

# THE ANCIENT WORDS OF **ELIJAH**

## LEAVING YOUR CLOAK

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**  
**9:00 AM WORSHIP**



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song                      Everlasting God

## Call to Worship

Song Love Can Change the World

## Greeting Your Neighbor

## Invitation to Mission

## Children's Time

## Noisy Bucket

Centering Song      Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Time of Prayer

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering	“Is Not His Word Like a Fire?” from the Oratorio, <i>Elijah</i> Caleb Williams, Bass-Baritone	F. Mendelssohn
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## The Ancient Words of Elijah

2 Kings 2:1-15a

Leaving Your Cloak                      Jeff Nelson

Song                      Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing



Join us for our special  
outdoor worship at  
9:30 am at the  
Country/Americana  
Stage at 6th and  
Lafayette!

*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](mailto:Missions@rofum.org)



# OPPORTUNITIES

## **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**

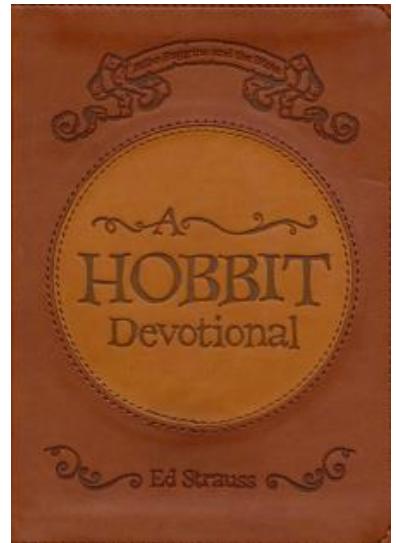


The Methodist Women's bowling league is looking for both full-time bowlers and subs for the fall league. We bowl on Monday afternoons at 12:30 pm at Bowl One Lanes on 14 Mile Road. This is an unsanctioned league and starting bowlers and experienced bowlers are equally welcome. We start September 10 and 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.



## United Methodist Women Welcome Back Tea

**Thursday, September 6, 1:00 pm**

All women in the church are cordially invited to join us for the annual United Methodist Women "Welcome Back Tea". Revs. Bob and Diana Goudie will regale us with tales of their travels in Peru with their program, *Highlights of Peru: Near Misses, Ancient Wonders, Ingenious Simplicity, and Unforgettable Experiences* in the Sanctuary at 1:00 pm, followed by a tea in Fellowship Hall. Bring a "finger food" to share and a desire to connect.



The UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the Choir Room.

# SCHEDULE

## 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

## Monday, August 27

9:00 am	Core Meeting.....	Choir Room
9:00 am	Mason's Candies.....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program and Clothing Day .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, August 28

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	Sing Out Detroit.....	Fellowship Hall, Choir Room, & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, August 29

9:00 am	Mason's Candies.....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting.....	Choir Room
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) ...	The Avenue Restaurant
7:30 pm	House Band .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403

## Thursday, August 30

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies.....	Kitchen
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm	Arts, Beats, & Eats Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Arts, Beats, & Eats Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall

## Friday, August 31

Arts, Beats, & Eats

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

## Saturday, September 1

Arts, Beats, & Eats

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting .....	Sanctuary
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## Sunday, September 2

Arts, Beats, & Eats

9:30 am	Worship .....	AB&E Country/Americana Stage at 6 <sup>th</sup> & Washington
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# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Cathy Fall; Liz Kempf; Lisa Okoniewski; Janice Marsh; Paul Thompson; Zenovia Courtney; Jennifer Semivan; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; Athena Milewski; Marianne Peck; Celia Horak; Dona Wells; 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:** Mary Jo Cady; Marjorie Showers; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Alan Burger; Helen McGee; Delphine Reddy; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlain

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of Ruby Hawkins, on her death on August 15.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Clifford Anderson

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at  
[prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.

**The Chancel Flowers** are in loving memory of Marie Dunstan on her birthday, August 25, given by her family.

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I am learning that there is something really different about being part of a “downtown” church—a church nestled in among businesses and restaurants, with lots of foot traffic and limited parking. Most of my personal and all of my professional church life has been spent in “neighborhood” churches—churches tucked among residential homes. In downtown churches, our neighbors are shop owners and servers, bartenders and cashiers. We meet our neighbors by sticking our heads in their shops or pulling up a stool to eat or grab a drink. In a neighborhood church our neighbors are homeowners and families. We meet our neighbors while walking our dogs or mowing our lawns. In downtown churches, it is good to join the Chamber of Commerce. In neighborhood churches, it is good to host the book club. Royal Oak First is a downtown church in the heart of a thriving downtown.

That is never more true than next weekend, when nearly a half million people will descend into downtown Royal Oak for the annual Arts, Beats, and Eats Festival. And our church will be smack dab in the middle of all of it! So I want to invite you to come and be a part of Arts, Beats, and Eats with us. Our church is ground zero for volunteer coordination. Our front lawn will host the diaper changing, breastfeeding, and family dining. Our restrooms will provide hospitality for all the artists. So, if you are around, come and help welcome our guests with a smile. Information to volunteer is at the *Here I Am Lord* Table or in the office.

Also come and be a part of a very special worship experience next Sunday. We will be worshipping together right in the midst of all the excitement with one worship service at 9:30 am on the Country/Americana Stage at the corner Sixth and Lafayette. This is a great experience to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. The music will be fun and uplifting. The message will be short and meaningful. Then you can go and experience the fun of the festival.

This is what it means to makes Christ's love real right in the midst of our beautiful, vibrant, and bustling downtown. Come and be a part of the fun!

Grace and Peace,

