

JANUARY Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Duane Eveland, Paiven Knoot
- Jan. 6 Daniel Foster
- Jan. 11 Greg Gordy
- Jan. 13 Shannon Van Rheen
- Jan. 19 Ben Wilker
- Jan. 20 Steve Van Rheen
- Jan. 26 Jill Dursky

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

FREE LAUNDRY NIGHT

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

OSKALOOSA Strings Attached
A partnership outreach of St. Paul Congregational UCC and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Laundry soap provided

JANUARY 16 4-7 PM

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

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

"I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."

Psalms 89:1 NIV

Attendance Records

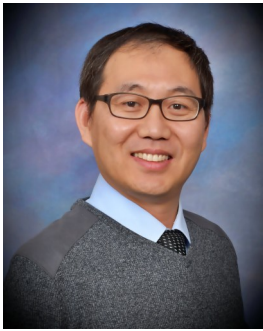
12/1	75
12/8	79
12/15	75
12/22	75
12/24	142
12/29	60

Financial Reports

November 2024 Income	\$17,799.82
November 2024 Expense	\$13,812.48
Difference	\$3,987.34
Total Yearly Income	\$282,029.05
Total Yearly Expense	\$185,527.04
Difference	\$96,502.01



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A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Beloved of God,

As we step into a new year, one of my favorite traditions is exploring the innovations and trends that define each coming season. Every December, countless articles and reports celebrate the best products of the past year and the promising breakthroughs ahead—gadgets that claim to simplify our lives and technologies that promise to connect us like never before. It’s fascinating to see the creativity and effort behind these developments.

Yet, if we take a moment to reflect on the countless innovations over the decades, we might notice something striking: while we’ve made many advancements, true progress in some areas remains elusive. New medicines are developed to treat diseases, yet sickness still touches countless lives. Communication tools have evolved dramatically, yet meaningful, heartfelt conversations often feel rarer than ever. Devices designed to make life easier sometimes complicate it further with steep learning curves and endless updates. It seems Solomon captured this reality perfectly when he wrote:

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, ‘Look! This is something new’? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time” (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 NIV).

In the midst of all this striving for the new, how comforting it is to turn to something unchanging—the Word of God. Year after year, it remains steadfast. Some may think its timelessness makes it predictable or dull, but the opposite is true. Every time we open the Scriptures, we discover fresh insights, experience God’s guidance anew, and



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feel our faith deepen. God's Word is alive, offering hope and wisdom that transcend the passage of time.

Our God Himself is unchanging: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8 NIV). This unchanging nature of God brings profound comfort. It assures us that His love, care, and promises are unwavering. He has been faithful in the past, and we can trust He will remain faithful in the future.

While God's nature and Word remain constant, we are called to embrace change—change that aligns our hearts with His will. The start of a new year invites us to turn from sin, seek the Lord wholeheartedly, and renew our commitment to His teachings. Imagine if 2025 became the year we grew closer to God than ever before, walking in faith, hope, and love. And who knows? 2025 may even be the year of the Lord's return! Let us be ready with pure hearts and clean hands, prepared to welcome Him with joy.

As we journey into this new year, my prayer for each of you is that you experience the depth of God's blessings, the richness of His love, and the steadfastness of His promises. May 2025 be a year of growth, renewal, and abundant grace for us all.

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Pastor Jihoon



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Epiphany Sunday	6	7	8 Finance—6p Trustees—6:30p Choir—7p	9	10	11
Communion						
12 Baptism of the Lord	13	14	15 Luncheon—11:30a AD Council—6:30p	16	17	18
19 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	20	21	22 Worship—6:00p Choir—7p	23	24	25
Human Relations Day						
26 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	27	28	29 Choir—7p	30	31	