

We Have Never  
Seen Anything  
Like This



Saturday, November 9  
4:00 pm Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #529	How Firm a Foundation Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5	*UMH
Call to Worship		Leonard Benyas
Hymn #186	Alleluia	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>All I Want Is You</i> Andrew Harrod	U2
Time of Prayer		
Scripture	Mark 2:1-12	**CEB
Message	We Have Never Seen Anything Like This	Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Take My Life</i> Andrew Harrod and Caleb Williams	arr. by Tomlin
Doxology #95		UMH
Hymn #77	How Great Thou Art	UMH
<b>This week's Lego display was created by the Yates Family.</b>		



# 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.

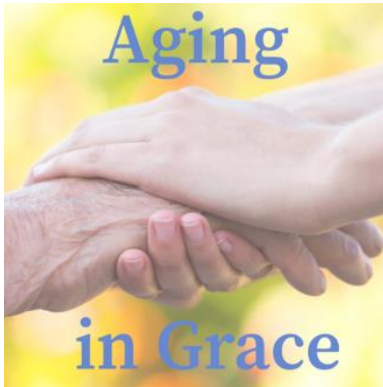


## *Christmas Store Collections*



For  
Cass Community Social Services  
and  
The Redford Brightmoor Initiative

# OPPORTUNITIES



## **Aging In Grace**

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

Join us for the final meeting of Aging in Grace this year, Mental Health Concerns of Aging with Matthew Swarts, MSSW, LMSW.

## **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**



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 home 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](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, 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.**



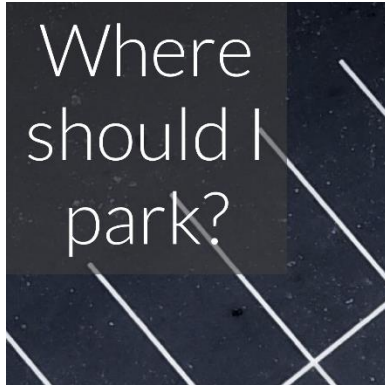
## Lunch Program Collection

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 [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org)**.



## Parking on Sundays

We are a bustling church, especially on Sundays, and we have a small parking lot. We ask that those who are able park in the free parking structure on Lafayette at 5<sup>th</sup> St, to make sure there is room in the parking lot & on the streets around the church for visitors and our more vulnerable members. If you have any questions **contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org)**.

## Special Town Hall

**Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am**

Join us for a special Town Hall where guest leader Rev. Gary Step is coming to help us make decisions about the future of our church governing system. If you have any questions, **contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org)**.

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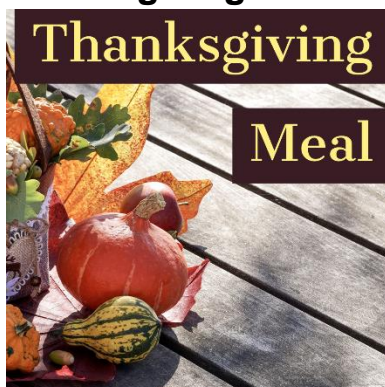


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## Thanksgiving Lunch Service Opportunities

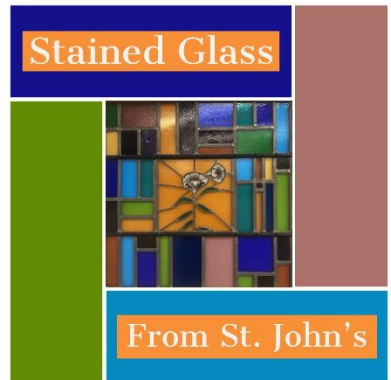
**Thursday, November 28, 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

Every day, our lunch program serves approximately 40 meals to people in our community. Thanksgiving is no different. You are invited to come serve a special holiday meal and hand out bagged lunches on Thanksgiving. Service hours are 9:30-12:00, including set-up and cleaning. If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, **contact Mark and Cathy Thatcher at [lunch@rofum.org](mailto:lunch@rofum.org)**.



## St. John's United Methodist Church Stained Glass Silent Auction

Before St. John's UMC was demolished, their beautiful stained glass windows were removed and brought here for preservation. Many of these panels were used in our renovation in the sanctuary, chapel, and the new Northwest Entry staircase. There are approximately 20 panels that were not used and it would be a shame for them to sit in storage unseen. The Trustees Committee will hold a silent auction, opening at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 23, and closing at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 24. Successful bidders will be notified as soon as the auction closes and items can be picked up at that time or by appointment. If you have any questions, **contact Charlene Kondrat at [trustees@rofum.org](mailto:trustees@rofum.org)**.



## Special Thanks from Art & Delores Miller

Thank you, church family, for all you did during my long stay in the hospital and rehab, for the cards, prayers, visits by the ministers, & prayer shawl. Also, thank you to the people who have loaned us equipment that has made my transition from rehab to home much easier. Our biggest thanks goes to Andy Showers, Steven Showers, Larry Brown, Jason Storms, & Stefan Gipser, who built the ramp making it possible for me to get out of the house and back to our church family.

## RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Margery Youngs; James Ansell; Debi Harmon; Anne Brace; Vel Lowman; James Respecki; Karen Parke; Dick LaCombe; Judy Ather; Jack Hughes; Peggy Gill; Dick & Judy Bryan

**Prayers for our extended family:** Marilyn Tovarez; Josie Nunez; Schodowski Family; Nancy Siddall; Ryan O'Hara; Marshall Knight; Dennis Clifton; Mark Palmer; Vickie Zimmerman; Kris Beachum

**Senior Spotlight:** Marguerite Nowacek

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 10

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship & Baptism .....	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square	
10:00 am	Generosity Celebration .....	Parlor & Gathering Space
10:15 am	Half Truths .....	Room #305
11:00 am	Worship & Baptism .....	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Times Square	
12:00 pm	Generosity Celebration .....	Parlor & Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Aging in Grace .....	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Men's Steering Team .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
1:00 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society .....	Choir Room
3:00 pm	Private Event .....	Parlor
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.....	National Coney Island

## Monday, November 11

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601 .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Experience of Loss .....	Theater

## Tuesday, November 12

9:00 am	First Friends.....	Nursery
10:00 am	Discipleship Fast Track.....	Parlor
10:00 am	The Good & Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit! .....	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Weird Bible .....	Room #305
7:00 pm	The Good & Beautiful Life .....	ROY Commons

## Wednesday, November 13

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
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 .....	Theater, Sanctuary, & Choir Room
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Room #307
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music .....	Bible Times Square (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Theater
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	ROY Commons
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Chapel

## Thursday, November 14

10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry .....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #307
6:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Council .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Faith & Sexuality .....	The Office Coffee Shop
7:00 pm	Love Wins .....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary & Choir Room

## Friday, November 15

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
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor

## Saturday, November 16 – All Saints Celebration

9:00 am	Special Town Hall Meeting .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sing Out Detroit! .....	Choir Room
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I think this picture best captures what we are building here at Royal Oak First.

It was taken a couple of weeks ago when our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Program (Holy COW) left the building and journeyed over to the Royal Oak Manor to bring the gift of their presence, and their music, to the residents who call the Manor their home. My favorite thing about this picture is the woman leading these kids in singing.



This is Lori Gross.

Here is what you need to know about Lori:

Lori grew up in this church.

Lori was nurtured and cared for by the people of this church.

Lori sang in the children's and youth choirs of this church.

And now Lori is back giving to the very church that has given so much to her!

This is what this LEGO Church we are building is all about.

Because others built us up, helped us find our place, taught us to share our gifts, helped us find our voice, we get the chance to be that "piece" for the next person to find their place, their gift, their voice!

Here is what I believe - the kids in this picture will one day be leading a kid's choir, teaching a Sunday School class, going on a mission trip, doing something in their church to "build up" a next generation of kids.

What are we building here?

The future.

One piece & one person at a time!

It is an honor to build this movement with you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff