



- Sept 1 Travis Miller
- Sept 2 Gary Engel, Bob Morris, David Canfield,  
Kinley Clayton, Joseph Wissler
- Sept 3 Cheryl Lockwood, Scott Ewing
- Sept 4 Bill Ludwick
- Sept 7 Cliff Vande Wall, Emma Kain, Rick Hersom, Whitney VanWyk
- Sept 8 Barb Donnelly
- Sept 9 Dennis Dursky, Jessie Eveland
- Sept 10 Gary Fisher, Brent Knoot
- Sept 11 Marilyn Porter, Kim Benson, Hayden Mowrey
- Sept 13 DeAnn Knoot
- Sept 15 Justin Clayton
- Sept 16 Regyn Hughes, Auda Childs
- Sept 19 Steve Burnett, Logan Plate
- Sept 20 Linda Lindgren
- Sept 22 Gary Shrader
- Sept 23 Jeff Akers
- Sept 24 Reg Randau
- Sept 25 Estelle Edwards
- Sept 27 Sandy Powers, Morgan Burford
- Sept 29 Aurora Carmer

The **Finance Committee** report:



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| <u>July 2023 income</u>     | <u>\$ 41,627.32</u> |
| <u>July 2023 expense</u>    | <u>\$ 14,476.71</u> |
|                             | <u>\$ 27,150.61</u> |
| <u>Total yearly income</u>  | <u>\$175,515.09</u> |
| <u>Total yearly expense</u> | <u>\$176,461.11</u> |
|                             | <u>(\$ 946.02)</u>  |

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we mark the passage of a month since my arrival as the new senior pastor of our cherished church, my heart is brimming with gratitude and optimism. This brief span has been an affirmation of the warmth, hospitality, and enthusiasm that define this community. I extend my heartfelt thanks to both God and each member of our congregation for embracing me and making this transition an incredibly positive experience.

In this short time, the outpouring of hospitality, the genuine smiles exchanged, and the shared anticipation for the future have been truly uplifting. I am humbled by the spirit of unity that pervades our church family. It is a unity that stands as a testament to our faith in the God of Ebenezer, the One who has guided us through trials and triumphs alike.

Acknowledging the challenges, we've faced in recent months, as well as the uncertainties that still shadow our community, I remain steadfast in my belief that a radiant future awaits us. Our history is resplendent with instances where God's grace and providence illuminated our path, much like the pillar of fire that led the Israelites. I am confident that the same God who has brought us to this juncture will continue to guide us toward a place of greater promise and purpose.

As summer draws to a close and our daily routines settle back into place, I extend a heartfelt invitation to those returning to town: let us reconvene in our community gatherings. These gatherings are not merely occasions of fellowship; they are opportunities for us to collectively align our hearts and spirits toward the future God is carving for us.

I am reminded of Psalm 147:11, which declares, "The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." This season of renewal invites us to put our hope in the boundless love of our Creator, to anticipate the wonders He will work in and through us.

With this sentiment in my heart, I pen my inaugural pastor's article for our newsletter. It is a reflection of our shared aspirations and a call to embrace the anticipation and hope that propels us forward. God's promises are steadfast; they are our anchor as we navigate the seas of uncertainty. Together, we stand at the threshold of new possibilities, ready to embrace the "new thing" that God is birthing within our community.

May His grace continue to be our guiding light as we journey together.

In His abiding love,

Pastor Jihoon Lee

# WANT TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE FOR EVERYONE?

Do you have a Facebook Account? Help us Spread the Word about Christ's Love for EVERYONE by liking our Facebook posts and by SHARING the links to our Worship Service Facebook Live videos.



Watch for special announcements at [www.facebook.com/oskaloosacentralumc/](http://www.facebook.com/oskaloosacentralumc/)

## Summer's A BUSY TIME!

Did you miss some of Pastor Jihoon's sermons while on vacation? You're in luck! You can still watch them on Facebook!

- August 13<sup>th</sup> Keeping Walking Together
- August 20<sup>th</sup> Why Do People Need Jesus?
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Why Do People Need the Church?
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> To Whom Does Our Church Belong?



### ATTENDANCE

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|-----------|----------------------------------|
| July 30   | Worship Attendance – 72 (+19 FB) |
| August 6  | Worship Attendance – 70 (+21 FB) |
| August 13 | Worship Attendance – 96 (+15 FB) |
| August 20 | Worship Attendance – 78 (+17 FB) |
| August 27 | Worship Attendance – 80 (+18 FB) |

# 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.

### HELP US UPDATE OUR CHURCH RECORDS! EMAIL INFORMATION IS ESPECIALLY OUT OF DATE!

If you haven't done so, please fill out Contact Information sheets so that we can gather information. If you are unable to attend Worship in person, please email Julie at [centralum201@gmail.com](mailto:centralum201@gmail.com) to give her your name, address, phone number and email address.



**College Student Addresses:** Do you have a college student? Please send their school address to the office as a team of people will periodically reach out to them letting them know that their church family is thinking of them.





## You are Invited to Join the Congregational Care Team

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.

A Power Prayer Team is also being organized. 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.

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!**

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

## August Caring Luncheon



Rally Day for Sunday School to kick off will be on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am! We are planning to have a Preschool class, a K-4 class, a Middle School class and a High School class. **Registration will be held on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** before and after Worship.

We are still in need of a few adults that are interested in serving as Substitute Teachers and/or Second Adults in some of our Classes. Please consider sharing your faith with our children & youth. Contact Denise Morris or call the Church Office for more information.

Come celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year at our **All-Church Potluck** following Sunday School/Fellowship (approximately 11:30 am).

Meat will be provided! Bring a dish to share.




## Blessing of Backpacks & Sunday School Teachers

**Children & Youth** are encouraged to bring their backpacks to Worship on **RALLY DAY**. Pastor Jihoon will have a Blessing of Backpacks and of Sunday School Teachers during the service.

## Adult Sunday School

Vickie & Ron Arkema are leading our **Christ Connection** Sunday School Class. Starting September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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. There are still a few books available in the church office (\$23).

| Sunday   | Monday                          | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                        | Friday                          | Saturday |
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|   |                                 |  |  |                                 | 1                               | 2        |
| 3<br>9:00- Youth Bell Choir<br>9:30- Worship/KMZN<br>10:30- Fellowship Time  | 4<br>Church and office closed   | 5<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>7- AI Anon –Library  | 6<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>6pm- Education Committee<br>6:30- Staff Parish Relations Committee | 7<br>8:30- Little Creations PS  | 8<br>8:30- Little Creations PS  | 9        |
| <b>10 Rally Sunday</b><br>9:00- Youth Bell Choir<br>9:30- Worship/KMZN<br>10:30- Fellowship/<br>Sunday School<br>11:30- All Church Potluck | 11<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 12<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>7- AI Anon –Library | 13<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>6- Finance Committee<br>6:30- Trustees                            | 14<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 15<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 16       |
| 17<br>9:00- Youth Bell Choir<br>9:30- Worship/KMZN<br>10:30- Fellowship/<br>Sunday School  | 18<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 19<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>7- AI Anon –Library | 20<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>6:30- Ad. Council   | 21<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 22<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 23       |
| <b>24 Noisy Offering</b><br>9:00- Youth Bell Choir<br>9:30- Worship/KMZN<br>10:30- Fellowship/<br>Sunday School                            | 25<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 26<br>8:30- Little Creations PS<br>7- AI Anon –Library | 27<br>8:30- Little Creations PS  | 28<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 29<br>8:30- Little Creations PS | 30       |

**Acolyte Schedule:**

Sept 3 Nolan Bollinger  
 Sept 10 Lucy Canfield & Gemma Lahner  
 Sept 17 Norah Foster & Bennett Foster  
 Sept 24 Jackson Lahner & Nyla Canfield  
 Oct 1 Lucy Canfield & Gemma Lahner

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!



**REMINDER:** YOUTH BELL CHOIR WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM!