



REMEMBER YOUR GOODNESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
11:00 AM WORSHIP

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Ein' Feste Burg ist Unser Gott, BuxWV184</i>	Buxtehude
Hymn #384	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	*UMH
Call to Worship		Myra Moreland
Hymn #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		Kathi Burger
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>River in Judea</i> Sanctus	Feldman/Leavitt
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Mark 1:9-11	**CEB
Message	Remember Your Goodness	Jeff Nelson
Communion		
Song #2218	You Are Mine	***FWS
Postlude	<i>Make a Joyful Noise</i>	Alan Viner

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Faith We Sing

*** Common English Bible

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 2nd with almost 2,000 pairs of socks. Help us reclaim 1st place and bring a package or two (or ten) of new socks any time in September.



**Sock-It-To-Me
September!**



Free Yoga with Soul Stretch Yoga

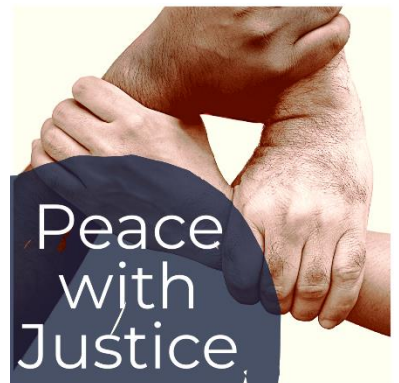
Mondays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

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.





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.



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.

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

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.

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.



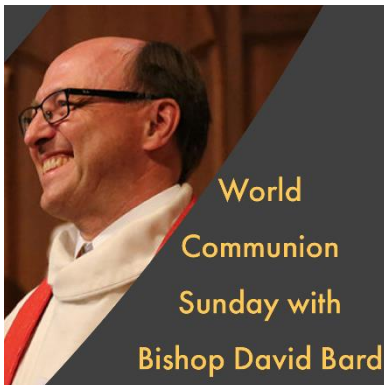
Sunday Morning Service Opportunities Available



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.

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.



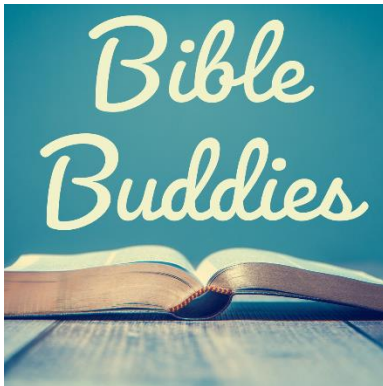
World Communion Sunday

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 or contact Jennifer Tripoli at 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 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.



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.

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 st 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 st 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 st 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 st 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 st 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,

