



# CHIMES

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June 5th Lilia Morris, Nathan Lahner  
 June 8th Dane Bollinger, Joseph Lee  
 June 11th Erik McGee  
 June 13th Justin Lee  
 June 16th Jay Fox, Delila Wilker  
 June 17th Janan Clark  
 June 29th Abby Lindgren, Brenna Lindgren, Callie Lindgren

## Attendance Records

4/26	56
5/3	71
5/10	77
5/17	86
5/24	65

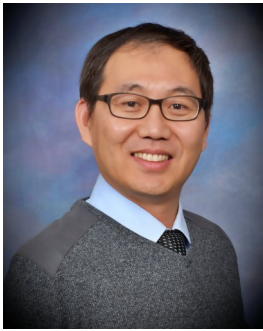
## Financial Reports

April 2026 Income	\$23,989.23
April 2026 Expense	25,968.67
Difference	(\$1,979.44)
Total 2026 Yearly Income	\$98,008.19
Total 2026 Yearly Expense	\$110,221.13
Difference	(\$12,212.94)

*“Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.” Psalm 30:4 (NIV)*



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# A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Dear Friends Growing under the Summer Sun of Grace,

June brings us into the doorway of summer. The days grow longer. The light lingers in the evening. Gardens begin to stretch upward. Fields turn green. Families plan trips, children finish school, graduates step into new chapters, and many of us begin to look for a slower rhythm, even if only for a little while.

There is something hopeful about summer. It feels like an open window. A deep breath. A season of possibility. And yet, summer is not only gentle. The same sun that warms the garden can also dry the ground. The same light that helps the corn grow can make the air heavy and the day long. Summer gives rest, but it also brings heat. It offers beauty, but it also asks endurance.

Perhaps that is why summer can speak so honestly to our lives. Some of us enter this season with joy. Good news has come. A door has opened. A graduation has been celebrated. A future that once felt uncertain now looks bright. There is reason to smile, reason to give thanks, reason to breathe.

Some of us enter this season differently. The next step is not yet clear. A prayer has not yet been answered. A body is tired. A heart is carrying something quiet. The sun may be shining outside, but inside, the road still feels uncertain. Most of us know both places. Sometimes even at the same time.

Jesus gives us a word for every season: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (John 15:4). He does not say, "Produce fruit by yourself." He does not say, "Try harder until you become strong enough." He says, "Abide." Stay connected. Remain in my love. Let my life flow into yours.

A branch does not bear fruit by clenching its fists. It bears fruit by staying connected to the vine. That is a word for those stepping into bright tomorrows. Your success, your opportunity, your open door—these are gifts. Receive them with gratitude. But do not run so fast into the future that you forget the One who gives life to the branch. Fruit ripens best when it remains close to the vine.

End of Month Meals

Tues. June 23 & Thurs. June 25

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St. Paul Congregational UCC  
501 High Ave E

**FREE  
Community  
Meals!**

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

## 2026 Oskaloosa Summer Lunch Program

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**From JUNE - AUGUST**

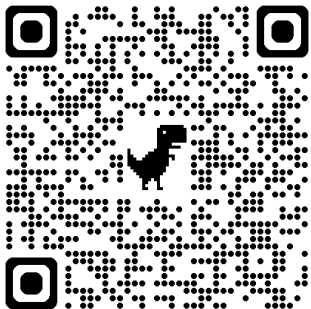
<b>Oskaloosa Public Library</b> 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>College Avenue Friends Park</b> 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM
<b>Oskaloosa Middle School</b> 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Webster School</b> 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
<b>Oskaloosa Elementary School</b> 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	<b>University Park Community Center</b> 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

GRAB & GO MEALS  
ONE PICK UP PER CHILD  
Ages 18 & Under • No Income Limits

**UNITED WAY**  
Mahaska County  
This is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fellowship Luncheon:** June 17, 2026 at 11:30am—There will be Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Salad, and Deserts. RSVP at 641-672-2564 by June 12th.
- **VBS Registration:** Be sure to register your kids for VBS. The QR code below will take you to an online registration form.
- **VBS Volunteers:** We are in need of helpers. If you are interested in helping this year with VBS, please sign-up on the sheet located in the Narthex or let the church office know.



And it is also a word for those walking through heat. Your waiting, your uncertainty, your weariness—these are not signs that God has left you. The branch does not choose the weather. It simply stays connected to the source of life. Sunshine, rain, heat, waiting—all of it can become part of the fruit.

James writes, “The testing of your faith produces endurance” (James 1:3). This does not mean hardship is easy. It does not mean we should pretend the heat does not burn. It means that, in God’s care, even difficult seasons are not wasted. Grace can deepen roots in the very soil we would not have chosen.

So perhaps the invitation of June is not only to rest, and not only to prepare for what comes next. Perhaps the deeper invitation is to abide. To breathe with Christ. To receive the light without worshipping it. To endure the heat without being destroyed by it. To trust that growth is happening, even when it is slow, hidden, and unfinished.

Summer reminds us that life with God is not always rushed. Fruit does not appear overnight. Gardens do not grow by panic. Souls do not mature by pressure alone. We grow by grace, by time, by light, by endurance, and above all, by remaining in Christ.

So this June, whether your next season feels bright or uncertain, peaceful or demanding, may you hear the gentle voice of Jesus: “Abide in me.”

Stay close to the Vine.

There is grace enough for the light. There is grace enough for the heat. And there is grace enough for the fruit God is still growing in us.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jihoon Lee



# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Ed. Comm.—6:00p Pastor on Leave till June 7th	4	5	6 Fellowship Hall— Reserved
7 Special Speaker: Amber Shouse	8	9 SPRC—6:30p	10 Finance—6:00p Trustees—6:30p	11  Finance Office Closed Pastor away at Iowa Annual Conference till June 14th	12	13
14 Special Speaker: Lyndsey Michel	15	16	17 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30am	18	19	20
21 Happy Father's Day!	22	23	24 Worship—6:30p	25	26	27
28 Outdoor Service	29	30				