



First United Methodist Church
 127 N 4th St
 Vandalia, IL 62471

June Pews News

*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"*



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Return your baby bottles to Church on Sunday, June 21st (Father's Day).

2026 Baby Bottle Campaign

\$60,000 Goal!

Collection Dates:
 Mother's Day - Father's Day
May 10th - June 21st

Contact Person Pick-up Location:
Vandalia IL:
May 10th - June 14th

Individuals will pick up their bottles from their churches.



Contact us

M-W: 8:00a—4:00p
TH: 8:00a—11:00am
F: closed
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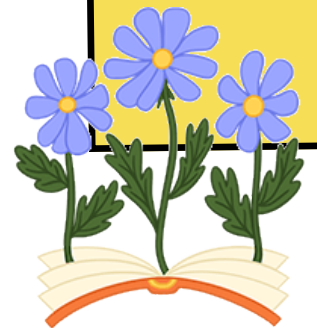
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 Preschool Director: Morgan Tessman
 Custodian: Andy Sidwell
 Family Center Custodian: Rich Well
 Praise Team Director: *Hiring*



Spend time with God this summer

Brookstone: (1607 W. Fillmore)

Jean Stombaugh (Apt. 35)

FCH/Long Term Care (650 West Taylor)

Arlene Hoffman (Rm. 510)

Sharon Lee (Rm. 706)

Margaret Carroll (Rm. 610)

Larry Peyton (Rm.405)

Sara Clark (Rm.707)

Phyllis Thoman (Rm.403)

Pete Burnam (Rm.608)

Retha Burnam (Rm. 708)

Meridian Village Assisted Living

Diane Adams 27 Auerbach Place Glen Carbon. IL 62034

Willowbrook: (1124 Sunset dr)

Edith Knebel

New Joys and Concerns

Joy in hearing Children in Church

Joy for Jake & Elizabeth Bowen on the birth of their baby boy, Reid David (Grandparents Josh & Trisha Miller; Great Grandparents Eric & Sue Miler)

Ann Schwarm—Having Knee replacement June 18th

Our Church, our Community, our Country
World Conflicts



Diane Adams
Barb Ambuehl
Mike Baker
Brianna Barnett
Marti Bingham
Gretchen Schneider Bland
John Campbell
Sara Clark
Ava Cooper
Julia Crowe
Carolyn Daniels
Linda Daniels—Recovering
Cheri Darr
Rob Dillingham

Connor Eyman
Kevin Eyman
Maurice Eyman
David Floyd
Sue Harrison
Steve Hoover
Patty Jennings
Jennifer Kenney
Bob & Joy Kloster
Ray Kramer
Krey Leesman
Jen Liebold
Austin Long

Alan & Shannon's
Granddaughter
Jason Mouser
Jeff Mueller
David Rademacher
Sydney Rosborough
Ryley Savage
Dorothy Schultz
Andy Sidwell
Arlen Sidwell
Anna Syniuk
Donna Taylor
Kathy Taylor
Phyllis Thoman

Heather (Jones) Thompson
Tracey (Sandy Ehrat's
Daughter's Mother in law)
Brenda Usher
Les Vaughan
Victoria & Family
JD Vieregge
Wayne (Jan Johnston's Brother-
in-law)
Carole White
Suzanne Wilkerson
Jeff Williams
Ken & Peg Williams
Hudson Winters
Lonna Woodruff



- 1— Drake Bland
- 2—Jill Tarkington
- 3—Kale Konrad
- 6— Alexander Rademacher
- 7— Penelope Donaldson
- 10—Mark Johnson
Deb Koelker
Samantha Schwarm
- 11—Patti Craycroft
Justin Donaldson
- 12—Sandy Ehrat
- 14—Sharon Lee
- 16—Retha Burnam
- 17— Kieara Hayes
Will Metzger
- 20—Byron Sikma
Donna Taylor
Carole White
- 22— Kevin Knebel
- 24—Drew Schneider
Terese Sikma
Charlotte Vieregge
- 25—John Burnam
Cole Yarbrough
- 26—Deb Endres
Kathy Taylor
Richie Well
- 27—Abby Guffey
- 29— Mark Hayes
Padric McDowell
Hudson Myers



- 2—Nick & Katy Strobel
(14 years)
- 3—Rick & Calista Eyman
(37 years)
Brian & Beth Kern
(31 years)
- 4—Jeff & Sue Burnam
(4 years)
- 5—JD & Amy Vieregge
(44 years)
- 6—Darrel & Susan Casey
(45 years)
- 7—David & Judy Roberts
(57 years)
David & Brittney Crye
(12 years)
- 8—Randy & Melissa Sasse
(34 years)
Jason & Ali Laack
(13 years)
- 9—Mark & Lori Johnson
(42 years)
John & Whitney Campbell
(36 years)
- 11— Jordan & Calista Breann
Dothager (10 years)
- 12—Greg & Jacy Fulk
(22 years)
Cameron & Brittany White
(16 years)
- 24—Max & Deb Durbin
(48 years)
- 26—Rand & Patti Craycroft
(44 years)
- 28—Bob & Joy Kloster
(67 years)
Drew & Jenna Schneider
(23 years)

Liturgist
Sandy Ehrat

Offering Collectors

- 7- John Burnam
- 14- Gene Schwarm
- 21- Barb Paine
- 28- Jeff Endres

Bus Ministry

- 7 **Driver:** Ed Taylor
Rider: Kim Taylor
Greeter:
- 14 **Driver:** Max Durbin
Rider: Deb Durbin
Greeter: Sandy Stombaugh
- 21 **Driver:** Ed Taylor
Rider: Kim Taylor
Greeter: Sandy Stombaugh
- 28 **Driver:** Max Durbin
Rider: Deb Durbin
Greeter: Sandy Stombaugh

Ushers

- 7- Josh Figgins & JD Vieregge
- 14- Rand Craycroft & JD Vieregge
- 21- Jacy Fulk & JD Vieregge
- 28- Greg Fulk & JD Vieregge

Kingdom Kids

- 7- Sharon Mueller
- 14- Trisha Miller
- 21- Kelly Clark
- 28- Sue Burnam

Sound Tech

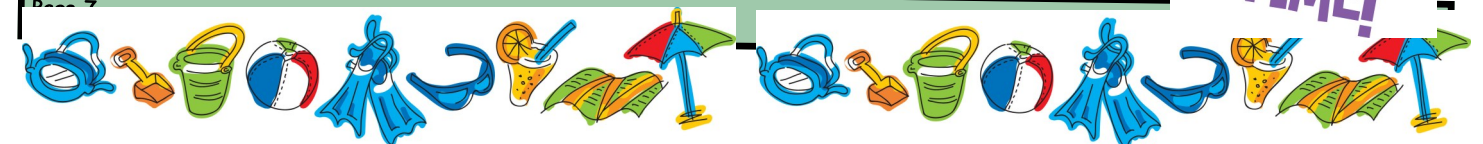
Travis Clark

Video Tech

Patrick Myers

Acolytes

- 7- Parker Clark
- 14- Brooklyn Burnam
- 21- Brayden Stombaugh
- 28- Addi Flake





Thank you to the **United Methodist Men** and everyone that donated or volunteered for the **Youth End of the Year Party!**



BUCKET BUDDIES:
Monday, June 29, 5:30-7pm



Our study of the 12 Disciples continues.
Come join the fellowship.

SUMMER LUNCHES FOR KIDS 2026



*It's
Summer
Time*

All school-age children are invited to pick up a **FREE LUNCH** Every Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 to 11:30 am. Beginning Wednesday, June 3rd & ending Friday, August 7th, This year lunches will be distributed at **TWO SITES**
1) **VANDALIA** the Rogier Park Gazebo;
and 2) **SHOBONIER** Township Bldg.

(For more information, contact Debbie Warner at 217-690-3799)

Music Minute

Thank you so much to the choir for the lovely angel wings flowers and gift card to Copper Penny & Blind Society. It's hard to believe that it has been 3 years. Thank you so much for those who have sang over the years. I look forward to many more!



Musically,
-Taryn Flake

A 25-year-old song might feel old to a worship leader. But to the widow in the third row, it's the song she sang at her husband's funeral. To the man in recovery, it's the song he sang the night he gave his life to the lord. These songs aren't old. They're anchors.

-Submitted by Andy Sidwell

Vandalia United Methodist Men are on duty at the Food Pantry, June 4th, 2026!

You may drop your donations off in the Fireplace Room.

We Need The Following:

Everything!

6:35 PANTRY

Father Abraham

I'm guessing this has happened to you, too. You get that song in your head and you just can't stop singing it to yourself. For me it was when I was trying to come up with an appropriate theme for June, the month of Father's Day. I decided that I didn't want to attempt the great male heroes of the Bible as a parallel to the May Scripture Challenge of what I refer to as "Mothers and Others." So, when the old Bible School song wormed its way into my brain and wouldn't let go, I gave in. You know it! "Father Abraham has many sons, many sons has Father Abraham. I am one of them and so are you! So, let's all praise the Lord!"

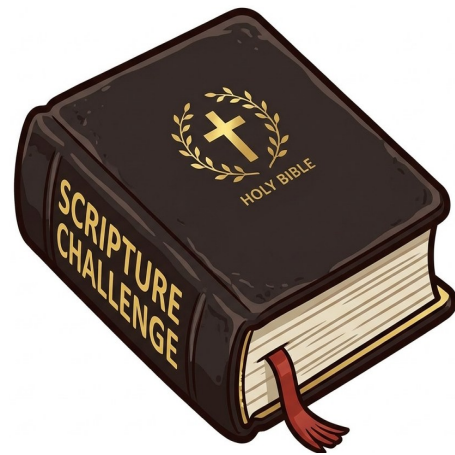
Then I challenged myself to think about all I knew about Abraham and decide if it is enough for a month's worth of verses. This, of course, came before I opened the Bible. I decided if given a test about "Father Abraham's" life, I could pass a true/false or multiple-choice test. But, if I had to write an essay answer from what I knew, I'd be a tad bit less confident.

I then did open my Bible and had my answer. "Thank you, God!" There is enough to read and learn about the life of Abraham and what's more, I can fulfill a request from an Adult Sunday School Class member. He, who shall remain nameless, asked if we could have a month that we didn't skip around as much. Pastor Curtis, who is a member of our class, countered with "folks know their Bible just a bit better because we are skipping around!" I appreciated the affirmation from Pastor but also decided that it is time to honor the request of a Scripture Challenge devotee.

Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, Ishmael, Lot, the land of Canaan, deception, dependance and the covenant. It's all here – lots of drama and intrigue. Read, enjoy, understand as one of those many sons (or daughters) of Father Abraham. There won't be a test, essay or otherwise. But hopefully greater knowledge and understanding will be your reward.

In Christ's Love, Ann

- 1 – Gensis 11:27-32 – First known as Abram & Sarai
- 2 – Gensis 12:1-20 – God's Promise
- 3 – Gensis 13:1-18 – Abram has a nephew named Lot
- 4 – Gensis 14:1-24 – Abram rescues Lot
- 5 – Gensis 15:1-6 – God Promises a Son to Abram
- 6 – Gensis 15:7-21 – God Confirms His Promise
- 7 – Gensis 16:1-6 – Sarai & Hagar
- 8 – Gensis 16:7-16 – The Lord sends an Angel to Hagar, Ishmael is Born
- 9 – Gensis 17:1-14 – Abram becomes Abraham and is promised a Great Nation
- 10 – Gensis 17:15-27 – Sarai gets a new name, too! Sarah, mother of nations.
- 11 – Gensis 18:1-15 – Sarah laughs. "Is anything too difficult for the Lord?"
- 12 – Gensis 18:16-33 – Abraham advocates for the Righteous
- 13 – Gensis 19:1-29 – Lot, Sodom and Gomorrah
- 14 – Gensis 19:30-38 – Lot and His Daughters
- 15 – Gensis 20:1-18 – Abraham and Abimelech
- 16 – Gensis 21:1-7 – The Birth of Isaac
- 17 – Gensis 21:8-21 – Hagar and Ishmael are sent away
- 18 – Gensis 21:22-33 – The Treaty of Beersheba
- 19 – Gensis 22:1-8 – Abraham is Tested, The Story of Isaac
- 20 – Gensis 22:9-19 – The Lord Provided, The Story Concludes
- 21 – Gensis 23:1-20 – The Death of Sarah
- 22 – Gensis 24:1-33 – Isaac and Rebecca, Part 1
- 23 – Gensis 24:34-66 – Isaac and Rebecca, Part 2
- 24 – Gensis 25:1-11 – The death of Abraham
- 25 – Gensis 25:12-18 – Ishmael's Sons
- 26 – Exodus 2:24-25 – God Remembers
- 27 – Acts 7:2-8 – Stephen's Speech to the Sanhedrin starts with Abraham
- 28 – Romans 4:1-25 – Paul writes of Abraham being Justified by Faith
- 29 – Galatians 3:1-29 – Abraham's Seed/Heirs According to the Promise
- 30 – Hebrews 11:1-40 – Hall of Fame of Faith includes Abraham (vs. 8-12)



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2026 is set for Monday, **June 15th**– Friday, **June, 19th**, 6p-8p, at FUMC Vandalia. All children (pre-k-6th grade) are welcome to attend.

There will be a meal every night in **Wesley Hall @ 5:30pm**

If anyone is interested in volunteering or has any questions, please contact Trisha or the church office

On the back of every newsletter, we feature an image that fits the current month's theme. This month, we had an idea: rather than using a generic image from the internet, why not showcase the talent of our own community? We encourage everyone—children, adults, and everyone in-between—to submit an original drawing or photograph for FUMC to use in future newsletters. Feel free to drop your creations off in person at the church office (in Jaicob Arndt's mailbox) or email them directly to the church!



Undie Sunday, June 21st

- Girls– Sizes 6,8, 12
- Women: Size Small
- Boys– Sizes 4, 6,10,12,14
- Men: Medium & Large

Backpack 2 School, Wednesday August 5th

- 4pm-6pm
- Sign up sheet for volunteers will be available during church services in July
- Set up for Backpack 2 School will be Monday August 3rd in the Family Center at 3pm.
- Men: Medium & Large

Sock It To Me Sunday, June 28th

- Girls– Any Children's Sizes



Any donations or volunteers for Undie Sunday, Sock it to me Sunday or Backpack 2 School are greatly appreciated