

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come to the Table

The menu for this Wednesday, 9/23/26, will be Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese & Pudding/ Fruit Cup.

We Still Want Pictures

If anyone likes to draw and/or color, please draw or color for us and leave it in Jaicob Arndt’s mailbox across from the office or the offering plate. You can put your name on it or leave it blank. Thanks!!

New Software System!

We are moving right along with our new software system for the office. This will impact any on-line giving, so you will need to put a stop to VANCO and switch to the new system. If you have any questions or need help with this, please talk to Pastor Curtis, Jake or Sue anytime!

Lighthouse Pregnancy

We received notification from Lighthouse Pregnancy Center that our church donated \$586.35 in the “baby bottle campaign”! Thank you to everyone who gave to this ministry!!

Life Chain!

There will be a “Life Chain” on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at the corner of Gallatin Street and Kennedy Blvd. here in Vandalia. This gathering is to prayerfully stand for Life!

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 20

Newsletter Articles Due

Wednesday, September 23

6:15am, Men’s Bible Study
5:30pm, Come to the Table
6:00pm, Youth Group
6:00pm, Finance Meeting
6:30pm, Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 24

8:00am, Family Center Reserved
10:00am, Coffee, Christ & Cards

Friday, September 25

8:00am, Family Center Reserved

Happy Birthday

20—Barb McCart
21—Gretchen Bland
Brandon Craycroft
Rebekah Miller
Bonnie Tjaden
24—Candy Brown
25—Jaime Warren
26—Max Durbin
Lance Guffey

Happy Anniversary!

*What do they call pastors in Germany?
German Shepherds!!*

First United Methodist Church
Vandalia, Illinois

Pastor Curtis Flake

September 20, 2026

9:30 am



First United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *God Is There* Patty Donaldson

Gathering

*Call to Worship

*Opening Songs *All The Earth* Praise Team

All Who Are Thirsty

*Opening Prayer

Proclamation

Baptism Calista Paisley Dothager
Children's Moments

Anthem *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Philippians 1: 21-30

Sermon "Striving Side By Side"

Table

Offertory Hymn *More Love to Thee, O Christ* **UMH 453**

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH 95**

Joys & Concerns

Cares Chorus **TFWS 2215**

Pastoral & Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*

*Benediction

Postlude

* Indicates stand if you are able.



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scan the QR code with your phone.

This is the new QR code!!

Worship Leaders

JD Vieregge/Max Durbin, **Head Ushers**
George Holliday-Burnam, **Acolyte**
Alan & Shannon Lurkins, **Greeter**
Lea Ann Rubin, **Liturgist**
Taryn Flake, **Traditional Music & Praise**
Team Director (AKA: Rhythm Reaper)
Patty Donaldson, **Song Leader**
Taryn, Curtis, Charlie, Dawn & Sue, **Praise**
Team

Max Durbin, **Bus Driver**
Deb Durbin, **Bus Rider**
Rand Craycroft **Video Tech**
Patrick Myers, **Sound Tech**
Jeff Endres, **Offering Collector**
Trisha Miller, **Children's Ministry**
Coordinator
Trisha Miller, **Kingdom Kids Leader**
Jaicob Arndt, **Pro Presenter Slides**



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