








<p align="center"><b>Utica Church of Christ</b></p>	<p><b><u>Ministries</u></b> In addition to our weekly worship services and Bible studies, we are involved in the following ministries:</p> <p><i>Food Pantry Atlanta, MI Jail Ministry Nigerian Mission Work</i></p>
<p>13505 19 Mile Road Sterling Heights, MI 48313</p> <p>Phone: 586.731.2290 Fax: 586.731.4586</p>	
<p><b><u>Big Changes on the World Wide Web</u></b></p> <p>There will be some changes to the digital distribution of the bulletin. Instead of being sent via e-mail, the bulletin will be made available to view on our brand new website. There will be more details to come when the updated site comes online.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="514 544 625 652">  </div> <div data-bbox="646 479 913 706"> <p><b><u>Gospel Minute</u></b></p> <p>We now have the <b><i>Gospel Minute</i></b> weekly publication available in the track rack in the foyer. Be sure to grab a copy!</p> </div> </div>	
<p><b><u>Emergency Information</u></b></p> <p>As a safety measure, the elders have decided to collect emergency contact information for all those willing to participate. It will consist of filling out a card with the name and phone numbers of those you would want contacted in the case of a medical emergency. A copy of the form will be available in the office. Completed forms can be turned in to an elder or deacon.</p>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Did you miss seeing someone today?</p> <p>I'm sure someone missed seeing you. Why not go the extra mile? You can make a difference! You could call, stop by and visit, or drop a note and let someone know that you care and that they were missed.</p> </div> </div>	
<p><b><u>We're on the Web!</u></b></p> <p>Visit us at <a href="http://www.uticachurchofchrist.com">www.uticachurchofchrist.com</a></p>	
<p><b>If you have any information for the bulletin, please e-mail Joseph Cracchiolo at <a href="mailto:josephcracchiolo@yahoo.com">josephcracchiolo@yahoo.com</a>.</b></p>	

<p><b>Utica Church of Christ</b></p>		<p><b>Jan 22, 2012</b></p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">    </div> <p><b><i>Read a chapter, brother! Read a chapter!</i></b></p>		
	<p><b><u>Special Announcement</u></b></p> <p>There will be a potuck to celebrate our new members on Sunday, February 5th, following Morning Worship.</p>	
<p><b><u>Service Schedule</u></b></p> <p><u>Sunday Morning:</u> Bible Class 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am</p> <p><u>Sunday Evening:</u> Worship Service 5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday Evening:</u> Bible Class 7:30 pm</p>		
		

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<p><b><u>Our Minister:</u></b> Bryant Reynolds</p> <p>Home Phone: 586.445.2521</p> <p>Cell Phone: 586.214.3243</p> <p>Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 10am-2pm</p>	<p><b><u>What must I do to be saved?</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Hear</u></b> “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Rom. 10:17</p> <p><b><u>Believe</u></b> “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:31</p> <p><b><u>Repent</u></b> “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” Acts 3:19</p> <p><b><u>Confess</u></b> “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Rom. 10:10</p> <p><b><u>Be Baptized</u></b> “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38</p> <p><b><u>Walk Faithfully</u></b> “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” Revelation 2:10</p>	
<p>Welcome, visitors!</p> <p>If you are visiting with us today, you're a welcomed guest. Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card so we can have an accurate record of your visit.</p> <p>Thank you for worshipping with us!</p>		
<p><b><u>Our Church Elders:</u></b></p> <p>Bob Brown 586.792.4232</p> <p>Vince Cracchiolo 586.739.0655</p> <p>Keith Edwards 586.243.0585</p> <p><b><u>Our Deacons:</u></b></p> <p>Chris Timberlake 586.286.3719</p> <p>Matthew Brown 586.218.7818</p>	<p><b><u>Communion Preparation</u></b></p> <p>Communion this month is being prepared by:</p> <p><b>Tanasia Reynolds</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Youth Director:</b> Joseph Cracchiolo 586.719.7600</p>	

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<p><b><u>In Our Prayers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Jeff Mousseau, a classmate of Lisa Edwards, recently passed</li> <li>▶ Julie Kammer, a co-worker of Matthew Brown, delivered twins extremely early, they are still in the hospital.</li> <li>▶ Tristan Parry is recovering from a hand injury.</li> <li>▶ Don McElhaney's nephew was hospitalized.</li> <li>▶ Jimmy Neisler recently fell and suffered a head injury.</li> <li>▶ Taylor Hobbs, 17 year old cousin of Terry Brown, is experiencing seizures and stroke-like symptoms.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Continuing health issues:</b></p> <p>Rick MacDonald (multiple sclerosis), Cathy Freeman (dementia), The Horans (general), Jerianne LeBree (cancer), Susan Belasco (cancer), Mary Kay Ellis (multiple sclerosis), Della Thompson (general), Sarah Bridges (general), Oweda Carter (general), Jenni Jackson (cancer), Vito Malleti (cancer), Marge Hines (stroke), Aiden (Bob Shantry's grandson, autism), Don Galat (heart), Charlie Casango's sister (heart), Dave Rhodes (Keith Edwards brother-in-law, cancer), Mac Garrett (kidney), Sandy Humiston's father (general), Paul Sturgis (kidney), Kaylin Roskey (newborn with complications), Dave Humiston's niece (seizures), Sean Lovelace (melanoma), John Walters (stroke), Jewel England (Hospice), John Walters Sr. (general), Violet Bostwick (cancer), Bob Shantry (general), Bill Anderton (general), Jim Neisler Jr. (heart), Tanasia Reynolds' sister (pregnancy), friend of Chris Reynolds' (leukemia), Audrey Morales (cancer), Tom Hines (general)</p> <p><b>In the Military:</b></p> <p>Please pray for Amara Timberlake, Jayson Madill, Jerome Boyd, Shannon Black, and all of our armed forces.</p> <p><b>Travelers:</b></p> <p>-Chris Timberlake is in Florida.</p>		

**Visitation and Encouragement**

As is known through our prayer list and announcements, several members of our congregation are facing serious long term health issues that have prevented them from being able to attend worship services. If you are able volunteer to bring the Lord's Supper to these brothers and sisters please see Matthew Brown. The more we have volunteer, the more we can serve, and it does well for those being served to visit with different members, and see how many people love and care about them.

**Contribution Tax Statements**

If you have need of a 2011 contribution tax statement, they are now available. Please see Vince Cracchiolo.

**Daytime Bible Study**

Are you interested in a daytime Bible Study? Do you know someone who is? Please let Keith Edwards know if you are, what day you suggest, and topics you would be interested in studying

**Volunteers Wanted**

The church of Christ Jail Ministry meets twice weekly at the Utica church, from 9 a.m. to noon or so on Tuesdays and Fridays, to grade and mail Bible Study lessons. The latest Quarterly Report of our activities is available in the foyer and covers all of last year. In addition to the mailed Bible studies program, we are part of the Macomb County Jail Ministry teams that hold Sunday evening Bible services at the Jail.

If you have an interest, it's a great way to help others learn the Bible (and for you to learn more, too). If you have an hour or two to spare, join Tony and Sandy at the Church to assist in keeping the lessons flowing. If you have questions call Tony at 586.306-7002.

**Upcoming Events**

New Member Potluck . Feb. 5th

Sign-up sheets are always being added to the back bulletin board. There are plenty of exciting things to sign up for, so be sure to check it out!

**Food Pantry**

As we all know in these difficult economic times there is a great need for grocery items. Our food pantry is fully stocked at this time and is available to anyone who has need of it, so please feel free to let us know if it would be a help to you or anyone else in need.

**Youth Corner**

If you are a parent or young person and there are any youth activities that you would like to suggest, or are willing to assist with, please contact our youth director, Joseph Cracchiolo, at 586-719-7600.

**Celebrate Good Times!****January**

Birthdays- Vince Cracchiolo (Jan 2nd)  
Dave Humiston (Jan 5th)  
Kay Louthan (Jan 13th)  
Don McElhaney (Jan 28th)  
Lisa Edwards (Jan 28th)

If you would like a birthday or anniversary included in the calendar, be sure to fill out one of the forms or tell Megan Cracchiolo.

***From Bryant's Desk*****Love of Strangers**

“Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Deut. 10:19)

With this command God revealed His will that Israel show kindness and mercy toward all men, including those who were not Israelites. Israel had been shown kindness and mercy in Egypt during the days of Joseph (Gen. 47:11). Israel had also experienced tremendous hardships as a stranger in Egypt, enduring slavery for hundreds of years (Exo. 1:8-11). Israel knew both sides of the coin. So now, as a nation and as individuals of that nation, Israel was to love strangers.

Jesus commands Christians to love strangers, too (even our enemies, Matt. 5:43-47). Another word for this is “hospitality.” Christians are to be “given to hospitality” (Rom. 12:13) and we are to use hospitality “without grumbling” (1 Pet. 4:9). It is one thing to be kind to a stranger, and quite another to love to do so (cf. Titus 1:8). We are to be a people who “do not forget to entertain strangers” (Heb. 13:2).

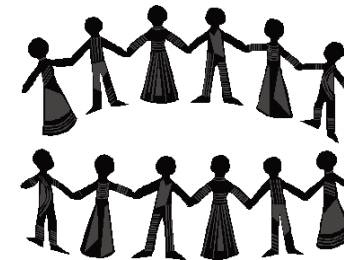
We show love of strangers by seeking their salvation. Such an effort is the supreme expression of love (cf. Jno. 3:16). But we lose our opportunity to teach the gospel and save a soul if we are rude, abrasive or unkind in our demeanor and our words toward the stranger (Col. 4:6). It is essential that we convey to strangers our genuine care for them. Remember, our goal is to save the lost, not to elevate ourselves (cf. Lk. 18:9-14). There is a definite cause and effect which occurs between us and the person who needs to believe and obey the gospel. Hospitality will show your love for the lost. Hospitality understands the plight of the sinner and tries to help him out of sin's bondage and death.

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We show love of strangers by serving them. Matthew 25:34-40 assures us that every act of kindness shown another person is seen and rewarded by the Lord (cf. Matt. 10:40-42). The good Samaritan proved himself to be a neighbor by helping the stranger when he was in a helpless condition. Hospitality requires the use of our resources (such as time, possessions, etc.). It is therefore an unselfish and sacrificial act. Hospitality allows us the opportunity to be good stewards of our goods (1 Tim. 6:17-19). But you do not have to be rich to be hospitable. We should all help others as we would like to be helped (Matt. 7:12). Let us all give ourselves to hospitality!

-Joe R. Rice

**New Member Potluck**

There will be a potluck to celebrate our new members and those who were baptized in 2011 on Sunday, February 5th, following Morning Worship. Be sure to join us for some joyous fellowship and delicious food,