

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 – Harold & Lois Bracey
Acolytes – Sarah Hehrer
Lay Reader – Brian Bracey
Nursery - Michelle Martin
Children's Church – Renee Denison
Coffee Hour – Harold & Lois Bracey
Welcome Ministry – Carol Bashore

Serving Next Week

Sharon VanGieson
Aalonna Williams
Leah Lupu
Stacie Ralison
Rachelle Parsons, Leah Rasch
Don & Gloria Herrington
Shelley Shimunec

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – Christian Life Classes –

Finance Report:

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| General Fund: | \$ 2284 |
| Special Funds: | |
| Building | \$ 150 |
| Parking Lot | \$ 245 |
| Mission | \$ 125 |
| Mission – Food Bank | \$ 60 |
| Projection | \$ 1000 |
| Memorial | \$ 40 |

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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 **"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)

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2010

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: dealing with our issues around death

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “Sing With All the Saints in Glory” UMH#702

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)* “Ancient Words”
“When It’s All Been Said and Done”

**** Call to Worship**¹

Leader: This is the testimony that we have heard and that we witness to...

People: God has given eternal life!

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

People: No Son, no life.

Leader: Jesus said, “I come that they may have life and have it more abundant.”

People: Know Son, know life.

Leader: As we worship this morning, we celebrate the life of Jesus Christ and the life Christ has given to us!

People: May our celebration please God in every way.

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

Special Moment “Because You Love Me” 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.)

Noisy Offering will be going toward the Food Bank Bailout
 (“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 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 pg. 1121

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 “Caring For the Dying – A Pastoral Look at End of Life Care” (including issues around cremation) Pastor Greg

Song of Thanksgiving “Hymn of Promise” UMH# 707

****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 adapted from I John 5:11-12, John 14:6, John 10:10, Colossians 1:10

² The Faith We Sing #2281 – words adapted

Time of Praise

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: August 8, 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: Marriage of Justin & Amanda Hier on 7-31 / Robert Kebler is home // A fantastic VBS / Camp experience

We pray for the health & healing of: Lindsey Groom-Gibson – breast cancer / Vernon Westbrook – chemo – brother of Russ / Ava Anderson – high temps – daughter of Josh & Deb Anderson / Fried of Charlotte has lymphoma / Joanne Newton – kidney surgery – friend of Mandy Bashore // Survivor of plane crash in Alma / Baby born with spinal bifida / Richard Latz (OHC) – step-father of Kathy Hunt

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

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: Kathy Hehrer – recovering from surgery / 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

“Ancient Words”³

Holy words...long preserved...for our walk...in this world,
They resound...with God's own heart...O, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of life...words of hope...give us strength...help us cope
In this world...where e'er we roam...Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words...ever true...changing me...and changing you.
We have come...with open hearts...O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words...of our faith...handed down...to this age.
Came to us...through sacrifice...O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words...long preserved...for our walk...in this world.
They resound...with God's own heart...O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words...ever true...changing me...and changing you.
We have come...with open hearts...O let the ancient words impart...
O let the ancient words impart.

“When It’s All Been Said and Done”⁴

When it's all been said and done...there is just one thing that matters.
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?

When it's all been said and done...all my treasures will mean nothing.
Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time.

Lord Your mercy is so great...that You look beyond our weakness.
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise...here on earth and ever after.
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home...

When it's all been said and done...You're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done...there is just one thing that matters.
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?

³MPW49-CCLI#703014 ©2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music) - Jeremiah 23:9 - Hebrews 4:12

⁴MPW115-CCLI 703014 (©1999 Hosanna! Music) – 2 Corinthians 4:18

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** 12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)
3:30 pm – ‘Seasons of Grief’ (library)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Cornerstone (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
6:30 pm – Weight Loss Challenge (basement)
- Friday** Canoe Trip
- 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 5th through October 20th 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.

UCO Canoe Trip – There is still plenty of room for our canoe trip up north on Friday, August 13th. 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 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.

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

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 15th 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



"Caring for the Dying – A Pastoral Look at End of Life Care"

(including issues around cremation)

2 Corinthians 4:7-18
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(all scripture references are from the NIV unless noted)

Introduction – There are always some hot topics about death and dying...

Last year: Death and dying issues / sanctity of life issues / depression

This year: Working with/allowing the mortally ill to die & cremation

Next week: Issues around Suicide

I – We need to accept that everyone physically dies.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." – 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

II – We need to accept that no one spiritually dies.

Either, we spiritually live with Christ or we live spiritually without Christ..

"With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus..." – 2 Corinthians 4:13c-14

III – The questions around "how" we die...

If we understand the first two above and if the person does not die suddenly (in their sleep, medical, accident, etc) then the questions we struggle with are more of the "how" variety.

How do we manage ongoing pain without euthanasia?

How do we let people die with dignity and respect?

How do we let people die with managed pain? (Hospice)

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

IV – After death issues....

Burial vs. Cremation

What type of service – graveside, funeral home, church, etc.

What will be available for those who need to grieve?

"All this is to your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." – 2 Corinthians 4:15

Conclusion – Five things to share with a loved one before death...⁵

Thank you...I forgive you...Please forgive me....I love you...goodbye.

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" – 2 Corinthians 4:18

practical application questions...

Have you talked to family about your final wishes?

Have you seriously thought beyond your earthly journey to your journey into eternity?

Who do you need to share the five things to? Will you do it before it's too late?

⁵ "May I Walk You Home? – A Guide For Hospice Caregivers" – Woodland Hospice
(www.woodlandhospice.com – 989-773-6137)