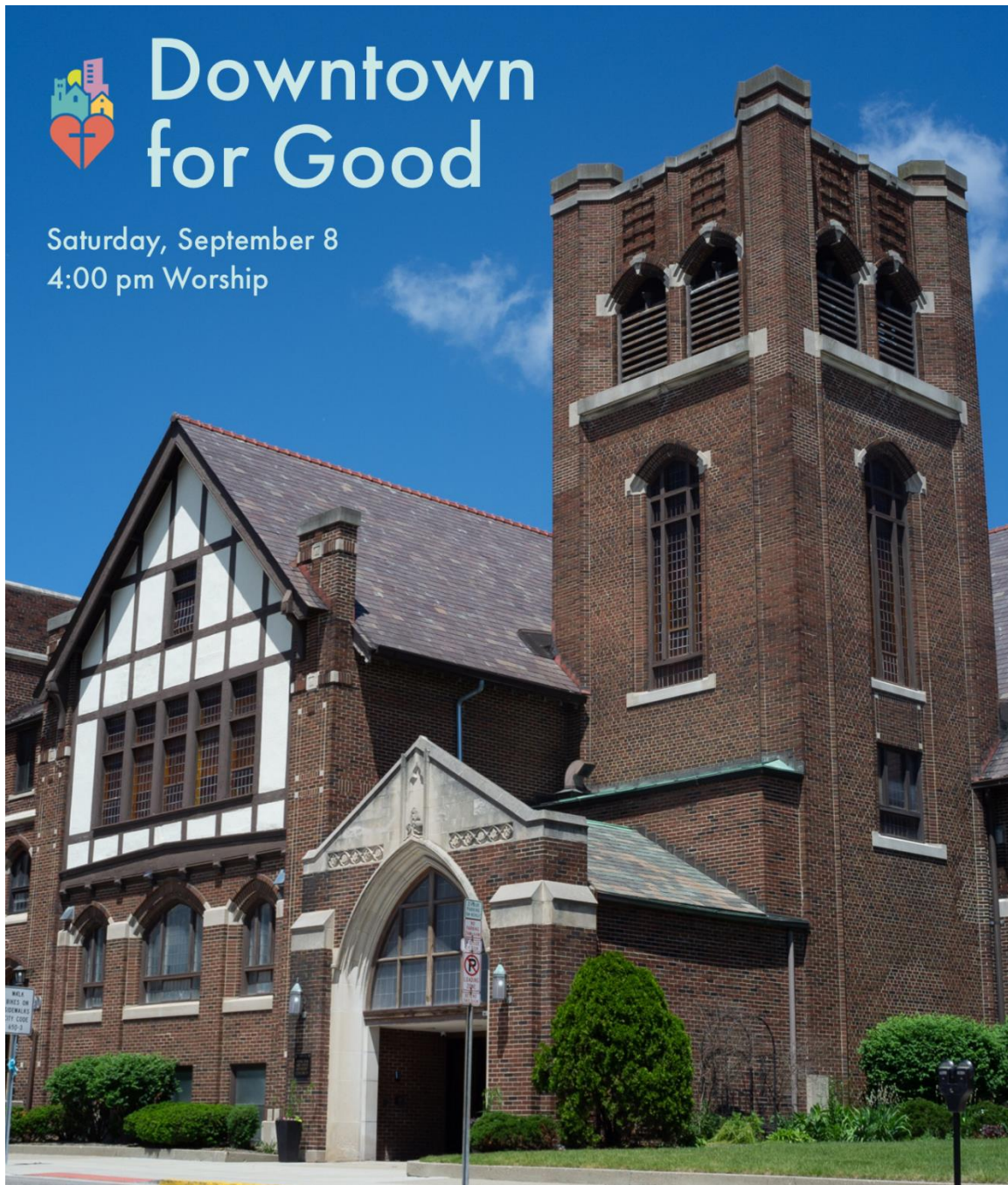




# Downtown for Good

Saturday, September 8  
4:00 pm Worship



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #57	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Stanzas 1-3 and 7	*UMH
Call to Worship		Bob Prud'homme
Song #2164	Sanctuary	**FWS
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>Holy Ground</i> Amy Rhoades	Beatty/Davis
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Come Build a Church</i> Amy Rhoades	Ken Medema
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-3 and Hebrews 11:1, 8-12	***CEB
Message	Downtown for Good	George Marck
Hymn	Sing a New Church	

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Faith We Sing

\*\*\* Common English Bible



Friday, September 13  
7:00 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



## **Grand Opening Celebration**

**Sunday, September 8, 12:30 pm**

Join us to celebrate the grand opening of our newly renovated building and the beginning of our program year. Food, fun, and friendship await, so don't miss out! If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).

## **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 sock. 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!**



## **Methodist Women Bowling League**

**Mondays, 12:30 pm, September 9-April 27**

Do you love to bowl? Join us in September at Bowl One on 14 Mile in Troy. All experience levels are welcome. Even if you can't commit to an entire season, we always have room for subs. If you are looking for good fellowship and fun, join us!

If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Cline at 248-399-6288 or [bowling@rofum.org](mailto:bowling@rofum.org).

## 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.



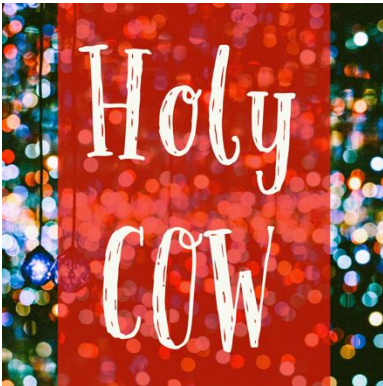
## Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)

**Wednesdays, beginning September 11**

**Dinner: 5:30 pm**

**Music & Activities: 6:00-7:30 pm**

Our mid-week program, Holy COW, combines food and friendship with fun music and devotional activities. All children, birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings during the school year. This year, we have added Music Experience for infants and toddlers. You and your little ones will explore sound, rhythm, and language through simple songs and activities that you can do at home.



## School of Rock and Pop Showcase

**Friday, September 13, 7:00-10:00 pm**

Local youth bands are coming to Royal Oak First! Some of the youth are connected to our church, many are not, but all are looking to share their talents. This free performance is open to all ages.





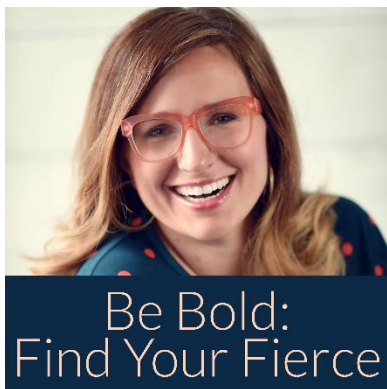
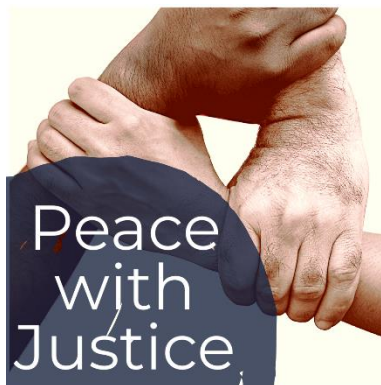
## Produce Collection for Redford Brightmoor Initiative

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 the second Saturday of every month. Slots are limited, so sign up soon. Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) or contact Astrid Harrod at [rbi@rofum.org](mailto:rbi@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

## 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 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.





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## 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](mailto: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](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).



# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Sympathy** to Debby Harmon on the death of her father, Ron Schnering, August 29.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Bob Foote

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 8

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery Room; Preschool – Preschool Room	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery Room; Preschool – Preschool Room	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Grand Opening Block Party .....	7 <sup>th</sup> Street
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society .....	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Group Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group .....	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Youth Choirs .....	Chapel & Youth Room
8:00 pm	Youth Group Seniors Small Group .....	National Coney Island

## Monday, September 9

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Lafayette Entrance
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	Pastor's Office
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Refueling Our Faith Using Motors .....	Duggan's Irish Pub
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts .....	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Chapel
8:00 pm	Music Guild .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, September 10

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Piano Club .....	Parlor
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit .....	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

## Wednesday, September 11

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 .....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons .....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW .....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

## Wednesday, September 11 continued

6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Drama Room, Sanctuary, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music .....	Chapel
7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Parlor
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Youth Room
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Chapel

## Thursday, September 12

10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Youth Worker Network.....	Youth Room
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
6:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

## Friday, September 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 .....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:30 pm	Straight Spouse Network .....	Youth Room
7:00 pm	School of Rock and Pop Showcase .....	Sanctuary & Gathering Space

## Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm	Afternoon Worship Service .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Acting Out Kids .....	Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, September 15

9:00 am	Worship & Communion .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery Room; Preschool – Preschool Room; Sunday School – The Village Town Square	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Communion .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery Room; Preschool – Preschool Room; Sunday School – The Village Town Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Peace With Justice Team .....	Youth Room
12:15 pm	Men's Steering Team.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Group Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group with Rachel Billups.....	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Youth Choirs .....	Chapel
7:00 pm	Youth Group Parents with Rachel Billups.....	Youth Room

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Congratulations Royal Oak First!

Today marks a historic moment in the life of this church and you, every single one of you, helped make this possible. The completion of this historic building renovation is the culmination of years of prayer, vision, and planning. This moment took courage and patience - it took perseverance and flexibility. Today we thank God for its completion.

Over the next few months, we will be moving in and hanging art on the walls. There are a few spots that need a little paint and some freshening up. It might take a few minutes to figure out where everything was stored and where will be its new home. But today we declare that this building is open for business and that we are determined to share this gift of our building and our fellowship with the community.

Over this next month, we are hosting a wide range of events that we hope we will give you the chance to invite a friend or neighbor to share in this celebration. There is truly something for everyone. We have free yoga, a painting night, Saturday Night Super Club, an author, a former NFL player, and even a comedy night. On the way out today you will be given a schedule for this Grand Opening. Please plan to come to one or more of these events and make sure to bring someone with you.

I was not here when the renovation project began. So I want to thank all of those who helped make the plans and raised the funds to make this moment a reality. You should be proud. God has used your faithfulness to be a part of something truly significant. For all those who, like my family, have joined this movement during the renovation, we again affirm our welcome to you and say we are glad you are here. This place and the movement within it are now yours as well.

Together we will continue to make Christ's love real to each other, to our neighbors, and to the community around us!

Congratulations, friends. It has been a long journey. Take a moment and enjoy the fruit of your labors!

Grace and Peace,

