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First United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Church Website

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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

Rev. Dr. Hye-Eun Chon

In October, I participated in Blood Drive held at First UMC of Harvard. To my shame, it was the first time in my life that I had ever donated blood. Caught up in the rush of daily life and led a hectic life by very busy schedules, I seem to have missed the chance to donate blood. At times, out of a human sense of weakness, I am even concerned that blood donation might make me feel dizzy or somehow affect my health. However, after donating blood for the first time at Harvard UMC, I felt as though both my body and mind had become healthier. Perhaps it was because of the happy and joyful thought that I might be able to offer at least a little bit of help to someone who needed it.

In Matthew 13:23, it is written that, "as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." Sharing and giving do not mean that what we possess will diminish or disappear; rather, it returns to us in even greater measure, serving as a channel through which we may receive blessings. I once heard that we should not refuse a gift offered to us. Receiving it can offer the person who gives us the gift as an opportunity—a gift in itself—to also receive a blessing.

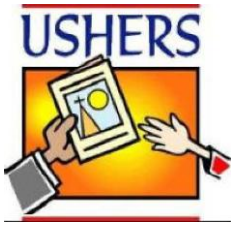
November is a month of thanksgiving. I pray that we may appreciate the aspects of our daily lives that we have taken for granted, and that we may repent for the moments when we failed to be grateful. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, I hope this becomes a time to give thanks for the fruits gathered throughout the year. Even if the harvest has been modest, I hope that this may be a time to pray for sowing more and better seeds, so that next year may bring an even more abundant yield.

November Highlights

November Meetings

11/2	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
11/9	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
11/23	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Meeting

November Ushers



Mark Dion
Ken Pedersen

Liturgists for November



11/1	Janet Hugg
11/8	
11/15	
11/22	
11/29	

Please sign up to assist during the worship service. We need you!!

November Counters

Karen DeFalco, Sharon and Larry McEnaney



Fellowship Hour

11/1	Ken and Susan Pedersen
11/8	
11/15	
11/22	Potluck following worship
11/29	

Senior Fellowship



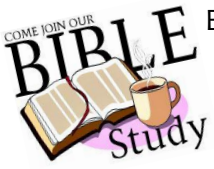
November 3rd and November 17th at 9:00 a.m. Join Us!

Thanksgiving Worship



on Wednesday, November 25th ... 1:30 p.m. Worship at Trinity Lutheran... 7:00 p.m. Worship here at First United Methodist Church.

Women's Bible Study



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

Bell Choir



Practices held on Monday's at 4:30 p.m. November 2nd 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.



Daylight Saving Time

ends November 1st
Don't forget to set your your clocks back 1 hour!!

POTLUCK on COMMITMENT SUNDAY



Plan to attend and enjoy the potluck on November 22nd immediately following our worship service. Bring your favorite dish to pass!

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be meeting prior to the Church Conference at 9:15 a.m.. The Church Conference is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Please plan on attending this event as this is an opportunity for all of us to come together and discuss all aspect of our body in Christ Hope to see you on the 8th!

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Harvard Community Food Pantry – *Holiday Meal Boxes*

Although every day is a struggle for our people facing hunger, the holidays can be a particularly stressful time. As their neighbors, co-workers and friends prepare for a celebration with family that includes a traditional meal, extra treats and gifts, they wonder if they will have enough food to keep their families from going to bed hungry. Together we have an opportunity to take away the worry of where their Thanksgiving holiday meal will come from for these families.

Through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, we can obtain Holiday Meal Boxes. Each box contains everything needed to make a traditional holiday meal for a family of eight. This meal would cost $128 at a local restaurant. To purchase the ingredients in the store would cost nearly $50.

Through our affiliation with Northern Illinois Food Bank, you can help us provide a **Holiday Meal Box to a family *for just a $23 donation*** – that's the equivalent of just $2.90 per person for a full turkey dinner!

Our food pantry now serves 250 families every month and we are always seeing new faces of people that are facing a crisis caused by unemployment, under-employment, an unexpected medical or car bill or additional family members living with them.

Last year we distributed 160 Holiday Meal Boxes to our food pantry visitors; this year we would like to distribute at least 170 boxes. Can you help us make the holidays a little brighter for these families by making a donation for Holiday Meal Boxes? **Please make a donation ($23/$46/$80/$120) to "Harvard Comm Food Pantry" and mail to: Harvard Food Pantry P.O. Box 578 Harvard, IL 60033**

Thank you for helping us feed our hungry neighbors!

November

!TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!						
All Saints Sunday 1 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 4:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945	2 2:00 p.m.Harvard Strummers 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 171 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	3 9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship	4 9:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga	7
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