

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 – Acolytes
Acolytes – Meghan
Lay Reader – Bruce Wiegel
Nursery - Ben Cook
Children's Church – Jessi Ladiski, Kelly Nixon
Coffee Hour – Acolytes
Welcome Ministry - Carol Bashore

Serving Next Week

Prom Goers
Sarah, Melanie, Ben, Saige
Janell Kebler
Sarah McClung
Renee Denison, Michelle Moore
Jerry & Sarah Meredith
Shelley Shimunec

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 137 Christian Life Classes - 13

Finance Report:

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| General Fund: | | \$2180 |
| Special Funds: | Building | \$ 105 |
| | Mission | \$ 60 |

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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 you are family, friend, or guest, it's our hope that you will feel welcome as we worship our God through Jesus Christ together.



Change the World Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: Through Christ's Church we can change the world at home and around the globe.

Music to "Bring Us In" – Hymn Singing

Opening Song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

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)* "Made Me Glad (I Will Bless the Lord)"
"When It's All Been Said and Done"

** Call to Worship ¹

Leader: We rejoice in the One who gives all we need, leading us beside still waters,

People: Our Shepherd brings refreshment to our souls.

Leader: Our Shepherd shows us the way for God's sake.

People: Our Shepherd shows us the way for our sake.

Leader: Even through the valleys of life and death, we will not be afraid.

People: Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, is with us.

Leader: We are never far away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

People: We will dwell in his family promises forever! Amen!

Special Moment – Honoring our Acolytes Sue Graham

Giving Back to God - **Response "Praise God from Whom All..." UMH #95
****Prayer of Dedication**

Special Moment "As a Deer" By Stan Pethel Choir

Children's Time Pastor Terri

(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 – "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus tell them to me."

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43 pgs. 1066

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 "Change the World" Pastor Terri Bentley

Closing Song "This is My Song" UMH #437

Special Offering for "Nothing But Nets"

****Blessing and Congregational Response** - "Because He Lives" ² (chorus)

"Because He lives...I can face tomorrow. Because He lives...all fear is gone.

Because I know...He holds the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives."

"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.

Today, we welcome Pastor Terri Bentley of St. Louis United Methodist Church (St. Louis, Michigan) to join us in worship. Pastor Terri, Pastor Greg, and other pastors are participating in a pastor's switch Sunday which involves a dozen United Methodist affiliated congregations. Please make her feel welcome.

(Pastor Greg is serving the Pompeii circuit this morning.)

¹ adapted from Psalm 23 based on resources from www.lectionarysermons.com

² United Methodist Hymnal #364

News You Can Use

This Week's Calendar – April 4 through April 11

- Sunday** 9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area)
(Classes available for children-tweens-and adults.)
10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)
- Monday** 3:30 pm – United Kids (basement & sanctuary)
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)
6:30 pm – Trustees (basement)
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm – Choir (worship area) - All joyful voices welcome!
8 pm – Music-Worship Mt. (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- Friday** 10:30 pm – Family Center in use
- Sunday** 9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area)
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Upcoming Events

Acolyte Spring Invitational - Today – Any youth 6th through 12th grades interested in serving Christ through His Light are invited to join us right after worship.

Graduation Sunday – We will be celebrating without graduates on Sunday, May 16 with a breakfast at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate with the graduates and their families. Please sign-up at the Front Street entrance.

Special Annual Business Meeting - Sun, May 16 following worship service. Everyone is invited to speak and members to vote to approve or disapprove a parking lot project.

“Seasons of Grief” – Bereavement Support Group Continues – on the 2nd & 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.

UCO Canoe Trip – We’re planning a trip on Friday, August 13th. Please mark your calendars with the date. Sign-up is available at the Front Street entrance.

Hanging Basket Flower Sale - We are taking orders for those beautiful 10” hanging flower baskets. If you would like to order, pick up an order sheet from the office or the information center. Please return to the office by today with your payment. Keep your voucher to pick up your flowers the week of May 1-7 at Delta Gardens, The proceeds will be going toward the parking lot in back.

Lugnut Ball Game – Friday, July 30 at 7:05pm. We have invited the OM Emergency Service families to be our guest as our way of expressing appreciation for them. If you plan on attending, please sign-up at the Front Street entrance. If you would like to support our gratitude to our Emergency Service families, please mark your giving ‘Lugnut Outreach’ and place in the offering plate.

Volunteers needed for...

We God Needs You – As our ministry expands at UCO, more servants are needed. They aren’t necessarily volunteers, but servants because God has placed it on their heart to serve Him. Where has God shaped you for ministry? If you need help in finding that, set up an appointment with Pastor Greg through the church office.

We still need a Tech Table Director and more 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 – 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!)

April Birthdays: 26-Rich Givens 27-Ella Powell 28-Mariel Martin 30-Sandy Case

May Birthdays: 1-Greg Martin 3-Carol Bashore 4-Cal Martin 6-Opal Parker, Jena Ladd, Bryon Taylor 7-Dale Crosslan, Lynn Givens, Areal Wesenberg 8-Maxwell Farver 10-Elizabeth Bracey, Hannah Orweller 14-Randy Perry 15-Willann Casler, Eva Barton, Kasondra Davis, Amy Davis 16-Cassie Taylor, Brian Bracey, Loren Hunt 17-Pam Cook 18-Denise Dennison 19-Jerry Meredith, Barb Mills 20-Sawyer Astle 21-William Zemla, Chloe Taylor, Gunnar Barrett 23-Karen Batora 25-Carol Stevens, Gene Ward 27-Elaine Swanson 28-Connie Paksi, Jordynn Todosciuk 29-Sally Kioski 31-Joan Wrather, Cari Chadwick

May Wedding Anniversaries: 4-Chad & Cathy Wilkins 5-Tom & Jackie Sandbrook 14-Clarence & Lena Trowbridge 15-Don & Michele Moore 17-Ron & Connie Paksi 31-Aaron & Sarah McClung

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: April 20, 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: Good neighbors / Chris & Becky (Geisenhaver) Vincent marriage / wonderful Easter Celebration // committed responses – able leaders / blessings / future plans for parking lot

We pray for the health & healing of: JoAnn Gilbert – hospitalized-sister-in-law of Nancy Hehrer / Richard Mead – test / Gerald Pulver – hospital – uncle of Alene Ward / Ann Lupu – hospitalized – mother of Dan Lupu / Ralph Hornbeck – home/recovering / David Green – recovering from heart surgery // Karen Cook – breast cancer – mother of Ben Cook / Carol Lee Blangsted – bone cancer / Leona Karber – severe pain / veterans who suffer from PTSD (pain that slowly destroys) / Pastor Bob Prange - health / Julie Richardson – serious hip problems – daughter of Russ & Sally Kioski / Kai Richardson – feet problems – grandson of Russ & Sally Kioski / Roy Wilson – Alzheimer's / Hans Schmidt – health issues / Pastor Becky Morrison – surgery I / Jerry Davis – possible stroke / Andrea Bashore – testing- grandson of Larry & Carol Bashore / Frank & Gerry Winkler / Tim Bolton – Throat cancer – Brother-in-law of Kirk Baese / Lewis Crall – back surgery- father of Debbie Conklin

We share our sympathy with the families of: Dick Smith / Debbie Phillips / family of miners / Pete House // Ruby Dunham

We lift up our general requests of: stressed out college students / people of Haiti, China 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: Mary Ann Mizga – at Hazel Finley / Margo Martin – health / 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 Piwowski, 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

I Will Bless the Lord (Made Me Glad)³

I will bless the Lord forever...I will trust Him at all times.
He has delivered me from all fear...He has set my feet upon a rock.
I will not be moved...And I'll say of the Lord...

You are my Shield...my Strength...my Portion...Deliverer...
My Shelter...Strong Tower...my Very Present Help in time of need.

Whom have I in heaven but You...there's none I desire besides You.
You have made me glad...and I'll say of the Lord...

You are my Shield...my Strength...my Portion...Deliverer...
My Shelter...Strong Tower...my Very Present Help in time of need.
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When It's All Been Said and Done⁴

When it's all been said and done...there is just one thing that matters.
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?

When it's all been said and done...all my treasures will mean nothing.
Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time.

Lord Your mercy is so great...that You look beyond our weakness.
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise...here on earth and ever after.
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home...
When it's all been said and done...You're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done...there is just one thing that matters.
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?

³ MPW123-CCLI 703014 (©2001 Miriam Webster/Hillsong Publishing) – Psalm 18:1-2, 34:1

⁴ MPW115-CCLI 703014 (©1999 Hosanna! Music) – 2 Corinthians 4:18