

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 – Prom Goers
Acolytes – Sarah, Melanie, Ben, Saige
Lay Reader – Janell Kebler
Nursery - Sarah McClung
Children's Church – Renee Denison, Michelle Moore
Coffee Hour – Jerry & Sarah Meredith
Welcome Ministry - Shelley Shimunec

Russ & Sally Kioski
Cassie
Sue Casler

Linda Lupu, AnnMarie Buchner
Russ & Sally Kioski
Russ Westbrook

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.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 125 Christian Life Classes - 10

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	Building	\$ 35



“Acting on Acts” Series

Being the Church We Started to Be

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Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: the church exercises faith

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH #155

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) “Trading My Sorrows”
“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

**** Call to Worship**¹

Leader: Gracious God, we are not good at waiting.

People: We want the answer now...we wanted it yesterday.

Leader: The angels tell us, the Answer “has been taken from you into heaven...”

People: ...Jesus ascended, but Jesus will come again.”

Leader: So, in the meantime, “They all joined together constantly in prayer.”

People: In the meantime, may we join together in worship. Amen.

Giving Back to God - **Response “Praise God from Whom All...” UMH #95

****Prayer of Dedication**

Special Moment “Be Thou My Vision” C-D-S Trio

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 – “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 1:1-14 pgs. 1055

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 “Ascension and an Upper Room” Pastor Greg

Song of Preparation Song “Be Present At Our Table, Lord” UMH #621

Sacrament of Communion – This morning the elements will be passed in the pews. As you receive them, please hold them until the pastor indicates that all have been served. Please ask one of the acolytes if you are in need of a gluten-free option.

Song of Thanksgiving “Lift High the Cross” UMH#159

****Blessing and Congregational Response** - “Come Holy Spirit Come”² (chorus)

Let every Christian pray...this day and every day...come Holy Spirit come!
Was not the church we love...commissioned from above...come Holy Spirit come!
The Spirit brought to birth...the church of Christ on earth...come Holy Spirit come!
Unite, instruct, inspire and fill us with your fire...come Holy Spirit come!

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

² adapted from The New Century Hymnal #261

News You Can Use

This Week's Calendar

- 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 & worship area)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (basement)
- Tuesday** 9 am – Paint Class (basement)
10 an – Ovid Healthcare Service
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family)
6:30 pm – Finance Mt. (office)
7:30 pm – Official Board Mt. (library)
7 pm – Boy Scout Leaders (basement)
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm – Choir (worship area) - All joyful voices welcome!
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- Sunday** 9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area)
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Upcoming Events

Graduation Sunday – We will be celebrating with our 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School will be July 12-16 from 9am – 12noon. If you feel God nudging you to be a part of VBS, please contact Jessi Ladiski or Sue Casler. We need your help to make this a wonderful experience for the kids!!

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!)

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 29, 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: Kristy King-Thelen – recovering from surgery – daughter of Deb Conklin / Faith Hienze – broken arm – granddaughter of Carol Watson / Carol Watson – pain therapy / Keri Dingy – cancer // Burt Ashenselger – leg infection / David Rohig – throat surgery-grandson of Russ Westbrook / 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

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

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: Joshua Rosekrans, 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, 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

“Trading My Sorrows”³

(verse) I'm trading my sorrows...I'm trading my shame...
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord!
I'm trading my sickness...I'm trading my pain...
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord!

(refrain) Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord (*sing three times*) Amen.

(bridge) I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned...
Struck down but not destroyed!
I am blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure.
That His joy is gonna be my strength!
Though the sorrow may last for the night...
His joy comes in the morning...

(verse – refrain – verse - verse) - ...For the joy of the Lord...for the joy of the Lord!

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”⁴

I'm forgiven...because You were forsaken. I'm accepted...You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me...because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be...that You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true...it's my joy to honor You... In all I do, I honor You.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me...because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be...that You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true...it's my joy to honor You... (*repeat*)
In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King...You are my King ...Jesus, You are my King ...You are my King.

Amazing love, how can it be...that You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true...it's my joy to honor You...
In all I do...I honor You...In all I do...I honor You.

³MPW75-CCLI 703014(©1998Hosanna! Music/Darrell Evans)-2Cor.4:8-9,Neh. 8:10,Psalm 30:5,John 11:27

⁴MPW82-CCLI 703014 (©1997 worshiptogether.com by Billy James Foote) - John 15:9-17, 19:17-22,
20:16-18, Romans 8:28-37