

Chimes

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 do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God
 will be with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9



- Jan. 1 Duane Eveland, Paiven Knoot
- Jan. 6 Shirley Pitman, Daniel Foster
- Jan. 10 Sandy Bailey
- Jan. 11 Greg Gordy, Meghan Moorman
- Jan. 13 Angela Hyland, Shannon VanRheenen
- Jan. 14 Lisa Vohoska
- Jan. 20 Steve Van Rheenen
- Jan. 21 Renee Parker
- Jan. 23 Lauren Herr
- Jan. 26 Jill Dursky, Maddie Hamilton, Avery Alexander

The Finance Committee Report

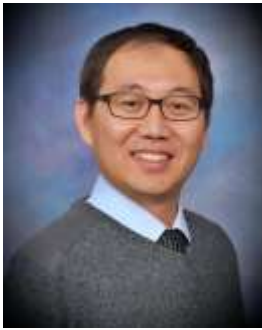


November 2023 income	\$ 20,421.23
November 2023 expense	<u>\$ 13,068.66</u>
	<u>\$ 7,352.57</u>
Total yearly income	\$294,265.30
Total yearly expense	<u>\$234,210.32</u>
	<u>\$ 60,054.98</u>



ATTENDANCE

December 3	Worship Attendance – 80 (+12 FB)
December 10	Worship Attendance – 100 (+21 FB)
December 17	Worship Attendance – 83 (+16 FB)
December 24	Worship Attendance – 92 (+17 FB)
Christmas Eve	Worship Attendance – 120 (+16 FB)
December 31	Worship Attendance – 61 (+10 FB)



A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Warm Greetings in Christ,

As we embark upon the threshold of a new year, a simple yet profound truth echoes in our hearts: “New Year, Same God!” This resonates deeply with the timeless scripture from Hebrews 13:8, affirming that “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*” (NIV).

In a world where change often rushes upon us, how reassuring it is to know that God remains steadfast and unchanging! God doesn’t conform to the shifting tides of time, and His Word remains unwavering despite cultural pressures. Reflecting on the past year, we’ve encountered unforeseen challenges, and undoubtedly, the forthcoming year will present its own trials. However, in this new season, let us anchor ourselves in the unwavering truth that we serve an unchanging God!

A cherished hymn beautifully encapsulates this sentiment: “Many things about tomorrow, I don’t seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand!”

Amidst uncertainties, let me reassure you—there are victories awaiting us. Prayers will be answered, lives will be restored, and healing will unfold. Our incredible God can bring about more in an instant than we could achieve in a lifetime! Even moments that seem less favorable can be transformed in our favor when we continue to place our trust in this unchanging God.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39 NIV).

As the Apostle Paul so powerfully declares, nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Another year unfolds, time progresses, but neither the passing years nor the passage of time can sever the bond between a Christian and the enduring love of God.

This year may bring its share of contentious issues, both within and outside the church. There might be periods of political turmoil and unrest. The value of a dollar in December 2024 may not stretch as far as it does today. Ecclesiastically and personally, we might face the pressures of challenging circumstances. Yet, take heart—none of these circumstances, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. A faithful God remains resolute in His plan for our welfare. As you navigate your Christian journey in 2024, remember the words of Joshua 1:9: “*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*” (NIV).

Let us march forward into this New Year, embracing all that God has in store for us!

Blessings,

Pastor Jihoon



The position of Administrative Church Secretary is now posted on Indeed.com. If you know of anyone interested the position, please encourage them to apply and let Pastor Jihoon or Chris Lindgren know. The position will be up to 30 hours per week.

DECEMBER MEMORIES



Change A Child's Story



From a 4th grade teacher at OES:

The joy brought to my student was overflowing. He said - "Now I don't have to just sleep on my hard floor with a blanket." Blessings to the hands who made this pillow and all the thoughtful people who do this project. Merry Christmas!

From a 5th grade teacher at OES:

Thank you so much for this amazing project!

From an OES principal:

Love this! Such a wonderful idea!

From a 2nd grade teacher at OES:

Thank you so much for this! He loved it! He was smiling ear to ear as he was walking out the door.


From another 4th grade teacher at OES:

Thank you soooo much! My student was so happy and appreciative! He had a huge smile on his face :)



**BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE THE
LAST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

Let us know of worthy causes you would like
the kids to consider supporting!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO PRESCHOOL Office Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2 NO PRESCHOOL	3 NO PRESCHOOL 6:00- Education Committee 6:30- SPRC	4 NO PRESCHOOL	5 NO PRESCHOOL	6
7 Communion Sunday 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship Time Sunday School	8 8:30- Little Creations PS	9 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	10 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:00- Finance Committee 6:30- Trustees	11 8:30- Little Creations PS	12 8:30- Little Creations PS	13
14 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School	15 8:30- Little Creations PS	16 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	17 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:30- Ad Council	18 8:30- Little Creations PS	19 8:30- Little Creations PS	20
21 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School	22 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:30- Nominating Committee	23 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	24 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:30- Worship Committee	25 8:30- Little Creations PS	26	27
28 Noisy Offering HAT SUNDAY 9:00- Youth Bell Choir 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School	29 8:30- Little Creations PS	30 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- AI Anon –Library	31 8:30- Little Creations PS			

Acolyte Schedule:

January 7	Lucy Canfield & Nyla Canfield
January 14	Norah Foster & Bennett Foster
January 21	Jackson Lahner & Nyla Canfield
January 28	Jackson Lahner & Gemma Lahner
February 4	Jackson Lahner & Nyla 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!