

WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

UNAFRAID
LENT 2020

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
4:00 PM WORSHIP

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #364	Because He Lives	*UMH
Call to Worship		Kathy Seidler
Song	Don't Be Afraid	John Bell
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Thank You, Lord, for Making Me Beginner Choir</i>	Vince Barlow
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Psalm 27:1-6 and Psalm 147:1-6	**NRSV
Message Song #2282	What Are You Afraid Of? I'll Fly Away	Brian Wright ***FWS

* United Methodist Hymnal
** New Revised Standard Version
*** Faith We Sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fish Dinners are here!

March 20 & April 3

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Be sure to join us in March and April for these wonderful nights of food, fellowship, and service. Adult meals start at \$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**.



Big Boy Night

Tuesday, March 10, 5:00-8:00 pm

Come to the Big Boy in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 20% of your dinner tab (with a flyer) goes to the Royal Oak First Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for fun prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name. If you have any questions, **contact Shirley Harris at sharris@rofum.org**. Stop by the Connect Here Desk next time you are at church to pick up a flyer.

If you would like to donate a prize or two, drop them off in the labeled box in the gathering space.

Produce Collection for Redford Brightmoor Initiative

Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14

Our friends at the RBI Free Store provide fresh produce to their shoppers every Saturday, and we are going to help. You can sign up to bring two bags of produce to Royal Oak First or transport the donations to RBI on Saturday. Slots are limited, so sign up soon. Sign up online at rofum.org/links or **contact Astrid Harrod at rbi@rofum.org** if you have any questions.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Work Day

Saturday, March 14, 9:00 pm



Join us for a tasty breakfast prepared by Mark Thatcher. After breakfast Brent Plaxton will lead us in finishing some projects around the church. Wear clothes that might get dirty or a little paint on them. If you plan to stick around for the work day, **contact the team at mensfellowship@rofum.org** so we can prepare.

Even if you can't stay to help, join us for breakfast.

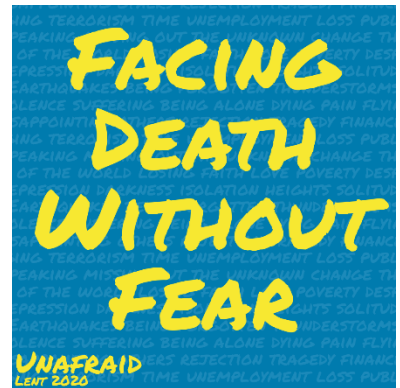
Unafraid: Facing Death Without Fear

Sunday, March 15, 12:15 pm: What Happens as Illness Progresses

Sunday, March 22, 12:15 pm: Advance Preparations

Sunday, March 29, 12:15 pm: What Will It Be Like and Where Will I Be?

This program, as part of our Lenten series, Unafraid, is meant to prepare us for the inevitable by sharing frank and open information along with spiritual exploration. People of all ages and health conditions are welcome. We will share a light lunch during the program. If you have any questions, or you would like to sign up, **contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org**.



Euchre Party for Lithuania

Friday, March 27, 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.

Sign up online at rofum.org/links or at the Connect Here Desk. Admission is \$25 per person. If you have any questions, **contact Jennie Notarantonio at euchre@rofum.org**.

Keith J. Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship

Applications due Wednesday, April 1

It is time to apply for college scholarships for the 2020/2021 school year. Royal Oak First is proud to offer the Keith J. Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship in memory of Judge Keith J. Leenhouts.

Application forms are available in the church office and at Royal Oak High School and Berkley High School. Guidelines and requirements are included in the application packets. The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1. If you have any questions, **contact the church office.**



Service Opportunities at Redford Brightmoor Initiative

Free Store: Tuesdays-Fridays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, or Saturdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Computer and Homework Club for Kids: Saturdays. 10:00 am-12:00 pm



Our friends at RBI reached out to us looking for people interested in serving as volunteers at the Free Store to help sort donations and stock shelves or to work in the store on Saturdays. They also have opportunities to help kids ages 8-18 at the Computer and Homework Club on Saturdays. To volunteer or if you have any questions, **contact Astrid Harrod at RBI@rofum.org.**

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Allison Hempstead; Marguerite Nowacek; Chris & Nan Orletski; Loraine Dorsey; Mike Monte; Annabelle Cook; Jan Carlson; Joyce Burton; Marguerite Horak; Shirley Gnegy; Rick Vincent; Sheryl Hunter; Carol Hardt; Cindy Vandermark; Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family; Dorothy Matsumoto; Theresa Skelton; Vickie Zimmerman; James Respecki

Prayers for our extended family: John & Charlene Orletski; Tasha Ellison; Bill Kincannon; Tony Monte; Patti Pittman; Effie Lambros; Gordon Yarbrough; Ivan Rice; Susan McNabb; Margie Reese; Paula Yocum; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Lorraine & John Dorsey

This list includes prayer concerns from the past six weeks.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Pre-School-8 th Grade) – Bible Times Square	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Parlor & Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Pre-School-8 th Grade) – Bible Times Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room
1:30 pm	Laci's Gospel Sing	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary & Parlor
5:30 pm	ROY (Royal Oak Youth) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	ROY Youth Group.....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	ROY Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room & Chapel

Monday, March 9

9:30 am	Director Team Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1601	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Unafraid Book Study.....	Parlor

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 am	Unafraid Book Study	ROY Commons
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Parlor
5:00 pm	Big Boy Night for Music Guild	Madison Heights Big Boy on John R
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit!	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Unafraid Book Study	2 nd Floor
7:00 pm	Unafraid Book Study	Dunstan Home

Wednesday, March 11

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEIO)	The Avenue Restaurant
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons.....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesdays) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:15 pm	Unafraid Book Study	Parlor
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Room #307
6:30 pm	Knowledge Circle	Room #303
6:30 pm	Infant & Toddler Music Experience	Bible Times Square
7:00 pm	Unafraid Book Study	Beerer Home
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	NAR Anon.....	ROY Commons
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Bible Times Square

Thursday, March 12

10:00 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Choir Room and Room #307
6:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Council	1 st Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 13

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Compass Team	ROY Commons
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Ascend Church	Chapel

NOTE ABOUT THE PASTOR

On behalf of the Compass Team, I'm happy to inform you that the Michigan Area Bishop, David Alan Bard, has appointed Reverend James Isaac Cogman as interim associate pastor of Royal Oak First effective March 1 through June 30, 2020. This is a half time appointment.

James is a new pastor, having just graduated divinity school, and is moving to Michigan from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church. He will be a full-time pastor at another church in Michigan starting in July.

James received the Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Politics and Justice Studies & Psychology from Claflin University in May 2016 (Magna Cum Laude) and completed the Master of Divinity degree in December 2019 at Yale University Divinity School.

Rev. Cogman has had a variety of interests and experience. He has served as a Baseball Coach, Dance Instructor, Athlete, Percussionist, Orator, and Poet. He loves The Arts, Volunteering with Youth, Bowling, and Traveling. He served as an intern at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, a ministerial consulting intern at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield, Michigan from May to August of 2017, and as pastoral intern from May to August 2018 at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. James was president of the Black Graduate Network at Yale University from May 2018 to January 2019 where he led organizational restructure, membership recruitment and growth, and the revamping of social media and marketing. He is single and the son of a United Methodist pastor and District Superintendent. He comes with lots of energy and excitement to be in ministry with God's people.

Our Compass Team is working with our district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr. to complete the transition in short order. We met with James on Saturday to get to know him, and we're excited about the gifts, eagerness, and servant's heart he brings.

We believe he has been crafted and called by God for this time and place. We look forward to the gifts he'll share with us over the next four months.

Brian LaRose
Compass Chair