

FESTIVAL OF SHARING | **First UMC Goal: \$500** | **Festival of Sharing Kits Due Back Sept. 13** | Stop in Krout "Welcome Center" to pick up Kit instructions or visit vanwertfirst.net/events | Make a Kit - School (Kids) Kits, Period Packs, or Hygiene Kits | OR Provide Funds to make cleanup buckets or for shipping

- **Thurs. August 20** | **High School Operation Back to School** | 2:30pm – 6pm | Goedde Gym | Register through August 19, 2026 | Visit VanWertFirst.net/Events for sign up and information
- **Fri. August 21** | Van Wert High School Home Football Game | **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** | 4:30 - 6:30pm | Fountain Park | VOLUNTEERS can sign up now in Krout "Welcome Center" | Set up, tear down, serve food, make cookies/brownies, interact with kids.
- **Sun. August 23** | **Children's Ministry Meeting** | Following Service
- **Wed. August 26** | **H2O Volunteer Banquet** and New Mentor Informational Meeting | 7pm | Krout | Anyone considering Mentoring is welcome
- **Fri. August 28** | Van Wert High School Home Football Game | **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** | 4:30 - 6:30pm | Fountain Park
- **SAVE THE DATE | Tues. September 1 – Mon. September 7** | **First UMC Food Concessions at Van Wert County Fair** | Workers will be needed throughout the day in 4-hour shifts | Teens and Adults invited to serve | CHECK YOUR CALENDAR, AND SIGN UP WITH TERESA SHAFFER | Visit Donation Board in Krout "Welcome Center" to help with our supplies
- **Sun. September 13** | **Fall Kick-Off and Service Sunday** | "Belonging and Becoming" | First day of Sunday School | Introduction and Prayer over Preschool teachers and Sunday School teachers | Third Grade Bible Presentation | Recognize our Volunteers
- **Fri. September 18** | Van Wert High School Home Football Game | **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** | 4:30 - 6:30pm | Fountain Park
- **Fri. October 2** | Van Wert High School Home Football Game | **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** | 4:30 - 6:30pm | Fountain Park
- **Fri. October 16** | Van Wert High School Home Football Game | **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** | 4:30 - 6:30pm | Fountain Park

FOOD PANTRY

August is RAVIOLI and SPAGHETTIOS month

Please place your donations in the baskets located at the entrances.

SHARE YOUR GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you had a moment this week where you saw the true nature of God?

Stop by the Tree in the Krout "Welcome Center" 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.

Celebrate and Remember with Flowers

Sign up to put Flowers on the Altar on any available Sunday – Bulletin board in the Kitchenette off of Krout



LIST OF MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS. SCAN TO SEE THE LIST.

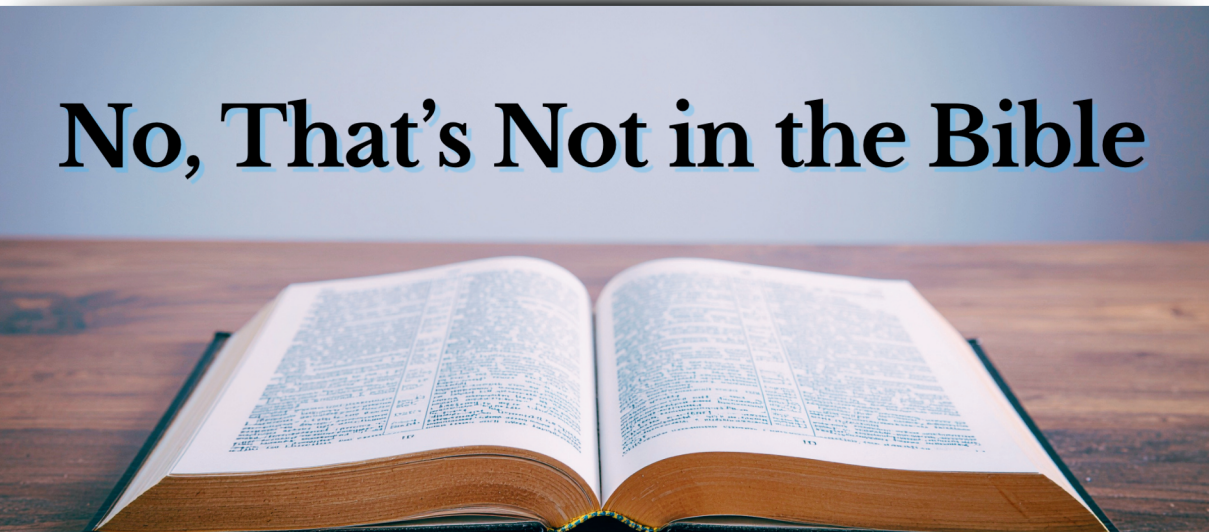


THEN CHECK YOUR SHELVES AT HOME.



FIRST united methodist **CHURCH**

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AUGUST 16, 2026

10:30AM

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

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?. Mark 8:36

+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jamie Ramos
Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

PRELUDE Reflection by Matthew Wilder

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Jamie Ramos
See Insert*

HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH #133

+ OPENING PRAYER Jamie Ramos
See Insert*

TIME OF GREETING

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Rev. Craig Arnold
See Insert*

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Christie Wendel
Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5 Grade

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Director of</u>	<u>Projectionist</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	Rev. Craig	<u>Music</u>	Noah Krites	Dave Thompson	Youth
	Arnold	Scott Turner	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Screen Creators</u>	Neil Shaffer
	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Enginner</u>	Mary Ann Falk	Dave Lichtle,
	Jamie Ramos	Jeremy Laukhuf	Justin Siefker	Jeremy Laukhuf	Asst.

+ SCRIPTURE Mark 8: 34 - 38 Pew Bible Page #1000

+ RESPONSIVE HYMN Gloria Patri UMH #70

SERIES No, That's Not in the Bible:
MESSAGE "To Thine Own Self Be True" Rev. Craig Arnold

MISSION MOMENT Festival of Sharing Goals Teresa Shaffer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY 10,000 Reasons
Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews | Children return from AWE

+ DOXOLOGY My Tribute UMH #99

+ HYMN How Firm a Foundation UMH #529
V. 1, 2, 4

+ BENEDICTION Rev. Craig Arnold

POSTLUDE Postlude in Classic Style by Gordon Young

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

August Newsletters available on the Bulletin Board in the Kitchenette off of the
Krout "Welcome Center" or on the Church Office door

Daily Devotionals available at both entrances – \$5 Donation for Discovery books