



REMEMBER  
YOUR  
GOODNESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
9:00 AM WORSHIP

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Do All the Good You Can Do

Song Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Greeting and Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Scripture Mark 1:9-11 \*CEB  
Karla Ringeisen

Message Remember Your Goodness Jeff Nelson

Communion

Song Crafted and Called

# SUPPER CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
5:30 PM



Sock-It-To-Me  
September

Sock Collection for  
The NOAH Project



Be Bold: Find Your Fierce  
Rev Rachel Billups  
Monday, September 16  
7:00 pm

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Sock It To Me September

Our friends at the NOAH Project hand out over 10,000 pairs of socks every year. Each September, they hold a sock collection contest, Sock It To Me September. After two years as champions, we lost the coveted Golden Sock Award, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> with almost 2,000 pairs of socks. Help us reclaim 1<sup>st</sup> place and bring a package or two (or ten) of new socks any time in September.



Sock-It-To-Me  
September!

## Free Yoga



## Free Yoga with Soul Stretch Yoga

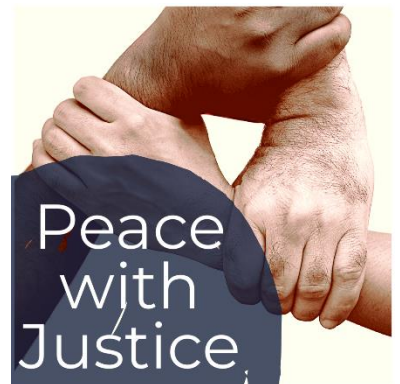
**Mondays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

September is Yoga Month and our friends at Soul Stretch Yoga are offering free yoga throughout September to Royal Oak First Members. All are welcome, so come try.

## Peace with Justice Team

**Sunday, September 15, 12:15 pm**

As Christians, we have a responsibility to stand up and speak out for justice. Join our Peace with Justice Team as we work toward peace-filled social justice in our community, great and small. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Haight at [peacewithjustice@rofum.org](mailto:peacewithjustice@rofum.org).





## Be Bold: Find Your Fierce

### **Be Bold: Find Your Fierce with Rev. Rachel Billups**

**Monday, September 16, 7:00 pm**

Rev. Rachel Billups is coming to bring us some of the wisdom of her book, *Be Bold: Find Your Fierce*. This free event is open to everyone, so invite a friend!

### **Redford Brightmoor Initiative Open House**

**Saturday, September 21, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Come learn more about our special mission partner and the Free Store, Community Garden, and more. If you have any questions about the open house or if you are interested in service opportunities at RBI, contact Astrid Harrod at [rbi@rofum.org](mailto:rbi@rofum.org).



Redford Brightmoor Initiative



### **Supper Club**

**Saturday, September 21, 5:30 pm**

Join us for this special celebration hosted by the United Methodist Women. Everyone is welcome for food, fun, and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## One Voice: ChoirFest

**Sunday, September 22, 4:00 pm**

Many groups call Royal Oak First their home, including a few musical ensembles. Three of those groups, Sing Out Detroit!, Cantata Academy Chorale, and Sanctus, are joining forces for their first-ever combined concert. Each group will offer their own songs before joining as one voice. A freewill offering will benefit the Ruth Ellis Center.



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, September 28, 9:00 am**

All men are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer with former NFL player Luis Sharpe. If you have any questions, contact Roger Boyer at [mensfellowship@rofum.org](mailto:mensfellowship@rofum.org).

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**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

## Women's Retreat

**Friday, November 1 – Sunday, November 3**

Join us for a weekend of friendship and connecting with other women. Campfires, activities, small groups, and book discussions await us.

The cost is \$175 for a triple-occupancy room, \$197 for a double, or \$247 for a single. If the cost is restrictive for you, let us know. We will not allow that to get between you and a weekend of friendship.

If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



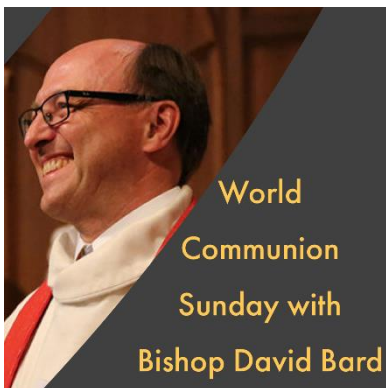
## Sunday Morning Service Opportunities Available



Our Greeter Team makes sure that everyone who comes to worship with us on Sundays is met with a friendly face to welcome them into our church home. Now that the renovation is finished and the new entrance on Lafayette is opening, we have more service opportunities for Greeters on Sunday morning. If you would like to join this important team, contact George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org).

## Join a Grow Group

The ConnectGrowServe Ministries at Royal Oak First work to help us connect to each other, grow in faith and knowledge, and serve others in the name of Christ. This fall, we are launching 13 new Grow Groups to help us grow spiritually and personally. For more information about these classes, check out our course catalogue or contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



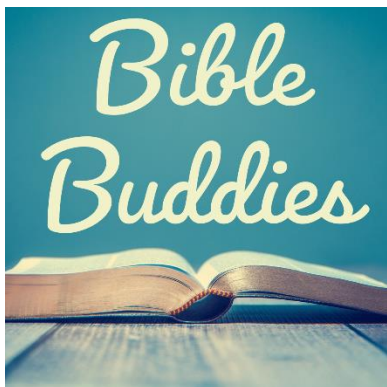
## World Communion Sunday

**Sunday, October 6**

Celebrate our connection to the global Church with the Bishop of the Michigan Area, Rev. Dr. David Bard. Bard's preaching brings deep insight and a hopeful vision for the future of the church, along with plenty of charm and humor. He will lead us in communion, sharing this sacred meal with churches around the world. Following the 11:00 am worship service, join us for a special celebration brunch of our renewed building and all the people that saw the project through.

## Evening Receptionist Position Available

Now that our building is open and we are busier than ever, we have a new staff position available. As a member of the administrative and hospitality staff, the Evening Receptionist will serve as a welcoming face for our evening classes, choirs, support groups, committees, and visitors. For more information, visit [rofum.org/jobs](http://rofum.org/jobs) or contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



## Bible Friends

**Sunday, October 20, 11:00 am worship service**

The annual gesture of a Bible Buddy presenting a Bible to a third grade student does more than provide a Bible to a child. Bible Buddies pass on a bit of their faith and values. If you are interested in becoming a Bible Buddy, or purchasing a Bible for a child, contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) or sign up at the Connect Here Desk.

## Creation Care Environmental Ministry

**Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 pm**

The world we live in is a beautiful creation of God and caring for that creation is an important part of our mission to make Christ's love real. Join us in this new mission as we work to make the world a better place for years to come. If you have any questions, contact Bob Prud'homme at [bobp@rofum.org](mailto:bobp@rofum.org).



Creation  
Care  
Environmental  
Ministry



# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Ken Burton; Alice Bentley; Ann Cline; Dorothy Matsumoto; Diane Sexton; Marge Youngs; Melinda Loftin; Jill Paswater; Betty Latimer; Shirley Gnegy; Vince Notarantonio; Marianne Peck; Lloyd Ramsayer; Lee Hoffmann; Carol Hardt; Doug Brown; Art & Delores Miller; Dick & Judy Bryan

**Prayers for our extended family:** Paul Edward; LeeAnna Radick; Pam Payne; Tim Murphy; George Underwood; Mary Gray; Kirby Mirjah; Carolyn and Ivan Rice; Kris Beachum

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Peggy Gill

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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# SUPPORT GROUPS

## **AA Meetings**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

## **Nar-Anon**

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

## **Straight Spouse Network**

Second Friday of each month at 6:45 pm in the Parlor

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 15

9:00 am	Worship & Communion .....Sanctuary Nursery – Nursery Room; Preschool – Preschool Room; Sunday School – Bible Times Square (Chapel)
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour ..... Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Communion .....Sanctuary Nursery – Nursery Room; Preschool – Preschool Room; Sunday School – Bible Times Square (Chapel)
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour ..... Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Peace With Justice Team ..... Faith Lab
12:15 pm	Men’s Steering Team..... 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
12:30 pm	Grow Group Leadership Meeting ..... ROY Commons (Youth Room)
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Group Dinner ..... Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group with Rachel Billups ..... ROY Commons (Youth Room)
7:00 pm	Youth Choirs ..... Bible Times Square (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Youth Parents with Rachel Billups ..... ROY Commons (Youth Room)

## Monday, September 16

10:00 am	Bold Leadership with Rachel Billups .....Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program ..... Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting ..... ROY Commons (Youth Room)
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting ..... Parlor
7:00 pm	Be Bold: Find Your Fierce with Rachel Billups .....Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts ..... Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Missions Meeting ..... 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga..... Bible Times Square (Chapel)

## Tuesday, September 17

10:30 am	Lunch Program ..... Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons ..... Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit .....Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting ..... 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting..... Parlor
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study ..... ROY Commons (Youth Room)

## Wednesday, September 18

10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Club .....	Parlor
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
1:00 pm	Piano Club .....	Parlor
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons .....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW .....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
5:30 pm	Creation Care Environmental Ministry .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Drama Room, Sanctuary, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Room #414
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music .....	Bible Times Square (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Diversity & Inclusion Committee .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	ROY Commons (Youth Room)
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Bible Times Square (Chapel)

## Thursday, September 19

10:00 am	As We Gather Worship Service .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Piano Tuning .....	Choir Room, Chapel, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
7:00 pm	Faith and Sexuality Meeting .....	The Office Coffee Shop
7:30 pm	Painting Circle .....	Fellowship Hall

## Friday, September 20

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 .....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor

## Saturday, September 21

9:30 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Supper Club with United Methodist Women Missions .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Acting Out Kids Workshop .....	Stars of Bethlehem Room

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday was special. We gathered to celebrate the culmination of nearly two decades of visioning and the nearly four years of construction to open our renovated building. It was a day full of joy and possibility. We gave thanks for the 177 years of history of being “Downtown for Good.”

One of the most important things we did last week was to reaffirm our commitment to sharing this space with our community. Our doors are open and all are invited to us in mission and service. In order to help us share our space with our friends and neighbors, we have created an entire month of events that you can invite someone to experience with you. Let me take just a minute to highlight the four “big” events.

**Monday, September 16, 7:00 pm Be Bold: An Evening with Pastor Rachel Billups.** Rachel is an amazing preacher and teacher and at 39 became the leader of one of the United Methodist Church's largest and most innovative churches, Ginghamburg UMC in Tipp City, Ohio.

**Sunday, September 22, 4:00 pm One Voice: ChoirFest Benefit Concert.** Our Minister of Music Caleb Williams is bringing three amazing choirs together, including our own Sanctus, for an afternoon of beautiful, fun, and inspiring music. The event is free with a Good Will offering supporting the Ruth Ellis Center, Detroit's leading LGBTQ+ teen and young adult resource center.

**Saturday, September 28, 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast.** We are proud to welcome Detroit's own Luis Sharpe to be our speaker. Luis graduated from Southwestern High School and was signed to play offensive tackle for UCLA. The two-time All-American was later drafted in the first round by the St. Louis Cardinals, playing 10 seasons and being named to the NFC All-Pro Team three consecutive years. In his post-NFL career, Luis struggled with addiction and was incarcerated on multiple occasions. In prison, he got clean and found faith, and now is spending his life giving back.

**Sunday, September 29, 5:30 Potluck and 6:30 Show** Join us for a night of laughs, as Ferndale's own Comedy Sportz will bring their family-friendly show to our sanctuary. This is a can't-miss evening of fun. \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

Each of these events will give us the chance to extend the blessing of our space and our spirit to others.

Doing All the Good We Can!

Grace and Peace,

