

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

This Wednesday, May 6, 2026 will be the “End of the Year Youth Party”! We will have hamburgers/hot dogs, chips & cookies.

### **Bulletin Challenge**

Don't forget about the bulletin challenge that Andy has initiated.. Instead of throwing them away or leaving them on the church pews to be thrown away, please take your bulletin with you and give it to either someone you know or someone you don't know and tell them this is the church you attend and you would love to have them join us!

### **Bells in Motion**

Bells in Motion is a progressive handbell ensemble from Central Illinois, that will be playing today at 4:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church, 727 West Gallatin Street. The ensemble combines seven octaves of bronze and aluminum handbells, chimes, string bass, drums, and other musical instruments. They perform music ranging from jazz to pop to big band to Broadway and to American Spirituals. So mark your calendar and tell all your friends!

### **Thank You!**

We would like to give a big “Thank You” to everyone that had a hand in the UNSPOKEN concert! We can't say enough about all the work that went in to arranging this! It was an awesome concert and was well attended.

### **May Scripture Challenge**

It's not too late to start the May Scripture Challenge, if you haven't already. You can pick one up in the lobby or on the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

### **National Day of Prayer**

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7, 2026. Vandalia Association of Churches is planning a gathering at Vandalia Christian Academy at 1:00pm, to pray for our nation and community. Everyone is welcome.

### **Thank You!!**

Big thanks go to Sue Burnam for the beautiful flowers at the entrance on Fourth Street

## **Lighthouse Baby Bottle Campaign**

The Baby Bottles are in!! Don't forget to pick yours up today to be filled and returned by June 14th. Thank you!

### **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers are given by the Frick Family in honor of Shirley.

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday, May 3**

1:30pm, Shirley Frick Visitation  
2:30pm, Funeral

### **Monday, May 4**

6:00pm, United Methodist Men

### **Wednesday, May 6**

2:00pm, Pastor's Bible Study  
4:30pm, Choir Practice  
6:00pm, Youth Group End of Year Party

### **Thursday, May 7**

8:00am, Family Center Reserved  
1:00pm, National Day of Prayer @ VCA

### **Friday, May 8**

8:00am, Family Center Reserved

### **Saturday, May 9**

12:00pm, Family Center Reserved

### **Happy Birthday**

3—Andy Craig  
Josh Miller

5—Taylor Arndt  
Elizabeth Bowen  
Calista Eyman  
Joyce Hunter

### **Happy Anniversary!**

3—Ty & Michelle McNary (29 years)

*“God loves you not because of who you are, but because of who He is.”*

Billy Graham

# First United Methodist Church Vandalia, Illinois

Pastor Curtis Flake

May 3, 2026

9:30 am



# First United Methodist Church

**MAY 3, 2026**

Children start the service in the Sanctuary and leave for Kingdom Kids after Children's Moments.

Welcome & Announcements

## Gathering

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
(vs. 1, 3, 4 & 7)

**UMH 62**

\*Opening Prayer

## Proclamation

Children's Moments

Scripture

Psalm 23:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 11:1

Sermon

*"Lead Courageously"*

Curtis Flake

## Table

Communion

\*Doxology

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (vs. 4)

**UMH 64**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral & Lord's Prayer

## Sending Forth

\*Closing Hymn

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**UMH 396**

\*Benediction

Postlude

\* Indicates stand if you are able.



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## Worship Leaders

JD Vieregge/Josh Figgins, **Head Ushers**  
, **Usher**  
Brayden Stombaugh, **Acolyte**  
Joyce Staff, **Greeter**  
Amy Vieregge, **Liturgist**  
Taryn Flake, **Sound Sorcerer**  
Kathryn Taylor, **Song Leader**  
Ed Taylor, **Bus Driver**  
Kim Taylor, **Bus Rider**  
, **Bus Greeter**  
Travis Clark, **Video Tech**  
Patrick Myers, **Sound Tech**  
John Burnam, **Offering Collector**  
Sharon Mueller, **Kingdom Kids**



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