

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 – Bud & Willann Casler
Acolytes – Jacqleen Wilkins
Lay Reader – Don Herrington
Nursery - Linda Lupu
Children's Church – Sue Casler, Tara Ritter
Coffee Hour – Bud & Willann Casler
Welcome Ministry – Carol Bashore

Serving Next Week

Sarah Hehrer
Carol Bashore
Becky Dahlke
Sue Casler, Tara Ritter
Shelley Shimunec

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 67 Christian Life Classes – 6

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$ 924
Special Funds:	Building	\$ 45
	Parking Lot	\$ 70
	Mission – Food Bank	\$ 350

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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.



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: building on our relationship with Jesus Christ

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “I Am Thine O Lord” UMH#419

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)* “Holy Is the Lord”
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**** Call to Worship**

Leader: A Turkish proverb says that, “No road is long with company.”

People: We are made to be in relationship.

Leader: Lust is easy. Trust is hard. To be in relationship is most important.

People: We have relationship through Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Swedish proverb says, “Shared joy is double joy. Shared sorrow is half a sorrow.”

People: Because of our relationship through Christ, we never walk alone.

Leader: So, as we come together in worship this morning, may we be ready to build the relationship we have with God and with one another.

People: We are made to be in relationship. Praise be to God.

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

Special Moment “He Already Sees” 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 Zephaniah 3:16-17 pgs. 914-915

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 “Amen” - A-men. A-men. A---men. UMH #898

Message “Long Term Relationships” Ron Bekkering¹

Song of Thanksgiving “Softly and Tenderly” UMH#348

****Blessing and Congregational Response** “May (We) Run”²

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.

¹ Director of High School and College Ministry – DeWitt Redeemer United Methodist Church

² The Faith We Sing #2281 – words adapted

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: August 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: Spencer Parmenter – new job as chef at MSU / Victorial Parmenter starting at College of Charleston // Sally Kioski is home / Leo Cox is home / fun canoe trip // Marriage of Justin & Amanda Hier on 7-31

We pray for the health & healing of: Ed Vanderhoof – spinal surgery / Doug Long – lymphoma / Joan Bracey – health / John Westbrook – neck surgery-grandson of Russ Westbrook / Brut Case – back surgery // Ray Smith – Ann Arbor // Karen Cook – Mother of Ben Cook / Rob Lillywhite – motorcycle accident – friend of Marie Scott / Lindsey Groom-Gibson – breast cancer // Vernon Westbrook – chemo – brother of Russ / Ava Anderson – high temps – daughter of Josh & Deb Anderson / Friend of Charlotte has lymphoma / Joanne Newton – kidney surgery – friend of Mandy Bashore / Richard Latz (OHC) – step-father of Kathy Hunt

We share our sympathy with the families of: Rich Wilkins – Father of Chad Wilkins / 'Curly' and Arlene Mallory – cousins of Sue Graham / Dale Dummond / John Ziola – neighbor of Carol Watson // Rev. Paul Doherty - a mentor of PG / Families in Alma – plane crash / Norma Coon – Great-aunt of Pastor Greg

We lift up our general requests of: Clinton County Habitat for Humanity – home in Ovid / flooding in Pakistan& China / our tech director / people searching for a job / Traveling mercies / 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: Kathy Hehrer – recovering from surgery / Erica Cook – recovering from surgery / Barb Jones – shingles / Mary Ann Mizga –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 / Dick & Louise Rees – Health / 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: Tim Willaford, 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 - 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

“Holy Is the Lord”³

We stand and lift up our hands...for the joy of the Lord is our strength!
We bow down and worship Him now...how great, how awesome is He!
And together we sing...Everyone sing...

Holy is the Lord God Almighty...the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty...the earth is filled with His glory...
The earth is filled with His glory!

(repeat everything above)

It's rising up all around...it's the anthem of the Lord's renown...
It's rising up all around...it's the anthem of the Lord's renown...
And together we sing...everyone sing...

Holy is the Lord God Almighty...the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty...the earth is filled with His glory...
The earth is filled with His glory....the earth is filled with His glory...

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty...Holy, holy.... *(repeat as directed)*

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”⁴

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound...that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found...was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear...and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear...the hour I first believed.

Refrain - My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me!
And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace!

3. The Lord has promised good to me...His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be...as long as life endures. *(to refrain)*
4. When we've been there ten thousand years...bright shining as the sun!
We've no less days to sing God's praise...then when we've first begun...
Then when we've first begun...then when we've first begun!

³MPW131-CCLI 703014 (©2003 worshiptogether.com Songs/sixsteps Music) - Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8

⁴MPW205-CCLI 703014 (©2006 worshiptogether.com – verses - John Newton, refrain – Tomlin / Giglio) – Ephesians 2:8-9, Luke 15:6, 9, 24, John 9:5-38

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)
- Tuesday** 12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)
3:30 pm – Seasons of Grief (library)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Cornerstone (worship area)
[The music-worship team meeting is postponed until September 8th.]
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
6:30 pm – Weight Loss Challenge (basement)
- 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

Discovery Classes Are Back!!! – This is your chance to complete the 101-401 series by the end of 2010! The classes will be on Mondays at 7pm starting September 13th. Sign-up is helpful at the Front Street entrance. This time the class will be mostly lecture (no in-class reading) and group discussion. Pastor Greg's personal goal is to get everyone at UCO through this series. Discover what God has in store for you!

An “Intentional” Marriage & Parenting Seminar – will be happening on Saturday, November 13, 9am- 4 pm at Mt. Hope Church (202 S. Creyts Rd, Lansing.) Tickets are only \$39 each. For tickets and details, go to www.TheIntentionalLife.com. (sponsored by Mt. Hope and Family Life Communications).

“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 these free ongoing classes. Everyone is invited to come if they need help or are able to share their experiences to help others.

Welcome Home Sunday – September 12th – We're inviting our church and extended community family to come together and celebrate our faith home on this special Sunday. Invite friends! Please note: Communion will be served on this Sunday and not on the 5th.

The Installation Service of our New District Superintendent will be taking place Saturday, Sept. 19th at Lincoln Rd. UMC (Riverdale) from 3-5 pm. Our new DS, Rev. David Hills, will be preaching on small things being significant and Bishop Keaton will be officiating Communion. If you'd like to carpool, please contact Pastor Greg.

Choir Practice Starts – If you're willing to share a joyful noise unto the Lord that we need you in the choir! Practices return to Wednesday nights at 7 pm starting September 8th.

Volunteers needed for...

Children's Church Leaders – Please contact Denise Dennison (723-7192) or Sue Casler (834-5958) if you would like to help with our Children's Church ministry.

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Trustees	Tues., Aug. 31, 6:30pm	Pastor-Parish	Tues, Sept. 28, 6:30 pm
Music-Worship	Wed., Sept. 8, 8pm	Finance	Tues., Sept. 7, 6:30 pm
Official Board	Tues., Sept. 7, 7:30 pm		

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

Community Corner

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

August Birthdays: 28-John Graham 29-Fred Shimunec, Amanda Carpenter 30-Kim McClelland 31-Leann Martin, Kristi Taylor

September Birthdays: 1-Michele Moore 2-Lauren Davis 3-Calista Reed 4-Shane Applebee, Bev Stehlik, Olivia Parmenter 6-Allen Martin 8-Jan Roy, Mark Wesenberg 11-Dick Young 12-Erica Cook, Cassie Robison, Jacob Perry 13-Mickey Besko 14-Matthew Buchner 15-Rachel Murdock 17-Laurh Todosciuk, Joshua Carpenter 20-Katie Graham 21-Greg Buchner 23-Matt Veale, Hannah Moore 24-Bob Dennison 26-Shirley Austin 28-David Ladd, Jaala Barrett

September Wedding Anniversaries: 6-Bud & Willann Casler 6-Jim & Jessi Ladiski 12-Dar & Irene Hunt