

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 \$19,860.00 or \$106.25 each member based on a membership of 187. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$5,135.14 given to date.

## PRAYER FOCUS

In the mist of celebrations of the season the Christmas story itself invites us to keep in our prayers those on the fringes. We pray for those who seek shelter, who seek healing, who seek light in dark times. We pray we will have your invitation like Shepherds of old, to be friend those on the fringes.

## PRAYER CHAIN



To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141.

## MARTHA CIRCLE



Martha Circle will have their Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 15th at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. Everyone will meet at 11:30 am for a dutch treat lunch.

## SYMPATHIES

Our Sympathies to the family of Delores Dronen who passed on Tuesday, December 6th. Her funeral was at Grace on Saturday, December 10th.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

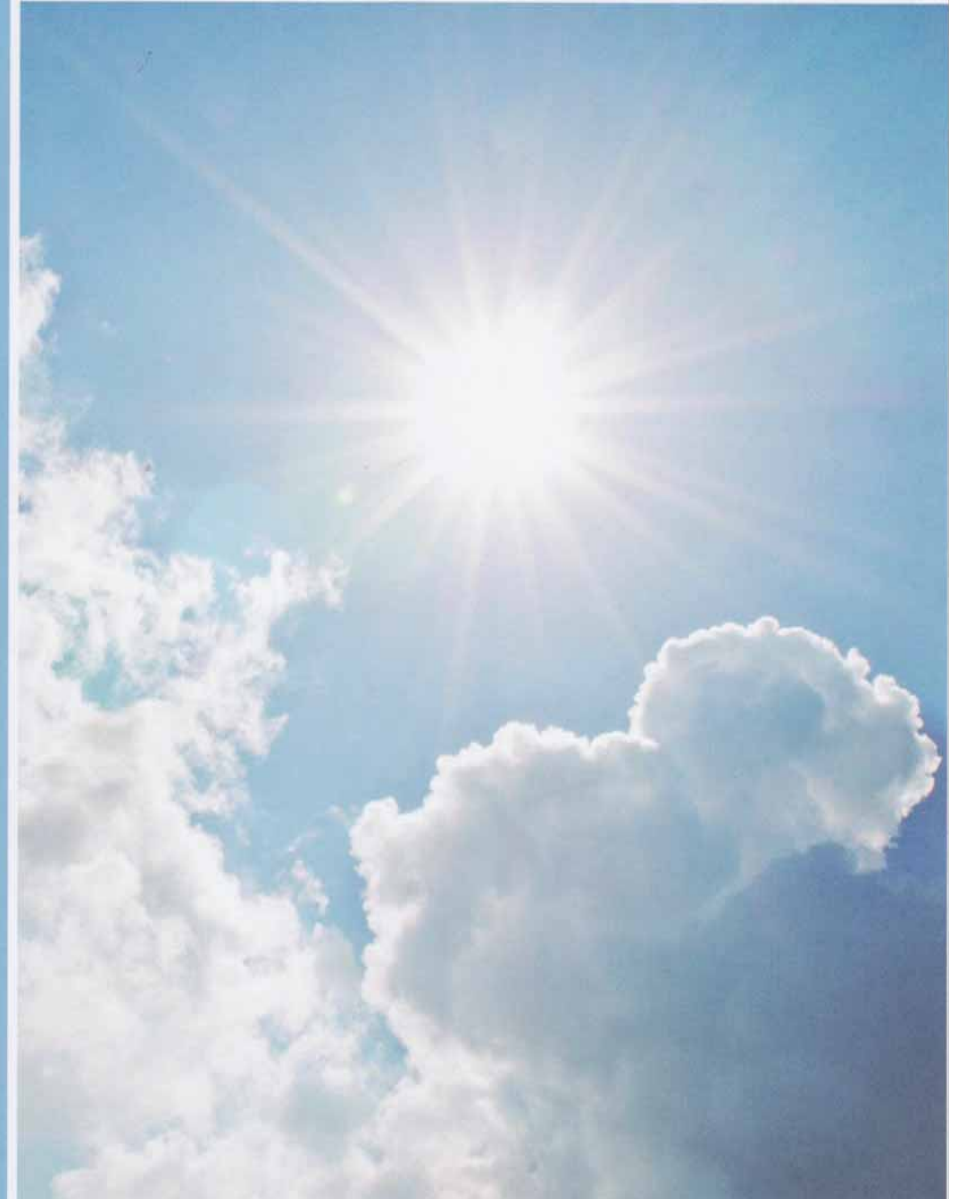
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For the coming  
of the Lord is near



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

The Church of the Neighborhood  
Making followers of Christ to Transform the World.

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS**

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

**Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

**PRAYER PRELUDE: “A Christmas Prayer” Ladies Trio**

**\*LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE:**

Light of the world, you are hope that shines in the darkness.

**Light of the world, you are peace that passes understanding.**

Light of the world, you are the joy that comes in the morning and erases all mourning.

**Light of the world, you shine through Jesus’ life.**

Light of the world, you tell us we are like a lamp set upon a hill.

**We light three candles to remind ourselves: because your love shines our lives are meant to shine as beacons to call others near your goodness. Amen.**

**HYMN: #196 (Blue Hymnal) “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-5a**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:**

**MISSION MOMENTS: “Translation of the Word” Kaley Delaney**

**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 LORD’S PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “O Come All Ye Faithful” Voce Hominum**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**CHOIR: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Todd Grow, Soloist**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-14 (CEB)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “No Room”**

**Lori Burkhardt, Soloist**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

**Voce Hominum**

**BE SENT FORTH**

**\*BLESSING:**

**Pastor Roger Grafenstein**

**CHOIR: “A Little Light Was Born”**

**Judith Eide, Soloist**

**Today’s Offering will be Collected by the Ushers as we leave the worship space today.**

**Opportunity to Connect to Support Kaley Delaney’s work:** You may go online to her personal ministry page: <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/kaleydelaney>. There anyone can make a one-time or recurring gift, ask to receive her newsletters, or let her know they're praying. She also has a brochure which talks more about financial partnership and has a tear-off portion they can be use to mail in a gift. They can talk to her, ask questions, and pray about how God would have them participate.

**POSTLUDE:**

*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 plate.

**NORTH STAR DISTRICT:** Prayer List for this week includes:  
Alexandria—Craig Haberman

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Tyler Eliason**

**Reader: Judith Eide**

**Ushers: Leonard & Jennifer Beck**