

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



Growing in God's word ~ Living in Spiritual unity ~ Sharing faith in Christ

Serving This Week

Greeters – Sharon VanGieson
Acolytes – Michael Perez
Lay Reader – Linda Lupu
Nursery - Jessi Ladiski
Children's Church – Linda Lupu, AnnMarie Buchner
Coffee Hour – Spaghetti Dinner
Welcome Ministry - Carol Bashore

Serving Next Week

Linda Morgan
Ben Lupu
Brian Bracey
Amy Fowler
Sue Casler, Tara Ritter
Alene Ward
Shelley Shimunec

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.

GOD'S ECONOMY

REDEFINING SUCCESS, FREEDOM, AND RESPONSIBILITY

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 84 Christian Life Classes – 7

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$3140
Special Funds:	Building	\$ 110
	Mission	\$ 80
	Mission – Camp Fund	\$ 15

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"FOR THE GREATER GOOD"
(ROMANS 12: 1-3)

"LIVING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT" (MATTHEW 7:24)

"THE SMALL STUFF MATTERS"
(I PETER 2:9-17)

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: God has designed everything for the greater good.

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH#57

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) “Praise You” & “Offering”

**** Call to Worship**

Leader: In God’s economy, can we have our pie and eat it too?

People: Only if the pie is abundant living and not simply dollars and change.

Leader: In God’s economy, are broken pieces restored and healed?

People: Jesus taught that God’s economy is good news to everyone.

Leader: In God’s economy, how are we fed, spiritually and physically?

People: We become living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.

Leader: In God’s economy, who wins and who loses?

People: We don’t conform any longer to this world, but are transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Leader: Then may our time this morning draw us closer to God’s economy...

People: ...and by His grace, may sober judgment lead us to God’s perfect will for this time of worship and for our lives. 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.)

Noisy Offering (“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 Romans 12:1-8 pgs.1100

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 “God’s Economy: For the Greater Good” Pastor Greg

Song of Preparation “Glory be to the Father” UMH #70

Sacrament of Communion – This morning we will be receiving the elements by intinction. If able, please come forward receive the bread (or gluten-free waver if requested) and then dip it into the juice before eating and remembering. You are invited to pray if you wish before returning to your seat. If you wish to be served in the pews, please motion to Pastor Greg.

Song of Thanksgiving “The Church is One Foundation” UMH #546

****Blessing and Congregational Response** “My Tribute” UMH #99

“To God...be the glory, To God...be the glory, To God...be the glory for the things He has done. With his blood...He has saved me; with His power, He has raised me; To God...be the glory for the things He has done.”

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

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) 12noon – Spaghetti Dinner (family center) sponsored by Men's Club 11:45 am – Memorial Meeting (library)
Monday	7 pm – Bible Study (basement)
Tuesday	12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center) 6:30 pm – Pastor-Parish Mt. (library)
Wednesday	7 pm – Cornerstone (worship area)
Thursday	12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center) 7 pm – Family Center in use 7 pm – Education Mt. – VBS – (basement)
Friday	1 pm – Family Center in use 5 pm – Wedding Rehearsal & Rehearsal Dinner (worship area & basement)
Saturday	2 pm – Wedding Renewal – Al & Emily Berlo
Sunday	9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area) (Classes available for children-tweens) 10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Dinner – Today 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 – Willing Servants are always appreciated! As our ministry expands at UCO, more willing servants are needed. Not necessarily volunteers, but servants whom God has placed it on their heart to assist in our mission and purpose. You may be thinking, “But where has God shaped me for ministry?” If you need help finding that answer, Pastor Greg's available. Please set up an appointment thru 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!!

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: June 9 , 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: Rachelle Sandbrook – State Champion for High Jump // Victoria Parmenter graduation from high school / parking lot starting / successful 'day of hope'

We pray for the health & healing of: Leah Lupu – test / Kali Mattson – surgery / Jean Loznak – cancer / Richard Latz – accident – step-father of Kathy Hunt / James & Karen Cook // Kim & Janelle McClelland – car accident / Jim Brown – health / Jim Hurst – health / Lois Bracey –recovering from surgery / Dick Hunt – heart problems – brother of Dave Hunt / Kia Richardson – surgery – grandson of Russ & Sally Kioski

We share our sympathy with the families of: George 'Tom' Nicholson – father of George Nicholson // Ken Moore – cousin of Sally Kioski / Larry Howland / Scott Morac / Tony – friend of Sally Kioski

We lift up our general requests of: Oil Spill disaster / Lena & Clarence Trowbridge – moving to Owosso / Emily & Al Berlo – training // Pastor's families in transition / Rev. David Hill and family in their transition / 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 Hagle, 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

“Praise You”¹

Lord I come to You today...with a simple prayer to pray...

In everything I do...let my life O Lord praise You!

(chorus) Praise You...praise You...Let my life...praise You...

Praise You...praise You...Let my life O Lord praise You!

Lord You formed me out of clay...and for Your glory I was made...

Use this vessel as You choose...let my life O Lord praise You!

“Offering”²

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;

There is no shadow in Your presence.

No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,

Before the Holy One of heaven.

It's only by your blood...and its only by your mercy, Lord, I come ...(*chorus*)

(*chorus*) - I bring an offering of worship to my King.

No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.

Jesus may you receive the honor that You're due.

O Lord, I bring an offering to you ...

(*repeat all of above and*

repeat line last time)

¹ MPW84-CCLI 703014 (© 1993 New Spring Publishing by Wayne & Elizabeth Goodine) - Psalm 79:13

² MPW130-CCLI 703014 (by Paul Baloché © 2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music) – Hebrews 13:15



“God’s Economy: For the Greater Good”

Romans 12:1-3

June 13, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner

United Church of Ovid

(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

Theme for Today: In God’s economy, everything is designed for the greater good.

Introduction – “The Greater Good” & God’s Economy

Culture’s Economy – make more, spend more, buy more & possibly save more

God’s Economy – using everything that we’ve been given for the greater good

I – The Greater Good of Creation...

Garden of Eden vs. The Temptation and Fall of Humanity - “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.” – Genesis 1:31

The whole “greater good” package was given to us in the Garden of Eden, but we missed it.

II – The Greater Good through Moses and the Prophets...

The Rich Man & Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' " (Luke 16:31)

The whole “greater good” package was presented with Moses and the Prophets,

but we as humanity missed it again...that’s why Jesus had to come.

III – The Greater Good of Jesus – Birth, Ministry, Life, Death, Resurrection...

The Road to Emmaus...another “duh” moment...

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

(Luke 24:30-32)

The whole “greater good” package was presented in Jesus Christ, but, unfortunately we often get distracted.

IV – The Greater Good of the Spirit

“There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in everyone. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” –

I Corinthians 12:6-7

The whole “greater good” package comes when we all the Spirit to work in us!

Conclusion – What Greater Good operates within us?

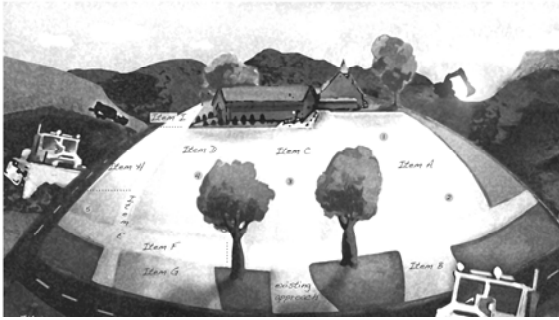
In God’s economy, the greater good takes precedence because God designed it that way and the Spirit helps us keep it that way!

personal application questions

Who decides your greater good...the culture or the Spirit?

How does the greater good affect your decision making each day?

What is one thing you can do for the greater good right now? today? this week?



MOVING MOUNTAINS

ON CLINTON STREET!

2010 NEW PARKING LOT PROJECT AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF OVID

“Together we must...” – Week Two

I need to tell you a story.

One Easter Sunday morning, a young lady of 14-ish put on her pretty Easter dress and made her way to the church I pastored. Needless to say, the parking lot had to pick Easter Sunday that year to thaw and it was a complete mess. We put up signs warning people of the conditions, but, being new, they missed our hand-written attempts...do I need to continue? To my knowledge, they’ve never returned.

I wanted you to read that because parking lots are often unglamorous things. Whether large or small, they tend to look the same, don’t they? But here’s the kicker, it won’t be the same once these are finished.

I guarantee that our visitors will feel more welcomed. Our regulars will feel more relieved. And I pray that little girls in Easter dresses will never be mud from head to toe again. With this project, we are trying to do better for the future.

In fact, there is no doubt in our minds that we “must” get this done. There is no doubt in our minds that we “must” get this done together. Last week, you received the pledge card. What will you do with it? Fill it out in faith and see what God will do!

**We can... we must... we will...
move mountains on Clinton Street together!**

Pastor Greig

Party in the Parking Lot

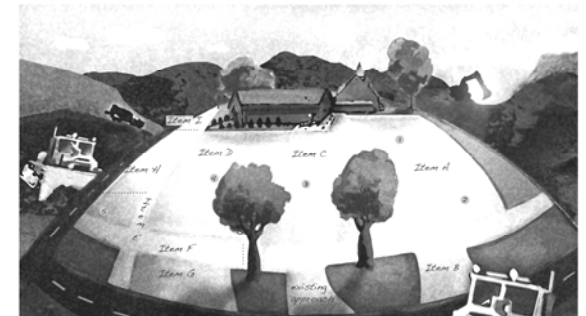
Consider yourself invited!!!

On Sunday, June 27, the United Church of Ovid is going to be celebrating. During worship at 10:30am, we’re going to celebrate the mountains being moved on Clinton Street through a “Miracle Sunday” worship experience. After worship, though, we’re going to play!

That’s right, about 11:45am bring your basket balls, roller blades, skateboards, hockey nets, and bicycles. Part of our new parking lot will be blocked off that day so that everyone can have some fun. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided.

This will be our way of sharing our new “community” parking lot with our community. In fact, it’s really our way of saying thank-you to our community for putting up with us and for those who have worked so hard on this project.

If you’d like to assist in getting the supplies, please contact the church office, but by all means, bring the toys June 27 and let’s enjoy what we’ve accomplished together.





STUDYING

“THE SHACK”

Mondays - 7pm - June 13 thru August 18

Two Books:

The Shack (Wm. Paul Young) &

Finding God in the Shack (R. E. Olson)

(If you own ‘em, bring ‘em.
If not, copies will be provided)

One Conversation:

Led by Pastor Greg & those who attend

From the back cover of Olson’s book...

“Olson views *The Shack* with a theologian's eye and finds much sound truth. He delves into many of the significant issues raised by the book such as forgiving those who have done us great evil, how God acts in the world, how God is three persons in one and what difference this makes to us.”

Everyone is welcome!