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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.

On the first Sunday of August, I presided over the Holy Communion service for the first time in my life.

Since both my grandfather and father are Methodist pastors, I had many opportunities to watch them preside over the Communion while growing up. I had even assisted with the Communion service during my time as an intern pastor. However, it was at Harvard UMC that I presided over the Holy Communion service entirely on my own for the first time.

I am experiencing many “firsts” in my life here at Harvard UMC. That is why this church is so precious and dear to me; I pray for the revival of the Harvard UMC and for the happiness of the Harvard UMC congregation, as well as the neighbors and local residents.

As about two months have passed since I arrived at Harvard UMC, I have come to know the names of the congregations and hear their stories. These stories have ranged from those filled with joy and happiness to those heavy with sorrow and worry.

I have always been someone who spent a great deal of time grappling with my own personal worries. Before coming to Harvard UMC, I never imagined that I would find myself listening to the hardships and concerns of others, sharing in their pain and worries, and praying for them.

I give thanks to God for helping me realize that “the human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.” Today, too, I pray that the members of Harvard UMC and their families, as well as all our neighbors, may be guided along a good path.

Blessings,
Pastor Hye-Eun Chon

September Highlights

September Meetings

9/14	7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
9/21	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
9/28	7:00 p.m. Leadership Committee Meeting

September Ushers



Mark Dion
Ken Pedersen

Liturgists for September



9/6 Janet Hugg
9/13
9/20
9/27

September Counters



Linda Austin
Karen DeFalco

Fellowship Hour

9/6
9/13
9/20
9/27

Senior Fellowship



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

Help Stock Our Free Little Pantry

Please consider donating non-perishable food items to help keep our Free Little Pantry stocked for those in our community who may need a little extra help. Popular items include: canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, rice,

boxed meals, and other shelf-stable foods.

Thank you to everyone who gives so generously and helps keep our Little Pantry going! We're so grateful to those who donate, monitor and keep the pantry stocked every day!

Women's Bible Study



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

Bell Choir Practice Resumes

Mark your calendar for the return of Bell Choir practice! It will be held on Monday's at 4:00 p.m. starting September 14th. If you've been wanting to join and share your talent, now is the time! Questions? Contact Karen DeFalco 815-953-5979



September 7th



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6  10:00 a.m. Worship w/ HC 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 4:00 p.m. BSA Troop 1945	7  LABOR DAY <i>Church Office is Closed</i>	8	9:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  	9  9:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 	10	11  9:30 a.m. Yoga	12	
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