



# April 2024

## From the Pastor's Pen

### First United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Church Website

[www.firstumcharvard.org](http://www.firstumcharvard.org)

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Our Vision

We are a church for all people of Christ  
through our love and service.

Our Mission Statement

We are the followers of Jesus Christ  
coming together at the living body of  
Christ, allowing God to work in us, with  
us and through us for His purpose.

The Scripture calls us to bear with one another clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. The celebration of our Lord's resurrection motivates us to love and care for one another. We are reconciled with God and with each other. We are all connected in God's grace. What's happening to me matters to you, and your business is our business. We celebrate your good news together, and we cry and find comfort together in God of your issues. Easter is not a one-time event for us.

I enjoyed the high school musical very much last month. It was evident so many teachers and students worked diligently and put so much effort behind the curtain for the play to be successful. It got me thinking about our church, there are so many of you working diligently in serving God. The only reason everything seems functioning properly is because there are so many works being done though you might not notice it. I'm thankful and encouraged for your faithfulness.

Students are in their last quarter of the school year. Let's encourage them to finish the race well. They also have the State Assessment Test this month. They've been studying hard and I have no doubt their hard work will not be in vain. I also want to thank our Sunday School teachers for guiding them in the Word of God. God's unending love continues generation to generation.

The General Conference is scheduled for the last week of this month. Delegates around the world will gather to decide on issues of 1) efficient regionalization, 2) revised social principle, 3) definitions that are more inclusive, and many others. Last few years have been challenging, to say the least, to our whole denomination. I ask you pray for all the delegates to come together and find the best solutions that demonstrates God's love. To put any enmity aside and prioritize the mission of the church. I'll be updating you on the progress.

Here is a quote from John Wesley, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?" God's love makes us possible to love others as ourselves. Love is the answer.

See you at church.

Blessings,

*Pastor Alex Lee*

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# April Highlights

## April Meetings

4/1 7:00 p.m. Trustee Committee Meeting  
4/15 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
4/22 7:00 p.m. Leadership Committee Meeting



## April Ushers

Sean and  
Huxley VonBergen

## Confirmation Class

will be held on  
Wednesday's  
at 4:00 p.m.  
on 3rd, 17th,  
and 24th.



## Liturgists Needed

The Liturgist is the person who reads the Call to Worship and the Scripture reading. Prior to your day to read, you will be sent the reading. Please sign on the monthly Liturgist sheet found in the narthex or speak with Sharon Klingstedt.



## Spring 2024 Lay Academy

April 27/28 @ Harmony UMC, 2600 W. Pearl City Rd in Freeport. If interested, check out the flyer on the bulletin board or email Kim Emery at [kkim0104@aol.com](mailto:kkim0104@aol.com)



## April Counters

Linda Austin  
Karen DeFalco

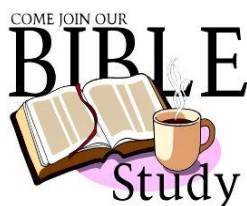


## Senior Fellowship

Tuesday, April 2nd  
Tuesday, April 16th  
at 9:00 a.m.



Wednesdays at  
4:30 p.m. on  
April 3rd, 10th, 17th  
and 24th.



## Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at the home of  
Sharon Klingstedt  
April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and  
24th at 1:00 p.m.

## Community Blood Drive

will be held on Wednesday,  
April 3rd from 1:00-6:00 p.m. here  
at church. Contact Julie Dion at



815-943-7433  
to schedule your  
appointment.

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