



October 2024

From the Pastor's Pen

It's been a warm couple of weeks in the Midwest. I'm hoping all of you are doing well as we enter the fall season. Despite the warm weather, I've noticed many people have cold and flu symptoms. I would encourage you to get the flu shot, if you are able. We live in a time when it's almost impossible to avoid all contagious diseases. Be safe out there. I'm praying for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

The date is set for our Fellowship Night. It will be on Saturday, October 19. You can bring your own games to play with everyone at the gathering. There will be food served so that you're not hungry. It's an opportunity to share joys and get to know each other little more. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

Our Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 24. We will gather in giving thanks to God for all the Lord has done during this year. We will also plan for next year as we move forward together. Our District Superintendent Chung will be present for our conference. I invite you to participate in the conference to share your thoughts and ask any questions you may have. You can also let our SPRC Chairperson, Karen DeFalco, know about any concerns you might have.

Is there anything you are struggling with, in terms of faith? Are there any questions you want answers to regarding God or the Bible? I wanted to let you know that our Bible Study is on Thursdays at 7 PM. We can discuss any topic you might have. We can share anything that is on our minds as we walk in faith. It's not too late. You're welcome to join at any time.

This is the time to keep all the farmers in our prayers. Many of them are out in the field maneuvering heavy equipment. We pray for protection and blessings upon their work. We must also be patient around farm equipment on the road. We are full of gratitude to those who provide all the necessary produce on our table.

See you at church.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

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

9:00 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.

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		9:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship 9:30 a.m. English Class 6:30 p.m. BSA Troop 171 7:00 p.m. English Class	1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice	7:00 p.m. Bible Study	9:30 a.m. Yoga	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
World Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  w/Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 3:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 171 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	9:30 a.m. English Class 6:30 p.m. BSA Troop 171 7:00 p.m. English Class	12:00-6:00 pm Blood Drive 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice	7:00 p.m. Bible Study	9:30 a.m. Yoga	October 12th & 13th 2024 Prairie North District Fall Lay Academy @ Grace UMC, Rockford
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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????Can you Help????

The Tender Loving Care Community Closet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvard, is in need of bags. They need shopping bags (bigger bags are helpful as well), cloth bags if you have some you are looking to get rid of and even paper bags will be accepted. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your help and support!

Board Games & Dinner

On Saturday, October 19th, we will be having a fellowship activity - *Board Games and Dinner!* We are planning to gather at 3:30pm and play games for about 90 minutes. A dinner of macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, salad and dessert will be served. We hope that you will invite a friend to come for this event. If you have an idea for a game - please let us know. Call the church office at 815-943-5422 if you think you will attend - this will assist in our planning for food. Thank you!



October Highlights



October Meetings

10/7 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
10/14 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
10/24 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting
10/28 7:00 p.m. Leadership Meeting



October Ushers



Mark Dion
Ken Pedersen

Liturgists Are Needed

10/6
10/13 Sean Lee
10/20 Karen DeFalco
10/27

October Counters

Mark Dion
Melissa Oerkfitz



Fellowship Hour

10/6 Sean & Huxley VonBergen
10/13 Mary Henning
10/20 Kevin & Pam Schultz
10/27

Senior Fellowship



October 1st
October 15th
at 9:00 a.m.

Community Blood Drive

will be held on Wednesday, October 9th 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

Women's Bible Study



Every Wednesday at the home of Sharon Klingstedt
October 2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd and 30th at 1:00 p.m.

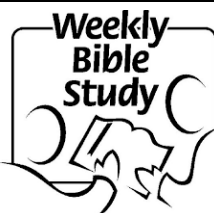
Handbell Choir

Please join us on
October 2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd and 30th at
4:30 p.m.
All are welcome!



Bible Study

is held every Thursday evening and 7:00 p.m.
Please plan to join us...
it's NOT too late!!!



Church Charge Conference

is scheduled for *October 24th @ 6:30pm.*
and is an opportunity for all of us to come together and discuss all aspects of our body in Christ. Please plan to attend the gathering.