

***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

**Serving This Week**

**Serving Next Week**

Greeters – Dennis & Carolyn Long  
Acolytes – Melanie Coven  
Lay Reader – Janell Keble  
Nursery – Linda Lupu  
Children’s Church – Erica Cook, Jessi Ladiski  
Coffee Hour – Renee & Jody Denison  
Welcome Ministry - Russ Westbrook

Cassie Robison  
Linda Lupu  
Rosemary Baese  
Renee Denison, Michele Moore  
  
Shelley Shimunec

***LAST WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP REPORT***

**Attendance:** Worship Service – 72    Christian Life Classes - 9

**Finance Report:**

General Fund:		\$812
Special Funds:	Mission	\$1200
	Mission (Well)	\$115
	Projection	\$200

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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.



**Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2010**

# Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

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

*Theme for Today: new beginnings*

**Music to “Bring Us In” - Opening Song**      “He Leadeth Me”      UMH #128

**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*)      “Lord Reign In Me”  
“Praise You”

**\*\* Call to Worship**<sup>1</sup>

Leader: God says, “Children go where I send you!”

**All: Who are you, that we should listen?**

Leader: “I Am who I Am.”

**All: Who are you, that we should go?**

Leader: “For millennia, I have been the God of your mothers and your fathers, your grandmothers and grandfathers. I Am who I Am.”

**All: You have our attention. We are listening. Where should we go?**

Leader: “Go make disciples. Go teach. Go baptize. Go quench the thirsty. Go feed the hungry. Go visit in the jails. Go clothe the unclothed. Go heal the sick. Go into Jerusalem, then Samaria, then the world as my witnesses. Go, do justice. Go, love mercy. Go, walk humbly with Me and set my people free.”

**All: Will we have to go alone?**

Leader: “Never! I am with you always and in all ways with you. Whether it be this year or next or the one beyond next, with Me all things are possible.”

**All: Where you send, we will go. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Giving Back to God**

**\*\*Response**      “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”      UMH #95

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Special Moment**

**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!”<sup>2</sup>

**Scripture Reading**      Matthew 20:25-28      page 955  
Philippians 2:3-4      page 1139

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**      Mr. Chris Robinson

**Song of Preparation**      “There’s Within My Heart A Melody”      UMH #380

**\*\*Blessing and Congregational Response** - “This is a Day of New Beginnings”<sup>3</sup>

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 for a time of refreshments, community-building and fellowship. It is located down the hallway on the opposite end of the end of the building.

<sup>1</sup> adapted from “Proper 17 - Year A (Exodus 3.1-15)” - Richard Bott - liturgy.richardbott.com

<sup>2</sup> “The Faith We Sing” #2081

<sup>3</sup> UMH #383 (first and last verses)

## News You Can Use

*THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR - January 3 – January 10, 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)  
9:30 am – Ovid Healthcare Service  
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)  
6 pm – Girl Scouts (basement)  
6:30 pm – Finance Mt. (office)  
7:30 – Official Board Mt. (Library)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Choir (worship area)
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)  
7 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Day Gathering (basement)
- Sunday** 9:15 am - Christian Life Classes (opening - worship area)  
10:30 am - Worship with a fellowship following (worship area/family center)  
1 pm – Family Center in use

### Upcoming Events

**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.

**Tweens Christian Life Class** will begin next Sunday at 9:15 am. This class will be for 4<sup>th</sup> graders – 8<sup>th</sup> grade with AnnMarie & Brenda Wiegel teaching. We will meet in the sanctuary for opening exercises and then go to the Upper Room above the kitchen for class.

**“United Kids” After School Ministry** – every Monday, 3:30-5 pm (restarting on January 4.) Open to all 4 year olds – 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Ovid Christmas Basket Report:** With your generous help, the Ovid community made up 75 baskets of food, clothing & supplies for needy families which included \$4900 in food certificates. A whopping 141 children received clothing, toys and gift certificates. In fact, the total value given out was over \$ 10,000! A big thank you to all! Just to note: our CROP Walk in October supplied \$ 483 for food certificates.

**All three grants which we had applied for have been granted.** We have received \$1,000 each for our Emergency Fund & Samaritan Fund from the Heartland District of UMC and \$ 275 for the Samaritan Fund from the UCC. In the past two years we have received \$ 4,775 in grants to use for those needing help. Praise God for meeting our need.

### **Upcoming Worship:**

- Sunday, January 10 - Remembering Our Baptism Sunday - 401 Graduate Sunday  
Message: “Three Questions Worth Contemplating”  
Sunday, January 17 - Message: “Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To”

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

### Volunteers needed for...

**Nursery Care** – The 2010 Nursery Schedules are in your mailbox in the Library. 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.

**Care Calls Ministry** - Imagine...living alone, isolated, having no one to talk with or to check on your well-being. The homebound, elderly, and people with disabilities, right here in our community face this situation every day. One phone call each week and when a situation arises could make a big difference. The Village of Ovid has asked us to consider starting such a ministry. If you're willing to organize or assist, please see Pastor Greg.

### 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: December 30, 2009

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:** A wonderful Christmas Eve celebration / Howard Bryant who celebrated his 103 birthday on Christmas Day,

**We pray for the health & healing of:** Joe Denison – cancer – brother of Jody Denison / Bob Senison father / Becky Geisenhaver – high blood pressure // Katie Grim – rare pregnancy difficulty – sister-in-law to Erica Cook / Arvilla Bunnell – surgery – Aunt of Steve Clark / Kennith Mead – terminal throat cancer – friend of Gene Ward / Steve Rudat – hospital / Sheldon Parker – prostate surgeon – brother of Lois Bracey / had mass removed – niece of Lena Trowbridge

**We share our sympathy with the families of:** Tracey Bossel / Joe Courter // 53 yr old who ran into the back of a semi

**We lift up our general requests of:** 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 / local fire and ambulance facilitates / couples who are having marital issues / Local government / state and national government

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:** 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 / Sharon Lawrence - breast cancer / 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*

### Lord, Reign in Me<sup>4</sup>

Over all the earth... You reign on high...

Every mountain stream... every sunset sky...

But my one request... Lord my only aim...

Is that You'd reign in me again (chorus)

(chorus) Lord reign in me... reign in Your power...

Over all my dreams... in my darkest hour.

You are the Lord... of all I am... so won't You reign in me again!

Over every thought... over every word...

May my life reflect... the beauty of my Lord...

'Cause you mean more to me... than any earthly thing

So won't You reign in me again? (chorus)

### "Praise You"<sup>5</sup>

Lord I come to You today... with a simple prayer to pray...

In everything I do... let my life O Lord praise You!

(chorus) Praise You... praise You... Let my life... praise You...

Praise You... praise You... Let my life O Lord praise You!

Lord You formed me out of clay... and for Your glory I was made...

Use this vessel as You choose... let my life O Lord praise You!

<sup>4</sup> CCLI 703014 (© 1998 Vineyard Songs by Frenton Brown) – Psalm 139:23-24 – MPW #96

<sup>5</sup> CCLI 703014 (© 1993 New Spirng Publishing by Wayne & Elizabeth Goodine) - Psalm 79:13 - MPW #84