

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

Serving This Week

Greeters – Ted & Denise Robison & family
Acolytes – Lauren Sandbrook
Lay Reader – Gwen Kelley
Nursery - Rosemary Baese
Children’s Church – Sue Casler, Tara Ritter
Coffee Hour – Bob & Denise Dennison
Welcome Ministry - Shelley Shimunec

Serving Next Week

Connie Paksi
Meghan Hehrer
Sue Casler
Sarah McClung
Ruth Clark
Connie Paksi
Russ Westbrook

LAST WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance: Worship Service – 75 Christian Life Classes - 12

Finance Report:

General Fund:		\$1898
Special Funds:	Mission	\$128
	Mission – Haiti	\$155

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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. 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.

Overcoming the...



January 24, 2010 – Third Sunday After The Epiphany

Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

Theme for Today: Overcoming the sin in our lives.

Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

Opening Song “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH #384

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) “Your Name”
“I Come to the Cross”

** Call to Worship

Leader: We are nothing...we aren’t worth it...we don’t deserve God’s great love.

All: We may be sinners, but thank God we are forgiven.

Leader: We’re called to be sanctified, holy, and whole, but, to be honest, we aren’t even close most days.

All: We may be sinners, but thank God we are forgiven.

Leader: It was our mistakes that nailed Christ to the cross. It was our individual wants that drove the nails. Even the Bible says that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.¹

All: We may be sinners, but thank God we are forgiven.

Leader: We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.²

All: We may be sinners, but thank God we are forgiven.

Leader: [pause] We come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,
We come to the cross where Christ died in our place.

**All: Out of our weakness and into Your strength,
Jesus, we come to the cross.**

Giving Back to God - **Response “Praise God from Who All...” UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Special Moment “Wounded World that Cries for Healing” Choir
Shirley Murray, Hall Hopson

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!”³

Scripture Reading John 16:25-33 pgs. 1048

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 “Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins” Pastor Greg

Closing Song “My Hope is Built” UMH #368

****Blessing and Congregational Response** - “This is a Day of New Beginnings”⁴

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 Romans 5:8

² Romans 3:23

³ “The Faith We Sing” #2081

⁴ UMH #383 (first and last verses)

News You Can Use

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR - January 24 – January 31, 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)
3:30pm – Seasons of Grief support group (library)
6 pm – Girl Scouts (basement)
6:30 pm – Trustees (basement)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Choir (worship area) - New and previous voices always welcome!
8 pm – Music-Worship Mt. (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
7 pm – 4th Say Emmaus 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.

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.
Newsletter info. – 15th of the month before the month of the newsletter.

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 20, 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 Robinson speaking and those who participated in worship on 1-3-10

We pray for the health & healing of: Lois Hendrickson – undergoing chemo – Niece of Lena Trowbridge / Kylie Erdman – hospice care – Niece of Jean Murdock / Larry Howland – cancer of esophagus / Arvilla Bunnell – strength and healing – aunt of Steve Clark / Clyde Gilbert – health – brother of Nancy Hehrer / Bea Shirey – hospital with heart failure – grandmother of Ben Cook / James White – very rare form of cancer // Judy Scott – healing of leg amputation – sister-in-law of Marie Scott / Alesha Beers – Continued testing / Roger Keck – heart attack – friend of Pastor Kathy Leydorf / Selma Cornall – infection – friend of Russ Westbrook / Jim & Kim McClelland – both had out patient procedure Friday / Warren Dennison – heart attack – father of Bob Dennison

We share our sympathy with the families of: Katie Miller / families who lost loved ones in Haiti

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 / 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

“Your Name”⁵

1 - As morning dawns and evening fades...You inspire songs of praise.

That rise from earth to touch Your heart...and glorify Your Name! *(to chorus)*

chorus Your Name...is a strong and mighty tower.

Your Name...is a shelter like no other.

Your Name...let the nations sing it louder.

'Cause nothing has the power to save...but Your Name. *(repeat final time)*

2 - Jesus, in Your Name we pray...come and fill our hearts today.

Lord, give us strength to live for You...and glorify Your Name. *(to chorus)*

“I Come to the Cross”⁶

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)*

⁵ CCLI 703014 (©2006 Integrity's Hosanna! Music) – Proverbs 18:10 - MPW 204

⁶ CCLI#703014 ©1996 Meadowgreen Music Co. / Maranatha Praise, Inc. – Matthew 27:32-44 - MPW 106

“Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins”

John 16:25-33

January 24, 2010

Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid

Theme for Today: *overcoming the sin in our lives*

Introduction – Dr. Martlin Luther King, Jr. on sin...

“Cowardice asks the question: is it safe?

Expediency asks the question: is it politic?

Vanity asks the question: is it popular?

But conscience asks the question: is it right?

And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular- but one must take it simply because it is right.”

Jesus said, “But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33

I – What are the seven deadly sins?

- all sins are deadly – Romans 6:23, James 2:10, I John 1:8

- this list was made up by the Catholic church as “capital” sins

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| 1. Pride | 5. Lust |
| 2. Avarice (Greed) | 6. Gluttony |
| 3. Envy | 7. Sloth (Laziness) |
| 4. Wrath | |

II – Overcoming through God’s Word

Hebrews 4:12

III – Overcoming through Prayer

Ephesians 6:18

IV – By walking in the power of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-25

V – Get Accountable

Proverbs 27:17

Conclusion –

Sometimes overcoming sin is as easy as calling on God’s name.

Other times, overcoming sin is a longer-term battle that requires the strength that the Spirit has and wants to share with us.

God has not only given us the tools, but through Christ, we have been given the example, and through the Spirit we are given the opportunity.

personal application questions

Do you recognize the seven deadly sins in your life?

Do you see the destruction that any sin brings into your life?

Are you willing to overcome them?

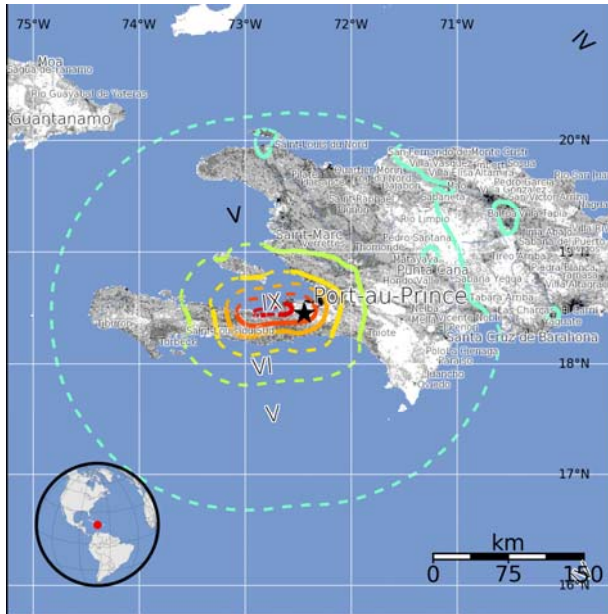
Will you trust that God wants to help to overcome, just as He has?

United Church of Ovid Emergency Appeal



The situation: Haiti was devastated by a quake, measuring 7.0 on the Richter Scale, that struck 10 miles southwest of the capital just before 5pm local time January 12. Haiti, which has been devastated by hurricanes, flooding, and political violence over these past few years, now has thousands of people who are feared dead and also countless have been left homeless.

Our partners: Both the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Churches have people on-site in Haiti. The United Church of Christ has a missionary family there who are safe. And the United Methodists have had a long-standing relationship with Haiti through the Methodist Church of Haiti, including an UMCOR field office that was opened in 2005. (Unfortunately, three men from that UMCOR office have yet to be accounted for.) And, currently, the MI area UMC even has a work team serving there, who are safe/accounted for.



The plan: Funds are being rushed to our Haitian partners to support their initial emergency response. As damage assessments are made and plans for relief, recovery and rehabilitation are developed, additional support will be shared.

To be sure, the need is and will be massive.

How You Can Help:

1. PRAY - Pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers and those still unaccounted for.
2. GIVE LOCALLY OR BY PHONE- Consider helping the people of Haiti

by giving to UCO marked "UMCOR – Haiti" in the memo and we will send it on or call 1-800-554-8583 to give your donation over the phone. (Please tell them you're from the United Church of Ovid.)

100% of your gift will go towards the relief efforts.

Health Kits for Haiti

The United Women is challenging our congregation to provide 100 plus Health Kits to send to Haiti. We are collecting the following items during the month of February. If you would like to donate items, please bring to the church. If you would like to donate money to help, please put into offering plate and mark it 'Health Kits'.

Kit Contents

- 1 hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap I original wrapper (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

(NOTE - UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

- All items included in kits must be NEW items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Lets all work together to reach our goal of 100 plus 'health kits' and remember to pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers and those still unaccounted for.

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.