

- **Sun. July 5, 2026** | **Welcome Pastor Craig Arnold** and his family
- **Sat. July 17, 2026** | **Haven of Hope Box City** | 7pm Following Concert | Youth Overnight Starts at 10pm | Fountain Park | **Raising Awareness of Homelessness** in Van Wert | Scan QR code for more information and to complete registration and parent permission forms
- **Sun. July 26, 2026** | **PreK – 8 Grade Operation Back to School** | 3pm – 5pm | Fountain Park | Register through July 10, 2026 | Scan QR code for more information or to register
- **Wed. July 29, 2026** | **IGNITE Orientation Dinner** | 5:50pm | Calvary Evangelical Church
- **July 30 – August 1, 2026** | **IGNITE Van Wert 2026** | 7am – 7pm | Work on Projects; Share life with the homeowner for a day; Prepare, serve, clean up meals; Clean host facilities; Transport materials
- **Mon. August 03, 2026** | **First UMC Preschool Open House** | 10am – 11:30am | 5pm – 6:30pm | Find more at vanwertfirst.net/preschool
- **Thurs. August 20, 2026** | **High School Operation Back to School** | 2:30pm – 6pm | Goedde Gym | Register through August 19, 2026 | Scan QR code for more information or to register



**Trinity Friends and First UM Churches
hosting on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
JUNE 10 - JULY 22, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
at First Church - Scheidt Room

Women's Bible Study

Meeting days

July 8 July 22 Aug 5 Aug 19
See Jana Thompson for more info

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY STARTING JUNE 24

TWO TIMES AVAILABLE: 1:30 PM or 5:30 PM

Will be studying the book of Psalms | SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER
(in Krout) or THE CHURCH OFFICE

Celebrate and Remember with Flowers



Want to honor a special person or commemorate a significant event? Consider providing an altar arrangement on an available Sunday.

The calendar is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette and ready for you to add your name to any open Sunday.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION, EVENT
SIGN-UPS, AND
PERMISSION SLIPS:
Scan the **QR CODE**



Visit the Church office door or the Bulletin board in the Kitchenette off of the Krout "Welcome Center" for more opportunities to serve!



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JULY 05, 2026

10:30AM

Pastor Craig Arnold

Our Mission, here at First United Methodist Church, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly**, **Serve Joyfully**, and **Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. **You Belong Here!**

We pray your experience in our worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ **Ephesians 4: 15**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS TAYLAR BOROFF

PRELUDE **Theme** | by Zina Goldrich SCOTT TURNER

+ CALL TO WORSHIP TAYLAR BOROFF

Leader: Come, people of God, gathered in gratitude for the gifts we share as a nation.

People: We come to praise the Lord, who is our help and our shield.

Leader: Under God we promote the general Welfare, secure the Blessings of Liberty,
remember the sacrifices made, and the hope that still calls us forward.

People: We give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We celebrate the freedom to worship, to speak, to serve, and to seek justice.

People: May God guide our hearts, strengthen our resolve, and unite us in peace.

Leader: Lift your voices, for the Lord is faithful, and His mercy shapes every generation.

People: God of all nations, lead us in Your truth, anchor us in Your grace, and make us instruments of Your peace. Amen.

+ OPENING PRAYER TAYLAR BOROFF

God of every generation, on this 250th anniversary of our nation, we pause to give You thanks. You have blessed this land with beauty, diversity, and freedom.

You have guided us through trials, triumphs, and seasons of change. Today we remember sacrifices made, and we recommit ourselves to justice, mercy, and unity. Where our nation has fallen short, forgive us. Where we are divided, heal us. Where we are weary, strengthen us. Make us people who seek the common good, who serve with compassion, and who walk in Your truth. Bless this nation, we pray – not for privilege, but for purpose – that we may be a beacon of light and of hope in Your world. It is in Christ, our Holy Savior's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #545 **The Church's One Foundation** | UMH SCOTT TURNER

TIME OF GREETING TAYLAR BOROFF

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN HANNAH KRANER

+ SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4: 11 – 16

SERMON **Unity in Christ** PASTOR CRAIG ARNOLD

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY **Peace Prayer** | by David Lasky SCOTT TURNER

Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews

+ DOXOLOGY #95 SCOTT TURNER

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION PASTOR CRAIG ARNOLD

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION PASTOR CRAIG ARNOLD

POSTLUDE SCOTT TURNER

Let Your Light So Shine | by Tom Birchwood

**Thank you for worshiping with us, and
for your continued generosity and
support.**

SHARE YOUR GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you had a moment this week where you saw the true nature of God?
Stop by Cristi's office and post your God sighting, and read about others' sightings. This is for all ages. Let's share how God shows up in our lives.

**LEADERS OF
TODAY'S
WORSHIP**

PASTOR

CRAIG ARNOLD

SPEAKER

TAYLAR BOROFF

CHILDREN'S CHAT

HANNAH KRANER

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

SCOTT TURNER

WORSHIP LEADER

JEREMY LAUKHUF

VIDEOGRAPHER

DAVE THOMPSON

USHERS

YOUTH

NEIL SHAFFER

DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.

PROJECTIONIST

MARY ANN FALK

SOUND ENGINEER

KYLE WENDEL

SCREEN CREATORS

MARY ANN FALK

JEREMY LAUKHUF

Adults...

Summer-time

Sunday School

9:15AM - 10:15AM

Scheidt Classroom

Studying

1 Kings & 2 Kings

Childcare will be
provided