

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE:

Ministers - Every Member of the Church
Pianist - Dee Ritter Organist - Carrie Hier
Keyboard - Steve Clark Bass - Cary Cornwell Drums - Dave Hunt
Song Leader - Jim Ladiski
Acolyte Coordinator - Sue Graham
Fellowship Coordinator – Connie Paksi



Growing in God's word ~ Living in Spiritual unity ~ Sharing faith in Christ

Serving This Week

Serving Next Week

Greeters – McClelland Family
Acolytes – Janelle McClelland
Lay Reader – Dave Hunt
Nursery - Jessi Ladiski
Children's Church – Linda Lupu, Ann Marie Buchner
Coffee Hour – McClelland & Fowler Families
Welcome Ministry - Shelley Shimunec

Wiegel Family
Melanie Coven
Ruth Clark
Amy Fowler
Sue Casler & Tara Ritter
Gwen & Melva Kelley
Russ Westbrook

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 105 Christian Life Classes - 14

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$ 1814.00
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 76.00
	Building	\$ 10.00
	Haiti – mission	\$ 238.13
	Parking Lot	\$ 25.00

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February 21, 2010 – First Sunday of Lent

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

(** - notes where to stand physically and/or spiritually)

Theme for Today: Each one of us has been uniquely designed for ministry.

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77

Greetings (see your “News You Can Use” insert)

Leader: At the United Church of Ovid, our purpose is to...

People: Grow in God’s word, live in Spiritual unity, and share faith in Christ!

Leader: And why are we here?

People: To worship!

****Time of Praise & Opening Prayer** (see insert) “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”
“Holy is the Lord”

**** Call to Worship** ¹

Leader: God, investigate our lives. Get all the facts firsthand.

All: Even from a distance You know what we’re thinking.

Leader: We’re an open book to You; we are never out of Your sight. You know everything we are going to say...everything we are going to do.

All: When we look behind and ahead, You are there.

Leader: You...have...shaped...us...and... You...know...us.

All: You know us inside and out. You know how we were made, bit by bit.

Leader: As we come to this time of worship, investigate our lives, O God.

Cross-examine us...test us...get a clear picture of what we’re about and then help us to see what You see.

All: And for those things we’ve done not according to Your plan...create in us a clean heart O God and renew a right Spirit with us...as we worship You...Amen.

Giving Back to God - **Response “Praise God from Who All...” UMH #95
****Prayer of Dedication**

Special Moment “Everlasting God” United Kids

Children’s Time (Immediately following, 0-4 year olds are invited to the nursery upstairs or those 5-10 years old are invited to Children’s Church downstairs.)

Response – “Thank you Jesus, amen! (three times) Alleluia Amen!” ²

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 pgs. 967

Reader: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Time of Reflection – Please take this time to reflect on God’s word for your life.

Prayers of the People

When indicated in the pastoral prayer, you are invited to lift up your spoken and unspoken prayers as we pray to God together. On the enclosed insert you are also invited to record your praises and prayers for next week’s bulletin.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (using “sins/sin” for “trespasses”) UMH #895
Response “Amen” - A-men. A-men. A---men. UMH #898

Message “We are SHAPed for Significance” Pastor Greg

Closing Song “Lord You Give the Great Commission” UMH #584

****Blessing and Congregational Response** - “O How He Loves You and Me” ³

“Oh how He loves you and me...Oh how He loves you and me.
He gave His life...what more could He give?

Oh how He loves you...Oh how He loves me. Oh how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv’ry did go...His love to all he did show...

What He did there...brought hope from despair.

Oh how He loves you...Oh how He loves me. Oh how He loves you and me.”

“Sending Us Out” Music - Please join us in the family center (on the opposite end of the end of the building) for a time of refreshments, community-building and fellowship.

(If you want to hear more about discovering your SHAPE, join us in the basement on Monday nights, 6:30 pm.)

¹ adapted from selections of Psalm 139 (The Message)

² “The Faith We Sing” #2081

³ PRAISE hymnal #214

News You Can Use

This Week's Calendar – February 21 through February 28

- Sunday** 9:15 am - Christian Life Classes (opening - worship area)
(Classes available for children-tweens-and adults.)
10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)
12 noon – Liturgical Dance practice (worship area)
6 pm – Lenten Service - “Stronghold”
- Monday** 3:30 pm – United Kids (basement)
(All children four years old-eighth grade are invited.)
6:30 pm – Discovering Your SHAPE Class (basement)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (basement)
- Tuesday** 9 am – Paint Class (basement)
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)
3:30 pm – Seasons of Grief Support group (library)
6 pm – Girl Scouts (basement)
6:30 pm – Trustees (library)
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm – Choir (worship area) - All joyful voices welcome!
8:00 pm – Worship (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
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Upcoming Events

The Easter Celebration (egg hunt) will be Saturday, April 3 from 10:30 am – 12:30. If you're interested in helping, please contact Jessi Ladiski at 834-9795.

“Seasons of Grief” – Bereavement Support Group – have started on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3:30 pm. Johanna Workman (MAFS), from Heartland Hospice (1-888-670-7448), a grief survivor herself, is leading the ongoing classes.

“Discovering Your Shape” (Discovery Class 301) – will be on Mondays, 6:30 pm, from February 22nd – March 29th. This class will build on the information shared on Sunday

mornings through Lent. If you want to know more about your Spiritual hard-wiring, you'll want to be there. Any questions see Pastor Greg.

Volunteers needed for...

Christian Life Class Teachers – With our new tweens class, a demand for our younger children's teachers has increased. If you would be willing to teach our preschool to third grade class (all materials provided) either full time or on a rotation, please contact Sue in the office.

Tech Table Director – Plans are well underway for our projection system and upgrade to our sound booth. When finished, we're going to need someone here each week to be sure everything runs smoothly. If you have a servant's heart, a drive for quality worship, and the God-given skills needed, please send a letter of interest indicating those traits to UCO-Tech Table, PO Box 106, Ovid, MI 48866. This is a volunteer position that will become a paid position in time. Please have your letters in by February 15, 2010.

Tech Personnel – As we transition into our new system, we need volunteers! So, we are putting together a rotating list of those who are interested in working the sound for our Sunday worship experiences. Training will be provided. See the sign-up sheet at the Front Street entrance or contact the church office for more information.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts – There are plenty of opportunities for you to be involved in both of these necessary areas. Please sign up at the sign-up table or contact Connie Paksi if you have any questions.

Deadlines: Bulletin announcements - Wednesday of each week.
Newsletter info – 15th of the month before the month of the newsletter.

Community Corner

UCO Birthdays & Anniversaries

(If we've missed your special day please let the church office know!)

February Birthdays: 1- Breanna Baese 3-Rachelle Parsons 5-Evelyn Bush, Brianna Pierce 6-Harvey Darling, Gabbrielle Vanderhoof 8-Sue Graham, Dave Stilwell, Benjamine Cook 9-Don Seelhoff 10-Connie Albaugh 11-Kaleb Casler 12-Rick Bush 15-Lois Bracey, Kristine Batora 16-Jesse Huntoon 18-Dorine Horn, Nikki Fluke 19-Diane Perrien, Jessi Casler, Soren Astle 20-Ryan Baese, Ruth Clark 22-Dusty Anderson 24-Matthew Stevens 26-Ryker Parsons 27-Richard Phillipson, Sarah Iler

February Wedding Anniversaries ; 2-Rich & Lynn Givens, Dick & Joyce Young
5-Mark & Bev Stehlik

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: February 19, 2010

If you would like your praise, prayer request, or update put on this list for next Sunday, please use your "let us know" sheet, call the church office before Wednesday, or use the "prayer bulletin board" in the main hallway. Otherwise, please be sure to lift up your prayer or praise during the pastoral prayer when indicated. Thank you!

Praises and prayers on the four lists below will remain for two weeks unless updated.

We give God praise for: Lane came through surgery / Sally Kioski – home / Hoops for Haiti / Wesley Woods Camp Experience / Connie Paksi our new Fellowship Coordinator

We pray for the health & healing of: Donna Perrien – major surgery – sister of Kate Kelley / Mary Ann Mizga – breathing problems / Rylee Lewis – testing – granddaughter of Cindy Fruchey / Wayne Cline – rehab – relative of Sally Kioski / Colleen Iske – MS patient / Chrissy Bush – at UofM in Critical Care // John – hospice at home – Uncle of Jim McClelland / Ron McClelland - breathing problems – father of Jim McClelland / Dora Williams – blood clot – friend of Cary Cornwell

We share our sympathy with the families of: Shirley Watson – sister-in-law of Carol Watson // Veorna June Goodall – cousin of Russ Westbrook

We lift up our general requests of: those affected by the earthquake in Haiti / those serving in Haiti / those with house fires – especially family who lost 4 kids in Flint / Guidance for the girls – Mary Perez / Our School Board & school personal / people around the globe / /traveling mercies / people that are shut in / discussion around local fire and ambulance facilitates / couples who are having marital issues

Prayers on the three lists below will remain until we receive some update or request.

We lift up those who are experiencing longer term healing and treatment: Brad Behrens – stroke / Larry Howland – cancer of esophagus / Arvilla Bunnell – strength and healing – aunt of Steve Clark / Clyde Gilbert – health – brother of Nancy Hehrer / Emily Ann Pruse – healing of ear / Sally Kioski –home / Jean Loznak – cancer / Norma George – recovering from back surgery / Connie Parmenter – cancer of esophagus / Gary Wilkins – cancer / Louise Rees – Home from OHC / Chris Wilkins - cancer / Buddy Ilgenfritz - home / Mary Ann Wittenberg - cancer / Laurie Higgins - cancer / Kate Kelly / Joan Bracey - Alzheimer's / Katie & Faith Heinze – Niemann-Pick Disease

We lift up those who have served or are serving in our peacekeeping efforts worldwide: Josh Wiegel, Pete Carpenter, Kevin Hehrer, Bret Fell, Kori Sheldon, James King, Greg White, Bob Wienry, Mike Kimmel, Nicholas Passmore, Doug Betts, Chris Sodman, William Piwowarski, John Westbrook, Keith Burba, Robert Allen, Ted Olson, Kurt Doten, Scott Meyers, Tony Wieber, Jason Spencer, Dallas Blooding, Jason Westbrook, Emily (Moore) Berlo, Al Berlo, Neil Hegle, Brian Moody, Arin Monahan, Jarred Luckhardt

We remember those who are continually in our thoughts: shut-ins / RAVE families / UMC & UCC leaders / Christian churches in our community & around the globe / local, state, national, world leaders / those affected by famine, disease, & persecution, nationally and internationally, because of natural and human-made disasters / those in our community who need a relationship with Jesus

Time of Praise

“All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”⁴

chorus You lived... You died... You said in three days You would rise
You did... You're alive...
You rule... You reign... You said You're coming back again...
I know... You will... all the earth will sing Your praises!
All the earth will sing your praises!

1. You took... You take our sins away oh God.
You give... You gave Your life away for us.
You came down, You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love. *(to chorus)*
2. No one... No name can rise above You Lord.
One hope... one life will shine forever more.
Your kingdom, in heaven and on earth
Your children stand to sing of Your great worth. *(to chorus)*

“Holy is the Lord”⁵

We stand and lift up our hands... for the joy of the Lord is our strength!
We bow down and worship Him now... how great, how awesome is He!
And together we sing... Everyone sing...

Holy is the Lord God Almighty... the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty... the earth is filled with His glory...
The earth is filled with His glory!

(repeat everything above)

It's rising up all around... it's the anthem of the Lord's renown...
It's rising up all around... it's the anthem of the Lord's renown...
And together we sing... everyone sing...

Holy is the Lord God Almighty... the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty... the earth is filled with His glory...
The earth is filled with His glory... the earth is filled with His glory...

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty... Holy, holy.... *(repeat as directed)*

⁴ MPW171-CCLI 703014 (©2003 by Integrity's Hosanna! Music) – Psalm 66:3-5

⁵ MPW131-CCLI 703014 (©2003 worshiptogether.com Songs/sixsteps Music) - Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8

“We are SHAPed for Significance”*

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16 & Matthew 28:16-20

February 21, 2010

Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid

Theme for Today: Each one of us has been uniquely designed for ministry.

Introduction

God’s creative overkill ...300,000 species of beetles (that we know of)

...one cubic foot contains 18 million snowflakes

...He loves variety!

Psalm 139:13-14 & Job 10:8 read, “You (God) created every part of me.

You put me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous.” You hands formed and shaped me.” (GN and LB translations)

I – What God says about us and ministry...

What God says about us...

We are unique. We are amazingly complex. We are shaped for significance.

What God says about ministry...

We are created for it. (Ephesians 2:10)

We are saved for it. (2 Timothy 1:9)

We are called into it. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

We have been gifted for it. (1 Peter 4:10)

We have been authorized to do it. (Matthew 28:19-20)

We have been commanded to be a part of it. (Colossians 4:17)

We have been equipped to make it happen. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

We understand that the body of Christ needs it. (Matthew 9:36-37)

We are accountable for it. (Matthew 25:14-30)

And we will be rewarded when our lives here are completed. (Colossians 3:23-24)

We are not who we think we are, not who they think we are, we are who God says we are.

II – The Five Parts of our SHAPE...

S - Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 7:7)

H - Heart (Revelation 17:17, Philippians 2:13)

A - Ability (1 Corinthians 12:6, Exodus 31:3, 2 Corinthians 3:5)

P - Personality (Proverbs 4:23)

E - Experience (Romans 8:28)

Our SHAPE already impacts every area of our lives!

III – What are the benefits of discovering your SHAPE?

1 – It reduces stress.

3 – It deepens satisfaction.

2 – It increases Godly success.

4 – It builds self-esteem.

Conclusion - The truth is that everyone matters. Everyone has significance. Everyone was shaped by God for a purpose.

personal application questions

Do you believe that you matter to God? Do you believe that God has shaped you for ministry? Are you willing to take the journey to figure out that SHAPE?

* The resources for this message series come from “You are Shaped for Significance” by Rick Warren,

our Discovery 301 Class materials, a variety of Biblical translations, and Pastor Greg's personal study.

United Church of Ovid Emergency Appeal



How You Can Help: (100% of what you give will go towards the relief efforts.)

1. PRAY - Pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers and those still unaccounted for.
2. GIVE LOCALLY OR BY PHONE- Consider helping the people of Haiti by giving to UCO marked “UMCOR – Haiti” in the memo and we will send it on or call 1-800-554-8583 to give your donation over the phone. (Tell them you’re from the United Church of Ovid.) - 100% of your gift will go towards the relief efforts.
3. HELP WITH A HEALTH KIT - The United Women is challenging our congregation to provide 100 plus Health Kits to send to Haiti. We are collecting the following items during the month of February. If you would like to donate items, please bring to the church. If you would like to donate money to help, please put into offering plate and mark it ‘Health Kits’.

Kit Contents

- 1 hand towel (15” X 25” up to 17” X 27”, no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap in original wrapper (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

(NOTE - UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

- All items included in kits must be NEW items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed delaying the shipment.

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Sunday, February 21	“We are SHAPEd for Significance”
Sunday, February 28	“Unwrapping Our <u>S</u>piritual Gifts”
Sunday, March 7	“Living Our <u>H</u>earts Desire”
Sunday, March 14	“Defrosting our Frozen <u>A</u>ssets”
Sunday, March 21	“We’ve Got <u>P</u>ersonality”
Sunday, March 28	“Employing our <u>E</u>xperiences” (Palm Sunday)
Friday, April 2, 7 pm	“The SHAPE of the Cross” (Good Friday)
Sunday, April 4	“The SHAPE of the Empty Tomb” (Easter)
8:00 am	Worship with Communion
8:45 am	Breakfast (United Men)
9:15 am	Christian Life Classes (for all ages)
10:30 am	Worship with Communion

“SHAPEd for Significance” Study

Monday nights 7 pm – February 22 thru March 29