

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 - Jim Ladiski
Acolyte Coordinator - Sue Graham
Greeter Coordinator - Lena Trowbridge



Growing in God's word ~ Living in Spiritual unity ~ Sharing faith in Christ

Serving This Week

Serving Next Week

Greeters – Mary Lorimer
Acolytes – Michael Perez
Lay Reader – Ruth Clark
Nursery – Becky Dahlke
Children's Church – Linda Lupu, AnnMaire Buchner
Coffee Hour –
Welcome Ministry - Russ Westbrook

Lauren Sandbrook
Gwen Kelley
Rosemary Baese
Sue Casler, Tara Ritter
Bob & Denise Dennison
Shelley Shimunec

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 67 Christian Life Classes - 13

Finance Report:

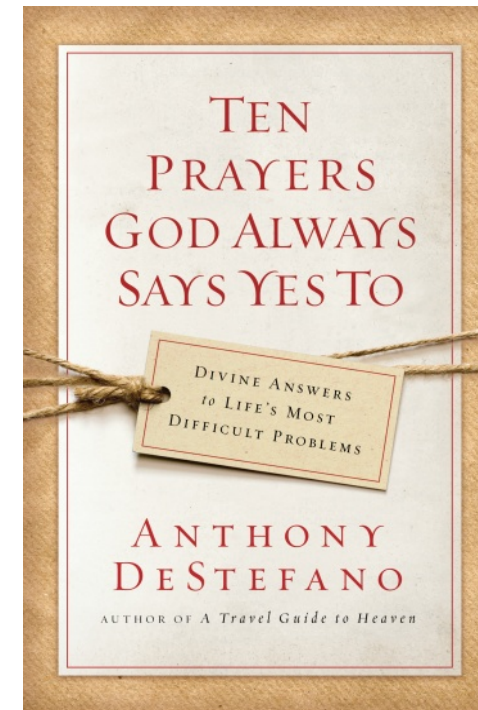
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Special Funds:	Building	\$81
	Mission	\$25
	Emergency	\$50

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WELCOME!

This morning you've chosen to worship with us and we thank you for doing so. Whether family, friend, or guest, it's our hope that you will feel welcome in this place as we worship our God through Jesus Christ together.



January 17, 2010 – Second Sunday After The Epiphany

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: prayer that makes a difference

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” UMH #452

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)* “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
“In Christ Alone”

**** Call to Worship**¹

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why should we feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should our hearts be lonely, longing for heaven and home?

**All: Jesus is our portion! Jesus is our constant friend!
His eye is on the sparrow, so I know that He watches me!**

Leader: Really? His tender words tell us, “Let not your heart be troubled.” Can we rest in His goodness? Will we lose all doubt and all fear?

All: His eye is on the sparrow, so I know He watches me!

Leader: Oh...but aren’t we tempted...especially when those clouds arise? When the song gives place to sighing, and the hope within us dies?

**All: Then we draw even closer to Him...from our cares He sets us free!
His eye is on the sparrow, so I know He watches me!**

Leader: Then let’s sing because we’re happy! Let’s worship Him because we are free!

All: Because His eye is on the sparrow that must mean He watches over me!

Special Moment “Today is the Day” United Kids

Giving Back to God - **Response “Praise God from Who 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 – “Thank you Jesus, amen! (three times) Alleluia Amen!”²

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:7-11 pgs. 939

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 “Ten Questions God Always Says Yes To” Pastor Greg

Closing Song “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454

****Blessing and Congregational Response** - “This is a Day of New Beginnings”³

This is a day of new beginnings...time to remember and move on.
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.
Christ is alive and goes before us...to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings...our God is making all things new.

“Sending Us Out” Music - Please join us in the family center (on the opposite end of the end of the building) for a time of refreshments, community-building and fellowship.

¹ adapted from Civilla Martin’s rendition of Luke 12:6-7 and John 14:1 entitled “His Eye is on the Sparrow”

² “The Faith We Sing” #2081

³ UMH #383 (first and last verses)

News You Can Use

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR - January 17 – January 24, 2010

- Sunday** 9:15 am - Christian Life Classes (opening - worship area)
10:30 am - Worship with a fellowship following (worship area/family center)
- Monday** 3:30 pm – United Kids (basement)
7 pm- Boy Scouts (basement)
- Tuesday** 9 am – Paint Class (basement)
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)
6:30 pm – Pastor-Parish Mt. (basement)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Choir (worship area) - New and previous voices always welcome!
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
7 pm – Education Mt. (basement)
- Sunday** 9:15 am - Christian Life Classes (opening - worship area)
10:30 am - Worship with a fellowship following (worship area/family center)

Upcoming Events

“Seasons of Grief” – Bereavement Support Group – have started on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3:30 pm. Johanna Workman (MAFS), from Heartland Hospice, a grief survivor, will be leading the ongoing classes. Please if you or a loved one or friend is in need of a healthy, safe place to find grief support, pass this along to them. For more information, contact Johanna at 1-888-670-7448.

A Tweens Christian Life Class is now available for 4th graders – 8th grade Sundays at 9:15am with AnnMarie & Brenda Wiegel teaching We will meet in the worship space for opening exercises and then go to the Upper Room above the kitchen for class.

“United Kids” After School Ministry – happening every Monday, 3:30-5 pm for all 4 year olds – 8th graders. The program includes a healthy snack, games & activities, singing, dancing, puppets and skits. For more info, call Erica (517-202-2522) or Jessi (834-9795).

NOOMA, Do you believe that God has something to say right here...right now. On Sunday mornings at the 9:15 am Adult Christian Life Class, we are sharing the NOOMA series which is based on that truth. Each class is unique so you can jump in at any time.

Emmaus Walks are coming soon (March 4th-7th for men and March 18th-21st for women.) In fact two of them will be happening this Fall at United Church of Ovid! If you're interested or have some questions, contact Pastor Greg or Sue and they'll fill you in or check out at www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com or www.upperroom.org/emmaus.

The United Women will be hosting a **Valentine Dinner** for all of you on Sunday, February 14 after worship service. Plan on inviting someone to come to worship and dinner with you. Please sign up to let us know how many to plan for.

Volunteers needed for...

Tech Table Director – Plans are well underway for our projection system and upgrade to our sound booth. When finished, we're going to need someone here each week to be sure everything runs smoothly. If you have a servant's heart, a drive for quality worship, and the God-given skills needed. Please send a letter of interest indicating those traits to UCO-Tech Table, PO Box 106, Ovid, MI 48866. This is a volunteer position that will become a paid position in time. Please have your letters in by February 15, 2010.

Tech Personnel – As we transition into our new system, we need volunteers! So, we are putting together a rotating list of those who are interested in working the sound for our Sunday worship experiences. Training will be provided. See the sign-up sheet at the Front Street entrance.

Nursery Care – If you would like to help as a stand-in or have any other questions, please contact Rosemary Baese at 834-2841.

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 and contact the church office if you have any questions.

Upper Room Helpers – Each Sunday we have a group of kids that like to use our Upper Room which is why it's there! To make it safer, we'd like to have supervisors up there if possible with the kiddos. If you're willing to watch the kids for a Sunday see the sign-up sheet at the Front Street entrance.

Deadlines: Bulletin announcements - Wednesday of each week.
February newsletter - Please have everything in by Jan. 15. Thank You!

Community Corner

UCO Birthdays & Anniversaries

If we've missed your special day please let the church office know!

January Birthdays: 1-Dave DePond, Dan Lupu 3-Victoria Parmenter 4-Barb Vanderhoof 6-Dee O'Bryant, Rosemary Baese 7-Tom Sandbrook 10-Jim Ladiski, Becky Dahlke, Avery Kirschensteiner 12-Dave Sinclair 13-Julie Hunt 14-Ron Paksi 15-Audrey Bancroft 18-Matt Cook 20-Fred Huntoon 22-Steve Clark 23-Ashley O'Bryant, Sherri Kast, Erik Foerch 25-Gerald Strachota, Doirs Darling, Ed Vanderhoof, Melva Kelley, Brad Carman 27-Nathan Taylor 28-Irene Hunt 31-Brittany Pierce

January Anniversaries: 7-Greg & AnnMarie Buchner 14-Dick & Julie Hunt

Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: January 13, 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: Chris speaking and those who participated in worship on 1-3-10// Amanda (Wieber) and Matt Ashmore had a baby girl - Lauren Joy - born on December 22

We pray for the health & healing of: Judy Scott – healing of leg amputation – sister-in-law of Marie Scott / Bea Shirey – hospital with heart failure – grandmother of Ben Cook / Alesha Beers – Continued testing / Bea Shirey – heart failure / Roger Keck – heart attack – friend of Pastor Kathy Leydorf / Jim Ladiski – infection / Selma Cornall – infection – friend of Russ Westbrook / Jim & Kim McClelland – both had out patient procedure Friday / Warren Dennison – heart attack – father of Bob Dennison // James White-surgery recovery / Rose Latz – tests – mother of Kathy Hunts / Ryan Baese – ankle injury / Pat Toy – cancer – friend of Allane Wieber / Layne VanDyke – Kidney Surgery - 7 yr old great grandson of Russ Westbrook

We share our sympathy with the families of: families who lost loved ones in Haiti // Tracey Bossel / Joe Courter

We lift up our general requests of: those affected by the earthquake in Haiti / those affected by the California earthquake / mission group in Haiti / traveling mercies / people that are shut in / People having a hard time during the Christmas season / Brighton Hospital rehab / Ovid Town Hall meeting / travel mercies / Dr. Huff and Dr. Park – legal situations continue / discussion around local fire and ambulance facilitates / couples who are having marital issues

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: / Emily Ann Pruse – healing of ear / Sally Kioski – hospitalized / Jean Loznak – cancer / Norma George – recovering from back surgery / Connie Parmenter – cancer of esophagus / Gary Wilkins – cancer / Louise Rees – Home from OHC / Chris Wilkins - cancer / Buddy Ilgenfritz - home / Clyde Gilbert - Health issues / Mary Ann Wittenberg - cancer / Laurie Higgins- cancer / Kate Kelly / Joan Bracey - Alzheimer's / Katie & Faith Heinze – Niemann-Pick Disease

We lift up those who have served or are serving in our peacekeeping efforts worldwide: 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, Tony Wieber, Jason Spencer, Dallas Blooding, Jason Westbrook, Emily (Moore) Berlo, Al Berlo, Neil Hegle, Brian Moody, Arin Monahan, Jarred Luckhardt

We remember those who are continually in our thoughts: shut-ins / RAVE families / UMC & UCC leaders / Christian churches in our community & around the globe / local, state, national, world leaders / those affected by famine, disease, & persecution, nationally and internationally, because of natural and human-made disasters / those in our community who need a relationship with Jesus

Time of Praise

“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!

“In Christ Alone”⁵

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

⁴ CCLI 703014 (©2006 worshiptogether.com – verses - John Newton, refrain – Tomlin / Giglio) –
Ephesians 2:8-9, Luke 15:6, 9, 24, John 9:5-38. – MPW 205

⁵ CCLI 703014 (©2001 Kingsway Thankyou Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)-John 14:6-MPW 138

“Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To”⁶

Matthew 7:7-11

January 17, 2010

Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid

Theme for Today: *prayer that makes a difference*

Introduction – Radical Prayer

Prayer 1 – “God, show me that You exist.”

“Don’t be unbelieving, but believing...” - John 20:29

Prayer 2 – “God make me an instrument.”

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...” – Matthew 9:38

Prayer 3 – “God outdo me in generosity.”

“Do not love the world or the things in the world...” – I John 2:15

Prayer 4 – “God, get me through this suffering.”

“Be of good cheer daughter, your faith has made you well.” – Matthew 9:24

Prayer 5 – “God, forgive me.”

“...While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

Prayer 6 – “God, give me peace.”

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...” – Colossians 3:15

Prayer 7 – “God, give me courage.”

“...Let us lay aside every weight and sin which so easily ensnares...” – Hebrews 12:1-2

Prayer 8 – “God, give me wisdom.”

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...it will be given to him.” - James 1:5

Prayer 9 – “God bring good out of this bad situation.”

“For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed in us.” – Romans 8:18

Prayer 10 – “God lead me to my destiny.”

“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14

Conclusion – “The Yes Prayer”

With praise for all you are, Lord. And thanks for all you bless;
Lord grant these ten petitions with your eternal yes:
Please show me that you’re there when I can’t see your face;
Send troubled souls my way; their wounds that I will erase.

Let me see with your eyes; my mind with your thoughts fill;
But more than wisdom give me the strength to do Your will.
Bless me with an abundance, then put me to the test;
Gladly will I give more much more than I possess.

Send me your tranquility in troubled times and calm;
With loving arms sustain me through suffering and harm.
Forgive me for my sins through legion they may be;
When death and evil triumph, bring good from tragedy.

But most of all reveal the meaning of my life,
the purpose of my glories, the reasons for my strife.
My destiny in Heaven, no tears to flow again.
My God please grant me all; in Christ Our Lord, Amen.

personal application questions

Are you willing to pray a set of prayers that may change your life?
Are you willing to pray in a way that puts your life totally into God’s hands?
Do you believe that radical prayer can actually make a difference?

⁶ “Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To” by Anthony DeStefano (www.TenPrayers.com)

Everyone is invited to a

Valentine Dinner

Sunday, February 14
After Worship

The United Women will be preparing

Salad

Roast Pork

Macaroni & Cheese

Baked Potato

Vegetable

Dessert Table

Coffee, Punch

This is our Valentine Gift to You ! Give a Valentine Gift to a friend
and invite them to come to worship and dinner !!

Please sign up at the sign-up table so we know approximately how
many to prepare for.