

**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  
Fellowship Coordinator – Connie Paksi



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

**Serving This Week**

**Serving Next Week**

Greeters – Connie Paksi  
Acolytes – Meghan Hehrer  
Lay Reader – Sue Casler  
Nursery - Sarah McClung  
Children's Church – Ruth Clark  
Coffee Hour – Connie Paksi  
Welcome Ministry - Russ Westbrook

Jacqleen, Sarah, Saige, Michael  
Kirk Baese  
Michelle Martin  
Jessi Ladiski, Erica Cook  
Kirk & Rosemary Baese  
Shelley Shimunec

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Attendance:** Worship Service – 93      Christian Life Classes - 11

**Finance Report:**

General Fund:		\$1151
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 50
	Mission – Haiti	\$ 640
	Building	\$ 120
	Parking Lot	\$ 16

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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 31, 2010 – Fourth 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 with the fruits of the Spirit*

## Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

**Opening Song** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH #577

## 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)* “When It’s All Been Said and Done”  
“Fill Me Now”

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

Leader: Do we have any fruit this morning?

**All: Love...joy...peace...**

Leader: I say...do we have any fruit this morning?

**All: Kindness...Goodness...faithfulness...**

Leader: One last time...do we have any fruit this morning?

**All: Gentleness...and self-control.**

Leader: Ah...you’re talking about Spiritual fruit...

**All: Against such there is no law.**

Leader: Then let us live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit...

**All: Let us worship fruitfully and honor God!**

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

**Special Moment** “Thy Word”<sup>2</sup> Choir

**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>3</sup>

**Scripture Reading** Galatians 5:22-25 & John 15:1-8 pgs. 1132, 1046

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** “Finding Victory in the Nine Fruits of the Spirit” Pastor Greg

**Closing Song** “Victory in Jesus” UMH #370

**\*\*Blessing and Congregational Response** - “This is a Day of New Beginnings”<sup>4</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 (on the opposite end of the end of the building) for a time of refreshments, community-building and fellowship.

<sup>2</sup> by Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant Arranged by Stan Pethel

<sup>3</sup> “The Faith We Sing” #2081

<sup>4</sup> UMH #383 (first and last verses)

<sup>1</sup> adapted from Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)

## News You Can Use

*THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR - January 31 – February 7, 2010*

- Sunday** 9:15 am - Christian Life Classes (opening - worship area)  
10:30 am - Worship with a fellowship following (worship area/family center)
- Monday** 7 pm- Boy Scouts (basement)
- Tuesday** 9 am – Paint Class (basement)  
9:30 am – Ovid Healthcare Service  
12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family center)  
6:30 pm – Finance Mt. (office)  
7 pm – Boy Scout Leaders (basement)  
7:30 pm – Official Board Mt. (library)
- Wednesday** 7 pm – Choir (worship area) - New and previous voices always welcome!
- Thursday** 12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> graders – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – 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).

**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 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> for men and March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com) or [www.upperroom.org/emmaus](http://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.– 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**February Birthdays:** 1- Breanna Baese 3-Rachelle Parsons 5-Evelyn Bush, Brianna Pierce 6-Harvey Darling, Gabbrielle Vanderhoof 8-Sue Graham, Dave Stilwell, Benjamine Cook 9-Don Seelhoff 10-Connie Albaugh 11-Kaleb Casler 12-Rick Bush 15-Lois Bracey, Kristine Batora 16-Jesse Huntoon 18-Dorine Horn, Nikki Fluke 19-Diane Perrien, Jessi Casler, Soren Astle 20-Ryan Baese, Ruth Clark 21-Charlotte Terpstra 22-Dusty Anderson 24-Matthew Stevens 26-Ryker Parsons 27-Richard Phillipson, Sarah Iler

**February Wedding Anniversaries ;** 2-Rich & Lynn Givens, Dick & Joyce Young 5-Mark & Bev Stehlik

## *Time of Praise*

### **Praise and Prayer List**

Last Updated: January 25, 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:** Lena Trowbridge – strength / Connie Paksi our new Fellowship Coordinator / adoption of an Haitian boy

**We pray for the health & healing of:** Barb Malinak – stroke / Katie – a young girl in a car accident / Katie Grim – Health / Jessica Hallmark – health / Susan Tomasek-Swan – Surgery & recovery / Jeff Furchey – Liver problems / Warren Dennison – heart attack – father of Bob Dennison // 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 – heart problems – grandmother of Ben Cook / James White – very rare form of cancer

**We share our sympathy with the families of:** Lou Goosen / Helen Dunkel / Berry Rivest / Conor – an 8<sup>th</sup> grader suicide // Katie Miller / families who lost loved ones in Haiti

**We lift up our general requests of:** people around the globe / those affected by the earthquake in Haiti / those affected by the California earthquake / mission group in Haiti / traveling mercies / people that are shut in / 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 – U of M hospital / 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

### **When It's All Been Said and Done**<sup>5</sup>

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?

### **“Fill Me Now”**<sup>6</sup>

Hover over Holy Spirit...bathe my trembling heart and brow.  
Fill me with Your awesome presence...come, oh come, and fill me now. (refrain)

(refrain) - Fill me now, fill me now...Spirit come and fill me now.  
Fill me now, fill me now...Spirit come and fill me now

In myself I'm full of weakness...can You use this life somehow.  
Cleanse and comfort, heal and teach me...come, oh come, and fill me now. (refrain)

Just one life I have for living...in Your service send me out.  
Source of love, of faith and power...come, oh come, and fill me now. (refrain)

<sup>5</sup> CCLI 703014 (©1999 Hosanna! Music) – 2 Corinthians 4:18 – MPW 115

<sup>6</sup> CCLI 703014 (©2005 – Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (original words – Elwood Stokes – 1879)) – Eph. 5:18 - MPW 202

# “Finding Victory in the Fruits of the Spirit”

Galatians 5:22-25 & John 15:1-8

January 31, 2010

Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid

**Theme for Today: *overcoming with the fruit of the Spirit***

**Introduction** – Fruitful Advantages...

“It’s time to stop talking about the fruits of the Spirit...we’ve done that.

Now is the time to start exercising the fruits of the Spirit! When we exercise them, then we find the victory in them.”

## **I – Gifts of the Spirit vs. Fruit of the Spirit**

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit...But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all...” – I Corinthians 12:4-11 (NKJV)

Gifts – A specific gift given to each one for the purpose of all.

Fruit – A specific set of characteristics that is evident in everyone who practices their gift, as they love God and one another.

## **II – In order to find victory, we need to get planted.**

“Bless is the (one) who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the water, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat come, but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of doubt, nor will cease from yielding fruit.” – Jeremiah 17:8

## **III – In order to find victory, we need to become more like Christ.**

Christ exhibited all these favorable characteristics.

“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit...for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” - Luke 6:43-45 (NKJV)

## **IV – In order to find victory, we need to continually focus our faith.**

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” - Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV)

## **Conclusion – We find victory in being the branches...**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, and with every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” - John 15:1-2 (NIV)

### ***personal application questions***

Have you learned enough about the fruits of the Spirit to begin exercising the fruits of the Spirit?

Are you producing the fruits of the Spirit in your daily journey with God and others?

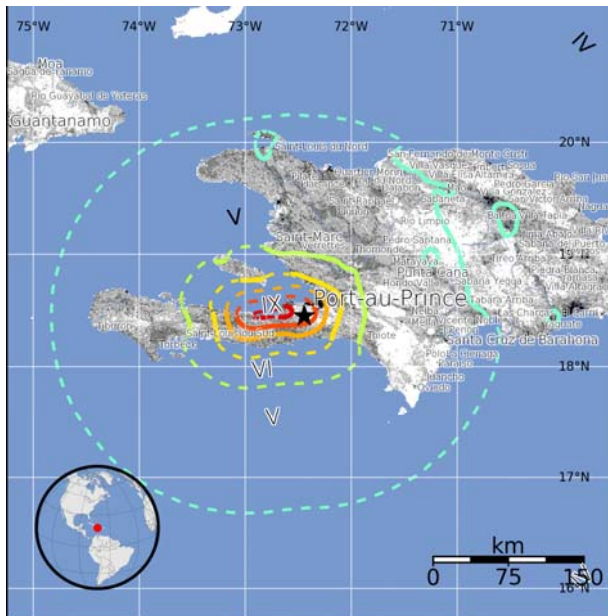
Are you willing to find victory in our your life by looking toward the fruitful victory God has in store?

# 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 in 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.