



January 2022

First United Methodist Church

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Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Church Website

www.firstumcharvard.org

Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

for all ages

10:30 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

Greetings!

Happy new year! No matter what people say, we have reasons to praise. Despite all the chaos we faced last year, we have another year ahead of us. We are faced with new challenges and opportunity to experience God in our lives. We praise Him because He is always faithful. God will give you the strength to go on in every moment in life. Trust Him with all your heart.

In January we celebrate Epiphany. The Savior Jesus was revealed to us announcing the salvation for all. The light shines on us in the start of this new year. We never walk alone in this journey called life. Instead of trusting our own discernment, we can trust Christ in giving us understanding and the right perspective. There is nothing to fear knowing that He is with us at all times.

Sadly, the pandemic has not gotten any better. I keep hearing friends and members who have contracted the virus. I would ask that you pray for anyone that you are aware of who has the illness. Let's pray for God's healing hands for all those who are struggling due to the pandemic. Also, I would like to ask that you help the victims of the tornado in December. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has the information needed for aid. You can also help through our church, giving specifically for the relief.

I have great expectations in what God will do in this year 2022. He is calling us to be part of His will. Let's pray, encourage, and praise God with each other as we are building this church. I hope to hear good news throughout the year from all of you.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

January Highlights

January Meetings

1/3	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Committee Meeting
1/10	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
1/24	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Meeting



January Ushers

Ken Pedersen
Mark Dion

Liturgists for January



1/2	Janet Hugg
1/9	Sharon Klingstedt
1/16	Darlene LeCrone
1/23	Darlene LeCrone
1/30	(Liturgist needed)



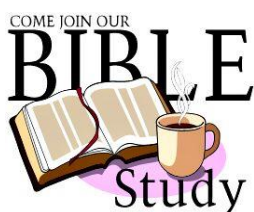
January Counters

Ron Carpenter
Mark Dion



Senior Fellowship

Tuesday, January 4th
Tuesday, January 18th
at 9:00 a.m.



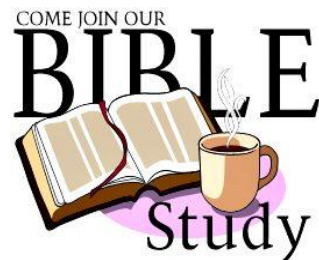
Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at the home of
Sharon Klingstedt
January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
at 1:00 p.m.



Adult Bible Study

Steve Schiller's adult Bible
study will meet on Sunday
mornings at 9:15 in the Chapel.



Adult Bible Study

Pastor Alex's adult Bible study
will meet on Tuesday
evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the
Alden church in January.




Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
January 5th, 12th, 19th
and 26th



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 Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship	2 7:00 p.m. Trustee meeting	3	4 9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Alden UMC	5 1:00 p.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	6	7 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	8
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	9 5:30 p.m. Lion Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting	10	11 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Alden UMC	12 1:00 p.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	13 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lifeline Screening	14 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	15
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We Need Liturgists



In our church, we have a Liturgist every Sunday. The Liturgist is the person who reads the Call to Worship and the Scripture reading from the lectern in the front of the church. Prior to your day to be the Liturgist, you are sent all of the information you will be reading. If this is something you think you could do to serve the church, please sign up on the 2022 Liturgist sheet found on the white table in the Narthex or see Sharon Klingstedt.



Have you noticed that every week there are flowers adorning the altar? The flowers are sponsored by you in memory of or in honor of someone you know. The flowers cost \$10.00 per week. Your money can be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office. The church takes care of purchasing the flowers. What a wonderful way of memorializing or honoring one of your loved ones! The sign-up sheet to donate flowers is found on the white table in the Narthex.