



May 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!

Easter Sunday was a blessing to all of us. Joy abounded in everyone's heart in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the midst of challenging times, Jesus is the light that shines in our heart. We are to bring that light to the world. We will continue to be a witness of our Lord to the lost. His faithfulness will continue throughout the generations.

We need to pray for the economic situation of our country. The struggle is real for many people. I've witnessed this firsthand; people without a place to go. In a way, my heart was heavy and guilty for being complacent for myself. The inflation on essential items is hitting hard for many. We must be willing to be engaged in this issue. We are to never turn our backs.

I would like to ask prayers for all students. We want to congratulate all those graduating from their school and moving up to the next step. We pray for God's continual guidance in every stage of their lives. This is the last stretch of their school year and we need to encourage all those who are running the race. Let's congratulate them for the job well done at the end of the month.

Planting season is upon us. Let's pray for all the farmers to have a good season. I can't wait for the corn to grow in the fields. See you Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

May Highlights

May Meetings

5/2	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Committee Meeting
5/9	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
5/23	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Committee Meeting



May Ushers

Ken Pedersen
Mark Dion

Liturgists for May



5/1	Karen DeFalco
5/8	Steve Schiller
5/15	Steve Schiller
5/22	
5/29	Sharon Klingstedt



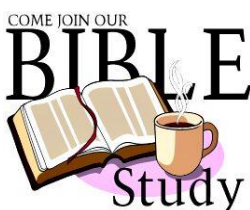
May Counters

Dave Swengel
Kathy Berryhill



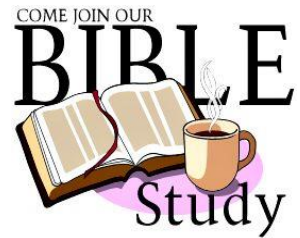
Senior Fellowship

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



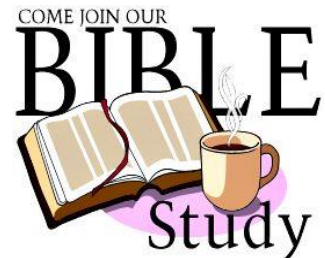
Women's Bible Study

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



Adult Bible Study

Steve Schiller's adult Bible study will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Pastor's office.



Adult Bible Study

Pastor Alex's Adult Bible Study
May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
and 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the
Alden UMC.




Confirmation

May 4, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation rehearsal
Confirmation Sunday
May 22nd at the
10:30 a.m. service



May



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour	7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study at Alden UMC	1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal		5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	
	8 Mother's Day 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour	9 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting	10 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study at Alden UMC	11 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	12	13 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	14
	15 Graduation Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour	16	17 9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study at Alden UMC	18 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	19	20 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	21
	22  Third & Fourth Grade Bibles Confirmation Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour	23 7:00 p.m. Leadership meeting	24 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study at Alden UMC	25 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	26	27 5:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group	28
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Graduation Sunday

On May 15th, we will be celebrating the members from our church who will be graduating from high school or an institution of higher learning. If this is one of your children or yourself, please call the church office and let Julie know by May 8th.

Milk Days Fundraiser

Again this year, our church will be staging the Milk Days parade on Saturday, June 4th. We will be selling the ride tickets at the carnival on Sunday, June 5th. Please see Mark Dion if you can work at either one of these fundraisers for the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our church. All help will be appreciated!

Bible Sunday May 22nd

On Sunday, May, 22nd, we will be rewarding three Sunday School students with their Bibles. The three students who have completed the study of their Bibles are Jason Lee, Chloe O'Grady, and Jillian Wood. Congratulations to all of you!

Confirmation Sunday May 22nd

On Sunday, May 22nd, we will be celebrating a Service of Confirmation. Three students will be confirmed. They are Justin Oerkfitz, AJ Kasten, and Callie O'Grady. Congratulations to all of you!

Ushers

We need ushers for the Sunday services. If you are interested in helping with this ministry of the church, please contact Mark Dion at 815-943-7591.

Liturgists

We need liturgists for the Sunday services. If you are interested in helping with this ministry of the church, please contact Sharon Klingstedt.

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour has returned! How it is happening is a little different. Currently, the bakery is providing us with some pastries for our little food pantry and our Fellowship Hour. (Please do not use homemade pastries at this time.) Those pastries are being stored in the church's freezer. The host/hostess will be responsible for taking those pastries out of the freezer before serving them (at least an hour ahead of time). The pastries need to be cut and put onto trays. Cups of juice will need to be poured. Juice (provided by the church) is stored in the church's refrigerator. Cups, plates, plastic silverware, and napkins are also provided by the church. The host/hostess will also be responsible for cleaning up after the people have finished. At this time, Mark Dion makes the coffee and cleans the coffee pot. If you have any questions regarding Fellowship Hour, contact Mark Dion.



Julie Dion, our church secretary,
has announced her retirement.
Therefore her position is available. If you
are interested in this position, please
contact Stephanie Kasten (815-482-8644) or
Karen DeFalco (815-953-5979).