



Mar. 3 Jill Ewing, Lexi Walhert, Debbie Showers
Mar. 6 John Adair
Mar. 8 Charlotte Kelderman
Mar. 13 Barb Dickinson, Leilani VandeWall, Madeline Moorman
Mar. 14 Norah Foster, Hazel McGee, Luca McGee
Mar. 20 Robin Haigh-VanWyk
Mar. 22 Pat Dixon, Mike Dursky
Mar. 23 Tyler West
Mar. 25 Janelle Canfield, Kyle Ewing, Melissa Moorman
Mar. 26 Joyce Capps
Mar. 27 Ann Veldhuizen, Leah Laird
Mar. 28 Naomi Cummings, Christopher Wissler
Mar. 30 Stefanie Glover, Lyndsey Michel
Mar. 31 Tate Knoot

The Finance Committee Report



January 2024 income	\$ 24,273.70
January 2024 expense	<u>\$ 20,472.01</u>
	<u>\$ 3,801.69</u>
Total yearly income	\$ 24,273.70
Total yearly expense	<u>\$ 20,472.01</u>
	<u>\$ 3,801.69</u>



ATTENDANCE

February 4th **Worship Attendance** – 94 (+16 FB)
February 11th **Worship Attendance** – 63 (+13 FB)
Ash Wednesday **Worship Attendance** – 54 (+ 8 FB)
February 18th **Worship Attendance** – 89 (+16 FB)
February 25th **Worship Attendance** – 95 (+13 FB)

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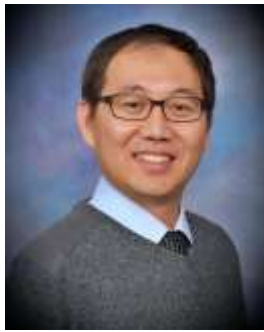
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Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

John 12:23-24



A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As we step into March, the weather has considerably softened. Reflecting back on the snowstorms of January, it's been quite some time since I've witnessed such heavy snowfall. Despite the chill of winter, there was a certain charm in savoring the snow-clad scenery while enjoying a cup of hot tea by the fireplace. Each time I gazed upon the white landscape, a verse from Isaiah often came to mind: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

As we approach this year's Lenten season, I urge you to contemplate the path that the Lord Jesus undertook to cleanse our sins as white as snow. Lent, a forty-day period leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays), commences on Ash Wednesday. Many choose to fast during Lent, relinquishing certain foods or forms of entertainment as a way to unite with Christ's suffering for us. If you've never done so before, I encourage you to consider participating in a Lenten fast this year.

However, should you choose to give something up for Lent, remember that it's not solely about the sacrifice you make. It's a time to reflect on the priceless sacrifice Jesus made for us. Fasting isn't a means of "repaying" God for His gift, as we could never repay the infinite cost of Jesus' blood. Rather, it's an expression of love and gratitude for the gift we've freely received through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Recently, I've delved back into the book of Samuel. Within its pages, I find a captivating narrative brimming with hope, valor, giants, servants, and kings. It chronicles the ascent of Israel's first and greatest kings, replete with triumphant victories and tragic

missteps. Yet amidst it all, we encounter a God who never forsakes His people. Even amidst profound darkness, God raises up servants to illuminate His truth and guide His people once more.

Above all, I'm reminded of our Savior through the rise and anointing of King David. David, in many respects, is regarded as Israel's greatest king. Yet, as remarkable as his triumphs were, his life was marked by failures and sins that reverberated through future generations. His life stands as a testament to God's grace, illustrating how God elevated a humble shepherd boy to kingship. Yet, his life is also a pointer for us, giving us a shadow of the greater David and the ultimate King of Israel who would come one day and rule in justice and righteousness forever. David's life points us to the Son of David who would also be the Son of God – Jesus Christ.

This month, we celebrate Him—the King who came to rescue the world. That King will rise again from failure and suffering on the cross. He will emerge victorious, and in His victory, we'll witness glory.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jihoon Lee





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

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

Help Feed the Hungry!

Central United Methodist Church is joining
forces with St. Paul United Church of Christ,
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
St. James Episcopal Church and
First Presbyterian Church to restart
End of the Month Meals.

Watch for Information on how YOU can help!



NEEDS FOR HOLY WEEK

- Good Friday (March 29th) – 6:30 pm
FOUR Scripture Readers
- Saturday (March 30th) – 9:00-11:00 am
Assistance with Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Sunday (March 31st) – 9:30 am
THREE Communion Servers

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX



Scholarship

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

All college students who are interested in receiving a *Clark and Ethel Taylor Scholarship* for the 2024-2025 school year can obtain an application form from the church office. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must meet the following criteria:





- Active Member of Central United Methodist Church during High School years
- Have completed at least one year of college, technical, or vocational school after graduation from high school – this scholarship can only be used for the sophomore, junior or senior years
- Accumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Be a full-time student

The completed application form and a school transcript must be submitted by June 15, 2024.



**Saturday
March 30th
9-11am**

**Sign up in the Narthex
to Help Plan or to
Help Day of the Hunt!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30- Little Creations PS	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:00- Youth Bell Practice 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship Time Sunday School	4 8:30- Little Creations PS	5 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- Al Anon –Library	6 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:00- Education Committee 6:00- SPRC 7:00- Choir Practice	7 8:30- Little Creations PS	8 8:30- Little Creations PS	9
10 9:00- Youth Bell Practice 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School SPRING FORWARD!!!!	11 No Preschool	12 No Preschool 7 pm- Al Anon –Library	13 No Preschool 6:00- Finance Committee 6:30- Trustees Committee 7:00- Choir Practice	14 No Preschool	15 No Preschool	16
17 9:00- Youth Bell Practice 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School	18 8:30- Little Creations PS	19 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- Al Anon –Library	20 8:30- Little Creations PS 6:30- Ad Council 7:00- Choir Practice	21 8:30- Little Creations PS	22 8:30- Little Creations PS	23
24 9:00- Youth Bell Practice 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School 	25 8:30- Little Creations PS	26 8:30- Little Creations PS 7 pm- Al Anon –Library	27 Pre-K Conferences 8:45-11:30 & 4:45-6:30 6:00- Worship Committee 7:00- Choir Practice	28 8:30- Little Creations PS	29 No Preschool 6:30 pm – Good Friday Service 	30  9-11 am
31 Noisy Offering HAT SUNDAY 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/ Sunday School 				Acolyte Schedule: March 3rd Jackson Lahner & Nyla Canfield March 10th Lucy Canfield & Gemma Lahner March 17th Norah Foster & Bennett Foster March 24th Jackson Lahner & Nyla Canfield March 31st 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!