

# NOVEMBER Birthdays



- 11/03 Bill Akason, Hazel Foster
- 11/04 Diane Andeway
- 11/07 Jerry Staton,
- 11/08 Mary Ann Hoy
- 11/10 Mary Sandholdt
- 11/11 Frank Kminek
- 11/12 Jordan Drost
- 11/15 Lisa Van Rheenen, Gemma Lahner
- 11/16 Nyla Canfield
- 11/17 Brett Ewing
- 11/18 Ben Moorman, Pamela Mattes
- 11/19 Marilyn Krusemark, Ron Arkema,
- 11/20 Kelly Asperheim
- 11/22 Michelle Lahner
- 11/24 Darrell Hoogheem



# CHIMES

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“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” 1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)

## Poinsettia ORDERS



**Due November 23**



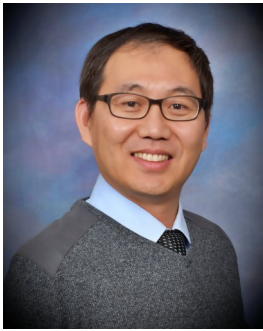
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# A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Dear pilgrims of the changing seasons,

November has a strange rhythm to it. It's a month that lives in the in-between. The leaves have fallen, yet winter has not fully arrived. The fields are quiet, yet the barns are full. The days grow shorter, but homes grow warmer. November seems to hold its breath between what has been and what is yet to come.

It is also the month of many memories. On the first Sunday, we light candles and whisper names on All Saints Sunday—remembering those who have gone before us. Each flame flickers as a small resurrection, a testimony that love outlasts death. We stand in the quiet company of those who finished their race, and we thank God that the story of faith didn't end with them—it continues in us.

And then, just a few weeks later, the calendar turns to Advent, the season that calls us to watch for new life. The cry of a child will soon pierce the winter air, and hope will return wrapped in swaddling clothes. Between these two Sundays—one that honors the dead and one that anticipates birth—lies Thanksgiving, the bridge that holds them together.

Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is the thread that ties past and future, heaven and earth. It is the sacred act of remembering how God has guided us through the valleys and the harvests alike. Around our tables, generations gather—parents, children, grandparents—and stories are told again. We pass mashed potatoes and memories. We laugh. We cry. And without realizing it, we are doing what Israel once did during its great festivals: remembering the mighty acts of God and passing the testimony to the next generation.

“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” — Psalm 100:5

That, perhaps, is November's quiet invitation—to become a people who remember well and hope deeply. Between death and birth, between endings and beginnings, we are



November 23 following service,  
we will be decorating the  
church for Christmas. Please  
consider staying to help with

## Cornucopia Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food items till Nov. 23, to give to the ecumenical cupboard. Please place donations in the cornucopia.



🍴 End of Month Meals 🍴

Mon., Nov. 24 & Tues Nov., 25

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Central UMC  
201 N Market St.

Doors Open @ 5 - Meal @ 5:30  
EOMM hosts and helpers are: Central UMC, St. Paul Congregational UCC,  
First Presbyterian Church, and St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Birthday Card Shower

Marilyn Krusemark's family would like to celebrate her 90th birthday on November 19th with a card shower. If you would like to send her a card to celebrate, her address is **(1005 Arbor Trace Dr., Oskaloosa, IA 52577.)**

From the family THANK YOU! - Julie Krusemark, Curtis & Heather Krusemark & Kids, Chrissy & Rodger Yoder & Kids, and Cailen & Johnathan & kids.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **All Saints Sunday—November 2** A time to remember loved ones that are no longer with us. (Daylight Saving Time ends this day, don't forget to change your clocks)
- **Pledge Sunday— November 9** 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.
- **Advent Bible Study**  
Join us for a 4-week Advent study using *Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado.  
Leader: Rev. Jihoon Lee  
When: Sundays after worship, beginning November 30  
Where: Blue Room  
  
All are welcome! To join, please sign up through the church office or contact Pastor Jihoon.
- **Congregational Card Shower:** 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. There will be a list of the students so you can write a note to all of them. There will be a basket located in the Narthex, clearly marked, where cards can be dropped. These will be mailed as a group to each person. Dates have been designated for ~~September 28, 2025~~—November 2, 2025—December 7, 2025—February 7, 2026—March 29, 2026—April 26, 2026

called to gratitude. Gratitude opens our hearts to see that life, even in its turning seasons, is still held by the same faithful hands.

As a church, we are part of that same rhythm. We look back with gratitude for those who have built, given, sung, served, and prayed before us. Their fingerprints still mark our sanctuary walls and their faith still echoes in our hymns. But we also look forward—to the young voices learning to pray, to the new ministries stirring among us, to the promise that God is not done yet.

So, as the days grow shorter and the year winds down, may we live this November with hearts wide open. Let us remember the saints with gratitude. Let us gather our families with joy. Let us enter Advent with wonder. Between the saints and the manger, between the candles and the cradle, may we find ourselves once again held in the mercy of the God who gives life, redeems death, and fills every season with love.

With gratitude and peace,  
Pastor Jihoon



### Attendance Records      Financial Reports

10/5	87	September 2025	\$13,054.96
10/12	95	September 2025 Expense	\$25,166.07
10/20	71	Difference	(\$12,111.11)
10/26	65	Total Yearly Income	\$186,134.06
		Total Yearly Expense	\$174,141.30
		Difference	\$11,992.76



# November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						I All Saints Day
2 9:30-Worship/KBOE All Saints Sunday	3	4	5 ED—6:30 Choir—7:00	6	7 Finance Office Closed	8
9 9:30-Worship/KBOE Pledge Sunday	10 SPRC—6:30 Finance Office Closed	11 Veteran's Day Offices Closed	12 Luncheon—11:30 Finance—6:00 Trustees—6:30 Choir—7:00	13	14	15
16 9:30-Worship/KBOE	17 Nomination Committee—6:30	18	19 AD Council—6:30 Choir 7:00	20	21	22
23 9:30-Worship/KBOE Christmas Decorating	24 EOMM –5:30	25 EOMM –5:30 Worship—6:00	26 No Choir Practice	27 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed	28 Offices Closed	29
30 9:30-Worship/KBOE						