

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

Serving Next Week

Greeters – Ken & Shirley Austin
Acolytes – Sarah Hehrer
Lay Reader – Bruce Wiegel
Nursery - Ben Cook
Children's Church – Rachelle Parsons, Leah Rasch
Coffee Hour – Party in the Parking Lot
Welcome Ministry – Carol Bashore

Connie Paksi, Renee Denison
Melanie, Leah, Ben
Char Terpstra
Sherry Kast
Connie Paksi, Renee Denison
Shelley Shimunec

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 79 Christian Life Classes – 10

Finance Report:

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| General Fund: | | \$1437 |
| Special Funds: | Building | \$ 85 |
| | Mission | \$ 52 |
| | Parking Lot | \$ 35 |

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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.

GOD'S ECONOMY

REDEFINING SUCCESS, FREEDOM, AND RESPONSIBILITY



"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)

Moving Mountains Miracle Sunday
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: God has designed even the small stuff to matter.

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” UMH#569

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) “Days of Elijah”
“How Great Is Our God”

** Call to Worship

Leader: Didn’t there used to be a house at 142 West Clinton Street?

People: Those mountains have moved.

Leader: Didn’t someone predict that it would take forever for a parking lot?

People: Again, those mountains aren’t there.

Leader: We have prayed. We have heard God’s voice. We have followed its direction. Today, we celebrate that mountains have been moved...

People: ...to the glory of our great God! Amen!

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

Special Moment “Gentle Rain” Cary Cornwell

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 John 15:1-12 pgs. 1046

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: The Small Stuff *Still* Matters” Pastor Greg

Special Moment Moving Mountains on Clinton Street

****Song of Thanksgiving**¹ “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us” UMH#381

****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 parking lot (on the opposite end of the building) for a time of refreshments, community-building and fellowship.

¹ We will be passing the baskets to collect the pledge/giving cards during this song. To be sure to have your amount included in our announcement next week, please turn in your cards today. Thank you!

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: June 23, 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: Spencer Parmenter & Whitney Job were married on June 6 / Ovid Alumni Banquet / Rachele Sandbrook – State Champion for High Jump / Parking lot in use

We pray for the health & healing of: Erica Cook – recovering from surgery / Frank Winkler Sr. – heart surgery / Hazel Munger – heart problems – cousin of Sally Kioski / Carol Watson – recovering from surgery / Richard Latz – Ovid Healthcare – step-father of Kathy Hunt // Josie Yesmont – ICU sparrow hospital / Kip Scott – health / father-in-law of Julie Kioski Richardson recovering from surgery / Vernon Westbrook – heart surgery – brother of Russ Westbrook / Alex Pung – critical condition from accident // Rebecca Marshal – possible surgery – wife of Bob Marshall / Leah Lupu – test / Kali Mattson – surgery / Jean Loznak – cancer / James & Karen Cook / Jack Richardson – heart surgery

We share our sympathy with the families of: George 'Tom' Nicholson – father of George Nicholson

We lift up our general requests of: Church Campers / Traveling mercies / Camping families in Arkansas / Oil Spill disaster / Lena & Clarence Trowbridge – moving to Owosso / Emily & Al Berlo – training / 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 / 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

“Days of Elijah”²

These are the days of Elijah...declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of his servant, Moses...righteousness being restored.
And these are the days of great trial...of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

(refrain) - Behold He comes...riding on a cloud...shining like the sun...
at the trumpet's call! Lift your voice...it's the year of jubilee...
and out of Zion 'till salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel...with dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of his servant, David...building the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest...the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in your vineyard declaring the word of the Lord! *(to refrain)*

There's no god like Jehovah! *(repeat as directed then refrain)*

“How Great Is Our God”³

1. The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty...
Let all the earth rejoice...all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in Light...and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice...trembles at His voice
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great...how great is our God!
2. Age to age He stands...and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end...beginning and the end.
The Godhead Three in One...Father Spirit Son...
The Lion and the Lamb...the Lion and the Lamb.

[The chorus below is sung both parts at the same time and repeated.]

Group one - How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see How great, how great is our God!

Group two - Name above all names...worthy of our praise...
My heart will sing...how great is our God!

²MPW139-CCLI 703014(©1997 Daybreak Music by Robin Mark)-John 1:19-23,1Kings18:16-41,Malachi 3:1-2

³MPW117-CCLI 703014 ((©2004 worshiptogether.com) – 2 Samuel 7:22, Job 36:26

News You Can Use

This Week's Calendar

- Sunday** 9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area)
(Classes available for children-tweens.)
10:30 am - Worship with party in the parking lot following
(worship area/family center)
11:45am – Party in the Parking Lot (parking lot)
- Monday** 7 pm – “The Shack” Book/Bible Study (library)
- Tuesday** 12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)
6:30 pm – Trustees (library)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Cornerstone (worship area)
8 pm – Music-Worship Mt. (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- 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

Party in the Parking Lot TODAY!!! – Join us in the parking lot after the service for hot dogs, chips, beverages, and cake along with basketball, roller-blading, bicycling, etc. as we celebrate the this great community space. Chairs and tables will be set outside as well, so everyone can enjoy the celebration. (If it's raining, we'll be in the family center.)

“The Shack” Book-Bible Study is up and running on Monday nights, 7 pm, through August 16th. Both books used for the course are available at the church. Come and join us!

Galatic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! Vacation Bible School. Board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe – and our awesome God – in a whole new way. The fun begins July 12 and ends Friday, July 16 from 9am to 12noon. Pre registration forms are on the table in the entrance area. Invite a friend to come with you.

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.

“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.

“The Soul of a Nation” will be Pastor Greg's special message next week during a unique July 4th Sunday. If you're in the area, consider putting God primary this Independence Day weekend. This is the opportunity to thank the One who gave us freedom in the first place!

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...

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.

We God Needs You – Volunteers and Willing Servants are always appreciated!

As our ministry expands at UCO, more volunteers and equipped willing servants are needed. You may be thinking, “But where has God shaped me for ministry?” If you need help finding that answer, give the church office a call and we'll help you find a place.

Deadlines: Bulletin announcements - Wednesday of each week.
Newsletter info – August 15th for September 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



“God’s Economy:
The Small Stuff *Still* Matters”

John 15: 1-12

June 27, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner

United Church of Ovid

(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

Theme for Today: God has designed even the small stuff to matter.

Introduction – Marathon Tennis Match

continuing the small stuff...

The longest tennis match in history was played at Wimbledon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday...John Isner of the U.S. and Nicolas Mahut of France. *(as of Thursday)*

I – The small stuff *still* matters because...we’re just branches.

Jesus is the vine...he brings nourishment to the branches.

God the Father is the gardener...he sees the whole vineyard.

We’re the branches...we bear fruit. (We don’t do the other two.)

Small stuff: “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit unless it remains in the vine.” – John 15:4

II – The small stuff *still* matters because...bearing fruit honors God.

Small stuff: “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” – John 15:8

III – The small stuff *still* matters because...joy is the result.

Small stuff: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” – John 15:11

Conclusion – Maybe the small stuff isn’t so small after all?

“Jesus went on to make these comments:

If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things;

If you're a crook in small things, you'll be a crook in big things.

If you're not honest in small jobs, who will put you in charge of the store?”

- Luke 16:10-12 (The Message)

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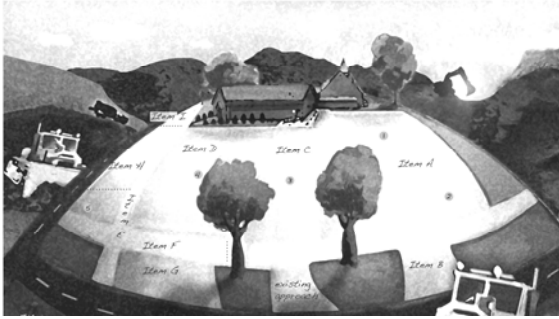
personal application questions

In God’s economy, what small stuff have I been ignoring?

What fruit am I bearing? How can I be more faithful with what I have?

What big stuff is God waiting for me, if I’ll just be faithful to the small stuff?

Does my life show the small stuff that matters to God?



MOVING MOUNTAINS

ON CLINTON STREET!

2010 NEW PARKING LOT PROJECT AT
THE UNITED CHURCH OF OVID

“Glorifying God”

Monday before Miracle Sunday...

Well, the parking lot is officially done! The lines will go down this Friday, including a half-court line system for the basketball hoop! I believe that it is and it will be a great asset to our ministry here at UCO.

On one hand it looks like it's always been there doesn't it? Like it belongs. On the other, I can't believe how big it is, that is until I see Jamie and Matthew riding their bikes on it full blast without running out of room. ☺

Some thanks are definitely deserved. The efforts of our trustee team and other volunteers who have hammered this project out from the pencil drawings to the final product have been evident. We could not have done this without them. There is no doubt that we're blessed to have such a great group willingly enthusiastic about getting things done.

There are still some things to do. Landscaping is happening as we speak and per the special business meeting, we're looking at options that will make our exterior doors more accessible. Oh, before I forget, the projection system is also almost up and ready-to-use thanks to another great group of volunteers just in time for VBS...All to God's glory...Praise be to God!

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

Pastor Green