

THE ANCIENT WORDS OF
ELIJAH

CATCHING FIRE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
4:00 PM AFTERNOON WORSHIP



ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #529	How Firm a Foundation Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5	UMH*
Call to Worship		
Response #600	Wonderful Words of Life	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>O Death</i> Joan Johnson	American Folk Song
Doxology #95		UMH
The Ancient Words of Elijah	1 Kings 18:20-40 <i>Lord, God of Abraham</i> Catching Fire	Felix Mendelssohn George Marck
Communion	<i>All Who Hunger</i> Joan Johnson	S. Dunstan & W. Moore
Hymn #156	I Love to Tell the Story Stanzas 1, 3 and 4	UMH

* United Methodist Hymnal

OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to
the Party!

Sunday, August 12
2:00 pm

Contact office@rofum.com or
248-541-4100

August Worship Series: The Ancient Words of Elijah

This year, as we celebrate 100 years of worship in our sanctuary, we turn our eyes to the next 100. During the month of July, we said that we will continue to pass on a love for Jesus by learning to "Love like Jesus." Last weekend, Choir Camp reminded us that, wherever we go, we're on this journey together. When we live by faith, we can make it through the tough Tuesdays to the grace-filled Fridays. This month, we're digging into the ancient words of the Bible to tell the story of Elijah. Why? Because in the next 100 years, Royal Oak First will keep telling and retelling the stories that make us who we are. Come, as we hear these ancient words with modern ears, and listen for what they might say about who we are today.

Special Sanctuary Banners

Mary Nahhat has created two lovely new banners for our Sanctuary for our August Worship Series. As always, she had special inspiration from the Bible.

When the life of the great prophet Elijah was threatened, he escaped to the desert, as described in 1st Kings. Exhausted, he came to a broom tree and sat down under it. Broom trees, with soft leaves and fragrant white flowers, are common in the great deserts. Elijah fell asleep under the tree. As he was sleeping, an angel called out and provided him with food and drink to sustain him for the rest of his journey. Strengthened by nourishment, he continued his journey to Mount Horeb.



Corn Roast at the Royal Oak Farmers' Market

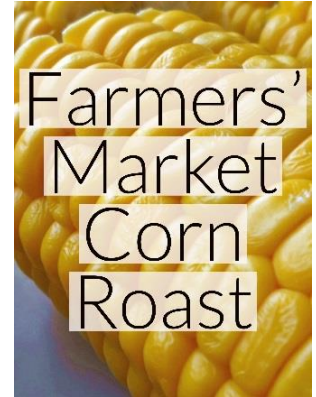
Saturday, August 11, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

We will be selling hot dogs, water and soft drinks, and baked goods to raise money for our youth programs and for our Missions funds on Saturday, August 11, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

You can participate in the following ways:

- Volunteer to work a shift (either 8:00–11:30 am, or 11:30-3:00 pm) on August 11. All ages, middle school to adults, are welcome to volunteer!
- Make some goodies and drop them off on Friday, August 10, in the church kitchen labeled “Corn Roast”.
- Attend the Corn Roast, bring your friends, and support our church food table!

Sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table or contact Cece Cruz at cornroast@rofum.org for more information.



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 following a special celebration and 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 tinychomes@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 *Tiny Homes in a Big City* by Rev. Faith Fowler, and a donation to the project. To choose your evening and reserve your time slot, go to rofum.org/links.



Cass Community Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, September 10, 12:00 pm



CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE



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, a box lunch, snacks, and a wonderful dinner and cocktails! The Royal Oak First Missions Fund 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 to register online. If you choose to 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 so she can put groups together.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12-
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

ENROLL OR SIGN UP TO SERVE NOW!

CONTACT DANIELLE MOODY:
[DMOODY@ROFUM.ORG](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org)



Sunday, August 12-Thursday, August 16.
Dinner at 5:30, Activities 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Open to children **entering pre-school through 6th grade.**

Service opportunities (including cooking dinner, leading activity stations, and leading groups to activity stations) are available for adults and youth entering 7th grade and up.

This year, our children are being challenged to **“Fill a Tent”** with food. The food donations will be given to our Little Free Pantry outside the church and our lunch guests. We are especially looking for juice boxes/pouches, fruit cups, etc. On Tuesday, children will be encouraged to invite a friend to join them at Vacation Bible Camp.

If you have any questions, would like to enroll your child, or would like to sign up to serve, **contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.**

SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 5

9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
	Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	House Band Party	Plesco Home

Monday, August 6

10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Ale Mary's

Tuesday, August 7

10:00 am	Piano Lessons.....	Sanctuary
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
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	Royal Oak Taphouse

Wednesday, August 8

10:00 am	Organ Practice	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROME0 (Retired Old Men Eating Out) ...	The Avenue Restaurant
6:00 pm	Backyard Blast	Gabler Home
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	House Band	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403

Thursday, August 9

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
10:00 am	Organ Practice	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Arts, Beats, & Eats Business Info Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 9 continued

1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Arts, Beats, & Eats Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Arts, Beats, & Eats Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, August 10

10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen

Saturday, August 11

Farmers' Market Corn Roast

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, August 12

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	
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party.....	Pastor Jeff's House
6:00 pm	Vacation Bible Camp.....	Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, 4 th Floor

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Celia Horak; Dona Wells; Ruby Hawkins; Anne Brace; Barb Nicholas; Elizabeth Kincannon; Sherry Giles; Brianna Kingsley; Allison Hempstead; Sue Trescott; Athena Milewski; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim Tempest; Bob Reid; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

Prayers for our extended family: Delphine Reddy; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Vickie Zimmermann; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlin

Homebound Member of the Week: Yvonne Quinn

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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This weekend, Pastor Jeff and three other leaders of Royal Oak First are 4,400 miles away, connecting and worshipping with our sisters and brothers in Lithuania. As a congregation, Royal Oak First has been the biggest financial supporter of the United Methodist Church in this Baltic country for decades. We've sent this team to continue rebuilding connections and friendships, working to match our longstanding financial relationship. Keep this team in your prayers as they represent this church, this country, and, most importantly, the love of God in this economically struggling nation.

I had the privilege to spend a week in Lithuania over a decade ago. While we were there, we were received at a beautiful old downtown church. There were roughly a dozen worshipers there, offering us the hospitality of instant coffee and crumbling packaged cookies. Two members, far older than the rest, stood out from the group, a married couple who told us how they were confirmed in the church just before the Russian army took over the building during World War II. They had watched the building go from garrison to armory to library and eventually to disuse during the 50 years of Soviet control. I'll never forget the joy on their faces as they described (through a translator) finally coming back to worship in the space. Hearing their story, our entire perspective on this meager reception changed. The gritty coffee had transformed into the Spirit of hope, and the cookies, in a miracle I can only call communion, had turned us into the body of Christ.

As our family spans the globe this weekend, I hope you'll join me in sharing a meal, telling our stories, and opening your heart to be transformed.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caleb Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Caleb Williams,
Minister of Worship & Arts