

**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**

Greeters – Rich & Lynn Givens  
Acolytes – Saige Wilkins  
Lay Reader – Dave Hunt  
Nursery - Sherry Kast  
Children's Church – Linda Lupu, AnnMarie Buchner  
Coffee Hour – Rich & Lynn Givens  
Welcome Ministry - Shelley Shimunec

**Serving Next Week**

Watson, Veale, Lupu, Besko  
Meghan Hehrer  
Don Herrington  
Michelle Martin  
Sue Casler, Tara Ritter  
Watson, Veale, Lupu, Besko  
Russ Westbrook

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Attendance:** Worship Service – 83      Christian Life Classes - 14

**Finance Report:**

General Fund:		\$1200
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 90
	One Great Hour	\$ 133
	Building	\$ 110

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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. Our service is designed with a blend of music, worship styles, and interaction, so that 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**

**March 21, 2010 – Fifth 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 personality**

(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.)

## Hymn Singing & Opening Song “We Are God’s People”<sup>1</sup>

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord.  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand:  
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care, and live, with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is Head.  
Called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead;  
God wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall God’s work on earth be done.

## 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) “Forever” & “Shine On Us”

## \*\*Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>

Leader: With different personalities, the apostles wanted no barriers no faith.

**People: As we worship, may our personalities help and not hinder.**

Leader: With different personalities, the apostles found an encouraging message.

**People: As we live in the world, may our personalities give confidence to others.**

Leader: With different personalities, the apostles still made ministry happen.

**All: As we serve Christ, may our variety in personality be a blessing to God.**

## Special Moment

“A Lenten Poem”

Russ Westbrook

## Giving Back to God - \*\*Response “Praise God from Who All...”

UMH #95

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Special Moment

“Something to Say” (Matthew West)

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! (3 times) Alleluia Amen!”<sup>3</sup>

## Scripture Reading

Acts 15:30-41

pg. 1073

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

“We’ve Got Personality”

Pastor Greg

## \*\*Closing Song -

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

UMH# 560

## \*\*Blessing and Congregational Response - “O How He Loves You and Me”<sup>4</sup>

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.

<sup>1</sup> The Faith We Sing #2220 (vs. 1-3)

<sup>2</sup> adapted from Acts 15:30-35

<sup>3</sup> “The Faith We Sing” #2081

<sup>4</sup> PRAISE hymnal #214

## News You Can Use

### *This Week's Calendar – March 21 through March 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 - “Cornerstone”
- 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)  
3:30 pm – Seasons of Greif (library)  
6 pm – Girl Scouts (basement)
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm – Choir (worship area) - All joyful voices welcome!
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- Saturday** 9 am – Family Center and Basement in use  
9 am – Work day – contact a trustee if you are interested in volunteering
- 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 - “Memory Meal”

### *Upcoming Events*

**Our Lenten Hosting Duty is Coming Soon** – Next Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> we will be “hosting” the memory meal program here at UCO. If you’d be interested in helping in greeting, ushering, food providing, etc., see the sign-up sheet at the Front Street entrance or call the church office.

**“Discovering Your Shape” (Discovery Class 301)** – is meeting on Mondays, 6:30 pm through March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Easter Lily Time!!!** – If you would like to purchase Easter lilies in honor or memory of a loved one or event, please see the sign-up table at the Front Street entrance. (Cost is \$14.)

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

**“Seasons of Grief” – Bereavement Support Group Continues** – on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UCO Canoe Trip** – We’re planning a trip on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars with the date. More information will be forthcoming.

### *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 / Tech Volunteers** – Plans are well underway for our projection system and upgrade to our sound booth. When finished, we’re going to need someone to lead and volunteers to assist. If you have a servant’s heart, a drive for quality worship, and the God-given skills needed for the director, please send a letter of interest indicating those traits to UCO, PO Box 106, Ovid, MI 48866 or to volunteer, there is sign-up sheet at the Front Street entrance.

**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 (834-2351) if you have any questions.

**Deadlines:** Bulletin announcements - Wednesday of each week.  
Newsletter info – 15<sup>th</sup> 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!)

**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: March 18, 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:** wonderful memories of Joanne Wiegel who left us 3-22-09 to be with the Lord / house purchase // blessings / healing that has taken place / 105 Haiti Health Kits! / new safety net /

**We pray for the health & healing of:** Leona Carver / Mary Ann Mizga – home with 24 hour care / Randy Scott / Pentagon police officers // Cathy Hendericks – heart tests / family friend recuperating from open heart / Kirk Blizzard – health issues – friend of Joanne Decker / Gail Peters – cancer – friend of Lois Bracey // Colleen Mead – new mother with gall bladder problems / Rev. Lynn Grimes – hospitalized from an auto accident / Adrian Lee Huss – bloodclots – son of Kate Kelley / Frank Winkler Sr. / Susan Tomaseck – recovery / Donna Perrien – major surgery – sister of Kate Kelley /

**We share our sympathy with the families of:** Carl R. Moore –childhood friend of John Graham / Brian Geisenhaver / family of the Pentagon shooter // 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:** people of Haiti and Chili and all who in or serving in countries with natural disasters // our community as we make decisions around our school system / our school board and administration and teachers / our township and village over fire and ambulance facilities / those with house fires / traveling mercies / people that are shut in / 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:** Doris Darling – Alzheimer's / Alyce Bond – multiple health problems – sister of Carol Watson / James White – healing / Brad Behrens – stroke / Larry Howland – cancer / Arvilla Bunnell – strength and healing – aunt of Steve Clark / Clyde Gilbert – brother of Nancy Hehrer / Emily Ann Pruse – healing of ear / Sally Kioski / Jean Loznak – cancer / Connie Parmenter / 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 Dis.

**We lift up those who have served or are serving in our peacekeeping efforts worldwide:** Barry Hunt, 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*

### “Forever”<sup>5</sup>

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King...His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things...His love endures forever.  
Sing praise....sing praise ....

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm...His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn...His love endures forever  
Sing praise....sing praise .... sing praise....sing praise .... *(to refrain)*

refrain - Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us. Forever... *(repeat as directed)*

3. From the rising to the setting sun...His love endures forever.  
By the grace of God we will carry on...His love endures forever .  
Sing praise....sing praise ... Sing praise....sing praise ... *(to refrain)*

### “Shine on Us”<sup>6</sup>

Lord...let your light...light of your face...shine on us...  
Lord...let your light...light of your face...shine on us...  
That we...may be saved. That we...may have life.  
To find our way...in the darkest night...Let your light...shine on us.

Lord...let your grace...grace from your hand...fall on us...  
Lord...let your grace...grace from your hand...fall on us...  
That we...may be saved. That we...may have life.  
To find our way...in the darkest night. Let your grace...fall on us...

Lord...let your love...love with no end...come over us...  
Lord...let your love...love with no end...come over us...  
That we...may be saved. That we...may have life.  
To find our way...in the darkest night...Let your love...come over us...  
Let your light shine on us.

<sup>5</sup>MPW68-CCLI 703014(©2001 worshiptogther.com & Six Steps Music - Chris Tomlin) – Psalm 136:1-26

<sup>6</sup>MPW19-CCLI 703014 (©1996 Milene Music and Deer Valley Music) – Psalm 4:6

# “We’ve Got Personality”\*

Acts 15:30-41

March 21, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid  
(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

**Theme for Today: discovering our personalities**

## Introduction – Plugging Into Your Personality

Please write your name in this box...

Now, WITH YOUR OPPOSITE HAND, please write your name in this box...

At this point in the SHAPE process, you’re starting to get the idea. To be in ministry outside our SHAPE is like the second box...uncomfortable, took more time and effort, anything-but-perfect result. Your personality plays to your SHAPE.

## I – Some Personality Facts

- You are born with your personality. You may try to change your personality, and you may be successful for a time, but when it’s all said and done, we revert back.
- Even when personalities are polar opposites, they can still work together in ministry.
- Personalities determine how we receive, process, think, and perceive the world around us.
- DNA has the probability of being arranged in  $10^{2,400,000,000}$  different ways!  
God loves variety!

\* 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.

## II – Example – Paul and Barnabas – Personality Conflict 101 - Acts 15:30-41

The Council of Jerusalem had just taken place. (Acts 15:1-29)

Paul wanted to go back and visit some of the church’s he started, but didn’t want to bring John Mark along because he had ditched them on an earlier trip.

Barnabas thought Paul was over-thinking it a bit, so the two parted company.

Paul chose Silas & did ministry through Syria and Cilicia. Timothy joined them later.

Barnabas and John Mark sailed for Cyprus and did ministry there.

Even in the midst of personality differences, the ministry was still completed.

## III – Doing the Personality Finder (see reverse)

Now, armed with your four letters...

- ✓ Check out the corresponding four letter set on the back of this page and see if the description is close.
- ✓ Then, take a look at the types immediately placed around yours, are they any closer?
- ✓ Using that information, then choose from the chart which four-letter description best describes you.
- ✓ For fun, share your results with someone close and see if they agree! 😊

## IV – What Do I Do Now that I Know...

- Be aware of other’s personality differences.  
Proverbs 10:11 – “A man’s wisdom gives him patience.”
- Accept personality differences.  
Romans 15:7 – “Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you.”
- Appreciate personality differences.  
Romans 12:10 – “Have a profound respect for each other.”

## Conclusion – Personal Application Questions

- Knowing your personality, how does this affect your relationship with others?
- Knowing with your SHAPE thus far what will you and God do with it?

“Something to Say” – Matthew West

Wake up...7:32 am  
Can't believe it's time to do it over again  
Yesterday it took all that you had  
And you're wondering if you'll ever get it back

But the whole wide world is waiting for  
Waiting for you to step out that door  
Come on and let your life be heard today

You got something to say  
If you're living  
If you're breathing  
You got something to say  
You know if your heart is beating  
You got something to say  
And no one can say it like you do  
God is love and love speaks through you  
You got it, you got it  
You got something to say

Listen up  
I got a question here  
Would anybody miss you if you disappeared?  
Your life is the song that you sing  
And the whole wide world is listening  
Well, the answer to the question is  
You were created, your life is a gift  
And the lights are shining on you today

You got something to say  
You know if your heart is beating  
You got something to say  
And no one can say it like you do  
God is love and love speaks through you  
You got it, you got it  
You got something to say

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



## ***for Significance***

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

### ***“SHAPed for Significance” Study***

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