

Events for the week of December 15—December 22, 2013

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship w/ Choir Cantata

10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

Monday, December 16

1:00 PM Quilting

Tuesday, December 17

6:00 PM Trustees

7:00 PM Ad Council

Wednesday, December 18

6:15 PM NO Hand Bell Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

7:15 PM NO Choir

Thursday, December 19

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 Noon Martha Circle Christmas PotLuck-J. Oelke's

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22—4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship w/ Sunday School Program

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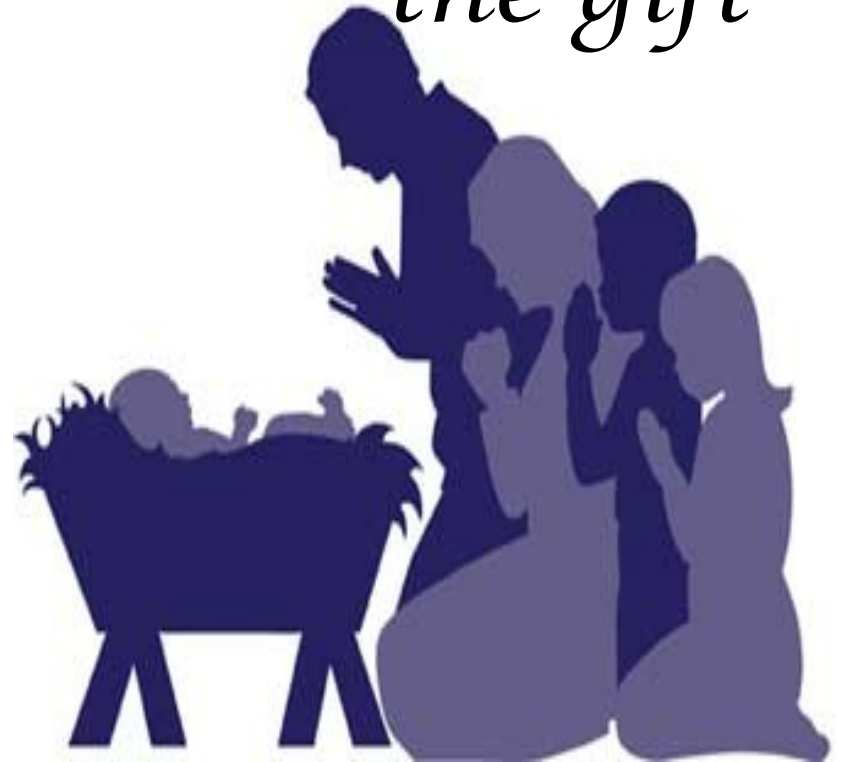
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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

*Celebrate
the gift*



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Mark Forkner

Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl

Scripture Reader: Lee Horner

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Violinist: Kay Forkner

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

Ushers: Angie Horn

and Eddie Ybarra

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 15, 2013

3rd Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

Three Chimes signals the beginning of Worship
Learning to Live and Love like Jesus

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.
We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

GATHERING POINT & PRELUDE:

As the choir and pastor are seated during these last moments before worship you are invited to pray:

- For a person on the prayer list;
- For the morning worship leaders and visitors
- For a person the Spirit moves you to pray for
- For openness to the gospel of hope. Welcome.

Announcements and Time of Christian Greeting

*Indicates those able may stand

Hand Bell Duet: “Coventry Carol”

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: Angie Horn

“JOY comes when we mind more about God than we do about ourselves, when we realize what the things that matter really are.

Whether God speeds us up or slows us down, accepts our notions or sets them aside, gives us what we want or takes it away, gives us a useful job of work or puts us on the shelf, that serenity that is a fruit of the Spirit does not fail us.

This selfless joy has to go on even when we ourselves are in the dark;

Joy is a fruit of the Spirit, not of our gratified emotions.

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.” – Evelyn Underhill - *The Soul's Delight*

Let our hearts focus on the pink candle—the symbol of Mary's faithful joy in choosing to birth God's will into the world.

Amen.

*HYMN: #196 (Blue Hymnal)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: “Away in a Manger”

HAND BELL CHOIR: “It Came upon a Midnight Clear”
and “Fanfare on Adeste Fidelis”

ADVENT PRAYER: #201 (Blue Hymnal)

“CELEBRATE THE GIFT”
performed by Grace UMC Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

CHOIR: “Is Your Heart Prepared for a King”

“COME AND REJOICE”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” and “Come Rejoicing!”

“CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF JESUS”

“The Manger Held it All” with “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“AMEN MEDLEY”

“Amen!”, “Simple Treasurers” and “The First Noel”

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:47-55 (NRSV)

“A CHILD IS BORN”

“Unto Us a Child is Born”, “Isn't He?”,
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” and “We Hail the Power”

CHOIR: “Carol For The King”

“Christmas Isn't Christmas” with “Give Him Love”

“What a Gift is Jesus!” with “Hallelujah Chorus”

BENEDICTION: Pastor Roger Grafenstein

CHOIR: “Praise Ye The Lord”

As we move toward the celebration of Christ's birth, we welcome all to learn more about our Savior. Your presence adds to our joy.

Dear Lord, cleanse and prepare our hearts to celebrate our Savior' Birth