



# January 2026

## **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](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.

## **From the Pastor's Pen**

Happy New Year to you all! I want to begin with one of my favorite Bible verses, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God seeks a continuous relationship of love with us. This year is no different, God's love is steadfast. You can hold on to that fact for the rest of your life.

I want to invite you to the Covenant Renewal Service on the first Sunday of the year (January 4<sup>th</sup>). I'm fully aware that some of you might read this letter after the first Sunday has passed, yet I want to remind you that God's love endures forever. God's grace will sustain us no matter what challenges we might face this new year. All we have to do is trust in the Lord's guidance. God will shine a light ahead of us. Our Covenant Service is the reaffirmation of our faith. We are beginning our year praising the goodness of God.

Our Sunday School resumes the last Sunday of January (January 25<sup>th</sup>). I ask for your prayers for all the students who are enjoying the winter break and getting ready for the second half of their school year. We pray for their safety and continual spiritual growth in grace. God provides wisdom abundantly to all who ask for it. I pray for God's guide in their beginning, progress, and completion of their work.

I'm open to your suggestions on how we can increase our Christian fellowship. If you have new ideas on reaching out to our community and sharing God's love, I'm all ears. God is in our midst; the Lord is encouraging us to be persistent in doing good. I'm excited to serve God and neighbors in this new year with all of you. I hope you are as excited as I am. Let's work together.

See you at church.

Blessings,

*Pastor Alex Lee*

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# January Highlights

## January Meetings

1/5	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Committee Meeting
1/12	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
1/26	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Meeting

## Harvard Care Center

Worship Service on  
Sunday, January 18th  
2:00 p.m.



## January Ushers

Mark Dion  
Ken Pedersen

## Sunday School

resumes Sunday,  
January 25th @ 9:00 a.m.



## Liturgists for January

1/5 Please sign up to be  
1/12 a Liturgist. You will  
1/19 find the clipboard in  
1/26 the Narthex.....

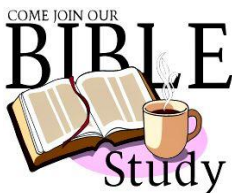
## January Counters

Ron Carpenter  
Mark Dion



## Senior Fellowship

Tuesday, January 6th  
Tuesday, January 20th  
at 9:00 a.m.



## Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at the home of  
Sharon Klingstedt  
January 7th, 14th, 21st,  
and 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Giving Envelopes are available for pick-up  
on the white table in the Narthex. If you want  
envelopes and they are not on the table, talk to  
Mark Dion or contact the church office. Thank you!



*Thank you* to our Nativity Stable  
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Dybas, Ron Carpenter, Ken, Matthew,  
Jacob and Connor Pedersen, Dave  
Swengel and Pastor Alex. The stable  
is a beautiful addition to our church,  
and we are so grateful for your time,  
talent and hard work!



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