

# Faith That Heals



**BUILDING  
ON THE VISION**

Sunday, October 27  
9:00 am Worship

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# OPPORTUNITIES

## Aging In Grace

**Sunday, October 27, 12:15 pm**

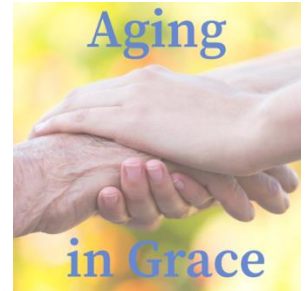
Normal Cognitive Decline vs. Dementia: When to Worry with Lynn Breuer, LMSW, CHC

**Sunday, November 3, 12:15 pm**

Successful Aging Through Financial Empowerment with LaToya Hall, MSW

**Sunday, November 10, 12:15 pm**

Mental Health Concerns of Aging with Matthew Swarts, MSSW, LMSW



## Service Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative

**Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**



Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store. Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) or at the Connect Here Desk at church. For more information, **contact Astrid Harrod at 248-635-6357 or [RBI@rofum.org](mailto:RBI@rofum.org)**.

## Missions Coordinator Position Available

At Royal Oak First, we strive to make a real difference in our community. The Missions Coordinator serves to organize missional collections, help us care for our hungry and homeless neighbors, and work with our community mission partners. For more information, visit [rofum.org/jobs](http://rofum.org/jobs) or **contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org)**.



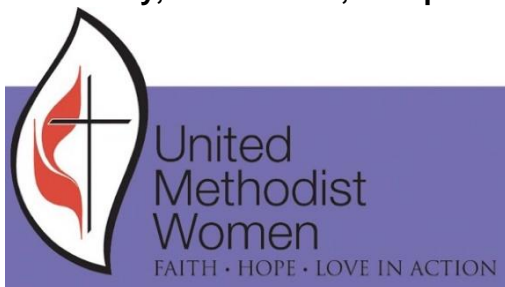
## Bag Lunches for the NOAH Project

**Collection ends Sunday, November 3**



Our Children, Youth, and Families program will be making 600 sandwiches and bag lunches for our friends at The NOAH Project, and you can help. ROY is looking for juice boxes, fruit cups, applesauce cups, raisins, pudding cups, cookies, muffins, small candy, chips, pretzels, cheese or peanut butter crackers, or granola bars to fill out the bags. Drop off your items in the collection boxes in the Narthex by Sunday, November 3. If you have any questions, **contact Bridget Nelson at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org)**.

## United Methodist Women Thursday, November 7, 1:00 pm



The United Methodist Women reading program is a wonderful way to find new books to read and make new friends. Join us to learn more about this program and make your pledge for next year's UMW ministries. This month, we will collect our annual World Thank Offering to advance mission and advocacy around the world.

## All Saints Celebration

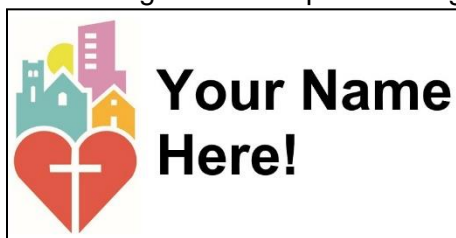
November 16 & 17

On November 16 & 17, we will remember the many beloved church members, family members, and friends who have died since October 30, 2018. The names of these loved ones will be included in the All Saints pages in the bulletin. To have your friend or loved one included, please send your name, the name of the deceased, your relationship to the deceased, and the date of death to Sam Garrett at [sgarrett@rofum.org](mailto:sgarrett@rofum.org) by Wednesday, November 13.



## Name Tags have moved!

The single most hospitable thing you can do at church is wear a name tag. In order to make it easier for everyone to find their name tags, they are now on the table in the Narthex. Take this opportunity to make a habit of finding and wearing your name tag so you can be greeted by your name on Sundays. After worship, you can simply return your name tag to the basket at the table and we will put it back in its place for you.



## Hospitality Service Opportunities Available

In order to make sure everyone feels welcome at coffee hour, we have created a new position on the hospitality team. Roaming Coffee Hour servers will help make sure that everyone has a place to sit, snacks and beverages to enjoy, and someone to talk to after worship. If you are a friendly person with a passion for making others feel welcome, **contact George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org)** to join the team.



## 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.

## Christmas Store Collections

Our friends at Cass Community Social Services and Redford-Brightmoor Initiative both provide a free Christmas Store where needy families in Detroit can “shop” for gifts for their family for Christmas. Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting toys and gifts for the Cass Christmas Store, and children’s winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas Store.



Cass needs toys, puzzles, games, dolls, sports equipment, books, crafts, and clothes for kids. They ask that we don’t send anything that requires batteries. Items should be new and unwrapped. The children’s winter coats and boots for the RBI Christmas store can be any size from infant to 18-20, and should be new and unwrapped.

Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the Narthex.

# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Dick LaCombe; Judy Ather; Jack Hughes; Margery Youngs; Peggy Gill; James Respecki; Karen Calhoun; Beckham Boozan; John Boyse; Pecky Lewis; Janet Kinney; Dick & Judy Bryan

**Prayers for our extended family:** Schodowski Family; Nancy Siddall; Ryan O’Hara; Marshall Knight; Dennis Clifton; Mark Palmer; Vickie Zimmerman; Ryan Monte; Sheila Boyer; Margie Reese; Norma Jean Wilke; Carol Barney; Kris Beachum

**Senior Spotlight:** Florence Martin

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).

**The rose on the Altar** is in celebration of the birth of Robin Gray Talaga, son of Mark and Natalie Talaga.

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 27

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
10:15 am	Half Truths .....	Room #305
10:15 am	Pastor Chat.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:00 pm	Royal Oak Spooktacular .....	Downtown Royal Oak
12:15 pm	Aging in Grace .....	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Pastor Chat.....	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 .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room & Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Youth Group Seniors Small Group.....	Bowlero Lanes

## Monday, October 28

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	ROY Commons
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Experience of Loss .....	Room #201
7:00 pm	Leadership Meeting .....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601 .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Chapel
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, October 29

9:00 am	First Friends.....	Nursery
10:00 am	Discipleship Fast Track.....	Parlor
10:00 am	The Good and Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
5:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Choir Room & Chapel

## Tuesday, October 29 continued

6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit! .....	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	The Good and Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Weird Bible .....	Room #305

## Wednesday, October 30

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 Lesson .....	Parlor
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons.....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	Discipleship Fast Track.....	Parlor
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Room #201, Sanctuary, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Room #307
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music .....	Bible Times Square (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Understanding Good and Evil .....	Room #303
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	ROY Commons
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Chapel
7:45 pm	Piano .....	Room #307

## Thursday, October 31 – Halloween

10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
7:00 pm	Faith and Sexuality Meeting.....	The Office Coffee Shop
7:00 pm	Love Wins.....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary & Choir Room

## Friday, November 1

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
5:00 pm	Women's Retreat Begins	
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor

## Saturday, November 2

### Women's Retreat

10:00 am	Memorial Service .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It is easy for everyday, hardworking folks like us to feel like the big difference makers are those who can write checks with lots of zeros. Unless I win the Megabucks, (which I'd have to play if I wanted to win, right?) my family will never get its name in the paper or our faces on television for donating big money to worthy causes. How do regular folks like us ever get to be a part of something significant?

That is what being involved in the local church is all about! The church has always been God's way of allowing people like us to be a part of changing lives and transforming the world. This year you and I will have contributed nearly \$1 million to a movement whose sole purpose is to make a positive impact in our community and throughout the world. Nearly \$1 million! Never in my wildest dreams did I think would be a part of something this significant.

We couldn't do this without the church. We could not do this without each other.

Consider what God has done this year through our giving:

- 15,000 personal hygiene items for our neighbors in Brightmoor
- 11,000 meals served to hungry folks right here in Royal Oak
- 10,000 dollars to Ruth Ellis and Affirmations to support vulnerable kids and teens
- 8,000 pairs of socks for the homeless and hungry of Detroit
- 4,000 dollars to provide education for children in Uganda
- 1,000 bottles of Pedialyte for shelters on our nation's Southern Borders
- 100s of pillows and blankets for teens experiencing homelessness in Royal Oak
- 100s of Free Hugs at Ferndale and Royal Oak Pride
- 100 children and youth each week experiencing Christ's love made real
- 50+ funerals and bereavement care for families after the loss of a loved one
- 40 violins for low-income kids to experience music
- 8 Lithuanian churches receiving hope and support
- 6 Birthday Parties for the boys at The Methodist Children's Home
- 1 dedicated effort to help move one young man from the streets to his own apartment.

God is using the sacrificial giving of regular folks like you and me to change lives and transform the world.

Thank you for being a part of this movement here at Royal Oak First. Together we are making a difference.

Grace and Peace,

