

THE ANCIENT WORDS OF  
**ELIJAH**  
IN THE CAVE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**  
**11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**



ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Sonatina Op.36, No. 2 Jennifer Semivan, piano	Muzio Clementi
Hymn #2246	Deep in the Shadows of the Past	FWS*
Call to Worship		
Hymn #2128	Come and Find the Quiet Center	FWS
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Welcoming New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering		Alice Bentley
Doxology #95		UMH**
The Ancient Words of Elijah		
	1 Kings 19:9-14	
	In the Cave	Myra Moreland
Hymn #534	Be Still, My Soul	UMH
Postlude	The Sound of Silence	Paul Simon

\* The Faith We Sing

\*\* United Methodist Hymnal



# CHURCH PICNIC!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
STAR JAYCEE PARK ON 13 MILE RD



Sign up to serve  
or pre-register  
for free admittance  
after worship!  
Contact  
ABE@rofum.org



Join us for  
*Kick-Off  
Sunday!*

Bounce House  
Food  
Games  
Fun  
Kick-Off Sunday Block Party  
outside the church on 7th Street.  
Sunday, September 9,  
following the 11:00 am worship service



# CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE



Monday,  
September 10  
12:00 pm  
Contact Jennie  
Notarantonio  
Missions@rofum.org

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Cass Community Tiny Homes Work Day

**Sunday, August 19, 9:30 am-3:30 pm**

The growing Cass Community Social Services Tiny Homes Neighborhood provides housing options for low-income people in the community. We have a chance to help get the next set of six houses ready for people to move into after the Progressive Dinner fundraiser on Labor Day weekend. There are opportunities for volunteers of **all skill levels**. Jobs will include painting, hanging cabinets, installing trim and tile, landscaping cleanup, and more! Sign up at the Missions Table or contact Dave Beatty at [tinyhomes@rofum.org](mailto:tinyhomes@rofum.org) for more information.



## Tiny Homes Progressive Dinner and Tour

**August 30-September 2**

Come and support the Tiny Homes project at the annual Progressive Dinner and Tour fundraiser.

The evening will consist of a six-course progressive meal by Cass Catering chef Matt Prentice—one course in each of the six newly completed Tiny Homes. Tickets are \$75.00 each or \$100 for two. Also included in the ticket is a copy of Rev. Faith Fowler's book, *Tiny Homes in a Big City*, and a donation to the project. To choose your evening and reserve your time slot, go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links).

## Arts, Beats, and Eats is back!

**August 31-September 3**



Arts, Beats, and Eats is back! Nearly 400,000 people will visit our community and give us a wonderful opportunity to shine the light of Royal Oak First out! Service positions include being a greeter at the church, being a host for our green space on the front lawn, attending to the baby-changing tent, and keeping the church tidy and

hospitable. Sign-up sheets are available at the Here I Am Lord table in the Narthex, or you can visit [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) to sign up online. If you have any questions, contact Charlene Kondrat and Kay LaCombe at [ABE@rofum.org](mailto:ABE@rofum.org).

## Cass Community Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, September 10, 12:00 pm

This fun, well-organized event is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for Cass, and one of the biggest FUNraisers of the year for the participants. The day includes 18 holes at Plum Hollow Country Club, lunch, snacks, and a wonderful dinner and cocktails! Royal Oak First will cover half of the entry fee, so your price is \$85 per golfer. If you have a 4-some, go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) to register online. If you register online, Royal Oak First will reimburse you for half of the registration fee. If you would like to play, but don't have a 4-some, please contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org).



## Methodist Women's Bowling League

Begins Monday, September 10

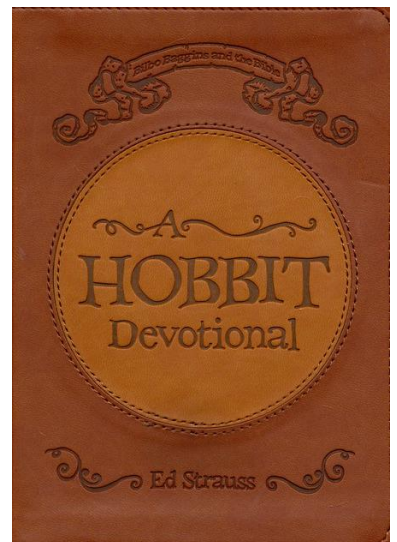


The Methodist Women's bowling league is looking for both full-time bowlers and subs for the fall league. We bowl on Monday afternoons at 12:30 pm at Bowl One Lanes on 14 Mile Road. This is an unsanctioned league and starting bowlers and experienced bowlers are equally welcome. We start September 10 and will end our season in April. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Cynthia Cline at 248-496-0261 or email me at [ckcline93@gmail.com](mailto:ckcline93@gmail.com)

## The Hobbit Devotional

Begins Wednesday, September 19

Do you love hobbits, orcs, elves, dwarves, and all things Middle Earth? Have you always wondered about the world of *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*? Are you wondering what on Earth we are talking about? Then we have the study group for you! Jason Sherman and George Marck will lead a study on the Hobbit Devotional on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm that will begin on September 19. If you are interested, contact George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org) or by text at 248-766-8868 so that we have an idea how many books to order. We will screen each of the three Hobbit movies sometime during the meetings.



# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, August 19

Tiny Homes Work Day at Cass Community Social Services

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, August 20

9:00 am	Staff Retreat .....	St. Paul of the Cross
10:00 am	Kids Acting Out Theater .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	Ale Mary's
7:30 pm	Faith Abilities Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, August 21

10:00 am	Kids Acting Out Theater .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice.....	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Roga (Chair Yoga) .....	Choir Room
2:30 pm	Piano Lessons.....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Children, Youth, & Families Leadership Meeting ..	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, August 22

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting.....	Choir Room
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Kids Acting Out Theater .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) ...	The Avenue Restaurant
6:00 pm	Backyard Blast .....	Contact the church office for location
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee.....	Church Office
7:30 pm	House Band .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403

## Thursday, August 23

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Kids Acting Out Theater .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry .....	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Lunch Program Closet Clean Out .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Church Picnic.....	Starr Jaycee Park

## Friday, August 24

10:00 am	Kids Acting Out Theater .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen

## Saturday, August 25

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship .....	Sanctuary
7:20 pm	Rob Bell.....	Royal Oak Music Theatre

## Sunday, August 26

9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Lee Hoffmann; Athena Milewski; Marianne Peck; Celia Horak; Dona Wells; Ruby Hawkins; Anne Brace; Barb Nicholas; Elizabeth Kincannon; Sherry Giles; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim & Mary Ann Tempest; Bob Reid; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

**Prayers for our extended family:** Marjorie Showers; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Alan Burger; Helen McGee; Delphine Reddy; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlin

**Sympathy** to Phyllis Wagster for the death of her brother, Glenn Goff.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Charles White

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at  
prayers@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

If you have been at the church any night this week, you have witnessed firsthand around 50 of our children on the “Rolling River Rampage” of Vacation Bible Camp. Laughter and songs echoed through our halls each night. “With Jesus in my heart, the spirit in my soul, God is in control. And that is how we roll.” Indeed, that is how we roll at Royal Oak First. The Bible verse for our children at VBC this week is: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” It comes from Isaiah 43:2. The full verse looks this:

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
And the flame shall not consume you.*

God assures Isaiah as He does Elijah that when it feels like life is overwhelming... know that God is with us. Last week we found Elijah under the broom tree, overwhelmed, giving up and asking God to take his life. But God sent in the Angels and led Elijah to the cool and comforting cave.

When life feels overwhelming, God will lead us to that place where we can find rest and comfort. He will lead us to that place where we can experience the God who love us (no matter what). And then, He will call us out of the cave to witness and be a part of God’s movement in the world.

I am grateful that I got to see God passing by this week as little Lilly played the part of Mary in the story of Mary and Martha. In her sweet little voice she said “Welcome Jesus, please come in. We love you, Jesus.” I felt the brush of God passing by as Ben grabbed my hands to do “Wheels on the Bus” then put his arms around my neck for a big hug. Our children weren’t the only ones “rolling” on our VBC river. God was on the move in the hearts of all who were present.

This weekend we’ll see some pictures of our VBC week and hear our children sing on Sunday. You don’t want to miss it.

Grace and Peace,

*Myra Moreland*