

**WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE:**

Ministers: Every Member of the Church  
Musicians: Pianist - Dee Ritter, Organist - Carrie Hier,  
Keyboardist - 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 – Larry & Carol Bashore  
Acolytes – Cassie, Janelle, Saige  
Lay Reader – Janell Kebler  
Nursery - Kathy Bracey  
Children's Church – Jessi Ladiski, Erica Cook  
Coffee Hour – Larry & Carol Bashore  
Welcome Ministry – Russ Westbrook

**Serving Next Week**

Harold & Lois Bracey  
Sarah Hehrer  
Brian Bracey  
Michelle Martin  
Rachelle Parsons, Leah Rasch  
Harold & Lois Bracey  
Carol Bashore

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Attendance:** Worship Service – Christian Life Classes –

**Finance Report:**

General Fund:	\$ 870.00
Special Funds:	
Building	\$ 130.00
Parking Lot	\$ 300.00
Mission	\$ 100.00
United Women	\$ 265.00

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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.



**The 2010 Return of the..  
"HOT TOPIC"  
MESSAGE SERIES**

- Next week **"Caring For the Dying – A Pastoral Look at End of Life Care**  
(Including Issues Around Cremation)" (2 Corinthians 4:7-18)
- August 15th **"Is Suicide an Unforgivable Sin? – Relooking at the Samson & Delilah Story"** (Romans 8:38-39, Judges 16:26-31)
- August 22nd **"How Are Christians Supposed to Deal with the Islamic Faith? – Isaac vs. Ishmael"** (John 3:36, 14:6, Acts 4:12, Genesis 21:1-21)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 1, 2010

# Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

*Theme for Today: the private and public practice of prayer*

## Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

**Opening Song** “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH#496

## 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)* “Here I Am to Worship”  
“I Come to the Cross”

## \*\* Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to this place because we are a people of prayer.

**People: We declare your praises...**

Leader: There’s nothing we need...and there’s nothing the world needs...more than the holy, gracious presence of our Savior.

**People: We acknowledge our human need...**

Leader: In prayer, we declare the worth of Jesus Christ, our dependency on Him, and our culture’s need of Him.

**People: In prayer, we intercede for ourselves and for others...**

Leader: As we gather, may we proclaim His glory, receive more grace, and worship the One who has brought us here.

**People: In this worship, we offer God our prayer-filled thanks and praise. 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** I John 5:14-15 pg. 1186  
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** “The Private and Public Practice of Prayer:  
Six types of prayer and how to use them” Pastor Greg

**Sacrament of Communion** – Today the elements will be served by intinction, meaning that everyone is invited to come forward and eat a piece of bread after dipping it into the cup. Gluten-free wafers and cup are available. If you wish to be served in the pews, please raise your hand and we will come to you.

**Song of Thanksgiving** “Leave It There” UMH#522

**\*\*Blessing and Congregational Response** “May (We) Run”<sup>1</sup>

May we run and not be weary...may our hearts be filled with song.

May the love of God continue to give us hope and keep us strong.

And may we run and not grow weary...may our lives be filled with joy!

And may the road we travel...always lead us home.”

**“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.

<sup>1</sup> The Faith We Sing #2281 – words adapted

## Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: July 26, 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:** A wonderful & exciting VBS / Camp experience

**We pray for the health & healing of:** Survivor of plane crash in Alma / Vernon Westbrook (Russ' brother) – spots on lungs / Baby born with spinal bifida / Richard Latz (surgery recovery) – step-father of Kathy Hunt // Kathy Hehrer - surgery // Alex Pung – 18 yr old in a quad accident / Kevin Beach – farm accident / Norma George – fall

**We share our sympathy with the families of:** Rev. Paul Doherty (a mentor of PG) / Families in Alma – plane crash / Norma Coon family – Great-aunt of Pastor Greg // Sarah Maville family – friend of Russ Westbrook // Doris Darling family

**We lift up our general requests of:** Kay Parmenter family in her SC move // our tech director / people searching for a job / Traveling mercies / Camping families in Arkansas / Oil Spill disaster / 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:** Erica Cook – recovering from surgery / Barb Jones – shingles / Mary Ann Mizga –health / Margo Martin – health / 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 Hogle, Brian Moody, Arin Monahan, Jarred Luckhardt

**We remember those who are continually in our thoughts:** UCO - our leaders, purpose, & ministry / shut-ins / RAVE families / UMC-UCC leaders / Christian churches at home & around the globe / local, state, national, world leaders / those affected 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*

### “Here I Am to Worship”<sup>2</sup>

1 - Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness...  
Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You...hope of a life spent with You.

*(refrain)* - Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

2 - King of all days, oh so highly exalted.  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth you created.  
All for love's sake became poor.

*(to refrain)*

3 - I'll never know how much it cost...to see my sin upon that cross.  
*(3x then to refrain)*

*(ending)* - Here I am to worship...here I am to worship...

### “I Come to the Cross”<sup>3</sup>

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,  
I come to the cross where You died in my place.  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,  
Jesus, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name,  
You welcome the child that was lost.  
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame,  
Jesus, I come...Jesus I come...Jesus, I come to the cross. *(repeat of all above)*

<sup>2</sup>MPW116-CCLI 703014(©2001 Thankyou Music) – John 4:18-25, 8:12

<sup>3</sup>MPW106-CCLI 703014 (©1996 Meadowgreen Music Co. / Maranatha Praise, Inc. – Matthew 27:32-44

## 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 fellowship following (worship area/family center)
- Monday** 7 pm – “The Shack” Book/Bible Study (library) – Join us anytime.
- Tuesday** Don't forget to vote!  
10 am – Ovid Healthcare Service  
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)  
6 pm – Ovid Historical Society (family center)  
6:30 pm – Finance Mt. (office)  
7:30 pm – Official Board Mt. (library)  
7 pm – Boy Scout Leaders (basement)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Cornerstone (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- Friday** 6 pm – Wedding Rehearsal (worship area)
- Saturday** 3 pm – Wedding – Lindsey Gruesbeck & Kevin Ball
- 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

**Weight Loss Challenge Coming to UCO** – August 5<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup> join a weight loss challenge group that will be meeting here at UCO on Thursday evenings through September and then on Wednesdays in October. You can be the next biggest loser! To take the challenge contact Rhonda at (517) 490-7003 or at [www.loseweightnow.com/rjolly](http://www.loseweightnow.com/rjolly).

**UCO Canoe Trip** – There is still plenty of room for our canoe trip up north on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up is available at the Front Street entrance. While hot dogs will be provided for a quick lunch before the trip, we're asking that each family also bring some finger foods to share. For more information contact Denise Dennison at 723-7192.

**“Seasons of Grief” – Bereavement Support Group Continues** – on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Summer Camping Isn't Over** - There is still time for kids to make this the best summer ever by attending a United Methodist Summer Camp. Openings are still available for a variety of elementary and middle school camps across the conference. And remember, if you refer a first time camper, or are a first time camper, you are eligible for a \$50 rebate on camp tuition and the UCO pays half of your tuition or more if needed. Call the camp registrar at 888 217-1905 or register online at the West Michigan Conference website on camping at <http://bit.ly/c735Pr> - Or see Janelle Kebler (834-1420) with any questions.

**Fill-in Custodian Needed** - We are looking for a fill-in custodian for the week of August 16-22. This will take approximately 10-15 hours and will be paid \$100. If you are interested, please contact Janell Kebler at 834-1420 or email her at [janellward@yahoo.com](mailto:janellward@yahoo.com)

**VBS Pictures** - If you would like a copy of a picture from VBS, please contact Paul Love (837-4-2465) or the church office.

### Volunteers needed for...

**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 15<sup>th</sup> for September newsletter.

### Community Corner

**UCO Birthdays & Anniversaries** (If we've missed your special day please let the church office know!)

**August Birthdays:** 1-Michael Batora, Saige Wilkins 2-Tara Ritter 3-Darwin Hunt Jr., Brooke Ladiski 5-Mike O'Bryant, Morris Swanson 8-Jason Casler 9-Stacey Casler, Logan McPherson 12-Butch Vanderhoof 13-Kirk Baese 14-Margo Martin, Justin Hier 15-Mario Perez 18-Burt Case 20-Dennis Long, Karl Dahlke 21-Amy Long-Carman 22-Sally Iler 23-Bruce Wiegel, Jeanna Hebler 24-Rob Veale 25-John Iler, LaNiece Densteadt 28-John Graham 29-Fred Shimunec, Amanda Carpenter 30-Kim McClelland 31-Leann Martin, Kristi Taylor

**August Wedding Anniversaries:** 1-Gene & Alene Ward 2-Kirk & Rosemary Baese 8-Matt & Amanda Ashmore 8-Dan & Jennifer Martin 15-Fred & Shelley Shimunec 19 -Jason & Stacey Casler 21-Jonathan & Sally Iler 23-Kelly & Jean Murdock 24-Mark & Sue Casler



***"The Private and Public Practice of Prayer: Six types of prayer and how to use them"***

I John 5:14-15  
United Church of Ovid  
August 1, 2010

*(all scripture references are from the NIV unless noted)*

**Introduction** – “Conversating” with God...

**I – Types of Prayer – When and How do we use them**

**Type One – Prayer of Agreement** (Matthew 18:19) - “...if two of you agree...”

Public or private: public  
When to use: when agreement has been reached  
How to use: praying that something will happen in the future  
For example: “Lord, help us build a parking lot! – We agree Lord, now do you agree?”

**Type Two – Prayer of Faith** (Luke 17:11-19) - “Master, have pity on us...”

Public or private: both (not often done in a large group setting)  
When to use: when we’re out of natural solutions and need the spiritual  
How to use: in your prayer closet alone with God, or with trusted friends  
For example: “Lord, I have no one or nothing else to turn to but to You”

**Type Three – Prayer of Consecration** (Luke 22:42)–“...not my will, but Yours...”

Public or private: both  
When to use: when you want to leave it up to God  
How to use: on the big things you want God’s complete control over  
For example: “God, I fully give this to you...do as you please with it.”

**Type Four – Prayer of Praise and Worship** (Luke 2:20)–“...glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen...”

Public or private: both  
When to use: whenever you want to praise God for what He has done  
How to use: let the joy ring from your heart!  
For example: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...”

**Type Five – Prayer of Intercession** (Romans 8:26-27) – “...the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will...”

Public or private: both  
When to use: when we need the Spirit’s touch in a certain situation  
How to use: when we are praying for others  
For example: “Healing Spirit, be with Jane Doe during her surgery.”

**Type Six – Prayer of Direction** (Matthew 18:18) – “Binding (= things not permitted) Loosening (=things that are permitted)” What is permitted and not permitted is the same on earth as it is in heaven.

Public or private: private (may be both but mostly private)  
When to use: when we need some direction in our lives  
How to use: pray that God will bind and loosen what needs to be  
For example: “Gracious God, forgive me for what I have done and not done that doesn’t please you. Help me to do Your will.”

**II – Whom do we pray to and when?** (can be mixed – often we pray to God in the name of Jesus for the Spirit’s involvement in our lives)

Father / God / Almighty / Creator /etc. – Anytime! But especially when we’re praying for or about God’s creation or His majesty, etc.

Jesus / Christ / Son of God / Savior / Redeemer / etc. – Anytime! But especially when we’re remembering His past sacrifice, his present and future actions through the Spirit.

Holy Spirit / Sustainer / Holy One / etc. – Anytime! But especially when we’re in need of or in celebration of the comfort, peace, direction, and peace the Spirit brings.

**III - How God answers prayer...**

Yes – when it agrees with His will  
No – when it disagrees with His will  
Wait – when He has something better in store

**Conclusion** – “The Lord’s Prayer” (UMH# 894-896) – blend of all the prayers

Whether it’s in private or in public, whether it’s on a list or from your heart, God wants to “conversate” with us. He will hear. He will answer.