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Faith Message – *What Gifts Do We Bring?*

The images of the feast of Epiphany are those of gifts and of light. Think candles and stars, presents and scents. The Three Wise Men journey far to bring their gifts to God's greatest gift to the world – Christ revealed to all people, all nations.

We've probably known the story of the Three Wise Men since childhood. And yet these important men are not the first to greet the holy child. Common working men-shepherds-arrive before them bearing gifts.

What gifts do we bring to God and to the church-gifts of which we're proudest-that we think are going to be valuable? And what gifts do we bring that we don't value or we downplay, but are exactly what's needed? It reminds us that the things the world teaches us to value are not often the things that God Values.

-Message provided from WELCA Daily Grace

NEWS & EVENTS:

January 15th - Quilting

January 27-28th – **BOLD WOMEN WEEKEND** – Please join us in Bold Women's Weekend on January 27-28th. Women of all ages are needed to help during each of the services – 5:30 p.m. on Saturday the 27th and 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, the 28th. **Needed are:** Greeters, Ushers, someone to give a temple talk, someone to lead the litany of boldness, someone to lead the prayers of the church (the temple talk, litany, and prayers of the church will be written for you), serve as a lector to read a lesson, help serve coffee, and/or bring treats for the coffee between the services (1-2 dozen bars or cookies). Please sign up on the sign-up sheets on the clipboard on the table in the Narthex, or in the office during the week. Sign up early to get the task you would like to do!

Mission Statement:

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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