



First United Methodist Church
 127 N 4th St
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*First United Methodist Church of Vandalia:
 "Planting and nurturing seeds of faith, cultivating devoted
 disciples of Christ, and feeding souls for the glory of God"*

2022 Vacation Bible School

This year's Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 11th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, at the Family Center. All children ages pre-k thru sixth grade are welcome to attend. Enjoy a morning of crafts, Bible stories, singing and dancing, and a bounce house! Keeping with the food truck theme, we are excited to announce we will have an actual food truck! Thank you to **Wy's Place** for providing lunch for our event! Volunteers and children's lunches will be provided. Parents or guardians picking up are invited to purchase a meal and join us! Pre-registration helps us out! Forms are available in the Church office or on our Facebook page. Contact Casey Kistler for more information.



Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Confirmation Class. Sophie Bowers (daughter of Chad & Amanda), Alex Burnam (son of Jeff Burnam and Amanda Burnam), Gracie Craig (daughter of Andy & Kendra), Katie Eckhardt (daughter of Tony & Johanna), Rebekah Miller (daughter of Josh & Trisha), Wade Thompson (son of Cody & Heather), and Evan Warren (son of TJ & Jaime). They will be confirmed in worship on June 5th. We will share pictures on Facebook.



Church Staff

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Brookstone (1607 W. Fillmore)
Diane Adams (Apt. 15); Carlos Biellier (Apt. 2);
Margaret Carroll (Apt. 10);
Arlene Hoffman (Apt. 4); Larry Peyton (Apt. 15),
Iris Rademacher (Apt. 36), Mary Ann Rhoades
(Apt. 41), Frank Roeder (Apt. 25)

FCH/Long Term Care (650 West Taylor)
Audrey Fink (Rm. 408)
Marian Miller (Rm. 603)
Sandy Peyton

Lakewood Nursing Home
(800 W Temple Ave., Effingham, IL 62401)
Mary Crawford

Dolan Memory Care Homes
(Dublin—11330 Dolan Way, St. Louis, MO
63146)
Phyllis Rames

Willowbrook
(1124 Sunset Dr., Vandalia)
Deb Endres
Norman Rhoades
Ed Taylor

Shut-Ins:
Mike Beckett, 2625 W. Jefferson St., Vandalia



Patti Bohner (Diane Adams' daughter,
mobility issues)
Mary Crawford (Effingham)
Gary Doolen (cancer)
Shona Edwards (Bill Warner's niece; cancer)
Mason Feltner (Kelly Clark's nephew;
chemotherapy for A.L.L. leukemia)
Amy Holaday (friend of Gathe's; breast
cancer; recuperating from surgery)
Eric Holman (melanoma)

Heather Jones (friend of Donna Johnson;
diagnosed with hemochromatosis)
Marian Miller (comfort care)
Heather Overlin (Larry Osborne's
daughter; health concerns)
Preston Spicer (pancreatic cancer)
Nancy Springsteen (recovering from hip
surgery; Sarah Bush, Mattoon)
Ed Taylor (Willowbrook)
Herb Thoman (health concerns)

Thanks to Andy Sidwell for sharing this devotional from one of his devotional books:

The Greatest of These
But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Love, like young seedlings in a garden, must be cultivated with care. And love, like every other thing in our universe, begins with God. God's love for you is deeper and more profound than you can fathom. And now, precisely because you are a wondrous creation treasured by God, a question presents itself: What will you do in response to God's love? Will you ignore it or embrace it? Will you return it or neglect it? The decision, of course, is yours and yours alone. When you embrace God's love, you feel differently about yourself, your family, your friends, and your world. When you embrace God's love, you share His message and you obey His commandments. When you accept the Father's grace and share His love, you are blessed here on earth and throughout all eternity. Accept His love today...and share it always. The cross symbolizes a cosmic as well as a historic truth. Love conquers the world, but it's victory is not an easy one.



JUNE Birthdays

- 1—Ed Haas
- 2—Jill Tarkington
- 3—Kale Konrad
- 5—Sharon LaDage
- 6—Mary Crawford
- 10—Mike Black
Deb Koelker
Samantha Schwarm
- 11—Patti Craycroft
Justin Donaldson
- 12—Caylee Zimmer
- 14—Sharon Lee
- 16—Retha Burnam
- 17—Will Metzger
- 20—Joyce Kidd
Byron Sikma
Donna Taylor
Carole White
- 22—Sherry Goodell
- 23—Audrey Fink
- 24—Drew Schneider
Terese Sikma
Charlotte Vieregge
- 25—John Burnam
- 26—Deb Endres
Kathy Taylor
Richie Well
- 27—Caroline Moulton
- 28—Craig Freeman
- 29—Padric McDowell
Hudson Myers

Sound Tech
Rand Craycroft

Video Tech
Evan & Jaime Warren

JUNE Anniversaries

- 3—Rick & Calista Eyman
(33 years)
Brian & Beth Kern
(27 years)
- 5—JD & Amy Vieregge
(40 years)
- 6—Darrel & Susan Casey
(41 years)
Bryce & Casey Kistler
(13 years)
- 7—David & Judy Roberts
(53 years)
- 11—Josh & Megan Moulton
(11 years)
Jordan & Calista Breann
Dothager (6 years)
- 12—Greg & Jacy Fulk
(18 years)
- 14—Tom & Sherry Goodell
(36 years)
- 19—Ed & Donna Taylor
(68 years)
- 24—Max & Deb Durbin
(44 years)
- 26—Rand & Patti Craycroft
(40 years)
- 28—Bob & Joy Kloster
(63 years)
Drew & Jenna Schneider
(19 years)
Chad & Amanda Bowers
(18 years)
- 29—Ed & Cindy Haas

Acolytes
5—Haven Burnam
12—Rebekah Miller,
Evan Warren
19—Trevor, Parker & Kelly Clark
26—Austin & Jaime Warren

Liturgist
James Hejl

Offering Collectors
5—Jeff Endres
12—John Burnam
19—Gene Schwarm
26—Gene Schwarm

Bus Ministry
5 **Driver:** Bill Warner
Rider: Kim Warner
Greeter: Mary Fulton

12 **Driver:** Darrel Casey
Rider: Alan Lurkins
Greeter: Jack Johnston

19 **Driver:** Max Durbin
Rider: Deb Durbin
Greeter: Linda Dugan

26 **Driver:** Ed Taylor
Rider: Kim Taylor
Greeter: James Hejl

Ushers
5—JD Vieregge
12—John Burnam
19—Dean Black
26—Bryce Kistler

Song Leaders
Contemporary: Jody Burnam
Traditional: James Hejl





Wesley Hall is getting a facelift this summer! Flooring will be replaced, the walls will be painted, and a permanent wall will be added to the north side of the classroom. Kitchen flooring will also be replaced. Thanks to our Trustees and an anonymous donor for this needed uplift!

Our Wednesday night children and youth program had it's end of year party on May 18th. Over 100 children and youth attend weekly! THANK YOU to all of our volunteers. Without all of you, this ministry would not be possible. We will resume after Labor Day. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Church office, we have a place for everyone!



We Need The Following:

Cookies
Brownies
Chips

6:35
PANTRY

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

Summer Special Music Schedule

June 12	Blanche Dugan & Louise Weiss
June 19	Jamie Michel/Olivia Jenkins
June 26	Judy Roberts
July 3	Blanche Dugan
July 10	Ed Taylor, Jr.
July 17	Susan Colburn, Lisette Ehrat
July 24	Kara Dugan
July 31	Sue Miller & Jody Burnam
August 7	Patty Donaldson
August 14	Joe Aldrich
August 21	Tim Price/Harvest Band



Pastor's Perspective

MAY DAY

"May day, may day" is the accepted distress signal for pilots and passengers on airplanes in distress. Of course, this is different from the distress signal sent by captains of ships at sea ("SOS"). The difference has to do with technology, ships at sea typically communicated via telegraph, using Morse code and the signal for "SOS" (three dots, three dashes, three dots), is easy to communicate. Pilots of airplane signal via radio and Morse code does not work well with radio.

An emergency manager in London, Frederick Mockford, was tasked with creating a universal signal for distress in aircraft following World War 1. Since Paris was the air hub at the time, he chose to plagiarize the French word "venez m'aider" ("come help me"), creating "may day". Since 1927, it has been employed around the world, typically three times (may day, may day, may day). No matter which language is being spoken, those words are recognizable. Send help quickly.

I don't know about you but much of my prayer time is of the "may day" variety. I pray to God to rescue me from difficult situations (often of my own creation). I pray to God to heal those I care for. I pray to God to change the hearts of world leaders, like Mr. Putin in Russia! I pray to God to unify our bickering politicians for the sake of our country. These may day prayers are always heartfelt, but often seem to God unanswered. Perhaps, I just don't listen for the response or better yet, don't hear the response I am hoping for!

I suspect that a large percentage of Christian prayers are of the "may day" variety. We are reminded as we pray these prayers of several truths.

First, God "hears" all prayers, even "may day" prayers.

Second, God reserves the right to answer all prayers according to God's will. We do not, after all, pray "my will be done, my kingdom come."

God will always help us, even if that help requires that we stay where we are. Sometimes the answer is that God will walk with us THROUGH the valley, rather than rescue us from the valley.

Finally, there is an important tie between God and us when we pray these prayers of desperation. Even if they are not answered as we wish. We are reminding ourselves that God is sovereign over our lives. God cares, and God hears all cries. Remember that God could even hear Jonah from the belly of a big fish, and Elijah in the depths of a dark cave. God heard His son Jesus in agony on the cross. God hears us and that is perhaps the most important reason for our prayers. So offer those "may day" prayers, and know that help is on the way!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tom

Summer Bible Study

We will continue to meet at 2:00pm every Wednesday. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). The Tuesday evening study will resume in August.



Our Caring Continues

Operation Christmas Child exists because of the many people who are dedicated to spreading His word to the hurting children around the world through the means of a simple shoebox. It takes everyone working together for this ministry to be a **SUCCESS!**

Peg Clark has been busy making more items for the shoeboxes. She made sock monkeys, purses, and pencil pouches. Thanks, Peg, for your beautiful creations and for blessing the children!

Deb Durbin made more doll blankets for our shoeboxes. The little girls will love the bright patterned blankets! Thanks, Deb for your ongoing work!

Patty Emerick made a donation of fabric for our doll blankets. We appreciate this donation, Patty!

Melody Freeman made bright colored hair scrunchies for the older girl boxes! Thanks, Melody, for your support and for blessing the girls.

Dennette Guyer continues making purses, hair scrunchies, prayer squares, and pencil pouches. She also donated Beanie Babies which can be used for all age groups! Thanks, Dennette for all you do!

Sherry Schneider packed more extra shoeboxes. Sherry, thank you for your dedication to this ministry. You are appreciated!

Andy Sidwell continues to find Hot Wheels and Beanie Babies for our extra boxes. Thanks, Andy!

Kim Warner made many items for the older girls. Her work is sure to bring smiles to the girls receiving them as they are always so bright! She also included holiday items which make the boxes look festive. Thanks, Kim for your labor of love that goes into each item that you make.

OCC- UKRAINE UPDATE

Thank you Lord that people have cared enough to pack 650,000 shoeboxes that have been delivered to the refugee children of Ukraine. We continue to pray that the hearts of these children will be open to receive the greatest gift, the gift of your son Jesus Christ! We also pray that these children will spread His word to their family members and others in their community. In Jesus name. Amen.

For the past 15 years, **3200 churches in the Ukraine have been involved with OCC.** A trusting relationship has been established between these churches and OCC/Samaritans Purse. Because of this network, Samaritan's Purse was one of the first groups allowed to enter Ukraine!

The churches of Ukraine are taking the church outside their walls. Religion past the sanctuary to the streets is real. The churches are evangelizing, mentoring refugees, taking people to trains, giving meds, food, and finding housing for the millions that are displaced.

These churches are receiving food and supplies from Samaritans Purse, so they can give to those in need.

Know that by you packing shoeboxes, it not only touches the children and their families, but it helps to establish network connections in case of natural disasters or war. You are making a difference from afar!

"Thank you for the care package and all the support you have given me through college. I really appreciate it. Hope to see you all in a couple months."

—Bradyn Kaiser

Thank You



SPONSORED BOXES

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14-15

Now more than ever, there is an urgency in getting a shoebox into the hands of a child, so they can learn about Jesus. We are commanded to take care of the widows and the orphans.

The boxes that you sponsor or pack are given to children around the world and they learn about Jesus. They are invited to a discipleship class for 12 weeks. Churches are being planted because of boldness of little children who share the love of Jesus with their families and friends and they accept Christ.

In Matthew 28:19, we are commanded to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. This is the Great Commission. We love the people and the children of the world and we know that they are precious to Jesus. Will you be part of this by sponsoring some boxes?

Inserts will be found in the bulletins in June. A display will be set up in the narthex so you can see the 3 different boxes to choose from.

The 3 age groups chosen were chosen because these groups receive the least number of boxes. Each shoebox is \$32.00. Costs have gone up this year for different items and shipping also went up to 10.00 per box. **The shipping fee of \$10.00 is included in the price for each box.**

If you would rather experience the joy of choosing items to make your own shoeboxes, the boxes will be passed out on Oct. 2nd. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for the children, volunteers, and staff.



Happy June to our friends and families! Preschool is officially over for the 2021-2022 school year, but we are already in the process of getting ready for school starting again in mid August! There are still openings for ages 2-5 and for the "After-school" program! Call 283-9845 for more information!!

On May 19, we had a graduation ceremony where we honored 17 preschool friends! We are so proud of the work they have done and the wonderful young people they are becoming!

Congratulations to Amelia, Asher, Aurelia, Briggs, Brooke, Creed, Evelyn, Harper, Hayden, Klayton, Luke, Lydia, Presley, Taighlynn, Tucker, Weston and Zeke!!! You will be missed!!

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!!
Miss Cindy

DID YOU KNOW?!

The FUMC IMPACT Youth Scholarship Fund is established to provide educational support for a selected individual that regularly attended FUMC IMPACT. Applications must be postmarked, dropped off, or emailed to FUMC by June 1st.

For more information, contact Rich Well or the Church office.

