



**THE  
NEW SENSE**

The Monthly Newsletter

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## Confirmation Classes for January!

We will begin the study of the Ten Commandments this month. We will meet the Sundays of January 10 and 24 immediately after the late services in the library. Hope to see all of our students back in the New Year!

Thank you to...

...everyone who brought gifts to the WELCA project for the Agape Nursing Care again this year...to all who delivered them to the home.

...everyone who has returned their Time and Talent Forms as well as their Financial Commitment forms. This helps our leaders prepare for the future.

...everyone who worked with the Sunday School department on our annual Christmas presentation on December 13. Thanks Marcy Aaroen and crew, students and parents – it was wonderful!

...all our helpers with the 2 Melting Pot meals in December.

...the instrumentalists who played for the Christmas Cantata: Kim Barrett; Sarah Compton; Kristen Bennett; Georgia Sinko.

...the chancel choir, led byCarolynn Bailey, for their extraordinary work on the Cantata and the pre-service music for the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

...the soloists for Christmas Eve, including Sarah Compton, Tony Mowell, Mike English, Sylvia Beckelhimer, Mary Alice Nipper, Joan Blackmer, Ann Cunningham, and Angel Holland.

...everyone who helped make the 4 P.M. Christmas Eve "Heart of Christmas" Service beautiful.

...all the committees who provided meals before our Sunday evening Advent services.

...all of our congregational members who are stepping down from their roles at the end of December: Bob Hembre, President; Prudy Zinser, Fellowship.

...all newly elected/re-elected members to Congregational Council: Mitch King, President; Sean Golden, Vice-President; Brenda Whitson, Outreach; Jay Stafford, Finance;

Lewis Wessner, Youth Representative; and Nancy Shilling, Social Ministry.

...Richard Koepper and Jay Stafford for their work on the proposed budget for 2016, which was passed at the Congregational meeting on December 13.

## Council Highlights

Bob Hembre opened with devotions

Discussed the fact that Annual reports are due at the end of the month.

Approval of all monthly reports and minutes of council was given.

Conversation was shared about someday having to replace the organ in the nave. No decision was made about this at this time. Thanks was offered for the work of the Vision Team.

Information to be shared more fully with the congregation soon. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## PRIME TIMERS

*Meet at the church  
with lunch to follow at  
One-Acre Café.*

Wednesday  
January 6  
11:00 a.m.

Reservations:  
Call Betty & Dave Chalkley  
282-1520.

## "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38)

Two of John's disciples left John and followed Jesus. When Jesus first saw them, He asked: "What are you looking for?"

What were they looking for? What was it that they expected in following the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"?

Would He be the One to solve all of their problems, all of life's problems?

They would find out that He was the One that Israel (and the world) had been looking for, but not quite the way they were expecting.

He carried no apparent physical strength, nor did He bear the power to build great armies to fight the enemies of God.

But He *was* strong. He was the strongest person they would ever come to know, just in a way that is hard to describe – one only could experience it personally.

His strength would show itself in the form of what humanity saw as weakness. For example, in death, He gave life beyond imagination.

That's the point of the season of Epiphany: to show just who Jesus truly is! As we read the Gospels each Sunday of this month, listen carefully to how God reveals the true nature of this man we call Jesus. He was much more than a man!

At the beginning of a new year, God's reveal will be made known to you. What are YOU looking for? Come and worship, and learn more about your Saviour. Hope to see you here!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Jim

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

January 2

8:00 a.m.

Golden Corral

# Youth and Family Ministry

## **The Underground**

The Underground Huddle, for our youth group students in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades, meets on Wednesday nights. During our Underground Huddle times we check-in on what's going on in life, and have some in-depth study and discipleship learning time. We've also been known to play a few games. Here are the dates for January:

**January 6<sup>th</sup>** - Dinner at 6 p.m., Huddle from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** - Dinner at 6 p.m., Huddle from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** - Dinner with the congregation for Feed the Souls at 6 p.m., Game Night from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. **The High Road Middle School class is invited to join us this night!** More details to come.

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** - Dinner at 6 p.m., Huddle from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



## *Musings from the Organ Bench*

A huge thank you to our choir members for their dedication to praising God through beautiful music this past season: Omega, Advent music, the Christmas Cantata and then the mini-concert on Christmas Eve.

Grateful thanks to:

**Margaret Allown**  
**Sylvia Beckelhimer**  
**Fred Beckelhimer**  
**Joan Blackmer**  
**Ann Cunningham**  
**Barbara Gish**  
**Angel Holland**  
**Mary Ann McGaughey**  
**Mary Alice Nipper**  
**Jim Quillen**  
**Chuck Scheurer**  
**Ann Smith**  
**Otto Zinser**

What a blessing our children gave us through their Christmas play! Their reading, dancing, singing, chiming were all heavenly! OSLC is truly blessed by our children!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their empty Folger (or similar) coffee containers. We have all we need and are just about ready to make drums in PDO. Listen for the rhythmic sounds! Bless you!

Look for the Psalm tones to be coming in January! We began our "semester" with singing the Psalms to familiar hymn tunes. Now we will be learning the tones as set in our ELW! It's going to be beautiful!

Thank you to the entire OSLC family for all of your love, friendships, support, gifts, cards, etc. You are an amazing family and I am proud to be a part of it!

Happy New Year to All and Many Blessings from Our Loving Lord!

# OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

## 2 Corinthians 5:17 New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

God's mercies are new every morning! Thanks be to God for His grace! Thanks be to God that we can start a fresh New Year in 2016. The New Year is a good time to examine one's life. If like most, we all make New Year's resolutions to change our lives in a positive manner. Change isn't always easy, but sometimes it is for the best. It starts with making a decision to do so!

Physically, what are you going to do to better your health in 2016? It may require changing bad habits! "New"; requires change and change requires effort. Changing old habits can be difficult but Philippians 4:13 says, "We can do all things through Christ which strengthens us".

- Here are a few examples of how you can promote "positive change" into action this year! -Limit fast food meals.
- Make a grocery list before going to the store...focus on healthy foods and make those choices a priority on your list.
- Exercise and get rid of a sedentary lifestyle...
- Park farther away from the door at your work, take the stairs instead of using the elevator.
- Join us in YOGA on Thursdays.
- Come to walk/talk on Fridays and enjoy exercising with fellowship.
- As diet and exercise are very important positive health habits, seeing your primary care physician at least every 6 months just for routine checkups and as needed if discomforting symptoms occur is also just as important. Symptoms can be "warning signs" of illness that need to be checked out.

Making these changes can help keep you healthy! Remember...God wants us to practice self-care and enjoy a well-balanced lifestyle. In doing so, we can avoid heart disease, diabetes, and even some cancers.

Spiritual health- FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS... It is easy to get so caught up in managing everyday life that we tend to neglect our spiritual health. It is unfortunate but true. In November, 2015, we looked at how being thankful impacts our health in our health education class. This is just one positive habit we can practice spiritually.

Practicing forgiveness is also of vital importance. I have learned and am still learning that unforgiveness negates the joy of serving Christ. The Bible says that "the joy of the Lord is our strength".-Nehemiah 8:10. Unforgiveness acts as a cancer to our spiritual beings. Letting go of past hurts, regrets, and disappointments is important to practice. Holding on to these things will do major damage to our spirit.

Bible reading and praying to God on a daily basis are good spiritual health habits to practice, probably most important! As we do these things on a daily basis it promotes spiritual growth and health, preventing sin-sickening diseases in our hearts.

I would like to take this opportunity to say, "THANK YOU" to all of OSLC staff and parishioners for allowing me to serve with you this past year. I am looking forward to what God has planned for 2016. Thank you for participating in new ideas and for all the encouragement and support that you have given. I sincerely appreciate it!

I am pleased to announce that we are starting a Health/Wellness committee in January that will meet on a quarterly basis to benefit the parish nurse program at OSLC. Members of the committee include: Donald Clemons, Kathy Robinson, Ken Diehl, Julie Guinn, Rhonda Keffer, Jim Montag, Berla Smith, Becky and Dave Hamilos, Kristie Golden and me. I am very excited because I feel having this committee will pool greater community resources and ideas.

Please call me with any questions or health concerns. I am in the office at OSLC every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am-12 pm. If you can't reach me there or need to reach me otherwise you can do so at 276-210-4670.

God bless you.

GO GOD!!! ~Melissa Malenda, RN

Health Happenings at OSLC in January:

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES!

- ❖ **January 5-** Health and Wellness Committee meeting. 7:00pm in OSLC library
- ❖ **January 12-** Friends in Grief. 10:00am in OSLC library
- ❖ **January 17-** Blood pressures. I will be taking bp's on the bench located at the steps leading to the fellowship hall to be more accessible to all parishioner's.
- ❖ **January 26-** Friends in Grief Luncheon. 11:45 am. Place will be determined in our meeting on January 12th and will be announced in the church bulletin.
- ❖ **January TBD:** Health wellness information about glaucoma by Dr. Creekmore. Watch for the date!
- ❖ **January** (every Thursday; unless otherwise announced)- YOGA, 6:30pm in OSLC youth room. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it with you.
- ❖ **January** (every Friday; unless otherwise announced)- WALK/TALK, 10:00am-11:00am. Meet in OSLC fellowship hall. Planning some new exercise activities; be excited. Come and enjoy!!! **No Walk/Talk on Friday January 1, 2016** because of Holiday.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ENCOURAGED TO INVITE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND ALSO!!!!**
- ❖ **January 17-** Care Bear ministry. Bears will be replenished on this Sunday! Monetary donations to support this ministry are greatly appreciated. Please note on check or envelope in memo that it is for the parish nurse program, teddy bear ministry. Thank you!

**Anytime**---I have 7-day pill planners that are being used to place a scripture in each day of the week for "daily bread" reminders. If you would like one or would like to give one to someone else; please see me or call the church office and one will be provided to you.

# Christian Education

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The Sunday school students and Christian Education committee would like to thank the following people for sharing their time, talents, and treasure to help the children of OSLC present their Christmas program: Carolynn Bailey, Fred Beckelhimer, Sylvia Beckelhimer, Ann Cunningham, and Patti Hembre for all of their help with our music and staging; Jennifer Estep for her help with the praise dance; Harmoni Metcalf and Deborah Soike for their help keeping the kids on track behind the scenes; Jean Loveday and Lucy Rye for their help sewing the costumes; Barry Fetterolf for constructing the risers; and Matt, Cat, and Maryn Hopper for their portrayal of Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus.



A special thank you goes out to Prudy Zinser and the Fellowship Committee for their willingness to put together our meal following the program; the staff of Ruby Tuesday for providing the dinner, Katie Stacy for designing the birthday cake.

And finally, a huge **shout-out** to everyone who attended the program. We really appreciate the support of our congregation.

## WELCA

### **Katie Circle**

Wednesday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Phyllis Farst presents Lesson 3 from "You Are Never Alone" from Embrace Thy God by Bobbie Mason. Bring a sack lunch and join for this interesting program. Our hostess will provide drinks and a dessert.

### **Hannah Circle**

Monday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Patty Neas, 248 Town & Country Drive, Jonesborough. Patty will present the program on "Cedarwood and Solomon" from Healing: God's Forgotten Gift by Dr. David Stewart. Pam Ross will provide dessert.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### January/February Products of the Month Manna House

Manna House serves men who are chronically homeless and may have psychological issues and/or substance abuse problems. They house 19 men for up to 2 years. An assessment and training program helps clients find employment. Computers are needed – if you can donate one, please call Valerie Brown at 423-434-9310 (423-773-8221 cell). Tax deduction available.

Also needed: Shampoo, conditioner, razors (disposable), First-aid supplies, lotion, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper cups/plates/napkins, laundry detergent, dish detergent, window cleaner, Clorox wipes, Tilex mildew, air fresheners.

Even if I knew  
that tomorrow  
the world would  
go to pieces, I  
would still plant  
my apple tree.  
*Martin Luther*

### OSLC Food Pantry

You have been so very generous with your gifts to the Food Pantry. Thank you! Please remember that this is an ongoing need and with winter now here, people are unable to garden. Your continued support is appreciated. Items needed are: Crackers, peanut butter, cereal, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, dry beans, Jello/pudding, raisings, rice, soup, canned fruit, cornbread, cookies, applesauce, canned vegetables (peas, green beans), canned meats (tuna, beef stew, ham, etc.)

### Family Promise Needs

These needs are ongoing as this ministry helps families “get on their feet”.

Needed items are: deodorant (men and women), paper towels, toilet paper, hair spray, kitchen-sized trash bags, laundry detergent, Pine Sol, white copy paper, baby wipes, Size 4 diapers, shampoo.

### Blood Drive on January 20

Several of our members have recently received blood while in the hospital. Let's make blood available for open heart operations and other surgical procedures, by donating on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

Pray, and let God worry.  
*Martin Luther*

## Thank You from the Koepper Family

A special thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers after Bonnie's passing. The power of prayer is a tremendous comfort. Your prayers have been a great comfort to my family and me over the soon-to-be two months. On behalf of April, Heather and Somer and their families THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all of you who assisted at the funeral. Your love for Bonnie was truly present that day. Your continuing kind words whenever we meet are a great comfort to me.

Also a very special thank you to Barbara Diehl and all the folks listed below that assisted in some way for the reception after Bonnie's memorial service and for the meal provided to my family later that evening. What a loving gesture by all those involved.

Trudy Blackmer, Judy Boebel, Joni Cannon, Ann Cunningham, Claire Diehl, Ken Diehl, Christa Dison, Phyllis Farst, Helen Fetterolf, Maggie Flint, Collette Forsman, Dee Freeman, Becky Hamilos, Patti Hembre, Rhonda Keffer, Kathy Leonard, Linda Maddox, Melissa Malenda, Betty Marshall, Lu Mattson, Mary Ann McGaughey, Martha Montgomery, Brenda Myers, Patty Neas, Mary Alice Nipper, Marsha Peters, Marilyn Proffitt, Kathy Robinson, Debbie Seifert, Nancy Shilling, Ann Smith, Patty Sorenson, Susan Stephens, Brenda Whitson, Prudy Zinser.

Thank you all,

Richard, April, Heather & Somer

If you could see me now  
I'm standing tall and whole  
If you could see me now  
You'd know I've seen His face

If you could see me now  
You'd know the pain's erased  
You wouldn't want me  
To ever leave this place  
If only you could see me now

From If You Could See Me Now

by Don Moen

## Stories for Everyone

YOU have a story to tell. Everyone has a story to tell. Our library has wonderful stories about other interesting people. Check out the following books. They are located in the hallway across from the church library. We are eager for you to check them out – using the card in the back of the book. Sign and leave card in the container. Enjoy reading about these amazing people!

No Great Love – the story of Mother Teresa who has inspired millions with her extraordinary example of compassionate and selfless work for the poor, the ill and the outcast.

Too Soon to Say Good-bye by Art Buchwald, renowned humorist and writer who declined dialysis, checked into a hospice to live his final days and plan his funeral, but then felt better.

Good Day by Paul Harvey the radio voice for millions growing up in the past. (“Paul Harvey and the rest of the story”).

I Stand at the Door and Knock by the amazing Corrie ten Boom who was arrested by the Nazis and sent to concentration camp. Following her release, she traveled the world spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pay It Forward about Trevor, a 12-year boy, who develops the idea of paying kindness forward without expectation of reward for a school project.

A Stolen Life about Joyce Dugard who at age 11 was abducted, held prisoner for 18 years and eventually survived a terrible situation.

Touch of Light about Louis Braille who at age three lost his sight and ultimately developed the “dot system” that bears his name.

Conflict and Conscience about Senator Mark Hatfield who wrestled with his public position and living out his personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

How Can I Find You, God by Marjorie Holmes, portraying her search from spiritual void to ultimate joy in the Lord.

**New Address for Sandy and Ed Spearse  
800 South State Street; Lot 179  
Sutherlin OR 97479**

	Nov-15			YTD 2015		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offerings	\$ 43,325	\$ 44,410	\$ (1,085)	\$ 394,622	\$ 426,056	\$ (31,434)
-Expenses	\$ (40,850)	\$ (38,867)	\$ (1,983)	\$ (404,378)	\$ (420,865)	\$ 16,487
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 2,475	\$ 5,543	\$ (3,068)	\$ (9,756)	\$ 5,191	\$ (14,947)

Total Cash on hand, end of month	\$ 404,496
Less: Liabilities and restricted funds	\$ (344,723)
Unrestricted cash	\$ 59,773

Notes:

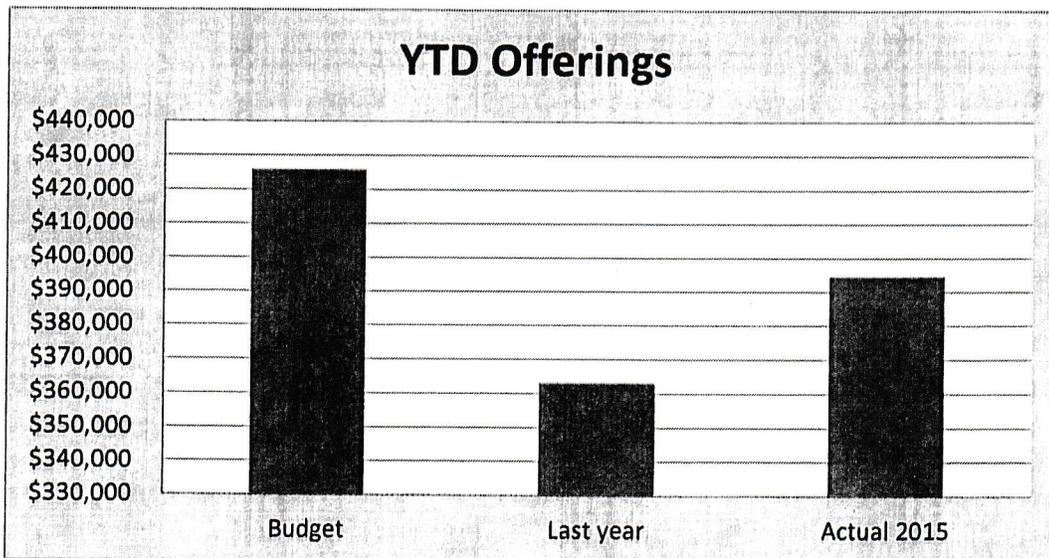
Unrestricted offerings were roughly **\$1,000 under budget** for November and **\$31,000 below budget** for the year-to-date

This is **\$655 per Sunday below our budget.**

YTD offerings are up about **\$31,500 or 8.7% over those for the same period in 2014**

**Expenses were a little under budget for November, namely the timing of our local benevolence.**

YTD expenses are **about \$16,500 under budget**. The biggest differences are the Parents Day Out program has generated a profit of \$6,600 and there are monies that have not been spent on mission support, technology, outreach and worship, partially offset by overruns in staff expense



## HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into God's Kingdom by Holy Baptism:

Emersyn Erin Ebarb (born August 6, 2015)

On December 13, 2015

Parents: Amber and Aaron Ebarb

## Altar Flowers (Heartsong)

Sunday, January 17: Carolyn and Randy Parish; 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## Altar Flowers (Traditional)

Sunday, January 3: Richard Koepper; Remembrance Anniversary

Sunday, January 10: Fran Boudreau; in Memory of Donald Boudreau

Sunday, January 17: Open

Sunday, January 24: Nancy Beutel; in memory of Hank Beutel

1	Barry Fetterolf Kelly Ballard Ryan Freeman Sharon Schooley
2	Hayden Estep
4	Paul Gregory Don McGaughey
5	Mark Harper
7	Amber Ebarb
8	Annabelle Myers
9	Ralph Easton
10	Lu Mattson
11	Jennifer Bauer
12	Sammie Wessner
13	Randy Parrish
15	Mary Kaye Umberger Keith Dison, Sr.
17	Jacob Ottinger
18	Abigail Wilson
19	Patricia Petti Caleb Hoyle
20	Sylvia Beckelhimer
21	Patricia Parsons-Tomita Chuck Scheurer
22	Payton Green Mary Ostermeyer Kenneth Schooley Chris Epperson
23	Tom Dober
24	Tom Loveday Julia Wilson
25	Shane Barger Randy Coapstick
26	Ray Hurford
27	Emma Barger
28	Kristie Golden Pam Booker
29	David Grazier
30	Phoebe Sand Jimmy Guinn