

***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 – Bob & Denise Dennison  
Acolytes – Meghan, Cassie Janelle, Leah  
Lay Reader – Don Herrington  
Nursery - Sarah McClung  
Children’s Church – Jessi Ladiski, Erica Cook  
Coffee Hour – Kebler family  
Welcome Ministry - Shelley Shimunec

**Serving Next Week**

Russ & Sally Kioski  
Jacqleen  
Leah Lupu  
Ben Cook  
Renee Denison, Michelle Moore  
Wiegel Family  
Russ Westbrook

***LAST WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP REPORT***

**Attendance:** Worship Service – 88      Christian Life Classes - 12

**Finance Report:**

General Fund:		\$	1308
Special Funds:	Mission	\$	130
	Building	\$	125
	Projection	\$	50

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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***

March 7, 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 heartbeat – our passion**

(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** “God Is Here” UMH #660

## 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)** “Everlasting God”  
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

## \*\* Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>

Leader: The plans of our God stand firm forever. For the word of God is right and true; He is faithful in all he does.

**All: The purposes of His heart stand firm throughout all generations.**

Leader: Blessed is the nation who God is the Lord. From heaven, He looks down upon His creation.

**All: For He speaks, and it happens; He commands, and it stands firm.**

Leader: He who forms the hearts of all, considers everything we do. As we come to worship this morning, we will wait upon our God...

**All: We wait upon the Lord to renew, to hope, and to deliver...**

**In Him our hearts rejoice. We trust in his holy name. Amen.**

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

**Special Moment** “Is it I Lord” by R.E. Schram Choir

<sup>1</sup> (adapted from Psalm 33, The Message translation)

**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!” <sup>2</sup>

**Scripture Reading** 2 Chronicles 1:6-12, Philippians 4:8-13 pgs. 422, 1140

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** “Living Our Hearts Desire” Pastor Greg

## Sacrament of Communion

**Song of Preparation** – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” UMH #629

**Sharing the Sacraments** – Today the sacraments will be shared by coming forward taking the bread and dipping it into the cup. A time will be announced if you would prefer being served in your seat.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*\*Blessing and Congregational Response** - “O How He Loves You and Me” <sup>3</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>2</sup> “The Faith We Sing” #2081

<sup>3</sup> PRAISE hymnal #214

## News You Can Use

### *This Week's Calendar – March 7 through March 14*

- 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 - “Jesus & Me”
- Monday** 3:30 pm – United Kids (basement) (All children four years-eighth grade are invited.)  
6:30 pm – Discovering Your SHAPE Class (adult classroom basement)  
6:30 pm – (worship space in use)  
7 pm - Boy Scouts (basement)
- Tuesday** 9 am – Paint Class (basement)  
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)  
3:30 pm – Seasons of Grief Group (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)  
7 pm – Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> day Mt. (office)
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10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)  
12 noon – Liturgical Dance practice (worship area)  
1 pm – (family center in use)  
6 pm – Lenten Service - “Z Daughters”

### *Upcoming Events*

**The Easter Celebration** (egg hunt) will be Saturday, April 3 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. 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.

**Sue's vacation week** – This week Pastor Greg will be in the office at various times. If needed, please call him at 989-621-7782 if you can't reach him at the church office.

**“Discovering Your Shape” (Discovery Class 301)** – 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.

**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** – Plans are well underway for our projection system and upgrade to our sound booth. When finished, we're going to need someone 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 letter in as soon as possible.

**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 (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 4, 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:** Gail Peters – positive test results / Olympic Games / a clear parking lot / all the ministries of this congregation / successful H1N1 Clinic / Lane came through surgery / Sally Kioski – home

**We pray for the health & healing of:** 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 / 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

**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:** people of Chili / our community as we make decisions around our school system / our school board and administration and teachers / those affected by the earthquake in Haiti / those serving in Haiti and Chili / 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:** 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*

### “Everlasting God”<sup>4</sup>

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God... You reign forever... our Hope, our Strong Deliverer...

You are the everlasting God... the everlasting God...  
You do not faint... You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak... You comfort those in need...  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

*(repeat all above)*

### “Open the Eyes of My Heart”<sup>5</sup>

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord... Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You... I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord... Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You... I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up... shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love... as we sing holy, holy, holy. *(repeat)*

Holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy... Holy, holy, holy... I want to see You.  
Holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy... Holy, holy, holy... I want to see You.

*(At the same time... repeat as directed.)*

*(group 1)* Holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy... Holy, holy, holy... I want to see You.  
*(group 2)* Open the eyes of my heart, Lord... open the eyes of heart... I want to see You.

<sup>4</sup>MPW182-CCLI 703014(©2005 Thankyou Music, worshiptogether.com Songs) – Isaiah 40:31

<sup>5</sup>MPW57-CCLI 703014 (©1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music) – Ephesians 1:18

# “Living Our Hearts Desire”\*

2 Chronicles 1:6-12, Philippians 4:8-13

March 7, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid  
(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

**Theme for Today: discovering our heartbeat – our passion**

## Introduction – The Story of Solomon...

Solomon – gave a great offering to God, 1000 times more than needed...

God noticed – “What do you want from me? Just ask!” (The Message)

Solomon – wisdom and knowledge are my “heart’s desire” (vs. 11)

The big “heart” question – “If you and God were in it together, and you knew that you could not fail, what would you do?” – How would you answer God’s question to Solomon?

Remember – “...with God all things are possible.” – (Matthew 19:26, Philippians 4:13)

## I – Understanding our Heart

“As water reflects a face, so a (person)’s heart reflects the (person).”

Proverbs 27:19 (New International Version)

Our heart determines...

...what we say (Matthew 12:24)

...what we think (Hebrews 4:12)

...what we do (Proverbs 4:23)

## II – The Results of Living Our Hearts Desire

Enthusiasm – Effectiveness – Excellence

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...”

Colossians 3:23

“...My heart took delight in all my work...” – Ecclesiastes 2:10

## III – How to Starting Living Your Heart’s Desire

1 – Commit every part of your life to Christ (Psalm 27:4-6)

2 – Examine what you enjoy doing... (Galatians 6:4)

1. What fascinates me?

2. What do I really love to do?

3. I really feel good when...

4. I was the most successful at ....

3 – Explore (Proverbs 23:23) - Don’t lock yourself in until you know for sure.

4 - Step Out – (Joshua 1:9) - The opposite of fear is faith!

## Conclusion

“The secret of a fulfilled life: Find out what you love to do that God made you to do and do it for His glory!” (Rick Warren)

### ***personal application questions:***

Do you believe that you have a heart’s desire given by God?

What raises your blood pressure the most? Could this be God’s heart in yours?

Are you willing to let God use your heart to make a difference in the world?

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\* 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.

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



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## ***Significance***

Sunday, February 21	“We are SHAP <u>E</u> d 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**