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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. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$4,849.51 given to date.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



The new address and phone director for 2016 will be printed in January. Please take a few moments and review your contact information in the directory that is on the table in the Narthex and make your changes or put "OK" by your name.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Choir will present their Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13th during the regular worship service.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Service is Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The children's Christmas program is Sunday, December 20th during the regular worship service, followed by a potluck dinner.

LIVING NATIVITY



Join in the celebration by being a part of the Living Nativity on December 29th. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

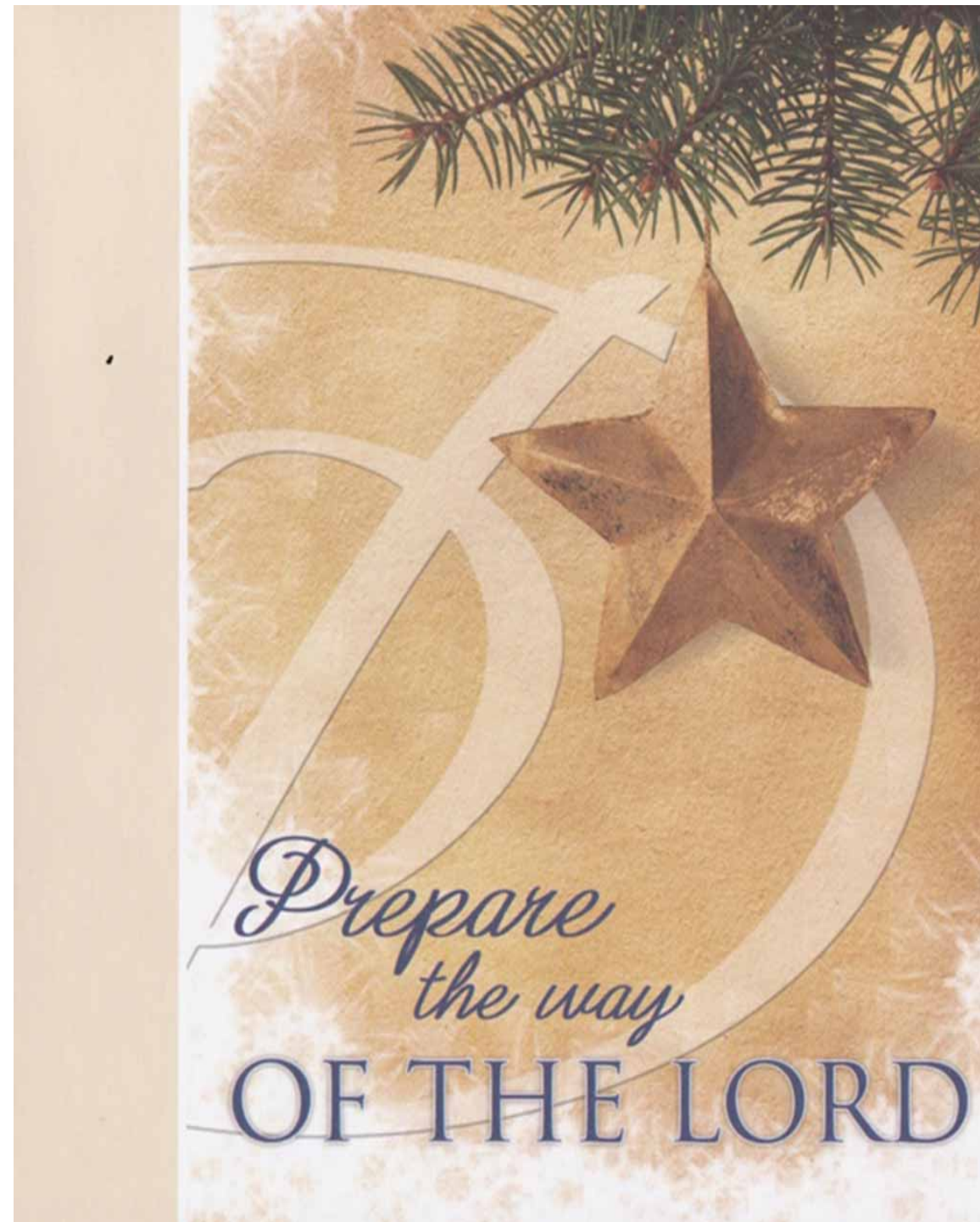
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 6, 2015

2nd Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship
Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRAYER PRELUDE:

HAND BELL CHOIR: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: *(Quotes take from Luke 1:68, 78-79)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior."

Blessed be the Lord, the God of all creation, who sent us messengers.

Today we remember one of those messengers: John the Baptist.

"And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.

You will go before the Lord to prepare the way.

You will give God's people knowledge of salvation by forgiveness of sins.

n the tender compassion of our God, the dawn of heaven shall break in upon us.

God's light shall shine on those who dwell in darkness.

Those who dwell in the shadow of death shall be guided into the ways of peace."

Loving God, we come to you in hopes of forgiveness and peace.

Guide us in your ways into your light. Amen.

HYMN: - #211 (Blue Hymnal) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vvs. 1, 6 & 7)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD & RESPOND

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Malachi 4:1-4 (CEB)

SPECIAL MUSIC: Hand Bell Duet: "Joy to the World"

Kristie Theiseth and Samantha Hauser

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HYMN: # 209 (Blue Hymnal) "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6 (CEB)

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and
"Salvation is Created" - Octet**

MESSAGE: "Lean into the Promise"

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)

TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

THE INVITATION:

**Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of
their sin and seek to live a new life loving God and neighbor.**

You do NOT need to be a member of this church or a United Methodist to come to
Christ's table. There were no United Methodist's at the first communion—nor
church members. There were human followers of Jesus offering as much of them-
selves as they could to as much of Jesus as they understood.

**Lord, we come to you just as we are asking you to redeem us, grow us and
transform us. Amen.**

THE REMEMBRANCE:

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP:

Please come forward to receive communion as the Spirit leads. You may receive at
the rail (kneeling or standing as you are able). Or, you may receive from the serv-
ers to the right and left. If you need gluten-free come to the rail. Please place
Offerings in the plates in the front pews on your way to Communion.

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #620 (Blue Hymnal) "One Bread, One Body"**

***BLESSING:**

HAND BELL CHOIR: "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Mark Forkner

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

Reader: Del Larson

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Violinist: Kay Forkner

Choir Director: Kyle Schwartz

Ushers: Joe Morlan and Todd Grow