

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 Coordinator - Jim Ladiski
Acolyte Coordinator - Sue Graham
Fellowship Coordinator – Connie Paksi

Serving This Week

Greeters – Bud & Willann Casler
Acolytes – Ben
Lay Reader – Linda Lupu
Nursery - Michele Martin
Children's Church – Sue Casler, Tara Ritter
Coffee Hour – Allen & Michelle Martin
Welcome Ministry - Russ Westbrook

Serving Next Week

Ted & Denise Robison
Jacqleen, Cassie, Aalonna, Janelle
Carol Bashore
Ellen Veale
Renee Denison, Michelle Moore
Ted & Denise Robison
Carol Bashore

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 113 Christian Life Classes – 12

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$869
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 15
	Building	\$ 30
	Lugnut Outreach	\$ 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.

“Acting on Acts” Series

Being the Church We Started to Be



Memorial Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost
May 30, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: the church makes a difference

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “America the Beautiful” UMH #696
Presentation of the Colors

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)* “No Higher Calling”
“Break Through”

** Call to Worship

Leader: As the summer begins and our thoughts turn to happier things...

People: We remember.

Leader: As wars continue, and we recognize that Jesus said the greatest thing we can do is sacrifice our own lives for a friend...

People: We remember.

Leader: As we continue to celebrate the good news of God's grace and love...
As we continue to lift up Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of this world...
As we await the day when peace comes and when creation is redeemed
and restored for the glory of God....

People: We remember and we worship. Amen.

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

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 28:1-10 pgs. 1088

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 “One Named Publius” Pastor Greg

Song of Thanksgiving “Battle Hymn of the Republic” UMH#717

****Blessing and Congregational Response** - “Come Holy Spirit Come”¹ (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.

¹ 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	Office Closed No United Kids today
Tuesday	10 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 Scouts (basement)
Wednesday	7 pm – Cornerstone (worship area)
Thursday	12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center) 7 pm – Education - VBS Mt. (basement)
Saturday	2 pm – Lauren Sandbrook Open House (family center)
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) 1 pm – Family Center in use

Upcoming Events

LINKS for Youth – Today will be your last chance to get with Alene to give toward the “links” which support youth ministry around the conference, including our district. You may also mark your giving “links” and place it into the offering place.

Spaghetti Dinner – June 13th after church – The United Men will be hosting a spaghetti dinner with proceeds going toward the ministry of the United Women. A free will offering will be taken, so bring your appetites. If you would like to help, please contact Larry Bashore (834-2384).

“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 willing 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!)

June Birthdays: 1-Jessica Hehrer, Kevin Hehrer, Morgan Palen 5-Leo Cox 7-Dan Martin 8-Dylan Carman 9-Clayton Powell 10-Tony Strachota 12-Linda Palen 13-Cary Cornwell 15-Vicky flowers, Steven Orweller 17-Jordan Robison 20-Dave Mills, Nick Dahlke 21-Jeremy Lukas, Deacon Dennison 22-Richard Rummell, Jim McClelland 25-Stephanie Sinclair 26-Jovannah Nicholson, Ellyanna Carman 28-Pastor Don Fry, Janelle McClelland 29-Carrie hier, Dalton Love 30-Hannah Albaugh

June Wedding Anniversaries: 1-Morris & Elaine Swanson 6-Harry & Linda Todosciuk 3-Shane & Linda Applebee 8-Jerry & Sarah Meredith 14-Harvey & Doris Darling 23-Grant & Linda Palen 26-Harold & Lois Bracey 27-Karl & Becky Dahlke

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: May 25, 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: Victoria Parmenter graduation from high school / parking lot starting / successful 'day of hope' / // Opportunities to serve / Robert Kebler – no surgery / Mothers / James King home for a visit

We pray for the health & healing of: Jim Brown – health / Jim Hurst – health / Lois Bracey –recovering from surgery / Richard Latz – accident – step-father of Kathy Hunt / Dick Hunt – heart problems – brother of Dave Hunt / Kia Richardson – surgery – grandson of Russ & Sally Kioski // Barbara Davis – skin cancer starts chemo early June / Leo Allaire – cancer – friend of Jim Ladiski / Ann Hudson – cancer – wife of a friend of Jim Ladiski / James & Karen Cook // Bob Wilcox – stroke while caring for wife who has cancer / Burt Ashtown / Lyle Yerrick – recovering from heart surgery / David Green – recovering from heart surgery

We share our sympathy with the families of: Ken Moore – cousin of Sally Kioski / Larry Howland / Scott Morac / Tony – friend of Sally Kioski // Steven May / Dick Smith / Pat Hipoliti / Mary Ann – friend of Sue Graham

We lift up our general requests of: Lena & Clarence Trowbridge – moving to Owosso / Emily & Al Berlo – training // Pastor's families in transition / Rev. David Hill and family in their transition / Oil spills / stressed out college students / people of Haiti, China and Chili and all who in or serving in countries with natural disasters

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: Barb Jones – shingles / Mary Ann Mizga –health / Margo Martin – health / Doris Darling – Alzheimer's / Alyce Bond – multiple health problems – sister of Carol Watson / James White – healing / Brad Behrens – stroke / 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 / 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, Al & Emily (Moore) Berlo, Neil Hegle, Brian Moody, Arin Monahan, Jarred Luckhardt

We remember those who are continually in our thoughts: UCO, its leaders, and our purpose / shut-ins / RAVE families / UMC-UCC leaders / Christian churches at home & around the globe / local, state, national, world leaders / those affected, nationally and internationally, by famine, disease, & persecution, because of natural and human-made disasters / those in our community who need a relationship with Jesus Christ

Time of Praise

“No Higher Calling”²

Down...at your feet, oh Lord...is the most high place.
In Your presence, Lord, we seek Your face...we seek Your face.
There is no higher calling...no...greater honor
Than to bow and kneel before Your throne.
I'm amazed...at Your glory, embraced...by Your mercy.
Oh Lord, I live to worship You. *(repeat)*

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I'm amazed...at Your glory, embraced...by Your mercy.
Oh Lord, I live to worship You.

Oh Lord, I live to worship You.

“Break Through”³

Break through...break through all my doubts
Break through...break through all my fears
Break through...that I may worship You

Break through...break through all my pain
Break through...all my guilt and my shame
Break through...like only You can do *(second time - end here)*

You are brighter than my darkest night,
Stronger than my toughest fight
Just one touch from You, my King, my Friend
And I'll never be the same again... *(repeat first two blocks above)*

²MPW70-CCLI 703014(©1989 Doulos Publishing) – Psalm 46:4, 132:7, Nehemiah 5:6, Romans 12:1

³MPW217-CCLI 703014 (©2006 WeMobile Music (admin. By Integrity Media) - Luke 8:42-44, Isaiah 45:1-3, 1 Samuel 15:29-30



“One Named Publius”

Acts 28:1-10

May 30, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner
United Church of Ovid (Memorial Sunday)
(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

Theme for Today: the church makes a difference

Introduction – Recap: The church exercises its faith.
The church serves in love.
The church shares its faith.
The church shows reverence and duty.
The church makes a difference.

I – Storms tend to make a difference...

Paul was prisoner turned life coach...“Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed...we must run aground on some island.”
27:21-26

II – Trusting in someone with more faith tends to make a difference...

“The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion spared Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan.” – Acts 27:42-43

III – Trusting in God makes all the difference...

From murderer to god in a matter of seconds...“But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.” – Acts 28:1-6

IV – Making a difference beings at home...

“There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably...They honored us in many ways and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.” – Acts 28:1-10

“Saint Publius (in Maltese, San Publju) is venerated as the first Bishop of Malta. Publius' conversion led to Malta being the first Christian nation in the West, and one of the first in the world.”⁴

Conclusion – How are we making a difference?

Like the church that we started to be, we can be that makes a difference in our homes, in our work places, in our communities.

When people arrive on our Malta, our home base, we can be the church we started to be by making a difference in their lives.

personal application questions

Where in your life can you make a difference? in your work? in your community?

What's hindering you from making it happen?

Jon Stanton on Jon Stanton....

Hi. My name is Jon Stanton. I'm just an average, every day guy who had a major weight problem for most of my life. I'm on a mission. The United States has a major problem - we are killing ourselves with food. Plain and simple, and it's crazy - we don't have to be this way!

I grew up battling weight problems all my life. I was always the biggest kid in school, and despite my mom's best efforts, I somehow managed to always overeat.

Throughout my 20s, I kept on packing on the weight. It didn't bother me too much, though. After all, when you're young, your body can take a lot of abuse, and you feel invincible. Things started to change pretty rapidly about the time I hit 30, though.

I started blood pressure medicine when I was in high school. I told myself, "no big deal - lots of people take blood pressure medicine." By the time I turned 30, I was on the highest dose of the particular blood pressure medicine I used, plus medicine for high cholesterol and joint pain. I was also sick nearly all the time. I spent at least half of the year, if not more, on antibiotics because in its unhealthy state, my body seemed to become the ideal host for every virus or bacteria that came its way!

After my hair started falling out (more than just from getting old) and I started feeling so fatigued that I could barely function, I decided to pay the doctor yet another visit. After running blood work, the results came back - I had Type 2 (adult onset) diabetes. I shouldn't have been surprised - the doctor had been warning me about it for years.

He wanted to start me on medicine to control the blood sugar, but in the course of our conversation, he looked me in the eye and said, "Jon - if you keep living this way, you're going to be dead by the time you're 50, and the last 10 years of your life are going to be miserable." That hit my square between the eyes, and I decided enough was enough.

Instead of starting the medicine, I started walking and cutting calories. Most days, I consumed at least 6,000 calories. That's how many calories it takes for a 5'9" male to maintain 430 pounds. I cut that number in half, which is still more than what is recommended in a day, but was enough food to help me lose weight and feel full.

It's taken me slightly more than a year and a half now, but in that time, I've walked more than 1,000 miles and have lost 230 pounds. Now, I can do more than just walk, because I enjoy it SO much. People ask me all the time, "what did you do to lose that weight?" or "You must have joined a gym and paid big bucks, right?" or "did you have that surgery? That's really expensive, isn't it?" NOPE! Nada, zilch. I lost weight for free! My total investment amounts to an \$89 Ipod Shuffle and the cost of a few pairs of walking shoes. That's it!

Do you struggle with being overweight? Have you bought in to all the excuses for why you're overweight and can't find time to exercise? Guess what - excuses are the first thing that has to go. Accept the fact that you need to change, and then follow a common sense approach for doing it. You don't have to eat bark and twigs every day, or pucker your way through 450 grapefruits every week! You can eat lots of good, healthy food that tastes good, and guess what? You can also eat some unhealthy stuff that tastes REALLY good ONCE IN A WHILE!

America's problem is that we want everything fast, everything easy, and everything served to us like it's a time for feasting and celebration. This has led to a Type 2 Diabetes epidemic. It's skyrocketing among adults, and the current generation of children is the first since the depression that's likely to live a shorter life than their parents. We must do something about it! Are you ready to change? Are you ready for insight, inspiration, encouragement and hope?

God does not intend for us to be unhealthy and unhappy. He wants the exact opposite. You deserve health and happiness, and you can have it, if you choose to make good food choices and move your body on a daily basis.

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⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Publius