



# Faith Matters



Saturday, September 15  
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #2221	In Unity We Lift Our Song	*FWS
Call to Worship		
Hymn #529	How Firm a Foundation Stanzas 1, 3 and 5	**UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry		
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Doxology #95		
Scripture	John 1:35-50	***CEB
Message	Faith Matters	Myra Moreland
Hymn #77	How Great Thou Art	UMH

\* Faith We Sing  
\*\*United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\*\*Common English Bible



# CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30  
1:15 PM



## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BIRTHDAY CLUB

CONTACT JENNIE NOTARANTONIO AT  
[MISSIONS@ROFUM.ORG](mailto:MISSIONS@ROFUM.ORG)



## The Way Forward

Informational Meeting  
Wednesday, September 26  
6:30 pm

Book Study  
Beginning Wednesday, October 3  
6:30 pm





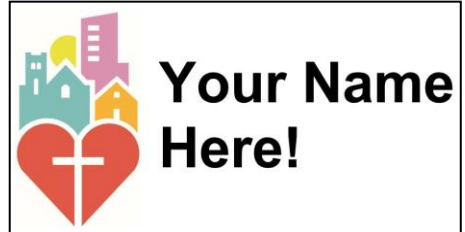
Networking,  
Organizing, and  
Advocating for the  
Homeless

Only 2 Weeks left of  
Sock-It-To-Me September!  
Let's keep the Golden Sock  
and help our friends at the  
NOAH Project!

# OPPORTUNITIES

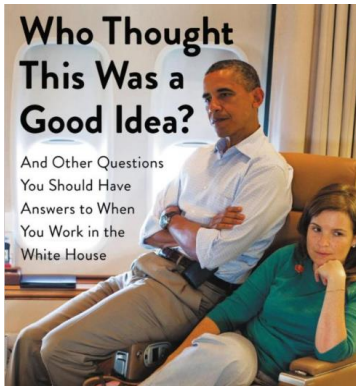
## New Name Tags

What's the one most hospitable thing that you can do? No, it's not greeting people at the front door, or helping at coffee hour. It's wearing your nametag. With that one simple act, you're helping everyone greet you and you're helping every person that you greet. Our name tag rack in the Narthex is full of new name tags. If you don't have a name tag, just sign the sheet on the welcome table and we'll make sure you get one! If your new name tag has an error, drop it in the basket at the welcome table and add your name to the sign up sheet.



## United Methodist Women's Book Club

**Wednesday, September 19, 10:00 am**

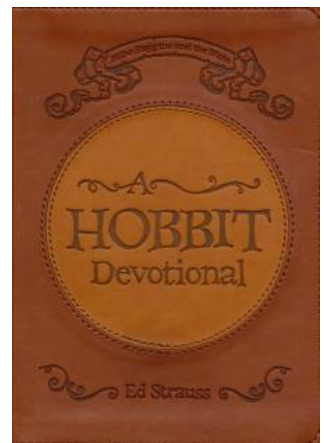


All are welcome to join us in reading *Who Thought This Was a Good Idea* by Alyssa Mastromonaco. This New York Times best selling author served as Director of Scheduling and Advance and, later, White House Deputy Chief of Staff under President Barack Obama. The book is an intimate and amusing portrait of President Obama, a book about how to get stuff done, and the story of how one woman challenged, again and again, what a "White House official" is supposed to look like.

## 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 of how many books to order. We will screen each of the three Hobbit movies sometime during the meetings.



## Thursday Worship is Back

Thursday, September 20, 10:00 am



Everybody has a story, and each person's story matters. Bring your story with you to a half-hour service of prayer, sharing, and communion we call *As We Gather*. Worship with Pastor Jeff and Deacon Caleb and then join them for a meal at our daily lunch ministry at 10:30 am. As with all our services, you are welcome to come as you are, whether you woke up on the streets or in starched sheets. Bring a friend and risk being part of this barrier-breaking community. Email Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org) with any questions.

## Methodist Children's Home Society Birthday Club

Thursday, September 20, 4:30 pm

What could be more fun than helping bring joy to boys who live in difficult circumstances? We do that by planning birthday parties 6 times a year for the boys with birthdays that month. We provide dinner, cake, decorations, and presents. The MCH in Redford houses boys ages 5-18 who are struggling to live in their home environment for a number of reasons. Consider donating gifts, decorations, wrapping paper, or money to help make this program a success! Our next two party dates are this Thursday, September 20 and Thursday, November 15. Sign up to help on the Missions Table in the Narthex, or contact Gigi Harris at [gracelharris@yahoo.com](mailto:gracelharris@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Gift Bag Collection for United Methodist Women

Gift Bag  
Collection



Every winter, our United Methodist Women's group creates and collects hundreds of hats, scarves, gloves, and more for the Developmentally Disabled Adults program at Cass Community Social Services. This year, we would like to make those gifts a bit more special by wrapping them in gift bags. Our goal is to collect 200 plain, medium-sized gift bags before the holiday season. Place any donations in the marked bin in the elevator lobby on the Lower Level.

## Jumpin' Jams

**Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am**

This interactive movement and music exploration, led by Jennifer Semivan (Registered Music Therapist), is open to kids in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade of all abilities! Jump in and try it out! We'll be waiting for you in Fellowship Hall!



## PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Austin Kuznia; Thelma Mistele; Cathy Baker; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; David Goudie; Sam Nahhat; Carol Hardt; Cathy Fall; Liz Kempf; Lisa Okoniewski; Paul Thompson; Zenovia Courtney; 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:** Rachel B.; Pat & Jim Strelecki; Mrs. Richard Browder; Melissa Glasson; Beth Zimmerman; Gerald Sessions; Harold Lambert; Mary Jo Cady; Marjorie Showers; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Alan Burger; Helen McGee; Delphine Reddy; Judy Gettel; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlain

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Betty Cairns

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



# BIBLE FRIENDS

**Touch the life of a child. Communicate what is important to you.**

## **October 14, 11:00 am Worship Service**

We are looking for Bible Friends to help our class of third graders discover their own Bibles. The opportunity includes:

- Participating in the presentation of Bibles to third graders on October 14
- Sharing your favorite Bible passages with your student
- Keeping in contact with your youth
- Being a visible role model in any way you can

The annual gesture of a Bible Friend presenting a Bible to a third grade student does more than provide a Bible to a child. You pass on a bit of your faith and values. You make a memorable statement that the Bible is important and children are important.

If you are interested in becoming a Bible Friend, complete this form and return it to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Moody at 248-541-4100 or [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).

*\*You do not need to purchase a Bible to be a Bible Friend and do not need to be a Bible Friend to purchase a Bible.\**



**I would like to participate as a Bible Friend \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I would like to purchase a Bible (\$20 enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional forms are available for pick-up at the *Here I Am* Lord Table.



## SERMON NOTES

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# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, September 16

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	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale .....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, September 17

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Missions Meeting .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, September 18

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Roga (Chair Yoga) .....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit! .....	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, September 19

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday Dinner) .....	Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, September 19 continued

6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study .....	
7:30 pm	House Band .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

## Thursday, September 20

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:00 am	As We Gather Service .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Methodist Children's Home Society Birthday Party .....	MCHS Redford
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, September 21

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

## Saturday, September 22

10:00 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

## Sunday, September 23

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;  
    Forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
    Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
    Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
    Be honest and frank anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
    Build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
    Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
    Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
    Give the world the best you've got anyway.  
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;  
    It was never between you and them anyway.

Dear Friends,

I found this quote again this week. These words were written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta. These phrases sum up the simple but powerful presence of this woman of God, a woman whose movement of care and compassion among the world poorest made the love of Jesus real!

Mother Teresa's witness to the world was not with her words. Her witness was not a set of doctrines. Her witness was not a political stance. This small, frail Albanian woman showed the world the heart of Christianity through a commitment to mercy, love and kindness. She showed the world that God truly sees us all—especially among the least, the lost, the left out and left behind of the world. Want to know what the love of God looks like, want to know what matters to God? Mother Teresa silently said to the world, "Come and see!"

Let us be a part of that same kind of movement, one that makes God's love real and visible.

Grace and Peace,

