

# The ELLENBERGER MESSENGER

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**SHOW GOD'S LOVE  
THIS MONTH TO ALL YOU MEET.**

**This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.**

*John 3:16 The Message*

## **Events of Notice:**

**Pray for Peace: 3<sup>RD</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Council Mtg.: 14<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

**Karaoke Sing-A-Long: 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Worship Team mtg.: 23<sup>RD</sup> at 6:00pm**

**Euchre Night: 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

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# Message from the EUCC Council

## Moderator Message 2009 Report

It was my privilege to serve as Ellenberger UCC's Moderator in 2009. From the team reports included in this Annual Report, you can see that we had a lot of activity at the church last year. God allowed us many opportunities to bless members of our congregation, our community and the world.

In working with the leaders of our church, I've found that each one takes the responsibilities sincerely – serving in the best way they can. When the Council meets, we begin and end each meeting with prayer for we know that we are simply managing the resources that God has given. We pray that we are good stewards on His behalf AND that we are open to the Holy Spirit's guidance in decisions for the church.

2009 was a difficult year financially not just for the church but for our country. Yet God brought us through it and gave us many blessings along the way. Despite financial difficulties, our church family remains strong and unified when it comes to reaching out to others. Thank God for giving us so many who have a heart for serving the desperate and needy!

For myself and all of the team leaders, thank you for entrusting the business of Ellenberger UCC to us. We appreciate your support and know that when help is needed, our church members are available and willing to assist. May God protect Ellenberger UCC and provide abundantly so we can continue to do His work for generations to come.

In Him,

Jody FitzGibbon  
Council Moderator

## **MISSION TEAM NEWS**

**As I write this our hearts are all with the Haitian people. While we would wish to go there to help in person, we know that would not be good or right. Airports and towers need to be rebuilt to even bring in basic water, food, and medical supplies. Earth moving equipment is more expedient than digging hands. Our money is need, and gradually so will things such as cleaning supplies, building supplies, labor, and expertise. Praying for injured people, workers, and relatives; for strength, patience and operation and faith is now needed. Giving through our denomination and other noted charities such as the Red Cross are excellent ways to respond to our God given desire to help.**

**In February we will be emphasizing C.U.E. (Chicago United and Eden) seminaries of the United Church of Christ. C.U.E. is a line item in our budget. February 28<sup>th</sup> is Seminary Sunday.**

**God has created a beautiful world, and placed us as care-givers. Recycling is one way we care for God's world. Pop can pull tabs go in the coke bottle for Riley Hospital. Gently used clothes and household items can be reused by ICAN. Newspapers are recycled in the Church's driveway. Susie Meese now has found a place for plastic milk and water caps and rings as well as the six pack plastic connections. Bring these plastic items to Susie and save a bird from strangling. Remember God knows when a sparrow falls.**

# Daily Lectionary – January

Sunday scriptures follow this month's sermon series on Stewardship

**Mon., Feb. 1** Psalm 56  
1 Kings 17:8-16  
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

**Tues., Feb. 2** Psalm 56 2  
Kings 5:1-14 1  
Corinthians 14:13-25

**Wed., Feb. 3** Psalm 56  
Jeremiah 1:11-19  
Luke 19:41-44

**Thurs., Feb. 4** Psalm 138  
Numbers 20:22-29  
Acts 9:19b-25

**Fri., Feb. 5** Psalm 138  
Numbers 27:12-23  
Acts 9:26-31

**Sat., Feb. 6** Psalm 138  
Judges 3:7-11  
Luke 4:42-44

**Sun., Feb. 7**  
Psalm 34  
Romans 15:5-11

**Mon., Feb. 8** Psalm 115  
Judges 5:1-11 1  
Corinthians 14:26-40

**Tues., Feb. 9** Psalm 115  
1 Samuel 9:15—10:1b  
1 Timothy 3:1-9

**Wed., Feb. 10** Psalm 115  
Isaiah 8:1-15  
Luke 5:27-32

**Thurs., Feb. 11** Psalm 99  
Deuteronomy 9:1-5  
Acts 3:11-16

**Fri., Feb. 12** Psalm 99  
Deuteronomy 9:6-14  
Acts 10:1-8

**Sat., Feb. 13** Psalm 99  
Deuteronomy 9:15-24  
Luke 10:21-24

**Sun., Feb. 14**  
Psalm 24  
Luke 8:1a-2

**Mon., Feb. 15** Psalm  
35:11-28 Exodus 35:1-  
29 Acts 10:9-23a

**Tues., Feb. 16** Psalm  
35:11-28 Ezekiel 1:1—  
2:1 Acts 10:23b-33

**Wed., Feb. 17** *Ash  
Wednesday* Joel 2:1-2,  
12-17 *or* Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17 2  
Corinthians 5:20b—  
6:10 Matthew 6:1-6,  
16-21

**Thurs., Feb. 18** Psalm  
91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus  
5:10-23 Acts 7:30-34

**Fri., Feb. 19** Psalm  
91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus  
6:1-13 Acts 7:35-42

**Sat., Feb. 20** Psalm  
91:1-2, 9-16 Ecclesiast-  
es 3:1-8 John 12:27-36

**Sun., Feb. 21** *First  
Sunday in Lent  
Psalm 37:3-9  
Matthew 14:22-31*

**Mon., Feb. 22** Psalm  
17 1 Chronicles 21:1-  
17 1 John 2:1-6

**Tues., Feb. 23**  
Psalm 17 Zechariah  
3:1-10 2 Peter 2:4-  
21

**Wed., Feb. 24** Psalm  
17 Job 1:1-22 Luke  
21:34—22:6

**Thurs., Feb. 25**  
Psalm 27 Genesis  
13:1-7, 14-18 Philip-  
pians 3:2-12

**Fri., Feb. 26** Psalm  
27 Genesis 14:17-24  
Philippians 3:17-20

**Sat., Feb. 27** Psalm  
27 Psalm 118:26-29  
Matthew 23:37-39

**Sun. Feb. 28**  
*Second Sunday in  
Lent  
Psalm 10:13-18  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15*

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TEAM**

The cleaning of the church is off to a great start with almost all the items being accomplished each week. A "Church Cleaning Schedule" is posted in the Gathering Room listing duties to be accomplished each week by volunteers. Please check to see what you can do.

## **EDUCATION TEAM**

There is still no children's church or Sunday school for the evening service. With just four people it would mean each would only have to lead once a month. So please step up so all our children can have their special time at both services.

Our **NEW Bible Study** classes for 2010 studying the Letters of Paul started on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The 1:00 pm class has decided to start their study with the book of 1 Thessalonians & the 6:30 PM class has chosen the book of Galatians. To join in simply read the book for the class you wish to attend and write down questions or thoughts that come to mind. Bring them with you for discussion during class. If you don't have questions of your own come anyway and hear the others question.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

The youth and adults will be doing a Bowl-A-Thon towards the end of the month watch for more information in church. The next meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

## **KARAOKE SING A LONG**

February 10<sup>th</sup> will be only night for Karaoke until after Easter. See worship page for activities during Lent/Easter.

The Youth are still providing concessions for the Wednesday evening Karaoke Sing-Along as an ongoing fundraiser.

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

**Please continue to bring your donations of paper products (toilet paper & paper towels). Don't forget Euchre night the 26<sup>th</sup>. @ 7:00pm.** Contact Cindy at 862-5468 For any additional information.

# **WORSHIP TEAM**

## **Sunday Scriptures and Sermon Titles**

### **Sun. Feb. 7**

Ps. 34  
Romans 15:5-11

### **Building**

### **Sun., Feb. 28**

Ps. 10:13-18  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

### **Tithing**

### **Sun., Feb. 14**

Ps. 24  
Luke 8:1-2

### **Resources**

### **Sun., Feb. 21**

Ps. 37:3-9  
Matthew 14:22-31

### **Priorities**

## **Team Greeters for February**

### **Sun. Feb. 3**

**Finance**

### **Sun., Feb. 28**

Evangelism

### **Sun., Feb. 10**

Worship

### **Sun., Feb. 17**

Youth

## **Lent Dinner/Worship Series**

“From Sin to Wholeness”

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>THEME</b>
February 17	Gethsemane Lutheran 6810 East 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	Galen Schwarz	Gluttony
February 24	Irvington Presbyterian 55 Johnson Avenue	Janet Hoover	Anger

### **2010 Men's Lenten Breakfasts.**

Theme: “From Jesus’ fullness we have received, grace upon grace”  
John 1:16. Each week we will begin at 8 a.m. at the following host churches:

February 20 Society of Stephen at the Altenheim

February 27 Faith UCC

Choir practice “**JUBILATION**” is on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm. Come and join in the fun and praise the Lord with your voice. We are getting ready for the Easter Season music.

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**February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be only night for Pray for Peace until after Easter.**

## **PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND THANKSGIVING**

Lois Barnard - Elizabeth Berry – Anna Biediger – Mary Blakeburn – Justin Blakeburn - Kristena Bradt - Sue Brewer – Tom Brown – Londa Cantrell - Chris Clark - Kevin Cooksie - George Coons – Steve Creech - Rita Cummins - Kristi Curtis – Terry Daniels - Laura Dragoo - Michael FitzGibbon - Julie Gilbert – James Greer - Linda Griffin – Ted Helkema – Sue Honeycutt – Margaret Jones – Lindsey Killey - Cody King - Paul Koebeler Family – Robert Lamb - Jim Lindsay – Mona May - The McIntosh Family – Sharon McClure - Mildred McMurray - Allen & Susie Meese – Lee Miers – Betty Miller – Phyllis Moore - Munoz Family – David Najor - M. J. Nice – Bill Nichols - Adam Reed – Laure Reed – Reeves Family - Richardson Family – Rhoades Family – Blair Ross - Casey Ross - Mike Sellers – Dawn Smith Family - Deb Strothers - Suesz Family – Heb Thompson - Barbara & Roger Turner - Martha Umbenhower – Joyce White - Michelle White Family - Patrick White – Tammie White – Clynda White Family - Betty Wolf - Joan Wolfe & Family - Our Troops - Pray for Peace. Pray for your eyes and ears to be open to God's will for you and the church.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**2 Devin Barry**  
**2 Elizabeth Berry**  
**7 Michael Fitzgibbon**  
**9 Laura Gibbs**  
**11 Kelly Kirschenman**  
**13 Austin Gibbs**  
**15 Michelle White**  
**16 Shelby Caruthers**  
**17 Brittanie White**  
**18 Christopher Maples**  
**18 Mary Shaw**  
**21 Dorothy Snell**  
**21 Sean Barry**  
**21 Janene Apley**  
**22 Harold Richardson**  
**26 Susan Trittip**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**14 Robert & Rhonda Clark**

# **Pastor Alan's Alley**

**Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ.**

## **Pastors Annual Report for year 2009**

As the first decade of the 2000<sup>th</sup> century has now been completed, we can look back to see where we have come from, where we are and more importantly, where are we going.

In 2009, we celebrated 20 years (Oct. 1989 – Oct. 2009) in service to God as Ellenberger United Church of Christ. I celebrated completing eight (8) years (Nov. 2002 – Nov. 2009) as your pastor. Again this year I am overjoyed to be serving God by serving the people of EUCC. We faced challenges throughout the year and were overwhelmed by God's grace poured out on our church family.

We saw a year that had celebrations of lives passing from earth to heaven. We saw the beginning of new lives in the miracle of birth. We witnessed God's grace and mercy in the saving of lives both spirituality and physically. We saw our church family grow in members and visitors. We saw blessings in weddings. We saw healing and recovery. We saw God at work in our presence. We saw mission, evangelism, worship, fellowship, Sunday school, bible study, music all being lead by the Holy Spirit. We saw caring and sharing for our people, our building, our neighborhood, our city in many ways both tried & tested and new & different methods. In all, the good we have seen far out weighs the bad and sad.

In my duties, beyond leading worship, I have lead bible studies, a confirmation class, a marriage enrichment course (with the assistance of my wife Cindy), taken communion to shut-ins and the sick, made many hospitals visits, performed weddings, funerals and memorial services, helped with building maintenance, joined the choir, held Pray for Peace services almost every other Wednesday, and led work camps in Harlan, KY. I attended five licensed ministry training events, (three sessions at Tipton and a week at Christian Theological Seminary), also a week long special trip to the UCC Nation Office in Cleveland, OH. I also attended the IKC annual meeting, all Southeast Association business meetings and Ecclesiastic counsels. I served the association as chair of the Planning Committee and at the conference level on the Social Issues Committee as a member. Locally, I participated in the Irvington Association of Ministers and attended the Neighborhood Association meetings.

I feel that I have grown in maturity in my preaching/teaching and leadership of the church. I applied many lessons learned from my training events, also removed a few unproductive habits. I still receive the greatest joy from serving here at EUCC in part from what I get to do day to day, and in part from the response from you the people of EUCC, but mostly from knowing I serve an almighty God in all I do.

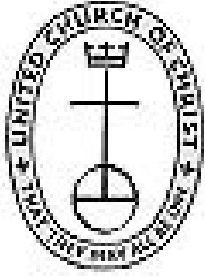
As we face the new decade our challenge as a community of faith is to continue to work together to spread God's message of love to as many other people as possible. To do that we need your physical presence as much as possible to make our worship even more complete. This year we also need all the financial support you can give. The last two years we have operated at approximately a \$35,000.00 deficit each year. We cannot continue this any more so please give as much as you can as often as you can so we can continue as a faithful community of faith.

Shalom Pastor Alan.

# Ellenberger United Church Of Christ

## Church Council for 2010

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</b>		
MODERATOR	Jody FitzGibbon	1yr
VICE MODERATOR	Laure Reed	1yr
TREASURER	Janet Fenney	2yr
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Jackie Reeves	2yr
COUNCIL SECRETARY	Terry Suesz	1yr
<b>TEAM LEADERS</b>		
BUILDING & GROUND	Irv Herman	1yr
COMMUNICATION	Jackie Reeves	2yr
EDUCATION	Cindy Blakeburn	1yr
EVANGELISM	Bob & Rhonda Clark	1yr
FELLOWSHIP	Cindy Blakeburn	1yr
MISSIONS	Dortha May	1yr
PASTORAL	Dorothy Snell	1yr
WORSHIP	Jody FitzGibbon & Pastor Alan	1yr
YOUTH	Peter Boylan	1yr
<b>ADHOC TEAM</b>		
VISION	Mark & Janene Apley	1yr



## ELLENBERGER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### VALUES:

We are a caring family where you can feel safe in the love of God and Jesus and each other.  
Our church is open to all and in friendliness; all are invited to participate in our worship, service to God and our activities.

### MISSION:

To spread the love of God and Jesus beyond the church's four walls, by putting our faith into action and using words when necessary.

### Vision:

To provide Christian ministry for all ages in the form of education, music, communication, fellowship and worship.

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### DID YOU MISS IT?

- **Movie Night?**
- **Sermon Series "Renewal"**
- **Annual Meeting?**

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