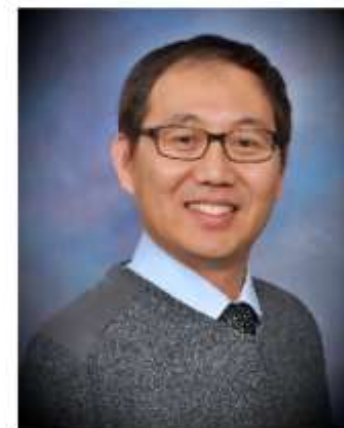


- Aug 1 Hillary Kutcher
- Aug 2 Kay Haberichter, Kenzie Edel
- Aug 3 Diane Gordy, Tyler Dursky
- Aug 4 Lindsey Wilson, Aubrey Miller
- Aug 5 Ryleigh Wilken
- Aug 7 Haylee Parker, Kazmira White
- Aug 8 Chris Weinreich
- Aug 9 Dorothy Butler
- Aug 10 Kayla Sandquist
- Aug 11 Wilma Brown, Miraldo Michel
- Aug 13 Sandra Voss
- Aug 15 Barb DeBruin, Alex Perla
- Aug 16 Emily Carriker, Andrew Moody
- Aug 18 David Stropes
- Aug 22 Barbara Johnson, Sheryl Dickey, Aria Lyman
- Aug 23 Ken Howard
- Aug 24 Jake Roberts, Grayson Stropes
- Aug 25 Shelly Herr
- Aug 27 Lois Holmberg, Eileen Blom, Rosemary Burnett
- Aug 28 Marilyn Van Arkel, Sara Stropes, Alex West
- Aug 29 Jesse Godden, Bryan Herr
- Aug 30 Carter Christensen



Pastor Jihoon Lee

Born in South Korea in 1971, I spent my formative years in a small town where I attended a historic Methodist church founded by an American missionary in 1897. Initially pursuing a career in architecture, my life took an extraordinary turn when I encountered the profound words of Isaiah 50:4. This transformative moment ignited a deep calling within me to dedicate my life to a full-time ministry of comforting and assisting the weary through the power of God’s Word.

Following my passion, I completed my theological education at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Korea (M.Div). In 2004, my journey led me to the United States, where I continued to deepen my understanding of theology. Beginning at Drew University in New Jersey, I specialized in American Church History and earned an STM degree. Driven by a thirst for knowledge, I pursued advanced studies and finally attained my Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

Throughout my career, I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve various local churches in New York and the Bay Area, enriching my understanding of different congregations and their unique spiritual needs. In 2012, I received ordination as an elder within the Korean Methodist Church in America. In 2018, I embraced a new chapter in Iowa, where I have been privileged to serve as a co-pastor for three churches. This experience has granted me a profound appreciation for the vibrant culture and rich tapestry of life in Iowa. As of June, I became a full member of the Iowa Annual Conference, marking a significant milestone in my journey.

Beside me on this extraordinary pilgrimage is my beloved wife, Esther, with whom I have shared a loving union since 2001. Together, we have been blessed with the joys of parenthood, raising two remarkable sons, Joseph and Justin, who continually inspire us with their light and potential.

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
Isaiah 50:4

The Finance Committee report:



June 2023 income	\$ 15,045
June 2023 expense	\$ 22,527
	\$-7,482
Total yearly income	\$133,888
Total yearly expense	\$161,984
	\$ -28,096



**Join us in Welcoming Pastor Jihoon,
Esther, and their sons on Sunday,
August 6th at a reception in Fellowship
Hall following our Worship Service.**



Sunday, August 13th

Mark your calendars and plan on attending Worship on Sunday, August 13th as Pastor Jihoon celebrates his first Worship Service as pastor at Central United Methodist Church! Timothy Foster will be sharing his musical talents with us again. Come celebrate the start of a new chapter in the life of our church!



As we gather for Worship in the upcoming weeks, please pick up a nametag as you enter the sanctuary so that Pastor Jihoon and his family and others who may be joining us can put together faces and names. We will also be adding a time to MEET & GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE to our Worship Service!

*We've
Missed You!*

Would you like to help reach out to past CUMC members that are still living in the area? Do you personally know members of our church family that have not attended for awhile?

Scott & Jill Ewing are organizing a group to send personalized invitations to these individuals and families to let them know that we would love to welcome them back! Contact Julie at the church office if you are interested in helping.

Julie Hyland is in the process of updating contact information for members of our Church Family. In August, ushers will be handing out Contact Information cards so that we can gather information. If you are unable to attend, please email Julie at centralum201@gmail.com to give her your name, address, phone number and email address.



Watch for special announcements at www.facebook.com/oskalooacentralumc/

FREE Family Swim Parties at Edmundson Pool:
August 6th from 7-9 pm Sponsored by the Children's Ministry Network which consists of our church plus Central Church, First Christian Church and the Assembly of God Church.





Congregational Care

The Caring Committee is looking for others to join the committee in planning and carrying out activities. Activities we have done include: lunches, meals for people and families going through difficult times, sending out birthday cards and other cards as needed, delivering May baskets, and remembering our college students with care packages during finals weeks. We are open to other ways we can care for our congregation members. Please contact a Caring Committee member if this is something you would like to be involved with!

Sharoll Edmundson	515-451-1161
Rita Hoogheem	308-991-1871
Marilyn Porter	641-673-7609
Lisa Vohaska	641-660-7267

Let's Do Lunch!

Join the Caring Committee for food and fellowship on Wednesday, August 23rd at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall! They will be serving hot chicken salad, glazed carrots, salad, rolls and a strawberry pizza for dessert! For planning purposes, please call the church office or one of the Caring Committee members listed above.

POWER PRAYER TEAM

The Caring Committee is looking at putting a Power Prayer Team together. This would be a group that prays for needs that the church has been informed of. The importance of confidentiality within the team concerning these needs will be emphasized. To be a part of this team, contact a member of the Caring Committee.



Teachers and Second Adults needed! Is this something you would be willing to give a try? This is a very rewarding way to serve the church. No experience needed. Just caring, compassionate adults willing to give of their time to help our children and youth grow in their faith. CONTACT DENISE MORRIS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TEACHING OR BEING ON THE SUBSTITUTE LIST!



Rally Day for Sunday School to kick off will be on **Sunday, September 10**. We will celebrate with an **All-Church Potluck** following Sunday School. The preschool through high school Sunday School classes may be structured a bit differently for now. More details to come as the Education Committee hears from families and volunteers.

Adult Sunday School

Vickie & Ron Arkema are leading our **Christ Connection** Sunday School Class. Starting September 10th, the class will meet in the Blue Room behind the sanctuary from 10:30-11:30ish. This Fall, they will be using *The Gospel of Luke*, by Adam Hamilton. Previous class members can pick up their book in the church office (\$23). New members should order their own book.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u> <u>8:30-3:00 – PEO – Fellowship Hall</u> <u>7- Al Anon – Library</u>	<u>2</u> <u>6:00 – SPRC</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> <u>9:30- Worship/KBOE</u> <u>10:30- Fellowship Time</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> <u>7- Al Anon – Library</u>	<u>9</u> <u>6:00 – Finance - FH</u> <u>6:30 – Trustees - BR</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> <u>9:30- Worship/KBOE</u> <u>10:30- Fellowship Time</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> <u>7- Al Anon – Library</u>	<u>16</u> <u>6:30 – Ad Council</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> <u>9:30- Worship/KBOE</u> <u>10:30- Fellowship Time</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> <u>7- Al Anon – Library</u>	<u>23</u> <u>11:30 – Caring Lunch – Fellowship Hall</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> <u>9:30- Worship/KBOE</u> <u>10:30- Fellowship Time</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <u>7- Al Anon – Library</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

ATTENDANCE

Acolyte Schedule:	
August 6	Norah Foster
August 13	Lilia Morris
August 20	Nyla Canfield
August 27	Jackson Lahner
September 3	Nolan Bollinger

Please put these dates on your calendar. If you are unable to help on a Sunday you are scheduled, please ask one of your friends to fill in for you.
Thanks!

June 25	Worship Attendance – 112 (+35 FB)
July 2	Worship Attendance – 71 (+26 FB)
July 9	Worship Attendance – 64 (+9 FB)
July 16	Worship Attendance – 77 (+14 FB)
July 23	Worship Attendance – 76 (+15 FB)