



CHIMES

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9/1—Travis Miller
9/2—Gary Engel, Bob Morris, David Canfield, Kinley Clayton, Joseph Wissler
9/3—Cheryl Lockwood, Scott Ewing
9/4—Bill Ludwick
9/7—Emma Kain, Rick Hersom, Whitney VanWyk
9/8—Barb Donnelly
9/9—Dennis Dursky, Jessie Eveland
9/10—Brent Knoot
9/11—Marilyn Porter, Kim Benson
9/13—DeAnn Knoot
9/15—Justin Clayton
9/16—Auda Childs
9/19—Steve Burnett, Logan Plate
9/20—Linda Lindgren
9/22—Gary Shrader
9/23—Jeff Akers
9/24—Reg Randau
9/25—Estelle Edwards
9/27—Sandy Powers
9/29—Aurora Carmer



*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in
unity! Psalm 133:1*



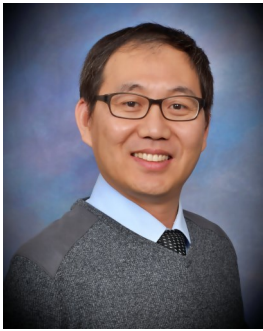
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A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Greetings, Central UMC Community!

As summer's golden days slowly fade, we find ourselves on the brink of September—a time for transitions, reflections, and perhaps a hint of nostalgia. It's that bittersweet season when we reluctantly pack away swimsuits, bid adieu to leisurely vacations, and start to embrace the crisp promise of autumn. September often brings with it a sense of "return." Children don their backpacks and head back to school, parents re-discover the rhythm of routine, and, yes, the church community awakens from its summer slumber with renewed energy and purpose.

At Central UMC, September heralds the return of many cherished traditions: conferences that stir our hearts and minds, festive gatherings that fill our spirits, the mid-week Advent Bible study that deepens our faith, and soon enough, the joyous preparations for Christmas. And let's not forget For some, September also marks a personal return—to the warmth and fellowship of the church.

Summer's freedom often invites us to relax, explore, and, unfortunately, sometimes let go of our regular worship routines. It's easy to see church attendance as something from which we can take a "break," as though our spiritual lives might be temporarily put on hold while we enjoy the sunshine. Yet, how comforting it is to know that God doesn't operate on a seasonal schedule! The psalmist reminds us with poignant clarity: "He will not let your foot slip—He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" (Psalm 121:3-4). Isn't it reassuring? While we might hit the snooze button on our alarms (and perhaps on our faith practices), God remains ever-watchful, never dozing off or losing track of us. He's the ultimate multitasker—always at work through His Son, Jesus Christ, tirelessly laboring for our sake. When we gather for worship, Jesus is actively present

Rally Sunday Soup Lunch Potluck

September 8th at 11:45



Soup will be furnished: Ham & Beans, Potato Soup, and Stuffed Pepper Soup.

If you would like, you're more than welcome to bring something to share.

Noisy Offering!

Sunday September 8th
Bring your loose change to donate.

For Food Pantry's
of New Sharon & Eddyville

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Join us for trunk or TREAT



SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 27TH



Lector/Scripture Reading: 9/1 - Amber Shouse, 9/8 –Aaron Shouse, 9/15 –Sharoll Ed-
mundson, 9/22 –Cheryl Lockwood, 9/29 –Jackson Lahner

Audio/Video Booth: 9/ 1 -Scott Ewing, Mike Dursky, & Justin Lee, 9/8 -Aaron & Amber
Shouse, & Lilia Morris, 9/15 -Scott Ewing, Mike Dursky, & Justin Lee, 9/22 -Bryan Johnson,
Janet Johnson, & Nate Lahner, 9/29 - Scott Ewing, Mike Dursky, & Justin Lee

Greeters: 9/1– Duane, Elaine, & Jessie Eveland, 9/8- ? 9/15– Sharoll and Hal Edmundson

ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you are needing the pattern instructions for the book pillows, please contact the church office. The pillows will need to be turned in mid November, so that they can be distributed in December.

October 5th—Church Clean-Up day from 8:30—until done, around noon. Please join us if you are able to help.

Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 27th, start planning your trunk ideas.

Christmas Parade is scheduled Dec. 7, with the theme “Twinkling Christmas.” Would you be willing to help plan the float decorations? Do you have any space close to downtown where a float could be assembled? Contact the church office.

among us, doing what He does best. In the invocation, He reassures us of our baptismal identity, eternally united with Him in His death and resurrection. As we confess our sins, He doesn’t just listen—He removes them, casting them into the depths of forgetfulness (absolution). Through the readings, His voice echoes through the ages, teaching, convicting, and most importantly, inviting us back to His embrace for rest, comfort, and life. And as we approach the Lord’s Table, it’s Jesus Himself who meets us, sustaining us with His very presence and promising, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

The psalmist’s words offer a timeless invitation: “If you want to find the God who constantly watches over you, cares for you, and guides you, lift up your eyes and look on high; think where your help is coming from.” As we step into September, let it be a time not only of returning to routines but of returning to God. Whether it’s in the familiarity of Sunday worship or the quiet moments of everyday life, we are called to draw near to the One who never takes a break from us. Let this season be a reminder that God is not bound by calendars or clocks. He is ever-present, ever-vigilant, and ever-ready to bestow upon us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation—anytime, anywhere.

The Lord be with you,
Pastor Jihoon

Attendance Records

8/4	72
8/11	82
8/18	73
8/25	72

Financial Reports

July 2024 Income	\$12,952.72
July 2024 Expense	\$19,267.78
Difference	(\$6,315.06)
Total Yearly Income	\$201,691.59
Total Yearly Expense	\$142,108.11
Difference	\$77,583.48

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 ED—6:00P SPRC—6:30P	5	6	7
8 Rally Sunday Soup Pot- luck Noisy Offering	9	10	11 Finance—6:00p Trustees—6:30p	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 AD Council—6:30p	19 SUDS OF LOVE 4-7p	20	21
22	23	24	25 Worship—6:30p	26	27	28
29 Hat Sunday Adult S.S. Starts	30					