

# MONTHLY REPORTS

April 2024

## The Finance Committee Report

April 2024 Income	\$13,809
April 2024 Expense	\$20,250
	\$-6,441
Total Yearly Income	\$101,584
Total Yearly Expense	\$77,058
	\$24,526

## ATTENDANCE

April 7th	Worship Attendance - 78 (+9FB)
April 14th	Worship Attendance - 74 (+FB)
April 21st	Worship Attendance - 64 (+FB)
April 28th	Worship Attendance - 76(+6FB)

# Central

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHIMES

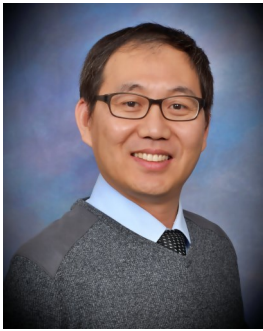
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*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13 ESV*



# A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Beloved Children of God,

As I've observed the recent storms and tornados striking the Midwest, it has led me to contemplate the tempestuous trials we encounter in life. Amidst our reflections during Easter on the promise of new life in Christ, the stark reality often feels distant from hope. We find ourselves grappling with the relentless storms that disrupt our lives, as encapsulated by the poetic notion, "April is a cruel month." Even post-Easter, we navigate a challenging period, confronting more "failure" rather than "triumph."

When you explore the term "triumph" in the thesaurus, you'll encounter synonyms like victory, achievement, and conquest, along with words such as joy, celebration, and jubilation. Conversely, a search for "fail" or "failure" reveals words like defeat, ineffectiveness, and disappointment, among others like wither and collapse. These lexical connections from the thesaurus mirror our societal perspectives on success and failure, often leading to a belief that winning is paramount while failure is intolerable. This mindset can burden many, especially children, with a sense of constant pressure to excel and fear of falling short. Considering that none of us can achieve perfection in our roles as parents, spouses, children, friends, or Christians, this societal framework can lead to a sense of perpetual inadequacy. However, it doesn't have to define our existence. God never intended us to be ensnared in this cycle of pressure and disappointment.

Christ's sacrifice wasn't reserved for those who had achieved success. As Scripture affirms, "at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:8). Our heavenly Father orchestrated the sending of Jesus precisely when we were at our weakest, struggling, and at times, feeling like last place finishers. This serves as a profound lesson for us. In our moments of failure and vulnerability, He took decisive action on our



May 1 Lawson Morris  
May 2 Jane Ireland  
May 5 Sharoll Edmundson  
May 6 Rex Blom, Madeline Cox  
May 7 Shelley Powers-Faidley, Sarah Smith  
May 8 Pastor Jihoon Lee  
May 10 Marty Burroughs, Sage Cochran, Jack Dawson  
May 11 Lincoln Morris  
May 13 Bryan Johnson, Jane Krutzfeldt  
May 14 Christine Wright  
May 15 Craig Coen, Craig West  
May 16 Dave Dickinson  
May 17 Tim Burrow  
May 21 John Crumly  
May 24 Andrea Dursky  
May 25 Jake Huyser  
May 26 Zoe Kminek, Nick Messamer  
May 27 Linay Seibert  
May 28 Jay Christensen, Corbin Faidley  
May 29 Karla Christensen  
May 30 Adam Carriker, Chris Hyland  
May 31 Chris Lindgren



### Help Feed the Hungry

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



May Meals will be Tuesday May 28th



Interested in being that welcoming smile on Sunday mornings!  
Sign up now to greet visitors and members of our church family!  
Contact Elaine Eveland at 641-295-4738 or Sign up in the Narthex!

behalf. And that's not the end of the story. He has risen from the grave to give us power, encouragement, victory and hope. As Christians, we have the opportunity to redefine conventional notions of success and failure. We can rewrite the thesaurus and teach our sons and daughters, friends and relatives, and even our moms and dads that we can add some new words like encouragement, victory, and hope under the word failure.

As we move beyond Easter towards Pentecost, we are reminded that God's work in us and in the world continues unabated. Easter signifies a divine opportunity for renewal, a chance to reset, restart, and embrace a new way of life. It prompts us to reclaim the hopeful anticipation God holds for us, envisioning us as active partners in transforming adversity into opportunity, whether those challenges arise from our choices or from tragic circumstances. In our faith tradition, we affirm that through our trust in Jesus Christ, God's Spirit guides us toward a higher path. This Holy Spirit empowers us to align with the renewed perspective reflected in our redefined "Thesaurus of Faith" under the risen Jesus. It leads us beyond mere failure, enabling us to experience victory and hope in our daily lives. Let's eagerly share with those around us the triumphant journey we've embarked upon through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jihoon Lee



# Happy Mother's Day

"She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:" Proverbs 31:26-28

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30-Little Creations 6:00- ED Committee 7:00-Choir Practice	2 8:30-Little Creations	3 8:30-Little Creations	4
5 Communion Sunday 9:00-Youth Bell Practice 9:30-Worship/KMZ 10:30-Fellowship/Sunday School	6 8:30-Little Creations 6:30-SPRC	7 8:30-Little Creations	8 8:30-Little Creations 6:00-Finance Committee 6:30-Trustees Committee 7:00 Choir Practice	9 8:30-Little Creations	10 8:30-Little Creations	11
12 9:00-Youth Bell Practice 9:30-Worship/KMZ 10:30-Fellowship/Sunday School	13 8:30-Little Creations—Zoo Day	14 8:30-Little Creations	15 8:30-Little Creations 6:30- Ad Council 7:00- Choir Practice	16 8:30-Little Creations	17 No Preschool meet at OES	18
19 <b>Senior Sunday</b> 9:00-Youth Bell Practice 9:30-Worship/KMZ 10:30-Fellowship/Sunday School	20 8:30 Little Creations	21 8:30- Little Creations— Last Day of PreK-3 Vision Planning Team— 6:30p	22 8:30- Little Creations— Last Day of PreK-3 6:00- Worship Committee 7:00- Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 <b>Hat Sunday</b> 9:00-Youth Bell Practice 9:30-Worship/KMZ 10:30-Fellowship/Sunday School	27 Memorial Day  <b>Church Offices Closed</b>	28 EOMM @ CUMC	29	30 EOMM @ CUMC	31	

## Acolyte Schedule:

May 5th	Jackson Lahner & Nyla Canfield
May 12th	Lucy Canfield & Gemma Lahner
May 19th	Liam & Delila Wilker
May 26th	Norah & Bennett Foster

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