



Faith Matters



Sunday, September 16
9:00 am Worship

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	Love the Lord	
Call to Worship		Janet Kinney
Song	My Lighthouse	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Time of Prayer	Spirit of the Living God	
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering		
	Heather Riggs, viola; Andrew Lindblom, guitar	
Scripture	John 1:35-50	*CEB
Message	Faith Matters	Jeff Nelson
Song	How Great Thou Art	

A banner for a church conference. The background is a photograph of a church interior with people sitting in pews, viewed from an elevated angle. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white background.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30
1:15 PM

A banner for the Methodist Children's Home Birthday Club. The background is a photograph of lit birthday candles. The text is overlaid on a red and blue background.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BIRTHDAY CLUB

CONTACT JENNIE NOTARANTONIO AT
MISSIONS@ROFUM.ORG

A banner for 'The Way Forward'. The background is a photograph of two hands shaking. The text is overlaid on a dark grey background.

The Way Forward

Informational Meeting
Wednesday, September 26
6:30 pm

Book Study
Beginning Wednesday, October 3
6:30 pm



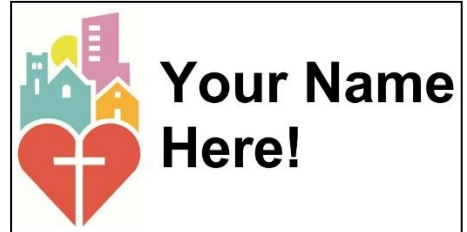
Networking,
Organizing, and
Advocating for the
Homeless

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

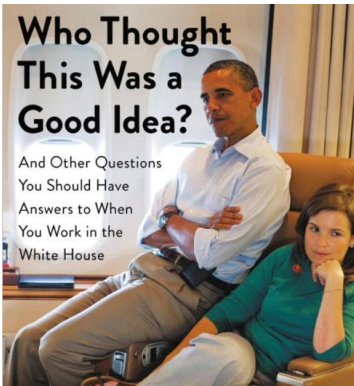
New Name Tags

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

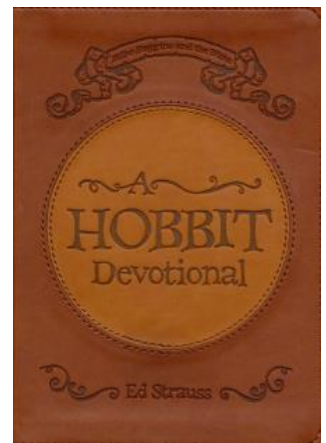


All are welcome to join us in reading *Who Thought This Was a Good Idea* by Alyssa Mastromonaco. This New York Times best selling author served as Director of Scheduling and Advance and, later, White House Deputy Chief of Staff under President Barack Obama. The book is an intimate and amusing portrait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

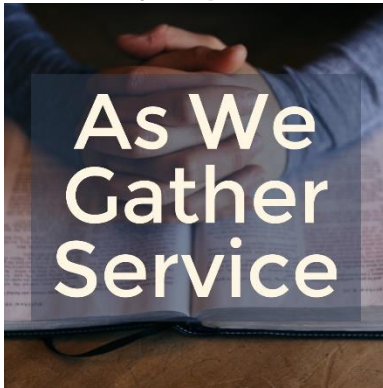
Begins Wednesday, September 19

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 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 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 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 5th 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 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.

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.

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 nd 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,



Pastor Jeff