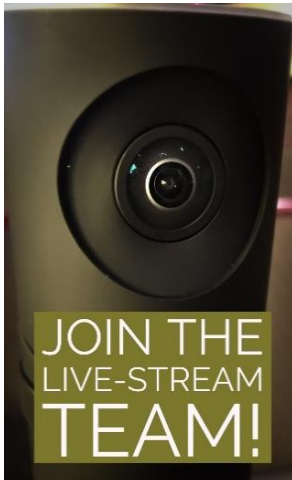
Please join us on November 4, immediately following the 11:00 service for Jay Dunstan's world famous pancakes! You will also have the opportunity to meet Pastor Remigius Matulaitis, Pastor Andrus Kask, and Deacon Jelena Kask from Lithuania. We will hear a recap from the Friends of Lithuania Gathering, learn more about the great work that is being done there and see what projects are planned for the upcoming year. We can't wait to see you there!



Walking on Waves: a Royal Oak First Concert

Sunday, November 4, 5:00 pm

Water has the power to move us, from mighty storms to quiet creeks. Mark your calendars for an hour of inspiring water music by Royal Oak First music ministries. We'll journey from the despair of drought and desert mirages, through tears and dreams of distant shores, to the joy of heavenly rivers and unquenchable love! A freewill offering will be taken, so bring a friend to support youth and adult singers and instrumentalists. Contact our Minister of Worship & Arts, Caleb Williams, at caleb@rofum.org for more info.



Worship Service Live-Stream Team

Every Sunday, our worship service live-stream allows our members who have transportation issues, are travelling, are sick, or maybe just had trouble getting moving in the morning to attend worship from wherever they are. We are creating a team of people to help make the live-stream happen. We will provide camera training and opportunities to serve as often as you want. If you are comfortable with technology and interested in this fun new team, contact Sam Garrett, at sgarrett@rofum.org.

Family Book Club & Cookie Decoration

Enjoy reading Christmas Stories by Laura Ingalls Wilder with your family and then join us on December 2, following the 11:00 am worship service to discuss the book and decorate Christmas cookies. Please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org to sign up and receive a copy of the book.



Christmas Store Collections



Every year, Cass Community Social Services and Redford-Brightmoor Initiative both provide a free Christmas Store where needy families in Detroit can “shop” for gifts for their family for Christmas. Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting toys and gifts for the Cass Christmas Store, and children’s winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas Store.

Cass needs toys, puzzles, games, dolls, sports equipment, books, crafts, and clothes for kids. They ask that we don’t send anything that requires batteries. Items should be new and unwrapped. The children’s winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas store can be any

size from infant to 18-20, and should be new and unwrapped.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex, and place them on the wooden Christmas tree or in the collection boxes provided.

Collections for our Lunch Program

Our Sack Lunch Program is in need of donations of winter items for our guests. We could use gloves, winter hats, socks, blankets, and sleeping bags. Additionally, we are always collecting personal care items like soap, razors, deodorant, washcloths, and feminine hygiene products. It’s starting to get very cold outside, and can be dangerous for those living on the streets. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with the label “Sack Lunch”. Contact Jennie Notarantonio at missions@rofum.org if you have any questions.



United Methodist Women Nut Orders

If you placed a Nut Order with United Methodist Women, your order will be ready for pick-up next weekend. Orders can be picked up following worship services on Saturday, November 10, and Sunday, November 11.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Dian Wurdock; Don McCreedy; Athena Milewski; Ken Burton; Lloyd Ramseyer; Carol Hardt; Roger Johnson; David Leenhouts; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Suzanne Hughes; Anne Brace; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Woody Siddall; Ann Anderson; Ed Rowe; Cecilia Tamm; Dona Wells; Ava Fall; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; Marianne Peck; Celia Horak; Barb Nicholas; Sherry Giles; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim & Mary Ann Tempest; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

Prayers for our extended family: Foster Braun; The Rock Family; Dave Jensen; Susan Chamberlain; Rachel B.; Pat Strelecki; Melissa Glasson; Beth Zimmerman; Gerald Sessions; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Delphine Reddy; Judy Gettel; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlain

Sympathy to Amy and Pete Rhoades for the death of their mother, Rita Ann Rhoades, October 25.

Sympathy to the Audrey Leenhouts for the death of her son, David Leenhouts, October 26.

Sympathy to Matt & Christina DeVey for the death of his mother.

Homebound Member of the Week: Yvonne Quinn

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.

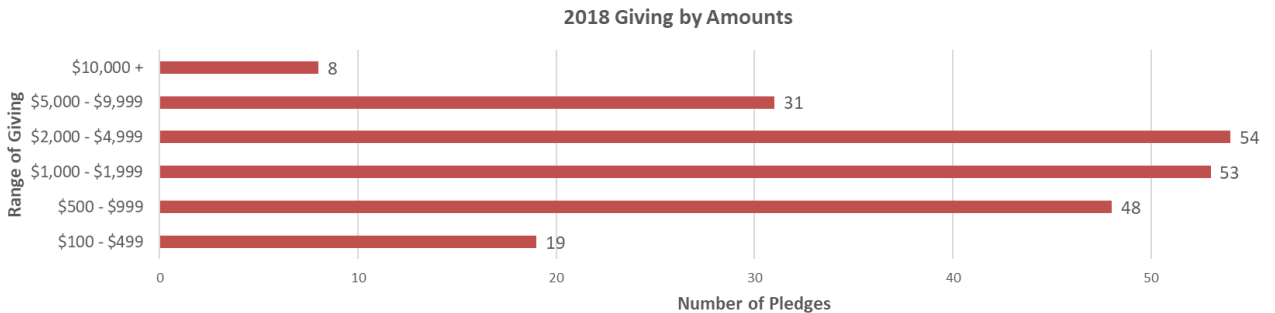
The flowers on the Altar are given in celebration of Faye Bond's birthday, given by her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Joany.



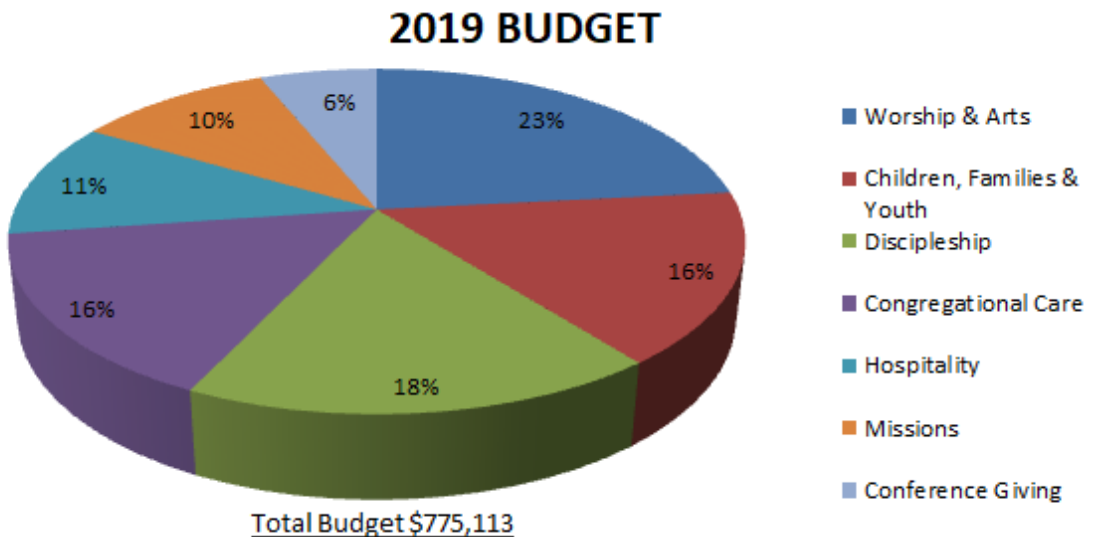
STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONS

This month, you will hear a lot about the ways that your generosity helps make Christ's love real. You may have some questions about how we put your generosity to use to do that. We have compiled some of the most frequently asked questions to help.

1. What is the pledge range?
 - a. Below is a graph showing the range of giving from last year's stewardship campaign.



2. How do our financial gifts support the ministries of the church?
 - a. This pie chart shows how our budget dollars are allocated among our ministries.



3. Why is there a budget increase?
 - a. The 6.4% increase is due to a more realistic budget for areas that have higher expenses than previously anticipated like administration and building maintenance. Administration has service contracts for copiers and other electronic equipment vital to supporting the activities of the church. Utility bills will increase with the move into our newly renovated space and the increased programming that we will be able to support. Additional staffing for a part time associate pastor, custodian and evening desk receptionist are also built into the 2019 budget.
4. What is covered in the Worship and Arts budget?
 - a. The budget covers rosebud and altar expenses, communion supplies, worship expenses, instrumentalists, and instrument maintenance. The budget supports our Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday worship services and additional special services and programs throughout the year.
5. What is covered in the Children, Families, and Youth budget?
 - a. This supports our Sunday School, Bible Study, and other special programs.
6. What is covered in the Congregational Care budget?
 - a. Congregational Care supports visitation for hospital patients and shut-ins as well as other support services for members of our congregation and affiliated people who need special assistance.
7. What is the focus of our Hospitality ministries?
 - a. Our Hospitality Ministries strive to ensure that everyone who visits our church is glad to have come. Some of the ways we do this are by providing refreshments for Fellowship Hour; keeping in touch with visitors after they come to the church; and creating welcoming environments inside the church, on the grounds, and online.
8. How are our missions funded?
 - a. There isn't a separate budget for Missions. Mailings and other administrative costs are covered under the Administration budget. Our pastors, staff, and volunteers provide leadership. Funding is provided through your gifts. In addition to nearly \$25,000 in financial gifts we have donated thousands of items like pillows, blankets, food, and toiletries.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time (Fall Back)

9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Pancake Breakfast.....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Harris Recital	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Walking on Waves Concert.....	Sanctuary

Monday, November 5

9:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Choir Room
9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting	2 nd Floor
6:00 pm	Relationships in Transition	Room #402
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting	Choir Room

Tuesday, November 6

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
10:00 am	Pastor Jeff's Book and Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga (Chair Yoga).....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
5:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies	Kitchen
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit!	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology.....	HopCat
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	2 nd Floor
9:00 pm	Sing Out! Detroit	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 7

9:00 am	Mason's Candies	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting	Caleb's Office
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant

Wednesday, November 7, continued

3:15 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday) Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir.....	Fellowship Hall North
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study.....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle.....	2 nd Floor
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403

Thursday, November 8

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies.....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies.....	Kitchen
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Friday, November 9

7:30 am	Chamber of Commerce Coffee.....	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Mason's Candies.....	Kitchen
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study.....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen
4:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Saturday, November 10

Rippling Hope Work Day

12:00 pm	Baptism.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Wedding.....	Sanctuary

Sunday, November 11 – Celebration Sunday

9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Baptism.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society.....	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room and Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Most of us will do two really important things this week:

1. Cast a ballot in the election
2. Fill out a pledge card for the church

Each of these acts reflects our values.

Each of these acts tells the world what we think is important.

Each of these acts demonstrate our priorities.

Make no mistake, each of these acts will directly impact people other than just ourselves.

Most importantly, both of these acts, casting our vote and filling out our pledge cards, build the kind of community to which we want to belong.

But here is the real truth: neither one of these actions will matter if we don't show up—if we don't participate. If we want to make an impact, we have to be engaged. We have to participate.

Let's be reminded that by participating, by making a generosity pledge, we are:

- Combating poverty by feeding and providing basic needs for the hungry and homeless of our community.
- Creating spaces where children and youth develop a lifelong commitment to service.
- Building a community of inclusion that will stand against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia and transphobia, and all other acts of hatred and oppression.
- Develop a network of care where seniors are not cast aside, forgotten, or alone.

This is what happens when we fill out our pledge card.

Our pledge cards will arrive in mail early this week. Please prayerfully consider the act of generosity you will make to the missions and ministries of Royal Oak First for the coming year. You can bring the card back next Sunday or you can drop it in the mail.

Don't miss out. Like casting our vote, this is our chance to participate in shaping the world.

Together we are making a difference.

Grace and Peace,



*Faith We Sing
**United Methodist Hymnal
***Common English Bible