

MONTHLY REPORTS

July 2024

The Finance Committee Report

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

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

July 7th	64
July 14th	62
July 21st	67
July 28th	74

CHIMES

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“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:2-3 NIV)



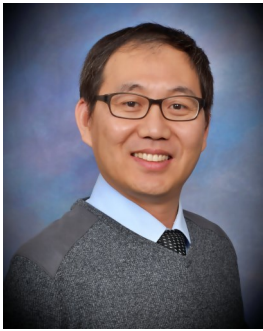
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A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Greetings, Oskaloosa Central UMC Community!

It's hard to believe it's already been a year since my family and I moved to this wonderful community. My heart overflows with gratitude for the time we've shared together. Thank you for being such a welcoming and supportive congregation.

I'm reminded of an encounter we had at Costco a long time ago. An elderly couple noticed us with our then three-year-old Joseph and left us with an unforgettable piece of wisdom: "Seize the day, young man! Life is moving faster than it used to." How right they were! I've seen life speed up, and I've tried to seize each day in this lovely community. Perhaps you've noticed the same thing—life seems to move faster and faster.

One reason life feels faster may be the sheer number of choices we have now. My sons enjoy video games I never knew existed. Entertainment has exploded from a few TV stations to hundreds of cable channels and on-demand services like Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu. Our weekends are filled with games, practices, recitals, and travel. Options for music, books, and news sources abound, and the list keeps growing. As our options increase, so does the pace of life.

"Dorothy Moments" are those times when we realize that things are not as they used to be. Just as Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz realized she wasn't in Kansas anymore, our "Dorothy Moments" come when we recognize that life will never be the same. What once worked doesn't work anymore. What we could once rely on is no longer reliable. This is true in our families, our jobs, and in our church.

We can view this new reality in two ways. Some try to recapture the past, but often, this only works temporarily, if at all. While we might long for the "Good Ole Days," deep down, we know those days are gone. Our other option is to embrace our new reality, celebrating and seizing new opportunities. Embracing the future means keeping our eyes and ears wide open to possibilities we've never seen before.



August 3rd Diane Gordy

August 9th Dorothy Butler

August 11th Wilma Brown & Miraldo Michel

August 13th Sandra Voss

August 16th Emily Carriker

August 18th Heather Wilker

August 22nd Barbara Johnson

August 23rd Ken Howard

August 27th Eileen Blom

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.



Lector/Scripture Reading:

Aug. 4—Marilyn Porter

Aug. 11—Cindy Drost

Aug. 18—Nick Messamer

Aug. 25—Lilia Morris

Special Music:

Aug. 4—?

Aug. 11—Sage Cochran

Aug. 18—?

Aug. 25—Tim Foster

Audio/Video Booth:

Aug. 4—Scott Ewing, Mike Dursky, & Justin Lee

Aug. 11—Aaron & Amber Shouse, & Lilia Morris

Aug. 18—Scott Ewing, Mike Dursky, & Justin Lee

Aug. 25—Bryan Johnson, Janet Johnson, & Nate Lahner

Greeters:

Aug 4—Aaron & Amber Shouse

Aug. 11—Marilyn & Dave Porter

Aug. 18—Sandra Parker

Aug. 25—?

After Jesus was crucified and resurrected, Peter looked around and said, “I’m going fishing” (John 21:3). Fishing was what Peter knew; he returned to what was familiar. Going back to what we know will always be our tendency and temptation. We are comfortable with the way things used to be. Looking forward to an unknown and uncertain future can make us apprehensive, nervous, and fearful. We all feel the pull to return to the way things were, but God calls us to move forward to better days.

Life is indeed faster now, and things aren't as they once were. While it's natural to feel nostalgic and yearn for the “Good Ole Days,” God continually moves us forward, presenting new opportunities to share His love, grace, and peace. We are called to move forward with God into the “Good New Days.” Our God does not reside in the past; He is present with us now, guiding us into new opportunities and possibilities. As we seek to faithfully follow Him, let us do so with open eyes, open ears, and open hearts.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jihoon

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

SUDS OF LOVE
OSKALOOSA
No Strings Attached
A partnership outreach of St. Paul Congregational UCC and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

FREE LAUNDRY NIGHT

Need a Ride? Call or Text 641-638-1203

Bring your laundry to Stop & GO Laundromat at 1308 A Ave East in Oskaloosa.

AUGUST 15
4-7 PM

Do your laundry FOR FREE!! (no strings attached!)

Laundry soap provided

End of Month Meals

Tues. July 30 & Thurs. August 1
St. Mary's Parish Center
301 High Ave E

Tues. August 27 & Thurs. August 29
Central UMC
201 N Market St

Tues. Sept 24 & Thurs. Sept 26
St. Paul Congregational UCC
501 High Ave E

FREE Community Meals!

Doors Open @ 5
Meal @ 5:30

Food & Helpers Tuesdays - Central UMC, St. Paul
Food & Helpers Thursdays - First Presbyterian, St. Mary's

The Taylor Scholarship Committee would like to announce that the 2024-25 recipients for the Clark and Ethel Taylor Scholarships are:

*~Callie Lindgren & Lawson Morris~
Congratulations and blessings to you both as you continue your academic journey!*

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 SPRC—6:30p	7	8	9	10
11 Special Music—Sage Cochran	12 Vision Team—6:30p	13	14 Finance—6:00p Trustees—6:30p	15 SUDS OF LOVE	16	17
18	19	20	21 AD Council—6:30p Caring Lunch—11:30a	22	23 First Day Back to School!	24
25 Special Music—Tim Foster	26	27 EOMM @ CUMC 5:30p	28 Worship—6:00p	29 EOMM @ CUMC 5:30p	30	31