



# January 2023

## 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

9:15 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

While the new year is a point in time set arbitrarily by our standard, we can set our hearts to be committed to God in this beginning of a new chapter in our lives. The world might be changing, but God does not. Our Maker is always gracious, always faithful and His love is steadfast. Let's begin this new year in high spirit trusting in the Lord's providence. I have high hopes for our church and for each one of you.

I ask you pray for the health of all our members and friends. This winter season has been brutal with cold and flu among other illnesses. We have members who got hurt and also others waiting for good results from the doctors. We have had some extreme weather for the last few weeks. Stay safe indoors whenever you can. If you are in need of any help, please contact me. I'll help in any way I can.

Do you have any resolutions for this new year? God wants you to plan it with Him. A simple question you can ask is, "is my plan according to God's will?" God leads every step of the way. You are to walk with faith, obey, and follow His lead. When our confidence is in the Lord, we will experience hope. When God is our priority, everything else will follow suit. Worry less, trust more.

Let's continue to pray for our church, our community and especially for our denomination. I ask you pray for our new bishop and the challenges we are facing this new year. None of us has all the answers to the crisis. When we ask for wisdom, God will provide us with it. We need to come together in one Spirit. I'm praying for our denomination to find the best solution for all.

See you at church. Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

# January Highlights

## January Meetings

1/9	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Committee Meeting
1/16	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
1/23	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Meeting



## January Ushers

The Kasten Family

## Liturgists for January



1/1	Karen DeFalco
1/8	Janet Hugg
1/15	(Liturgist needed)
1/22	(Liturgist needed)
1/29	(Liturgist needed)



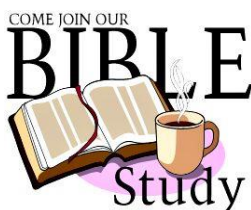
## January Counters

Ron Carpenter  
Mark Dion



## Senior Fellowship

Tuesday, January 3rd  
Tuesday, January 17th  
at 9:00 a.m.



## Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at the home of  
Sharon Klingstedt  
January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th  
at 1:00 p.m.



## Men's Prayer Group

Meets on Friday's  
January 6th, 13th,  
20th and 27th at 5:00 p.m.

## Life Line Screening

Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
starting @ 8:30a.m.

Don't let heart disease or stroke get in the way of the life you love! Register by calling 1-888-653-6441; text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](https://llsa.social/hc)





Sunday School  
resumes January 15, 2023  
at 9:15 a.m.



# January



1 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 	2 <i>Church Office is Closed</i>	3 9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship	4 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5	6 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	7
8 10:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 3:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945 	9 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 171 7:00 p.m. Trustee meeting	10 6:30 p.m. BSA Troop 171	11 8:30 a.m. Lifeline Screening 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	12	13 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	14
15 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 2:00 p.m. Worship @ Care Ctr 3:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945	16 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 171 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting	17 9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship 6:30 p.m. BSA Troop 171	18 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	19	20 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	21
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