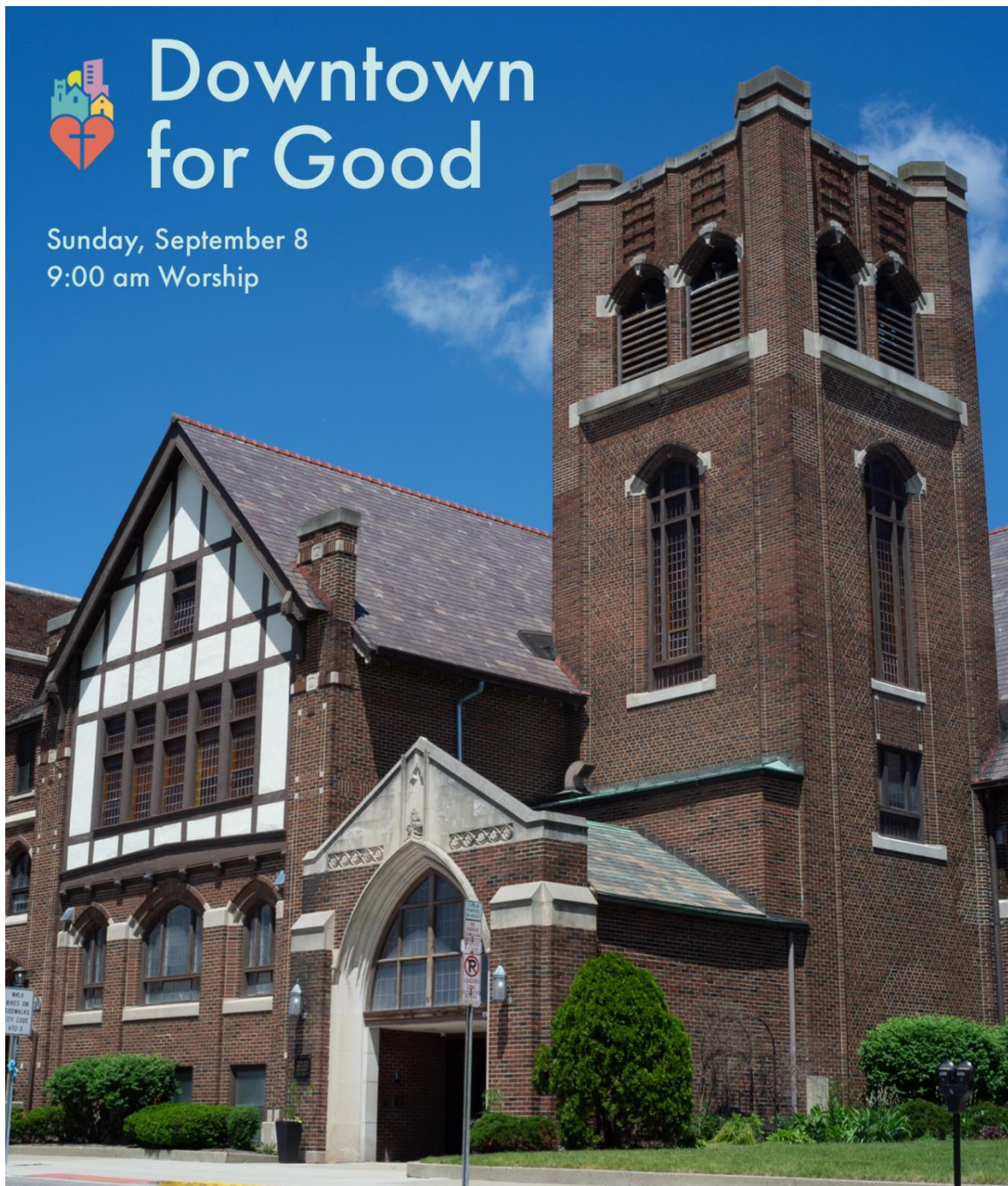




Downtown for Good

Sunday, September 8
9:00 am Worship



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Love the Lord

Song Sanctuary

Greeting and Invitation to Mission

CYF Moment

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering	<i>God of this City</i> House Band	Chris Tomlin
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Building Moment

Scripture	Genesis 12:1-3	*CEB
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Message	Downtown for Good	Jeff Nelson
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Song Take My Life



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.

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 sock. 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!**



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.

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.



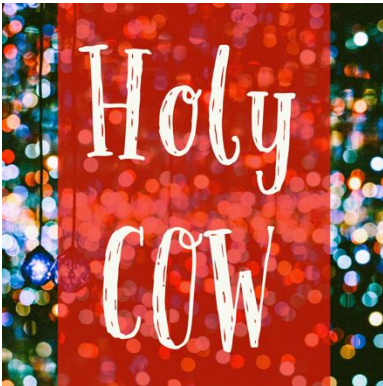
Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)

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 5th 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.





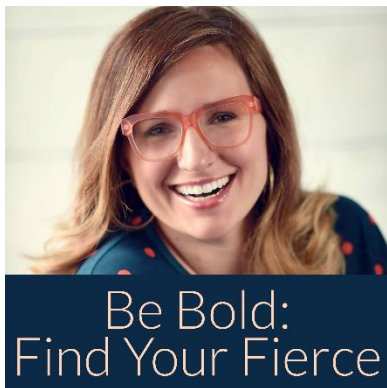
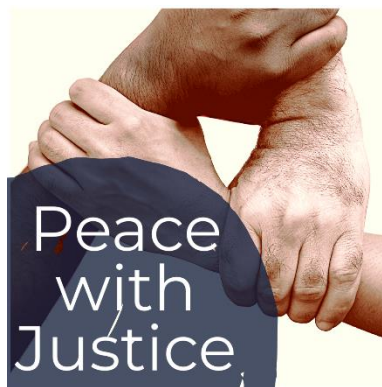
Produce Collection for Redford Brightmoor Initiative

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 or contact Astrid Harrod at 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.



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.



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.



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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.

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.

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.

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 th 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 st 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 st 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 st 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Joel". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.