

Sunday, March 17 11:00 am Traditional Worship Barrier Breakers Lent 2019

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Irish Tune from County Derry arr. by R.M. Thompson

Hymn #428 For the Healing of the Nations *UMH

Call to Worship Ginny Borts

Song #2273 Jesus, We Are Here **FWS

Greeting and Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Baptism Andrew Lockwood

Son of Kelsey and Mark Lockwood

Music Ministry Musetta's Waltz Giacomo Puccini

Anna Nielander and Nora Sleeman

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck

Sanctus

Doxology #95 UMH

Song Love Breaks Through Caleb Williams

Scripture Mark 7:24-30 ***NRSV

Message Territory Myra Moreland

Hymn #437 This Is My Song UMH

Postlude Allegro G.F. Handel

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Faith We Sing

*** New Revised Standard Version



SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 7:00 PM

Coffee and onversations
Wednesday, March 20

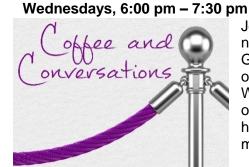
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Growing Young
Kara Powell



OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee and Conversations: Lenten Discussion Sessions



Join us for Coffee and Conversation each Wednesday night in Lent. Together we will tackle critical issues: Growing Young, Finding God in a Digital Age, The End of Racial America, and Sustainability and Happiness. We will meet in the sanctuary and hear from an expert on the topic, then break into discussion groups. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.

Men's Fellowship Opportunities

Thursdays, 7:00 am

Join us for a light breakfast, a video series bible study, and conversation with your church brothers in Fellowship Hall.



Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am

Enjoy the food and fellowship as we plan for the spring.

Saturday, March 30, 4:00 pm

We are going Fowling! Don't know what Fowling is? Football+Bowling+Fun=Fowling. Head down to the Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck with us and join in the fun!

Saturday, April, 13

Save the Date! We will join forces with Rippling Hope in Detroit to complete small home improvement projects for people in need.



Euchre Party for Lithuania Saturday, March 23, 6:00 – 11:00 pm Royal Oak Farmers' Market

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a fun night of cards with your church family while supporting our partnership with Lithuania. Bring a beverage, an appetizer to share, and a friend. The party starts at 6:00 pm, and the games will begin at 7:00.

Sign up online at rofum.org/links or at the Welcome Table. Admission is \$25 per person. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at missions@rofum.org.

Fish Dinners are Back!

March 29 & April 12

4:30 - 7:00 pm



Our famous fish dinners are back! Be sure to join us for these wonderful nights of food, fellowship, and service. Adult meals start at just \$10.

Opportunities to serve are available to everyone (children and youth even get credit for Choir Camp) so be sure to sign up at rofum.org/links. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.

Family Bowling Day Sunday, March 24, 2:15 pm

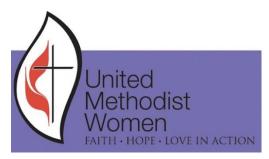
Join us at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley for a fun afternoon of bowling with your family. All are welcome! Bumpers, ramps, and light bowling balls are available for anyone who needs them.

The cost is \$8 per person, which includes shoe rental and 2.5 hours of bowling. Let us know if you will join in on the fun so we have enough lanes ready. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org to RSVP or if you have any questions.



United Methodist Women Book Club

Wednesday, March 20, 10:00 am



This month's book is *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield. Described as "a glorious tapestry of a book that combines folklore and science, magic, and myth," *Once Upon a River* will sweep you away, transporting you through worlds both real and imagined.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at office@rofum.org.

All are welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Audrey Fick; Lloyd & Janet Ramseyer; Lorrane Dorsey; Carol Hardt; Laci Basel; Marguerite Nowacek; Art & Delores Miller; Al & Margaret Simmons; Patty Dunstan; Mary Lou Graeber; Inge Wichers; Linda Somers; Doris Whitney; Joan Johnson; Mary Anne Tempest; James Respecki; Don Siedler; Jean Foster; Lee Hoffmann; Anne Brace; Gwen Ross; Eileen Albers; Nancy Lorenz; Nate DeAngelo; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Ann Anderson; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

Prayers for our extended family: Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; Alexis Bagrosky; George Bartley; David Moser; Sarah Leoni; Carol Barney; Larry Burger; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa

Homebound Member of the Week: Florence Martin

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



COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 pm Growing Young Kara Powell





Wednesday, March 27, 6:00-7:30 pm

The Search for God in a Digital Age
Craig Detweiler

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00-7:30 pm Dreaming the End of Racial America Willie Jennings





Wednesday, April 10, 6:00-7:30 pm Sustainability, Happiness, and the "Slow" Movement William Powers

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Celebrations

Saturday, April 13, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 & 11:00 am

This is the day we relive the great Jesus parade as it entered the city. It is a day of excitement with palms to wave and joy to spread.

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7:00 pm

This powerful evening service is a very meaningful night of song and communion. We will recreate the upper room where Jesus gathered for one last meal with his closest friends. Nursery care is available.

Good Friday Worship

April 19, 12:00 pm

Come to the foot of the cross and experience the passion of Jesus. This is a service of deep reflection with powerful music and a message that will make you wrestle with the pain and suffering of the world.

7 Last Words

April 19, 7:00 pm

This is an experience you don't want to miss. Local poets and musicians are taking the seven last words and creating original works that will make these ancient words come alive! Nursery care is available.

Easter Weekend

Saturday, April 20, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 21, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00

Come out and celebrate the resurrection of Christ. This is the day where we say, "God's not dead!" We remember that the movement of peace, justice, kindness, and inclusion is alive and well.



SERMON NOTES

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day					
9:00 am	Worship & BaptismSanctuary Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall				
10:00 am	Fellowship HourFellowship Hall				
11:00 am	Worship & BaptismSanctuary				
11100 0111	Nursery – Parlor; 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 HourFellowship Hall				
12:15 pm	Emergency TrainingSanctuary				
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir CouncilChoir Room				
1:00 pm	Rebirth Informational MeetingSanctuary				
5:00 pm	Cantata Eurotour RehearsalSanctuary				
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414				
6:00 pm	Cantata Academy ChoraleSanctuary				
6:45 pm	Youth Group and DinnerFellowship Hall & Kitchen				
Monday, March 18					
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall				
12:00 pm	Core Team MeetingOff Site				
2:00 pm	Directors' Team Meeting3rd Floor				
4:00 pm	Detroit AGO Scholarship RehearsalSanctuary				
5:30 pm	Detroit AGO CompetitionSanctuary				
7:00 pm	Boy ScoutsFellowship Hall				
7:00 pm	Missions Meeting				
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga4 th Floor				
Tuesday, March 19					
10:00 am	Pastor's Book and Bible StudyFellowship Hall				
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall				
11:30 am	Roga Chair YogaChoir Room				
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons				
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting				
6:00 pm	Sing Out DetroitSanctuary				
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball				
7:00 pm	Special Church Conference Fellowship Hall				
8:00 pm	Church Council MeetingFellowship Hall				

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 pm	UMW Book StudyChoir Room				
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall				
11:00 am	Sermon Practice				
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)The Avenue Restaurant				
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson				
4:30 pm	Violin Rehearsal				
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)Fellowship Hall				
6:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation				
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414				
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir				
7:30 pm	House Band RehearsalSanctuary				
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7:30 pm	Nar-Anon				
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga				
Thursday, March 21					
7:00 am	Men's Morning FellowshipFellowship Hall				
10:00 am	As We Gather Worship ServiceFellowship Hall				
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall				
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir RehearsalChoir Room				
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	Friday, March 22				
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible StudyChoir Room				
10:30 am	Lunch ProgramFellowship Hall				
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making Kitchen				
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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

When I moved to Michigan almost 40 years ago, the one thing I heard over and over as I looked for a place to live is, "Just don't go south of 8 Mile." 8 Mile was and is still seen as the line of demarcation. It is the symbolic divide between the city of Detroit and the suburbs, between the haves and the have nots, and the great ethnic divide. Imagine my surprise when I found myself driving down 8 Mile and looking at folks who are a lot like you and me. (I think I was expecting a war zone...)

I am not minimizing cultural barriers, prejudices, and racism, but to break those dangerous lines, we must start realizing how alike we all are. We are all God's children; loved by a God whose love and grace are unconditional. Territorial barriers, real or symbolic, make us believe that the people on either side are dangerous. The barriers play on our fears and focus on what separates us, blinding us from the things that bring us together. And, sometimes we find ourselves stuck in a territory that limits us from who God is calling us to be.

In this Lenten season we are breaking the barriers, and this week we are looking at those territorial lines that separate us. We are talking about some boundaries that are not physical. Some of the most dangerous barriers are in spiritual territory. We need to see them for what they are and blast our way through to find the freedom, peace, and joy of God's love. Join us on the journey.

Grace and Peace,

Myra Moreland