



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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 respite and refreshment.

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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.



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:

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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.*

We will have baggies with the prayer and chalk so that you can do this blessing in your homes!

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### Calling all Men of OSLC!

All gents high school age and older are welcome to help form our own version of "soul food" tomorrow, **(Saturday) 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 at [pastorjim@oslchw.org](mailto:pastorjim@oslchw.org).



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!

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Did you guess our favorite Christmas movies?



| <u>Movies</u>         | <u>Staff</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Family Stone          | Sherie       |
| Holiday Inn           | Kelly        |
| It's a Wonderful Life | Dwayne       |
| A Christmas Story     | Tim          |
| Going My Way          | Maybelle     |
| Christmas Vacation    | Pastor Jim   |
| Frosty the Snowman    | Chuck        |

How many did you get right?

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**Varsity in January!** Click below to find out what we are doing!




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*Dates to Remember*

|                      |                                                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 30th</b> | Men's "Soul Food" get together                      |
| <b>January 8th</b>   | Tree & decoration take down                         |
| <b>January 10th</b>  | VARSITY Holiday Hangover & White Elephant exchange  |
| <b>February 4th</b>  | Wine & Painting Event with Sherie @ The Moose Lodge |

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### **A-Team Magnet Challenge!**

Don't forget to use your A-Team magnets and take selfies/pictures of your Christmas gatherings, your nativity sets or Christmas decor. As the Christ child is born for us, let us sing Alleluia- Glory to God in the Highest! Send those pictures to PJ or Kelly!



Tom & Julie Woltring's Nativity Set

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Earing found after Christmas services. You can call or come to the office if this is yours.  
262-334-9551

You can email too! [office@oslcwb.org](mailto:office@oslcwb.org)

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### 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. Click [here](#) for more details.

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### 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

6:00 pm **NO Midweek Worship**-returns January 10th

6:30 pm Journey

### Thursday, January 4th

9:00 am Kits N Quilts

### Friday, January 5th

Office Closed

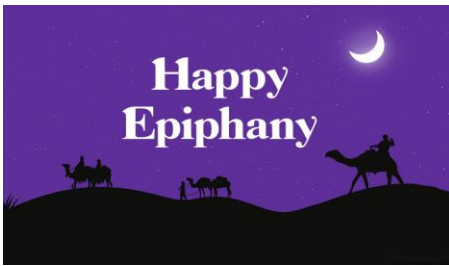
### Sunday, January 7th

8:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship





[Stay up to date by visiting our website! Click here to see what's going on.](#)



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### Worship with Us!

#### Worship on Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

- 8:00 & 10:00 service Live streamed on church [Facebook page](#) (account not required)
- Sunday School at 9:00

#### Midweek Worship (*Wednesdays at 6:00pm*)

- Service in the Gathering Area (winter months & inclement weather)
- Summer-outside by the "JOY" letters

*Our mission: We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God-centered life.*