

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

Greeters – Russ & Sally Kioski
Acolytes – Cassie
Lay Reader – Sue Casler
Nursery -
Children's Church – Linda Lupu, AnnMarie Buchner
Coffee Hour – Russ & Sally Kioski
Welcome Ministry - Russ Westbrook

Serving Next Week

Graduates
Meghan, Aalonna
Ruth Clark
Rosemary Baese
Jessi Ladiski, Erica Cook
United Women
Carol Bashore

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 106 Christian Life Classes - 14

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$4623
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 70
	Parking Lot	\$ 25
	Building	\$ 135

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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

Mother's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: the church serves from the heart

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557

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) “Breathe”
“Jesus Draw Me Close”

** Call to Worship ¹

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God and whom we miss here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers who have gone on before us.

Leader: For every woman who is working to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption or foster care or by choosing to be a mother to everyone else.

All: Thank God for the big-hearted mothers in spirit.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are strong.

Leader: Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

All: We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Special Moment “Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord” United Kids

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.)

Noisy Offering Chorus – “Count Your Blessings” - Count your blessings name them one by one. Count your blessings see what God has done. Count your blessings... name them one by one. Count your many blessings see what God has done.”

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 16:6-15 pgs. 1074

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 “Mother Lydia” Pastor Greg

Song of Thanksgiving “Standing on the Promises” UMH#374

****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.

¹ adapted from “A Litany for Mother’s Day” by Peggy Emerson (www.gbod.org)

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)
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family)
3:30 pm – Seasons of Grief Support Group (library)
5 pm – Family Center in use
6 pm – Girl Scouts (basement)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- Friday** 4 pm – Girl Scouts Year End Program (family center)
- Sunday** 9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area)
(Classes available for children-tweens-and adults.)
9:30 am – Graduation Breakfast (family center)
10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)
11:30 am – Congregational Meeting (worship area)
1 pm – Family Center in use

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: May 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: Mary Paksi – 86th birthday // Good neighbors / Chris & Becky (Geisenhaver) Vincent marriage / wonderful Easter Celebration

We pray for the health & healing of: Robert Kebler – possible surgery / Pastor Susan Poynter – surgery recovery / Olivia Whitman – 7 yr. old – brain surgery / Meredith Doyen – hip surgery – granddaughter of Braceys / Gerald Pulver – cancer – uncle of Alene Ward / Eva Miller / Shawn – surgery recovery – friend of Aaron McClung / Karen Cook – breast cancer – mother of Ben Cook / David Green – recovering from heart surgery / Burt Ashtown / Violet Courtney / Leona Karber – severe pain / Kristy King-Thelen – recovering from surgery – daughter of Deb Conklin // Faith Hienze – broken arm – granddaughter of Carol Watson / Carol Watson – pain therapy / Keri (Hudson) Dingy – cancer

We share our sympathy with the families of: Mary Ann – friend of Sue Graham // Pat Hipoliti

We lift up our general requests of: 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 // 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

“Breathe”³

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.
Your Holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread.
Your very word spoken to me.

And I.....I'm desperate for you.

And I.....I'm lost without you. *(repeat as directed)*

“Jesus Draw Me Close”⁴

Jesus draw me close...closer Lord to you.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus draw me close...closer Lord to you

For I desire to worship and obey. *(repeat as directed)*

³ MPW61-CCLI 703014 (©1995 Mercy/Vineyard Productions) - John 20:21-23

⁴ MPW48-CCLI 703014(©1990 Maranatha Praise/Rick Founds) – Hebrews 4:16



“Mother Lydia”

Acts 16:6-15

May 9, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner
United Church of Ovid
(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

Theme for Today: the church serves from the heart

Introduction – The Heart Won Over

Acts 15 The Council, the Letter, the Plan

Acts 16 & 17 The Church’s continuing mission

I – Paul has a vision from the heart... (Acts 16:6-12)

“After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.” – Acts 16:10

II – Lydia was influenced by her heart... (Acts 16:13-14)

“One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message..” – Acts 16:14

III – Lydia mothered because her heart had been changed... (Acts 16:15)

“When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.”

Conclusion

Being the church that we started to be, what does it look like when we serve from the heart?

personal application questions

When was the last time you served with your heart instead of just your head?

Are you willing to discover what “serving from the heart” means...for you?
...for those who love? ...for those you may not love right now?

Like the Church found in the book of Acts, what are you willing to do personally in order for The United Church of Ovid to serve with its heart?