

Welcome

Dear OSLC Family,

Howard Thurman's "The Work of Christmas" is a good way to consider the days after Christmas.

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

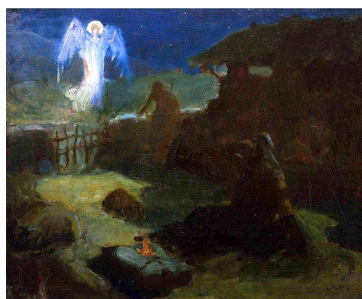
To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among everyone,

To make music in the heart.

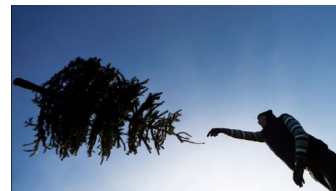


I want to thank everyone who helped to make Christmas such a joy-filled celebration. I am grateful to all our decorators and liturgical ministers who greeted, sung, played, served communion, those who read, ushered and served as tech team at our Christmas services. Now the real "work" of Christmas begins "being church after church."

Thought for the week: "Praise for the heart persistent in its beating, beautiful in its enduring, wondrous as it holds through the fracture, through the rupture, through the breaking—how it goes on in hopeful cadence, in every chamber whole." -Jan Richardson

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.
PJ

P.S. As a reminder, I will begin my sabbatical time this coming Thursday until January 25th. If there is any emergency or pastoral need, please contact Deacon Sherie or Kelly in the office. As Amy, the kids and myself pray for you, please remember us in your prayers during our time of



It is time to "wrap-up" our Christmas decorations here. We will have our "Undecorating Night" on **Monday, January 8th** from 6:00-8:00pm. Many hands make light work!



Calling all Men of OSLC!

All gents high school age and older are welcome to help form our own version of "soul food" on Saturday, December 30th at 6:30am here at church! We'll eat, have a brief word of encouragement for our soul, fellowship and then head on our way for the day!

Any questions, contact PJ



In commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the Holy Family, there arose the custom of blessing homes during the time of Epiphany. The blessing with chalk includes marking the first initials of the legendary names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) at the top of door frames, along with the year:

20 + C + M + B + 24

On this feast of the Epiphany, whether you live alone or with a family, pray a blessing on the place you call home: *Be my shelter, Lord, when I am at home, my companion when I am away, and my welcome guest when I return. Today with a shining star you guided three strangers to the Christ child. Grant that we who bless + our homes with chalk may be filled with kindness toward one another and with hospitality to all those we welcome in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.*



Save the Date!

Please make sure to reserve Sunday, May 19, 2024 on your calendar as we give thanks for the ministry of Deacon Sherie who is retiring.

Monday, January 1st New Year's Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd
6:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 pm Choir

Wednesday, January 3rd
8:30 am HGL Quilters
6:30 pm Journey

Thursday, January 4th
9:00 am Kits N Quilts

Friday, January 5th
Office Closed

Sunday, January 7th
8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship



Did you guess our favorite Christmas movies?



Movies

Family Stone
Holiday Inn
It's a Wonderful Life
A Christmas Story
Going My Way
Christmas Vacation
Frosty the Snowman

Staff

Sherie
Kelly
Dwayne
Tim
Maybelle
Pastor Jim
Chuck

How many did you get right?

Don't forget "**Project Sherie**" is on-going. Quilters will be available through the end of January on Sunday mornings from 9am-10am in the CSS prep room right next to fellowship hall for the paint project. It only takes a few minutes. Please get your college age kids to participate and share the word with others! Also think about writing a note of special Sherie moments that we will scrapbook for her. Get those into Kelly or PJ by March 1st.

Stay up to date



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Prayer For:

Greg Haas
Sue
Ken
Jennifer
Paul
Dennis Benz
Julia Bethards
Jenny
Cheryl Plankey

Sara
Joe Ziana
Joyce Schmoldt
Jim Schmoldt
Judy Roels
Janelle
Jeff
Quinn

Kelly Baran Family
Dorthea Weinhrauch
Gloria Whalen



First Annual "Holiday Hangover & White Elephant" Party

Wednesday January 10th – 1:00 @ Church
Snacks & Sweets Only
Bring your Holiday Leftovers – or anything you'd like to share



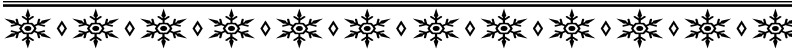
Beverages Provided

White Elephant Rules:

Must be something from your Home or a Thrift Shop – i.e. Free or Almost Free

Must fit one or more of the following descriptions: Ugly, Ridiculous, Useless, Creepy, Silly – You get the idea!

Do Not put your name on it – after the exchange there will be a prize for the craziest gift.



A-Team Nativity



Woltring's Nativity!

Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8:00am to 3:30pm
Fridays office closed (phones monitored 8-12)

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