

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 \$5,484.14 given to date.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Take a moment and imagine someone whose been on your heart. Someone who seems vulnerable at this time in life. Picture angel voices and protective shepherds and kind gift-givers blessing that person. Ask God how you could be part of the blessing.

## PRAYER CHAIN



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

## THE BEST GIFT

A king sat on his throne on Christmas Day as many of his subjects presented him with gifts: jewels, gold, artwork, handmade treasures and food galore. One man stayed back until everyone had given their gifts. Eventually, the king asked if the man had a gift he wished to give. The man said he had only one thing to present. He had nothing of material or financial value, just a friendly heart that was free of malice and full of best wishes for the ruler. The king told the man he'd brought him the best gift of all: friendship and goodwill. How can you present those to someone this season?

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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

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:**

**\*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

Amidst all the trappings and wrappings of Christmas,

**A still small voice echoes from the center of it all.**

Amidst traveling across the miles, cooking and baking,

**A still small voice utters God's truth from the center of it all.**

Amidst the celebrations and the pressures,

**A still small voice calls us to pay attention to what matters.**

Amidst all that has become Christmas,

**A still small baby's cry invites us to become gentle and nurturing.**

Amidst our plans and activities,

**A still small baby invites us to adopt God's dreams and plans.**

All: **We light the Christ-Candle to remember God plan.**

**We light the Christ-Candle to remind us of our purpose—love.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN: #234 (Blue Hymnal) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vv. 1-3 & 6**

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:7-10 (CEB)**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:**

**HYMN: #238 (Blue Hymnal) "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

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

**HYMN: # 242 (Blue Hymnal) "Love Came Down at Christmas"**

**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)**

**MESSAGE: "Now What? Life after the Manger-Moment"**

**TO RESPOND AND GIVE**

**OFFERING:**

**DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) "Praise God"**

**BE SENT FORTH**

**\*HYMN: #246 (Blue Hymnal) "Joy to the world"**

**\*BLESSING:**

**Pastor Roger**

**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:  
Appleton-First—Brenda Kramer King

Help us have quiet and joyful spirits as we worship you, our loving Creator.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Tyler Eliason**

**Reader: Bonnie Christopherson**

**Ushers: Naomi Grow**