

## Calendar for December 31– January 7

### Sunday, December 31

#### *Epiphany Sunday*

9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Baby Shower for  
Mary in Epworth  
Hall

### Monday, January 1

#### *Happy New Year!*

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 3

12:00 PM Prayer/ Devotion  
via FB & Zoom  
6:00 PM Bell rehearsal  
7:30 PM Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, January 4

8:30 PM Big Steppers

### Saturday, January 6

12:00 PM Meal site

### Sunday, January 7

#### *Confirmation Sunday*

#### *Fill the Wagon Sunday*

9:30 AM Worship/Communion  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Un-decorating the  
church



### WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 2:11b

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Matthew 2:1-12	Mary is visited by magi
Monday	Matthew 2:13-23	Mary's family becomes refugees
Tuesday	Matthew 3:1-12	John the Baptist
Wednesday	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus baptized
Thursday	Galatians 5:22-26	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	Galatians 6:1-10	Carry each other's burdens
Saturday	Mark 1:1-3	The title of Mark's Gospel

### Reflections on Epiphany.

- ◇ Why do we bring gifts to new mothers and babies? What are gifts that a new child most needs? What are gifts that a new mom needs?
- ◇ If you came for the Baby Shower for Mary, what did you learn? What do you know about Family Resources? Did you get to know any of the confirmands? Will you pray for them this week?

### Thinking about next week, Confirmation Sunday and the Baptism of Christ.

- ◇ Our Confirmation Class picked Galatians 6:2 as their theme verse "Carry each other's burdens so to fulfill the law of Christ." What do you think that says about them as a group?
- ◇ Each confirmand will share the verse they picked as their individual theme verse. If you were to pick one verse, what would it be?

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### Upcoming Sermons:

Jan. 7	Confirmation Sunday	Isaiah 43:1-7 and Galatians 6:2
	<b>Mary, Mother of Jesus</b>	
Jan. 14	Simeon greets Mary and Anna sees Jesus	Luke 2:22-38
Jan. 21	Mary loses Jesus in the Temple	Luke 2:41-52



Hosted by the  
Confirmation Class

**BABY SHOWER  
FOR**

*Mary*

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 31 | 10:45 A.M.

Two Rivers Church  
Epworth Hall

Games, refreshments,  
inter-generational  
activities.

Gifts to honor Mary  
and baby Jesus will be  
donated to Family  
Resources.

