Events for the week of January 4—January 11, 2015

Sunday, January 4, 2015—Epiphany Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM HCI Prayer Team

10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion

10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

Monday, January 5, 2015

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:30 PM Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 7, 2014

1:30 PM Martha Circle

6:30 PM AWANA

Thursday, January 8, 2015

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

7:00 PM HCI Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2015

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Sunday, January 11, 2015—1st Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM HCI Prayer Team

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are in honor of JoAnn Oelke and her twin sister, Jean, as they celebrate their 80th birthday with a party in Glendive, Mt.

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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Ushers:

January 4, 2015

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM

Nurturing Hope—Building Christ-like Community

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship Gathering & Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-6

"Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Darkness shall cover the face of the earth.

A thick darkness will envelope all peoples.

But, the Lord will arise upon you. Glory shall shine over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

And so the light shone through the birth of Jesus.

The kings did follow the light and offer their gifts.

Come, let us follow the light of Jesus. Come, let us reflect the light of Jesus. "Come, let us see and be radiant. Come, let our hearts thrill and rejoice." Amen.

*HYMN: #384 (Blue Hymnal)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD & RESPOND

PRAYER: #255 (Blue Hymnal) "Epiphany"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HYMN: #254 (Blue Hymnal) "We Three Kings" vv. 1,2,& 5

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

MESSAGE: "Let Jesus Change Everything"

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -

(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)

THE LORDS PRAYER: - #895 (Blue Hymnal)

TO GATHER AT CHRIST'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have heard the story of faith and hope, the story of light and love; but, sometimes we have looked to the future and allowed fear and worry to overcome faith and hope. We've let others glimpse our darker natures by words and actions that weren't light or love. Forgive us for the times we do not live out what we say we believe. Forgive us and change us that we might be the people you have dreamed we'll be. Help us to grow into your likeness. Enable us to reveal your goodness in our daily lives, for the sake of your son and our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: #9 (Blue Hymnal) THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP:

Come forward as the Spirit moves. You may receive at the rail—kneeling or standing as is comfortable. Or, you may receive from the servers on either side of the chancel area.

OFFERING: Please bring your gifts forward and place them in plates in the front pews on your way to participate in communion. Thank you.

*HYMN: #583 (Blue Hymnal) "You Are the Seed"

TO BE SENT FORTH

*BLESSING:

POSTLUDE

Gracious Lord, just as you've brought us to the threshold of his new year, guide us as we journey through each day.