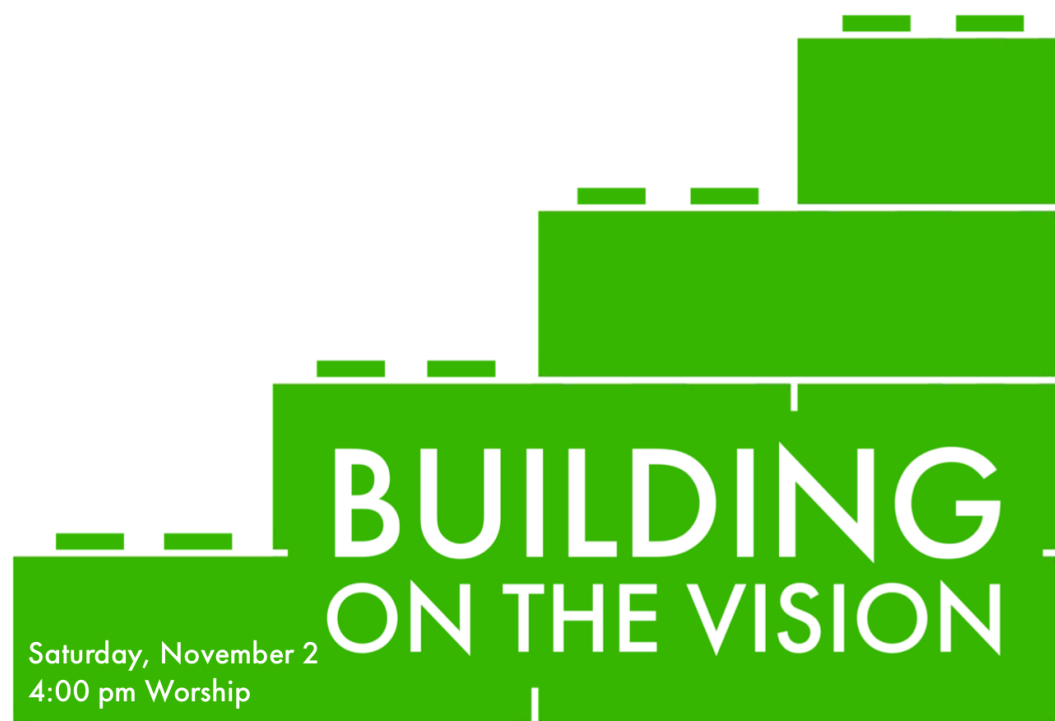


# The Hole in the Roof



Saturday, November 2  
4:00 pm Worship

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #559	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Stanzas 1, 2, and 4	*UMH
Call to Worship		Aloma Mirjah
Hymn #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Rainbow</i> Sam Garrett	Kacey Musgraves
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Mark 2:1-12	**CEB
Message	The Hole in the Roof	Jeff Nelson
Communion	<i>When You Believe</i> Sam Garrett	Stephen Schwartz
Song	Be Thou My Vision	

**This week's Lego display was created by the Youth Band.**

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible



# Special Town Hall Meeting



With guest leader: Gary Step

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am

## Greens Sale for Choir Camp

Place your orders by  
Sunday, November 24.

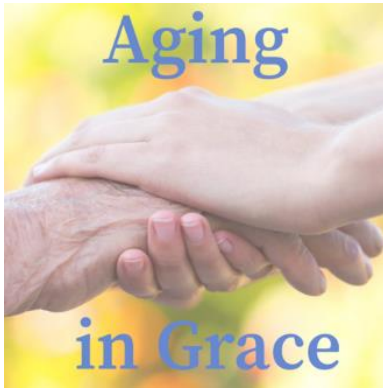


## *Christmas Store Collections*



For  
Cass Community Social Services  
and  
The Redford Brightmoor Initiative

# OPPORTUNITIES



## **Aging In Grace**

**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

## **Refueling Our Faith Using Motors**

**Monday, November 4, 6:00 pm**

**Duggan's Irish Pub**

Calling all car enthusiasts! Enjoy food, stories, and discussions about everything from how to mix carburetion to salvation. Use your love for cars to plan fun things and do work for others. If you have any questions, **contact Brian Baker at [cars@rofum.org](mailto:cars@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.

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am**

All men are invited to join us for breakfast and a talk from Pastor Jeff Nelson about hopes, dreams, and plans. If you have any questions, **contact Neal Harris at 248-765-5618 or [shirlnealharris@gmail.com](mailto:shirlnealharris@gmail.com).**



## 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).**

## 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.





## Christmas Greens Sale for Choir Camp

### Greens Sale



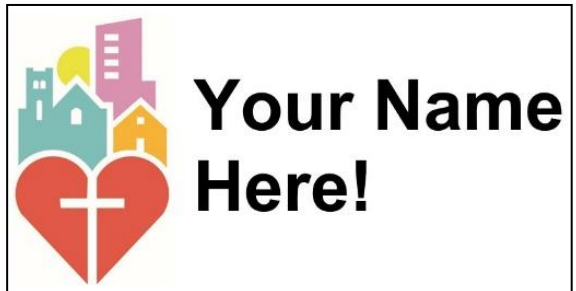
Beginning Sunday, November 3, Music Guild will be taking pre-paid orders for wreaths, roping, grave blankets, etc. after Sunday Services. 20% of each purchase helps offset the cost of Choir Camp for our children. Order forms are available at choir practice and on Sunday after the services. Pre-paid orders are due Sunday, November 24.

Pick-up will be after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 29, from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm and on Saturday November 30, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at Bruce and Cathy Baker's house in Royal Oak. If you have any questions, **contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.**

If you would like to help the Greens Sale in another way, you can also help pick up the greens at Eastern Market or help prepare them for distribution.

## 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** 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, gifts, children’s winter coats, and boots for these wonderful organizations.



They are looking for toys, games, dolls, sports equipment, books, crafts, and clothes for kids. The children’s winter coats and boots can be any size from infant to 18/20. *They ask that we don’t send any stuffed animals or anything that requires batteries.* Items should be new and unwrapped.

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

## The Mitten Tree

Each year, we fill the United Methodist Women’s Mitten Tree with new adult-sized hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for our daily lunch program. This year, we are adding food for the lunches, too. Helpful food items include peanut butter, fruit cups, pudding, raisins, individual serving chip bags, cookies, granola bars, cheese or peanut butter crackers, and juice boxes. You can drop off your donations at the tree in the tower entrance. If you have any questions, **contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.**



# LUNCH PROGRAM COLLECTION

## Lunch Program Collection

Every weekday, our lunch program provides a bagged lunch and a hot meal for 30-40 people in our community. In addition to food, the lunch program provides personal care items and the inventory is running low. They are looking for standard personal care items, like soap, razors, deodorant, and shampoo, along with things that are especially useful during the coming winter, like lip balm, lotion, and hand warmers.

## 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 [jtropoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtropoli@rofum.org)**.



# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

**Senior Spotlight:** Don & Marilyn McCreedy

**Sympathy** to Joan Hoelaars on the death of her daughter, Lenore Hoelaars, October 27.

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).



## SERMON NOTES

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 3

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
10:20 am	Baptism Parent Meeting.....	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
12:15 pm	Aging in Grace .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Piano Recital.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Core Values .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
5:30 pm	Youth Group Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room & Sanctuary

## Monday, November 4

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 .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Refueling Our Faith Using Motors .....	Duggan's Irish Pub
7:00 pm	The Experience of Loss .....	Room #201
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601 .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Chapel
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study .....	Parlor
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, November 5 – Election Day

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
11:00 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Family Day of Service .....	Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, November 5 continued**

3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit! .....	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	The Good and Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Weird Bible .....	Room #305

## **Wednesday, November 6**

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
2:00 pm	Piano Club .....	Parlor
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons .....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW .....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
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, November 7**

9:30 am	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting .....	Parlor
10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	UMW General Meeting .....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #307
6:00 pm	Brew with Your Buds Men's Fellowship .....	Royal Oak Brewery
7:00 pm	Love Wins .....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary & Choir Room

## **Friday, November 8**

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
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:30 pm	Still Beloved for Spouses .....	Parlor

## **Saturday, November 9**

9:00 am	Men's Fellowship .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

When it was suggested that we use LEGOs for our fall series I was like, "Sure! Why not? LEGOs are cute and colorful. It will be nice!"

I admit I had no idea how using LEGOs as a metaphor would open up so many possibilities about what it means to be the church.

Here are a few things we are learning about building a "LEGO Church."

1. LEGOs use all different sizes, shapes and colors to make a creation. The diversity of people in the church are what make it beautiful.
2. LEGOs invite collaboration. The first Sunday we watch as a group of both adults and children worked together to build something remarkable. The church is at its best when people can build upon the ideas of others with freedom and joy.
3. LEGOs create an open system of innovation. LEGOs are not a puzzle. With puzzles there is only one solution and only one way the pieces can fit together. LEGOs are all about possibilities. They are flexible. They are adaptable. The ways all the pieces can be put together is infinite. Churches that are flexible and resilient can create new solutions and opportunities.
4. LEGOs are all about connections. LEGOs are built to connect. They are both connected and connectors. They can always make room for more pieces.

This is the kind of future we are building here at Royal Oak First. A church where diversity is a strength and collaboration is encouraged. A church where there are infinite possibilities to experience God's love with the world. A church that will always be open to doing whatever it takes to make room for the next person to get connected.

Thanks for building the LEGO church with me.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff  