



- Oct. 1 Kamryn Beers
- Oct. 4 Logan Alexander
- Oct. 5 Clint Kelderman
- Oct. 7 Heather Lindgren
- Oct. 11 Karen Binns, Lynne Johnson
- Oct. 12 Joshua Howard
- Oct. 14 Sandra Parker
- Oct. 15 TJ Smith
- Oct. 16 Emma Dawson
- Oct. 17 Berniece Tucker, Kristen Fink, Valerie Clayton
- Oct. 18 Ben Adair, Jill Kelderman
- Oct. 19 Travis Walhert
- Oct. 20 Darci Brown, Clayton Hester
- Oct. 22 Stacy Ford, Debbie Sedrel, Mike Ireland
- Oct. 24 Kelli Shrader
- Oct. 26 Angie Dawson
- Oct. 27 Troy Boston, Grayson Hughes
- Oct. 29 Emerson Alexander, Phyllis Fox, Beth Kminek, Tammy Johnson, Haley Rohloff, Dusty Bollinger

The **Finance Committee** report:



<u>August 2023 income</u>	<u>\$ 32,276.18</u>
<u>August 2023 expense</u>	<u>\$ 13,292.76</u>
	<u>\$ 18,983.42</u>
<u>Total yearly income</u>	<u>\$207,791.27</u>
<u>Total yearly expense</u>	<u>\$189,753.87</u>
	<u>\$ 18,037.40</u>

Dear Beloved Congregation,

Fall has arrived, ushered in by the autumnal equinox on September 23, a Latin term signifying the equality of day and night. It's a reminder that the seasons are shifting, and we're entering a period when days grow shorter, nights lengthen, and nature adorns itself in vibrant hues.

As we approach October, the unmistakable signs of fall will envelop us. The changing temperatures, the gradual descent into crispness—all these are divine markers. They prompt us to reflect on the changes unfolding within our lives. This season brings to mind Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, which reminds us that everything has its time—a time to be born, to die, to plant, and to uproot.

Yet, in the rush of modern life, we often overlook the wonders of creation. The equinoxes and solstices pass unnoticed, and our increasing life expectancy makes us forgetful of time's passage. The comforts of technology can desensitize us to the rhythm of the natural world, leading us to believe we control our destinies.

However, it's essential to turn our hearts and minds to the wisdom of Ecclesiastes and other sacred texts. They teach us that we are not masters of the world; we are stewards of it. Nothing in this world is our creation; it all stems from the Creator. We cannot turn back or hasten time beyond the boundaries set by the world God fashioned.

So, as we prepare to shed our summer attire for long-sleeved shirts, let's remember that we inhabit a world intricately designed by God—a world we comprehend only partially. Our faith calls us to focus on the One who orchestrates the seasons of our lives and the world itself.

This fall, let's make a conscious effort to pay attention to the changes in our world, both in nature and within ourselves. Let's find spiritual sustenance in God's handiwork, for it is He who governs the ebb and flow of life. As the leaves change, may our hearts too undergo a transformation—a deepening of our connection with the Divine.

As we embrace this season of transition, may we be reminded that the God of world change is the same God who watches over us. Our Creator invites us to witness the beauty of His creation, to recognize our place within it, and to draw strength and inspiration from His eternal wisdom.

In this season of change, may our faith deepen, our hearts open, and our spirits be attuned to the ever-turning wheel of life, guided by the One who holds all seasons in His hands.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jihoon Lee



**Food prepared by Smokin' Fattys BBQ (Kevin Lowry)**  
**Pulled Pork, Smoked Chicken, Parmesan Potatoes,**  
**Baked Beans and a Dessert**



## LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The ladies of the church would like to invite all church members to join them in wearing a hat to church on the LAST SUNDAY of every month!



September 3	Worship Attendance – 76 (+18 FB)
September 10	Worship Attendance – 80 (+15 FB)
September 17	Worship Attendance – 74 (+20 FB)
September 24	Worship Attendance – 86 (+12 FB)

## NINE (or FIVE?) to DINE

Several congregation members have expressed interest in continuing to have “Nine to Dine” Groups. It was mentioned that some groups could even be organized to be lunch/brunch groups.

If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Julie at the office. (phone 672-2564 or email to [centralum201@gmail.com](mailto:centralum201@gmail.com)) Please indicate either **DAYTIME**, **EVENING**, or **NO PREFERENCE**. If there is enough interest, groups will be formed by random drawing in mid-October.



September 10<sup>th</sup> saw the kickoff of Sunday School and an All Church Potluck!! Check out the food & fun!



**NEXT CHURCH LUNCHEON:**  
**Sunday, October 22nd – 11:15 am**  
**Featuring Jim's Liver & Onions and Meatballs**  
Free Will Offering goes to Alzheimer's Association



**Love INC** is a ministry in Mahaska County that unites churches to help neighbors in need. The local churches are mobilized to offer a holistic approach of **caring to all people in all walks of life**, including emotional, spiritual, physical, and relational support. This program hopes to walk with people in their life journey, offering support and guidance as they request. **No one is alone, God is always with us.**

Love INC is hosting the **4th Annual Mahaska Connect** on **November 4th from 9-1 pm** at Fellowship Bible Church. A variety of resources and services will be offered that day, at no charge to our guests in need. Some of the services provided will be assistance to obtain birth certificates, driver licenses & IDs; housing information; prayer; pain & injury evaluations; medical screenings; haircuts; and mental health options.

**There is a need for help that day. Guides** are needed to walk with each guest through this event. There will be training for this task prior to that morning. People will need to be **"runners,"** to fill in places and assist as needed. **If you want to help**, you can **contact Love INC at 676-3750** or go to [loveincmahaska.org](http://loveincmahaska.org) for more information.

**Central UMC is providing brunch**, which will be biscuits and sausage gravy with potato patty and fruit cups. **If you want to help with the brunch, either beforehand or on that Saturday, please contact Sharoll Edmundson, 673-4669.**



United Way's Winter Coat Drive is October 9<sup>th</sup> thru November 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Collection Box located in the West Entrance of the church. Clean out those closets & donate your **CLEAN** used winter outerwear!

Fall has seen an increased need for food assistance at the **Ecumenical Cupboard**. As Jesus reminds us, we are to feed those in need. Place your donation of Food & Pantry items in the **Shopping Cart** by the West Entrance and we'll be sure they get to the Cupboard!



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b> 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Fellowship Sunday School	<b>2</b> NO PRESCHOOL	<b>3</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon - Library	<b>4</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>5</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>6</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Fellowship Time	<b>9</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>10</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:30- SPRC 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	<b>11</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:00- Finance Committee 6:30- Trustees	<b>12</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>13</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School	<b>16</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>17</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	<b>18</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 6- Ad Council	<b>19</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 5:00-7:00 <b>Little Creations Preschool Supper (Fundraiser)</b>	<b>20</b> NO PRESCHOOL	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School 11:30- <b>Church Luncheon (Jim's Liver &amp; Onions! and Meatballs)</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>24</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	<b>25</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>26</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>27</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Noisy Offering HAT SUNDAY</b> 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School 3:00 – Charge Conference at Knoxville UMC <b>TRUNK OR TREAT 2:00-4:00</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS	<b>31</b> 8:30- Little Creations PS 7- AI Anon –Library				

**Acolyte Schedule:**

Oct 1 Lucy Canfield & Gemma Lahner  
 Oct 8 Jackson Lahner & Nyla Canfield  
 Oct 15 Norah Foster & Bennett Foster  
 Oct 22 Lucy Canfield & Gemma Lahner  
 Oct 29 Nyla Canfield & Lucy Canfield

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!