



June 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

I want to talk about the direction our denomination has set moving forward. But, before that, Happy Milk Days! I'll be back in time to celebrate the tradition of our town. I hope you will enjoy the events as much as I do.

I want to take this time to explain a little more about the new vision for The United Methodist Church that was proposed by the Council of Bishop. We are seeking God's wisdom and discerning a hope-filled vision for this ever-changing time.

The vision is as following:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

... To love boldly means we are passionate about loving everyone in all walks of life. When we love and embrace without discrimination, everyone will know that we are Christ's disciple.

... To serve joyfully means we offer care and compassion to the most vulnerable people among us. Like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, we also ought to wash one another's feet. We intentionally reach out and be the helping hands to the marginalized.

... To lead courageously means we strive for peace, justice, and reconciliation. We seek to build a society the way God intended for us to live with one another, with respect and impartiality. A place where everyone has equal opportunity. God wants us to value everyone equally with dignity.

We are invited to embrace joy and hope as we live God's mission. Our connectionalism with all United Methodist Churches provides us the will and means to continually transform the world for the kingdom of God. It's not simply a statement; it's a call for us to live it out in our daily moments.

I hope we can come together in reflecting and working together to make this vision a reality. Let's join our efforts for the calling before us.

Pastor Alex Lee

Blessings,
Pastor Alex Lee

June Highlights

June Meetings

6/2	7:00 p.m. Trustee Committee Meeting
6/9	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
6/23	7:00 p.m. Leadership Committee Meeting



June Ushers

Huxley VonBergen
Sean VonBergen



Liturgists for June

6/1	Janet Hugg
6/8	Karen DeFalco
6/15	
6/22	
6/29	



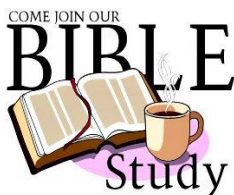
June Counters

Ron Carpenter
Ken and Susan Pedersen



Senior Fellowship

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



Women's Bible Study

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

Community Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive on June 25th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the church.

If you are interested in donating blood (there is always a GREAT need), contact Julie Dion or register online at rrvbc.org



84th Annual Harvard Milk Days - *"Back for More with Milk Days #84!"*
June 6th - June 8th, 2025

Milk Days Fundraiser

Again this year, our church will be selling the ride tickets at the carnival on Sunday, June 8th. Please see or contact Mark Dion (815-943-7591) if you can work at this fundraiser for the church and all help is appreciated. There are time slots for working one or two hour shifts. Thank you!



Food Collection - Milk Day Parade.. Trinity Lutheran is extending an invitation to our members to join them in a food collection project during the parade on 6/7. You can walk the parade with them and collect food or donate a food item during the parade as they walk by. Contact Mark Dion for more information

