

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

Serving This Week

Serving Next Week

Greeters – Wiegel Family
Acolytes – Melanie Coven
Lay Reader – Ruth Clark
Nursery - Amy Fowler
Children's Church – Sue Casler & Tara Ritter
Coffee Hour – Gwen & Melva Kelley
Welcome Ministry - Russ Westbrook

Lauren, Cassie Janelle, Leah
Gwen Kelley
Sarah McClung
Jessi Ladiski, Erica Cook
Kebler family
Shelley Shimunec

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 98 Christian Life Classes - 15

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$ 1673
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 110
	Building	\$ 90

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

WELCOME!

This morning you've chosen to worship with us and we thank you for doing so. Whether family, friend, or guest, it's our hope that you will feel welcome in this place as we worship our God through Jesus Christ together.

S.H.A.P.E.'d



for

Significance

February 28, 2010 – Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: discovering our Spiritual gifts

(As we continue preparing for Easter, each week one more Lenten candle will not be lit symbolizing another week completed. The center Christ candle will remain lit until Good Friday. We pray that this visual reminder will help in your journey towards Easter.)

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “We Are the Church” UMH #558

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) “Come, Just As You Are”
“He Is Able”

** Call to Worship ¹

Leader: Is it really our spiritual act of worship to be in ministry for God?

All: We have come to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Leader: But it’s so easy to be conformed to the pattern of this world!

All: Not when we search out God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Leader: How, without becoming conceited, do we figure that out?

All: We have different gifts, according to the God’s grace given to us.

Leader: What happens if my gift is seeing the future?

All: Then use it according to your faith.

Leader: What if it’s serving, encouraging, or giving to help others?

All: Then serve, encourage, and give.

Leader: What if my gift is in leadership or showing mercy?

All: Then lead diligently and show mercy cheerfully.

Leader: I’m beginning to sense a pattern here...transformation and gifts go together.

All: In order to be transformed we must use the spiritual gifts given to us.

Leader: In this time of worship may we find exactly what our gifts are...

All: ...So that here at the United Church, in our community, and around the world, we may be in God’s transformation business.

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

Special Moment “More Precious than Silver” (Stan Pethel) Choir

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 I Corinthians 12:1-11 pgs. 1113
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 “Amens” - A-men. A-men. A---men. UMH #898

Message “Unwrapping Our Spiritual Gifts” Pastor Greg

Closing Song “O Spirit of the Living God” UMH #539

****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.

¹ adapted from Romans 12:1-8

² “The Faith We Sing” #2081

³ PRAISE hymnal #214

News You Can Use

This Week's Calendar – February 28 through March 7

- 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 - “Royal Heirs”
- 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)
9:30 am – Ovid Healthcare Service
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)
6:30 pm – finance Mt. (office)
7:30 pm – Official Board Mt. (library)
7 pm – boy Scout Leader Mt. (basement)
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm – Choir (worship area) - All joyful voices welcome!
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- Saturday** 9am – Family Center & Basement in use
- Sunday** 9:15 am - Christian Life Classes (opening - worship area)
(Classes available for children-tweens-and adults.)
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6 pm – Lenten Service - “Jesus & Me”

Upcoming Events

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

“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.

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: 27-Richard Phillipson, Sarah Iler

March Birthdays: 1-Joseph Stevens, Don Moore, Sarah Martin 2-Harold Bracey 6-Darrel Astle, Samantha Casler 7-Sally Atkins, Drake Wesenberg 8-Russ Kioski 10-Dee Ritter, Janell Kebler 12-Anne Phillipson 13-Linda Lupu 14-Tom Foerch, Rylee Lewis 19-Grant Palen, Amanda Ashmore, Leah Batora, Haley McClung 20-Becky Geisenhaver 21- Charlotte Terpstra 23-Charles Palen 25-Keith Marshall 26-Linda Applebee 28-Grant Mayle-Iler, Lisa Freiburger 29-Allison Lerew 31-Jamie Buchner, Samantha Brown

March Wedding Anniversaries: 21-Brad & Amy Carman

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: February 24, 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: all the ministries of this congregation / successful H1N1 Clinic / 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: Colleen Mead – new mother with gall bladder problems / Rev. Lynn Grimes – hospitalized from an auto accident / Alyce Bond – multiple health problems – sister of Carol Watson / Adrian Lee Huss – bloodclots – son of Kate Kelley / Frank Winkler Sr. / Susan Tomaseck – recovery / / Donna Perrien – major surgery – sister of Kate Kelley / Mary Ann Mizga – breathing problems // Rylee Lewis – testing – granddaughter of Cindy Fruchey / Wayne Cline – rehabe – 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: Robert Patarick / Wayne Kline / Shirley Watson – sister-in-law of Carol Watson // Veorna June Goodall – cousin of Russ Westbrook

We lift up our general requests of: our community as we make decisions around our school system / our school board and administration and teachers / our Olympians / those affected by the earthquake in Haiti / those serving in Haiti / those with house fires – especially / family who lost 4 kids in Flint / 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: James White – healing / 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 / 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

“Come Just As You Are”⁴

Come just as you are...hear the Spirit's call...come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive...come and live forever.

Life everlasting...strength for today...

Taste the living Water...and never thirst again.

Come just as you are...hear the Spirit's call...come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive...come and live forevermore.

“He Is Able”⁵

He is able, more than able...to accomplish what concerns me today.

He is able, more than able...to handle anything that comes my way.

He is able, more than able...to do much more than I could ever dream,

He is able, more than able...to make me what He wants me to be. (repeat)

⁴MPW47-CCLI 703014(©1994 Marantha Praise, Inc.) – Mark 10:20-22, John 4:1-26. 8:2-12, 13:1-17

⁵MPW37-CCLI 703014 (©1989 Marantha Praise)) – Daniel 3:16-18, Romans 8:28-29, 2 Cor. 9:8

“Unwrapping Our Spiritual Gifts”*

Romans 12:1-8 & I Corinthians 12:1-11

February 28, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid

Theme for Today: discovering our Spiritual gifts

Introduction – Two Vitally Important Gifts

Salvation – faith in Jesus Christ, his work of ministry and redemption /
forgiveness of sin / promise of everlasting life.

Spiritual Gifts - gifts given to help us show God’s love in the body of Christ

- To not develop these gifts will not risk gift #1, BUT
- To deny them is to deny some great benefits of being a Christ-follower.
- They are Biblical! While there is no definitive list, they are found throughout the Bible. (see the back of this sheet.)
- We don’t opt the gifts we want to receive – that the Spirit’s decision.
- No gift is better or worse than any other.

I – The purpose of Spiritual gifts...

- 1 – unifies Christians in their faith – brings the diverse body of Christ together
- 2 – produces growth within the church, both numerical and spiritual

When individuals in the church operate in their gifts, they are transformed.

When the church operates in its gifts, the world is transformed.

II – Some of the Spiritual Gifts and their Biblical References...

- ___ Administration - I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 14:23
- ___ Apostleship - Acts 17 (Paul), I Corinthians 12:28
- ___ Artistry - Exodus 31:1-11, Psalm 149:3a

- ___ Compassion - Luke 7:12-15, Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:34-36.
- ___ Discernment - John 16:6-15, Romans 9:1, I Corinthians 2:9-16
- ___ Evangelism - Matthew 28:16-20, Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 2:36-40
- ___ Exhortation - John 14:1, II Timothy 1:16-18, III John 5-8
- ___ Faith - Genesis 12:1-4a, Mark 5:25-34, I Thessalonians 1:8-10
- ___ Giving - II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 21:1-4
- ___ Healing - I Corinthians 12:9
- ___ Helping - Luke 23:50-54, Romans 16:1-16, Philippians 2:19-23
- ___ Hospitality - Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23a, Luke 10:38
- ___ Intercession - Matthew 6:6-15, Luke 11:1-10, Ephesians 6:18.
- ___ Interpretation of Tongues - I Corinthians 12:10, Acts 2
- ___ Knowledge - I Corinthians 12:8; I Corinthians 14:6, Romans 12:2.
- ___ Leadership - Romans 12:8, John 21:15-17, II Timothy 4:1-5.
- ___ Miracles - I Corinthians 12:10
- ___ Music - Vocal & Instrumental - Psalm 96:1-9, Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 149:1-2 & Psalm 33:1-5, Psalm 150, I Samuel 16:14-23.
- ___ Prophecy - I Corinthians 12:10, (i.e., old testament prophets)
- ___ Servanthood - I Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7
- ___ Shepherding - I Timothy 4:12-16, I Timothy 3:1-13, II Timothy 4:1-2.
- ___ Skilled Craft - Exodus 30:1-6, Exodus 31:3-5, Ezekiel 27:4-11.
- ___ Teaching - I Corinthians 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-48.
- ___ Tongues - I Corinthians 12:10, Acts 2
- ___ Wisdom - I Corinthians 2:6-13, James 3:13-18, II Chronicles 1:7-11.
- ___ Writing - I John 2:1-6, 12-14, I Timothy 3:14-15, Jude 3.

Conclusion - ***determining your gift – asking some personal application questions***

Do you see any of these gifts in yourself?

Do others see these gifts in you even if you don’t see it?

Are you willing to let God use these gifts in you?

* 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
9:15 am	Christian Life Classes (for all ages)
10:30 am	Worship with Communion

“SHAPEd for Significance” Study

Monday nights 6:30 pm – February 22 thru March 29