

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

11/03 Bill Akason, Marilyn Miller, Hazel Foster

11/04 Diane Andeway

11/07 Jerry Staton, Kelly Luck, Cale Holmberg

11/08 Mary Ann Hoy

11/10 Mary Sandholdt

11/11 Frank Kminek

11/13 Doug Eckley, Paige Howard

11/15 Lisa Van Rheenen, Dan Gallagher, Gemma Lahner

11/17 Brett Ewing

11/18 Dennis Shankster, Ben Moorman, Stephanie Gordon, Pamela Mattes

11/19 Marilyn Krusemark, Lesley Lyman, Ron Arkema, Gabe Wagner

11/20 Kelly Asperheim

11/22 Michelle Lahner

11/23 Amanda Braden

11/24 Zoe Lynch, Darrell Hoogheem

11/25 Marie Veto

11/28 Christy Boston, Pearl West

11/29 Heather Swank

11/30 Katie Nimtz, Deb Johnson, Emily Russell, Mary Lou Sedrel

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*"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who
forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."*

Psalm 103:2-3



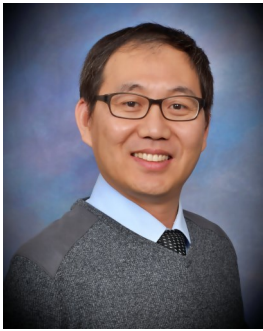
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A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Dear Saints of Central UMC Community,

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.” – Hebrews 12:1-2

As November unfolds, our thoughts naturally turn heavenward. On All Saints Day, November 1st, we celebrate the hope we have as Christians, that those who die in faith still live in Christ. This season also invites us to reflect on the return of Christ and the eternal hope that awaits us. November is indeed a time to lift our hearts to heaven, yet we also look around and see the saints here with us, those who walk beside us on our journey of faith.

Hebrews reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. On Sundays, this is beautifully true—you are gathered with fellow Christians seated in front, behind, and beside you. But among these saints are also our elderly members, those who may not always be with us in person. Many are homebound, in hospitals, or in care facilities, yet they remain part of our community of faith, woven into the fabric of our spiritual family. These cherished members are saints whose lives embody the faith we seek to honor and respect.

In our culture, so often focused on youth, we can overlook the wisdom and beauty that come with age. We sometimes groan at new wrinkles or sigh over aches, seeing them as signs of loss. But as Christians, we’re called to see these signs differently—not as symbols of fading youth, but as marks of grace, reminders of a life sustained by Christ.



2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Noisy Offerings!

Sunday November 10th bring your loose change to donate.

Adopt-a-Family

Remember, your change and dollars will make a difference!
Thanks for sharing!



Sunday, November 10 at 11:15
in the Fellowship Hall

Beef Liver and Onions

Liver and Onions, for others there will be pulled pork, cheesy potato's, green beans, baked beans, and desserts.



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

FREE LAUNDRY NIGHT

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

NOVEMBER 21 4-7 PM

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

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

Laundry soap provided

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



We are in need of volunteers in multiple areas. Please check the sign-up board to see where you can possibly help.

If you are interested in helping with the Education Committee, please call the church office for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Sunday: November 3 is our Stewardship Sunday, a day to consider how our hands, reaching out in faith and generosity, can help fulfill the mission God has entrusted to us in 2025. As we prepare for this special Sunday, we invite you to begin praying and preparing your heart to make a financial commitment. Pledge cards will be available in the Narthex. With your support, our church's hands will continue to reach out in love, service, and grace to our community and beyond.

Christmas Parade: December 1st from 2-4p will be the building session and the parade is scheduled for December 7.

Christmas Program: December 15th



Every wrinkle and silver strand is a testimony to years walked in faith. And as our bodies slow down, we can choose gratitude, knowing that we are being drawn closer to God's promise of eternal life.

During Thanksgiving, we often give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy—our families, our homes, our health. But beyond the blessings of what we have, we also have the blessing of who we are becoming in Christ. Our elderly members, those who have journeyed through life's trials and joys, are living examples of enduring faith, showing us that the greatest blessings are not just in the things we have, but in the deep, sustaining faith that has brought us through each season.

So, this Thanksgiving, may we look around and give thanks for our living saints. May we honor them, learn from them, and strive to live lives that reflect the faith they embody. After all, as followers of Christ, we are called to be witnesses to a faith that transcends the present, to live lives that will be celebrated not just for years, but for all eternity with our living Savior, Jesus Christ, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

May we all continue this race with perseverance, looking to Jesus and cherishing the legacy of faith within our church family.

The Lord be with you,
Pastor Jihoon

Attendance Records

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| 10/6 | 81 |
| 10/13 | 84 |
| 10/20 | 72 |
| 10/27 | 71 |

Financial Reports

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| September 2024 | \$34,847.11 |
| September 2024 Expense | \$20,060.08 |
| Difference | \$14,787.03 |
| Total Yearly Income | \$250,284.08 |
| Total Yearly Expense | \$157,221.39 |
| Difference | \$93,062.69 |



NOVEMBER 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30-Worship/KMZN | 4 ED Committee—6p | 5 | 6 Choir Practice —7:00 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:30-Worship/KMZN Children’s Choir & Noisy Offering | 11 Veterans Day OFFICES CLOSED | 12 SPRC—6:30p | 13 Finance—6:00p Trustees—6:30pm Choir Practice—7:00 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:30-Worship/KMZN | 18 Worship—6:30p | 19 | 20 AD Council—6:30p Choir Practice—7:00 | 21 Vision —6:30p | 22 | 23 Wedding |
| 24 9:30-Worship/KMZN | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving Day OFFICES CLOSED | 29 OFFICES CLOSED | 30 |