



August 2025

First United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Church Website

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.

From the Pastor's Pen

We are called to be caretakers of all creation. God declares all creation good. Although every season has its beauty, my favorite one is undoubtedly summer. There is so much beauty to behold in creation, and we have the opportunity to appreciate God's work in all things.

Speaking of, we will have an Outdoor Worship Service on August 10th. We will also have an opportunity to bless all the animals. The United Methodist Church welcomes all people and all animals. Bring your pets and animals for God's blessing. We will also, bless all the students returning to school in mid-August. Did I mention there will be lunch for all attendees? You heard it right, come join us as we celebrate God's creation together.

As the new school year begins, I'm also planning a confirmation class for 7th and 8th graders. Do you know any young students who have not gone through the process of understanding once again what God's grace is all about? I'm inviting all students to a year of faithful journey with fellow believers in experiencing the work of God in our daily lives.

Our conference granted me another year to continue my outreach ministry to the Hispanic community in our area. Starting on August 12th, I will be providing free weekly ESL classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. My hope is that we start a new faith community (in Spanish) for Bible study and/or worship soon. A new community that eventually becomes connected with our main congregation in sharing the love of Christ together. I ask for your prayers for our ministry to impact our surroundings through the love of God.

Let's continue to lift one another in prayer. If you need prayer or visitation, or know someone who needs them, let me know. Let's continue to spread God's love all around us. Have a great rest of the summer.
See you at church.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. See you at church.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

August Highlights

August Meetings

- 8/4 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
 8/11 7:00 p.m. **NO** Finance Committee Meeting
 8/25 7:00 p.m. Leadership Committee Meeting

August Ushers

Mark Dion
 Ken Pedersen



Outdoor Service

Join us for Outdoor Worship, Blessing of the Animals and Blessing of the Backpacks on August 10th at 10:00 a.m.



Lunch provided after the Service. Bring your lawn if you are able.

Adult English Classes

If you know of anyone who would benefit from an Adult English class, please have them join Pastor Alex on Tuesday's at 9:30a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Classes are 1-1/2 hours in length, are held at church, start on August 12th thru December 9th and ARE FREE !

2025-26 School Year

D50 classes resume on Wednesday, August 13th and Head Start classes resume on Monday, August 25th



Let's have a safe and happy school year!

August Counters



Ken & Susan Pedersen
 Melissa Oerkfitz

Senior Fellowship



August 5th
 August 19th
 at 9:00 a.m.

Liturgist for August



8/4 Please sign up
 8/11 to be Liturgist.
 8/18 Your help is
 8/25 appreciated!

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5th
 at Harvard Moose Lodge
 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
 Free community event with
 live music, food, kids
 activities and more!!!
 Come enjoy the fun!






POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at the home of Sharon Klingstedt on August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 1:00 p.m.



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 10:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 4:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945	3 2:00 p.m. Harvard Strummers 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 171 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	4 9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship  6:00 p.m. Nat'l Night Out 6:30 p.m. BSA Troop 171	5 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study				7 9:30 a.m. Yoga	8			9	
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