

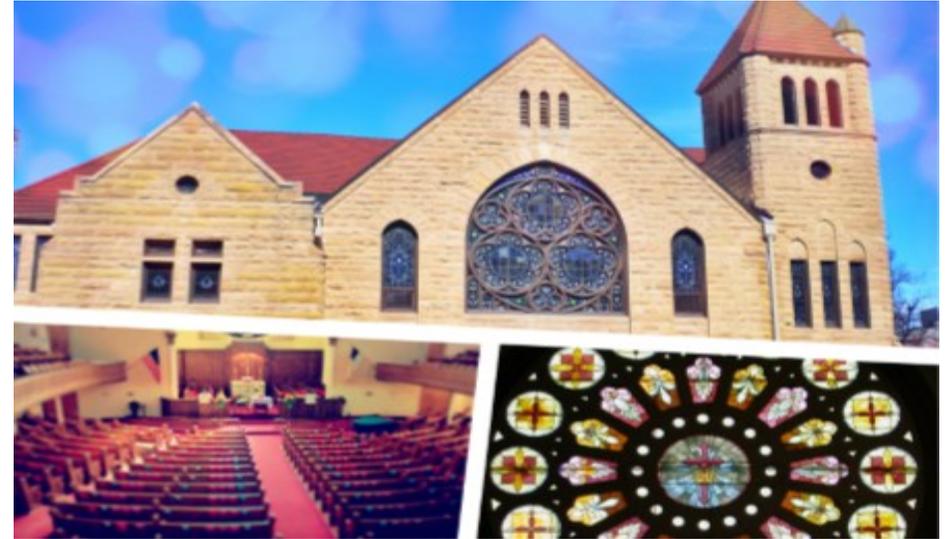
MARCH Birthdays

3/1 Danny Voss
 3/3 Jill Ewing
 3/6 John Adair
 3/13 Leilani Vande Wall
 3/14 Norah Foster, Hazel McGee, Luca McGee
 3/20 Robin Haigh-Van Wyk
 3/22 Pat Dixon, Mike Dursky
 3/23 Aaron Hook
 3/25 Kyle Ewing, Janelle Canfield, Melissa Moorman
 3/26 Joyce Capps
 3/30 Lyndsey Michel

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“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. .”

1 John 4:16 NIV

Attendance Records

2/1	60
2/8	78
2/15	79
2/22	78

Financial Reports

January 2026 Income	\$36,796.77
January 2026 Expense	\$22,495.39
Difference	\$14,301.38
Total 2026 Yearly Income	\$36,796.77
Total 2026 Yearly Expense	\$22,495.39
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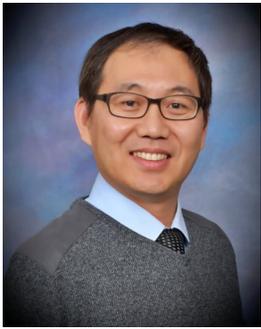
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A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Dear Friends Walking the Way,

The other day I found myself following GPS directions I did not fully trust. The voice said, “Turn left.” It did not look right. The road seemed smaller, less familiar, even inconvenient. For a moment I considered ignoring it. But I turned anyway. A few minutes later, I realized the unfamiliar road was actually the better way.

Most of us know what it feels like to walk a path we did not plan. Life rarely unfolds in straight lines. We set goals, build routines, and then something shifts—a diagnosis, a difficult conversation, a new responsibility, or a quiet restlessness in the soul. We keep moving, but we begin to wonder: Am I on the right road?

That question is at the heart of Lent. Lent is not simply about giving something up. It is about paying attention to the direction of our lives. It invites us to slow down long enough to ask where we are headed—and who we are following. This March, from the Second Sunday of Lent through Palm/Passion Sunday, most of our month will be shaped by that journey. In worship and in our six-week Bible study, we will walk with Adam Hamilton’s *The Way*, tracing the footsteps of Jesus and reflecting on what it means to follow him today.

In *The Way*, we see that Jesus’ life unfolded with intention. After his baptism came the wilderness. After the wilderness came ministry. After ministry came the road to Jerusalem and the cross. None of it was accidental. The wilderness was not a detour; it was preparation. The cross was not failure; it was faithful obedience. Jesus walked in trust, even when the path grew hard.

CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

CUMC will cover half the cost for each camper from our church. Just be sure to only pay up to half at the time of registration. If are unable to pay half of the cost, the camp does have a campership fund you can apply for to help with the cost of camp. The sooner you apply the better. There will be paper applications downstairs if you prefer to register that way. Contact the church office if you have any questions.
www.iaumc.org/camps



COLLEGE STUDENTS

All college students who are interested in receiving a Clark and Ethel Taylor Scholarship for the 2025-26 school year can obtain an application form from the office. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- * Active Member of Central United Methodist Church during high school years
- * Have completed one year of college, technical, or vocational school after graduation from high school-this scholarship can only be used for the sophomore, junior, or senior years
- * Accumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- * Be a full-time student

The completed application form and a school transcript must be submitted by June 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor's Continuing Education Schedule:**

As part of his continuing education, Rev. Jihoon and Esther will attend a Spiritual Formation program at the Abbey of Gethsemani from February 27 through March 6.

On Sunday, March 1, Cindy Drost will share the message during worship in Rev. Jihoon's absence.

Thank you for keeping them in your prayers during this time.

- **Noisy Offering** will be collected on March 8th. The offering will go to the Ecumenical Food Pantry with "Fill the Truck Sunday."
- **Communion**—will be March 8th upon Rev. Jihoon's return.
- **Meal Train**—The **Shouse Family** has a meal train set up. If you would like to sign-up to bring them a meal follow this link <https://mealtrain.com/oezykn> to see the available days.
- **College Ministry**— We are inviting the church family to participate in the support of our college students and any military personnel that we know. In order to do this, we are inviting EVERYONE in our church to share a card or note to these members. Notes of encouragement, what is happening in our church family, what's going on in your life, will give them sense of belonging and connection to us. **March 29 and April 26** are the next dates for the cards/notes pickup.

That matters because we know something about wilderness. It may not be a desert of sand, but it can feel just as dry. It may look like uncertainty about the future, tension in a relationship, financial pressure, or a season when God feels quiet. Lent reminds us that wilderness does not mean God has left us. Often, it is where God shapes us. The very places we would avoid can become the places where our faith deepens.

Discipleship, then, is not about dramatic spiritual moments. It is about daily direction. It is about choosing forgiveness when resentment would be easier. It is about generosity when fear says hold back. It is about prayer before reaction and humility in a culture of self-promotion. The way of Jesus is walked one step at a time, in ordinary days that quietly form our hearts.

As we engage this Lenten season—through worship, through studying *The Way*, through reflection and prayer—I invite you to consider one simple question: Where is Christ inviting me to walk differently? Not in theory, but in practice. Not someday, but today. The road may look unfamiliar. It may seem inconvenient. But the way of Jesus always leads toward life.

By the end of March, we will hear "Hosanna" and wave palm branches together. Yet even that celebration points to a deeper truth: the way of Christ moves through surrender before it leads to resurrection. The cross comes before the empty tomb.

The good news is that we do not walk alone. The One who walked the roads of Galilee walks beside us still. He guides us when we are unsure, steadies us when we are tempted to turn away, and leads us step by step in grace.

Let us walk this road together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jihoon Lee

FREE LAUNDRY NIGHT

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

Laundry soap provided

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Guest Speaker: Cindy Drost Lenten Bible Study	2	3	4 ED Committee—6:00pm	5	6	7
8 Lenten Bible Study	9	10 SPRC—6:30	11 Finance—6:00pm Trustees—6:30pm Choir—7:00pm	12	13	14
15 Kiwanis Reserved Fellowship Hall 11:30am—2:00pm Lenten Bible Study	16	17	18 AD Council—6:30pm Choir—7:00pm	19	20	21
22 Lenten Bible Study	23	24	25 Choir—7:00pm	26 Rotary Club Reserved Fellowship Hall—ALL DAY	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Lenten Bible Study	30 Holy Week March 30—April 4	31				