



September 2025

From the Pastor's Pen

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.

Our call is to proclaim the good news of God's grace. We choose love and kindness over any other forms of influence. Only love can change the hearts of the people. The world is in need of healing and redemption. People are lost not knowing where to turn to for help. Many are full of grief and anger. We hear the saying, "Hurt people hurt." Some neglected people without proper help turn to violence to vent their frustration. I see it all the time on the internet, relying on their anonymity, they attack unceasingly those who have different opinions. Jesus came to this lowly place to change all that. Changing the world through love is no longer just an idea. The transformation is possible in the power of God.

We are also called to exemplify Jesus' command to love God and neighbor. When we are willing to see each person based on God's love, then our attitude changes completely. We are able to love those who are deemed unlovable by our society's standard. We are even willing to approach those who are hurting others, because we value each individual as God's creation. The amazing power of God is that it can change the heart of the unchangeable, we tend to give up on some individuals thinking there is no hope for them. God is gracious to everyone, the Lord was even gracious to me. With the power of God, they can respond to change their way. The power is greater than anything we've ever known.

I do not believe for a second that ruling with an iron fist is the answer. I believe in promoting the common good, compassion, and discernment of God's guidance. We can make a better world.

I would like to share with you a portion of a prayer from Bishop Lanette Plambeck: "Breathe your mercy into this community. Cradle every grieving heart in your compassion. Speak again your promise that death will not have the final word. Make us instruments of your peace, that we may bear witness to life even in the valley of loss."

Blessings,

Pastor Alex Lee

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September Highlights

September Meetings

9/8	7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
9/22	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
9/29	7:00 p.m. Leadership Committee Meeting

September Ushers



Mark Dion
Ken Pedersen

Liturgists for September



9/7 Karen DeFalco
9/14
9/21 Karen DeFalco
9/28

September Counters



Linda Austin
Karen DeFalco

Fellowship Hour

9/7 Sue Smith
9/14
9/21
9/28

Senior Fellowship



September 2nd
September 16th
at 9:00 a.m.



Sunday School

Classes resume on
Sunday, September 7th
at **9:00 a.m.** Come and join
us to learn more about Jesus!

Women's Bible Study



Every Wednesday at the home of
Sharon Klingstedt
September 3rd, 10th, 17th
and 24th at 1:00 p.m.



Bible Study

Please join Pastor Alex for a
evening Bible Study, starting
Thursday, September 11th @ 7:00 p.m.












P.O. Box 339

When mailing something to the church,
please be sure to use our P.O. Box 339
and not the street address of 1100 N.
Division. We want to ensure that all
mail is received in a timely manner.

Bell Choir Practice Resumes

Mark your calendar for the return of Bell
Choir practice! Practice will be held on
Sundays from 11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. starting
Sunday, September 21st. If you've been wanting
to join and share your talent, please plan to join us.
Questions? Contact Karen DeFalco- 815-953-5979



		<h1>September</h1>					
	 LABOR DAY <i>Church Office is Closed</i>	1 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	2 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	3	4	5  9:30 a.m. Yoga	6
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 4:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945	7 2:00 p.m. Harvard Strummers 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 171 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	8 9:30 a.m. English Class 7:00 p.m. English Class	9 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	10  7:00 p.m. Bible Study	11	12  9:30 a.m. Yoga	13
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