

*All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in the narthex.*

**MEMBERS:** Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again.

**VISITORS:** Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the offering place.

**North Star District Prayer List** for this week includes:  
Pequot Lakes: Grace—Dianne Ciesluk

### HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE

the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) team will meet on Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The word epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means appearance or manifestation. It is an important word for liturgical churches. Epiphany is observed annually on January 6. It refers to the wise men, who were the first Gentiles to see the manifestation of God's appearance in the baby Jesus.

In the early church, January 6 was a day for baptism. The central significance of Epiphany is that Christ came as the Light of the World, not just for the Jews but for Gentiles as well. Christ's light is for all.

In France, to celebrate Epiphany, children from Christian homes often put oats in their shoes on the evening before January 6. The oats are for the camels of the "Wise Men." When they awake the next morning, the children hope to find the oats gone and gifts left in their shoes.

First Mile  
MISSION

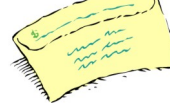


### FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$19,507 or \$104.31 each member based on a membership of 187.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering  
Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2015 are available in the Narthex. Remember to discard your 2014 envelopes on January 1st. If you have any questions, please call the office.

### BOILER

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Fund



Do you feel a little chilly this morning? Well you are not alone. The old boiler is not working at 100% but is operating on a patch and a prayer and needs to be replaced. All contributions for a new boiler are being accepted, just note "boiler" on your check.

### PHONE DIRECTORY



Church  
Directory

A new phone directory will be available the middle of January. If you have changed your address, phone number, or e-mail address, please let the office know as soon as possible.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 pm. If you have any issues or concerns, please see George Davis.