

# MONTHLY REPORTS

July 2024

## The Finance Committee Report

June 2024 Income	\$46,687.48
June 2024 Expense	\$13,103.93
Difference	\$33,583.55
Total Yearly Income	\$188,738.87
Total Yearly Expense	104,840.33
Difference	\$83,898.54

## ATTENDANCE TOTALS

June 2nd	76
June 9th	53
June 16th	85
June 23rd	69
June 30th	59

# CHIMES

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*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5*



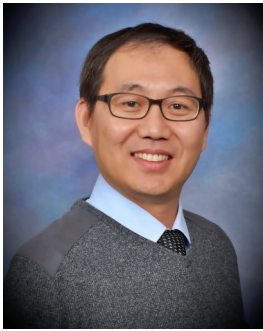
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# A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Greetings, Central UMC Community!

As you read this letter, many of you might already be packing your bags or setting out on summer adventures. I recall two years ago, around this time, I was visiting my homeland with my family. Most of my time was spent with my mother, but we also ventured to various places. I excitedly shared with my sons, Joseph and Justin, the stories of "when I was your age" at certain landmarks. Of course, their enthusiasm didn't quite match mine! While reminiscing, we also created new memories. Alongside our planned adventures, we inevitably stumbled upon some spontaneous ones because that's just how trips go. Even in familiar places, we kept our eyes open for new discoveries.

The Hebrew Bible recounts the journeys of biblical patriarchs and matriarchs who lived out their destinies within God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah. In many ways, the narrative in Genesis unfolds like an extended road trip. Abraham and Sarah received an unexpected call from God, prompting them to leave their settled life for one on the road. Their decades-long journey, filled with both highs and lows, took them across the geography of the Middle East. However, Genesis focuses more on the geography of faith.

What makes these stories so compelling is their honest portrayal of flawed characters. Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob, Rachel, Leah, Dinah, Joseph—not one among them is unblemished. Each has faults and weaknesses, shadow sides hidden even from themselves. This honesty encourages us to lower our guards and see ourselves in their stories, reflecting the full spectrum of human light and darkness.

These stories, though sometimes entertaining, have been passed down through generations not for entertainment, but because they reveal how God interacts with humanity. Despite



July 3 Karen Messamer

July 4 Dennis Ireland

July 6 Steve Cochran

July 7 Dara Paulsen

July 8 Amanda Foster

July 10 Emmett Ewing

July 12 Helen Shrader

July 13 Victoria Laird

July 14 Dave Dixon

July 16 Victoria Carmer & Vickie Arkema

July 22 Mike Laird

July 23 Janet Johnson

July 26 Julie Hyland

July 28 Janet Osweiler



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!

We are needing volunteers for Acolytes, Lector and Scripture Reading. If you are able to help, please sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex. Thank you to all of our volunteers, we appreciate you!

St Paul Congregational UCC & First Christian Church (DOC) presents...

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4-7 PM

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frustrations, God never gives up on the human family. If there is any better news, I don't know what it could be. God's relationship with us is "for better or for worse"; God's passionate love is "as fierce as the grave" and enduring. Wherever summer takes us, let's hold fast to this truth. By doing so, we'll notice the countless ways God accompanies us through our journeys.


Wherever you are this summer, walk in God's covenant and build new and beautiful memories along the way.

In His Grace,  
Pastor Jihoon

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Elevator:** we recently had to replace the outside elevator buttons by the sanctuary. Please do not use excessive force when pressing these buttons. They are sensitive and just need to be pressed gently. Thank you.
- Education Committee will resume monthly meetings starting in September.
- There are many opportunities to sponsor a KMZN radio broadcast of the worship service in 2024. Sponsorships are \$125 and can be in honor or memory of a person or an event. Contact the church office to schedule your sponsorship

# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b> 	5	6 Wedding
7 Communion	8	9	10 6:00p—Finance Committee 6:30p—Trustees	11	12	13
14 Speaker—Cindy Drost Special Music—Tim Foster	15	16 6:30p—SPRC	17 6:30p—AD Council	18	19	20
21 Special Music: Cindy Drost Andrea Dursky-Offertory	22	23	24 6:00p—Worship Committee	25	26	27
28 Special Music: Jeff Vandevender	29	30	31			