



# You Matter



Sunday, September 9  
11:00 am Traditional Service

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV554</i>	J.S. Bach
Hymn #57	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Stanzas 1-3, 7	UMH*
Call to Worship		Fred Bowden
Sung Response #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Ministry Blessing		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>What a Fellowship</i> Sanctus	Gilbert Martin
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Psalm 139:13-16	NIV**
Message	You Matter	Jeff Nelson
Communion	<i>You Matter</i>	Caleb Williams
	<i>Take, Oh Take Me As I Am</i> Sanctus	John Bell
Song #2218	You Are Mine	FWS***
Postlude	<i>Built on the Rock</i>	Gordon Young

\* United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\* New International Version  
\*\*\* Faith We Sing

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

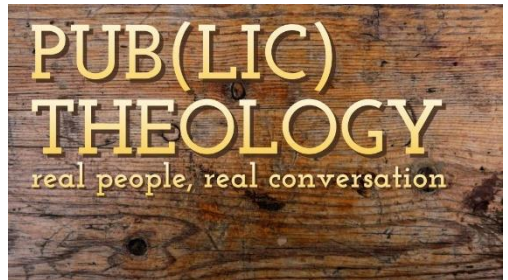
## United Methodist Women's Bowling League Begins Monday, September 10



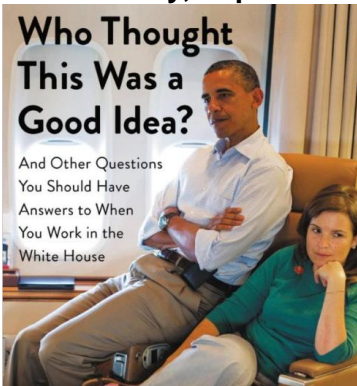
The United Methodist Women's bowling league is looking for both full-time bowlers and subs for the fall league. We bowl on Monday afternoons at 12:30 pm at Bowl One Lanes on 14 Mile Road. This is an unsanctioned league and starting bowlers and experienced bowlers are equally welcome. We start September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

## Pub(lic) Theology has a new home! Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 pm

Your favorite night of the week is moving! Starting this Tuesday at 7:00 pm, head to HopCat in downtown Royal Oak. Every other week, a diverse group of people gather to laugh, eat, and dig into some intriguing questions. All we offer is real people, conversation about something that really matters, and, if you want, really good beer. This is a safe space for folks who might be looking for community that isn't afraid to ask hard questions. For more info, contact [pubtheo@rofum.org](mailto:pubtheo@rofum.org)



## United Methodist Women's Book Club Wednesday, September 19, 10:00 am

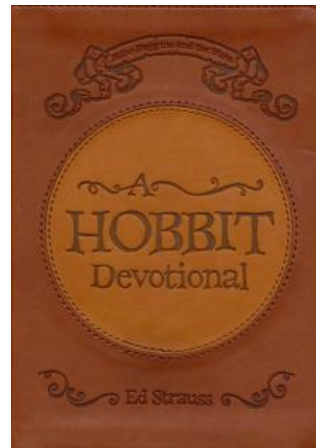


All are welcome to join us in reading *Who Thought This Was a Good Idea* by Alyssa Mastromonaco. This New York Times best selling author served as Director of Scheduling and Advance and, later, White House Deputy Chief of Staff under President Barack Obama. The book is an intimate and amusing portrait 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.



## 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.

## PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Cathy Baker; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; David Goudie; Sam Nahhat; Carol Hardt; Cathy Fall; Liz Kempf; Lisa Okoniewski; 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:** 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:** Dori Bridson

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.\*



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**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.

# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, September 9

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	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Kick-Off Block Party .....	7 <sup>th</sup> St and Front Lawn
1:30 pm	Metro-Detroit Recorder Society .....	Choir Room
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 10

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:00 am	Core Team Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
12:00 pm	Cass Community Golf Scramble .....	Plum Hollow Country Club
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, September 11

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, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	HopCat
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, September 12

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary

## Wednesday, September 12 continued

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
6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Rooms #403 & #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	House Band .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

## Thursday, September 13

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
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, September 14

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

## Saturday, September 15

10:00 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary
5:45 pm	Youth Group Outing .....	Whirlyball

## 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
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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

*“Home is a place where, when you go there, they have to take you in.”*  
Robert Frost

Dear Friends,

## *Welcome home!*

For over 180 years, Royal Oak First has been the spiritual home to thousands of different people—people of different ages, races, and backgrounds. It has been a place where people have experienced real love, made some real friends and had a chance to make a real difference in the world. This church home has helped people mark some of life’s most important moments—thousands of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Life has been shared here and God has blessed this house.

Today this is your home. Whether you have grown up in this church or you are brand new around here, today this place is your home. Whether you come almost every week or you can only get here a few times a year, today this place is your home. Whether you voted for President Trump or you supported Secretary Clinton, today this place is your home. Whether you love our pastors or you think our pastors are crazy, today this place is your home. You are welcome here!

## *What does it mean to call a place home?*

Home means there is a place for you at the table. Home means, when we have a meal, you are invited to eat with us. Home means, when you have done well in the world, you have people who will celebrate with you; and it means, when you screw up, you can get a fresh start. Home is where you have roots—it is where you have people.

This week I met Andrew. Andrew had just come in off the street. The heat of the day was wearing heavy upon him. He was weary. His worn shirt had been sweat right through. Lunch had already been served a couple of hours ago. It wasn’t our day to hand out clothes. It wasn’t our day to give out toiletries. But Fred (Pastor Fred as we now call him around here) let him in, found him some food, got him a bottle of water, made sure he got a new shirt, and found him a bar of soap and some toothpaste. Then Andrew just sat for a minute and rested from the heat of the day. For a few minutes, this place was his home.

Welcome home. We are glad you are here!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Fred". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Fred" is written in a more stylized, looped cursive. Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.