NOVEMBER Birthdays

11/03 Hazel Foster
11/04 Diane Andeway
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

Financial Reports

September 2026	$22,455.30
September 2026 Expense	$26,350.56
Difference	($3,895.26)
Total Yearly Income 2026	$190,182.42
Total Yearly Expense 2026	$228,760.08
Difference	($38,577.66)

Attendance Records

10/4	77
10/11	68
10/18	70
10/25	74

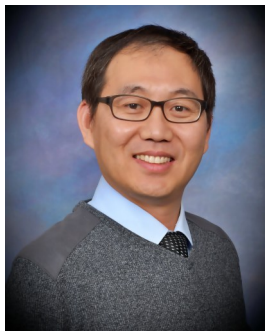
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"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)

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A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Dear Friends in Christ,

She holds the sleeve against her palm and hesitates. A little longer, perhaps. The boy was smaller when she saw him last, but children keep growing, even when they are far from home. She draws the needle through the cloth, smooths the seam, and imagines the arms that will fill it. Before long, she will carry the finished robe along the road to Shiloh.

The woman is Hannah. The boy is Samuel.

Years earlier, she had prayed through tears for a child. When Samuel was born, she received him as a gift from God and, in time, entrusted him to the Lord's service. Each year she returned with a little robe she had made for him (1 Samuel 1:27–28; 2:19). Her gratitude did not fade into a memory of answered prayer. It found something to do with her hands.

One night, Samuel heard his name called in the darkness. He ran to Eli, sure the old priest had called him. It happened again. And again. Finally, Eli understood (1 Samuel 3:1–10). The voice was God's. But Samuel was not left to learn how to listen alone. There was a mother who kept returning and an older man who gave him the words: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Perhaps you can remember someone like that. A teacher who welcomed your questions. A parent or grandparent who prayed with you. Someone at church who noticed when you were missing. Not every act of love becomes a story people tell. Some simply become part of the way we learn to recognize Christ.

Christmas Decorating

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

November 22 following service, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please consider staying after church to help with this.

Cornucopia Food Drive



We will be collecting non-perishable food items till Nov. 22, to give to the Mahaska Area Food Cupboard. Please place donations in the cornucopia in the Narthex.



If you or your family would like to volunteer to be readers this Advent season, please sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex.



Poinsettia ORDERS

Due November 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All Saints Sunday—November 1, A time to remember loved ones that are no longer with us.
- Pledge Sunday— November 8 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 2027. 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.
- Fellowship Luncheon—Traveling to Vidal's Chinese Restaurant in Albia. Anyone who is interested in carpooling please meet at 11:00am on Wednesday, November 18 in our church parking lot.
- College Care Packages: 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 December 6, 2026—February 8, 2027—April 11, 2027
- Welcome Angela Frost! We are excited to welcome Angela Frost as our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries! Angela brings valuable experience, ministry skills, and a genuine passion for helping children and youth grow in faith. We look forward to this new chapter together as we nurture the next generation in our church family. Please join us in giving Angela a warm welcome!

Walking through Central's history in our Journey of Faith series, I keep seeing those same hands. Behind the photographs and dates are people who made room for others: opening doors, teaching children, singing hymns, preparing meals, visiting neighbors. On All Saints Sunday, we remembered those whose voices we miss. Their care remains woven into who we are.

Thanksgiving gives us a chance to name those gifts, and to notice the One from whom they came. Yet gratitude has a way of reaching beyond memory. Like Hannah's robe, it takes shape in what we do next.

Our children are growing now, even when we cannot measure every inch. After a long search, we are preparing to welcome a new Children and Youth Ministry Director. I am thankful for this new beginning. But the work of helping children know Christ has always belonged to more than one person. It takes a congregation willing to remember names, listen to hesitant questions, teach, pray, and come back next Sunday.

Pledge Sunday, November 8, is another occasion to put that steady love into practice. We make commitments for another year, not because we know exactly what it will bring, but because we trust God will be at work among us. Financial gifts sustain worship and ministry. So do the hours we offer, the talents we share, the visits we make, and the prayers we keep. Together, these offerings make room for lives still unfolding.

Hannah did not know who Samuel would become. She only knew he was growing, and there was another robe to make. May we be just as attentive to the lives growing around us—and trust that, long after our work is forgotten, they may still hear the voice that called Samuel by name.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Jihoon



November 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday ED Comm.—11:30am	2	3	4 Choir—7:00pm	5 Stitching Circle 9-5pm	6	7
8 Pledge Sunday	9	10 SPRC—6:30pm	11 Veterans Day—Church Offices Closed Choir—7:00pm	12 Trustees—6:30pm Finance—6:00pm Stitching Circle 9-5pm	13	14
15 Special Music— Choir & Tim Foster	16 Worship—6:00pm	17 Nomination Comm.—6:30pm	18 Fellowship Lunch-eon—Vidal's in Albia AD Council—6:30pm Worship—6:00pm	19 Stitching Circle 9-5pm	20	21
22 Christmas Decorating	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Church Offices Closed	27 Church Offices Closed	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30					