



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 \$20,460 or \$122.00 each member based on a membership of 168. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$1,152.68 given to date.

PRAYER FOCUS

Prayers for those who are starting on a new path in life--who have made a decision to change something in their lives. Changing our habits, attitudes and behaviors is always difficult. Pray God will give the strength needed to follow where ever God is leading.



SCHEDULE FOR LENT

- Soup Supper.....5:00 pm
- Chili with toasted buns
- GraceKids Ministry....6:00 pm
- Lent Service.....7:00 pm
- Choir Practice.....7:30 pm

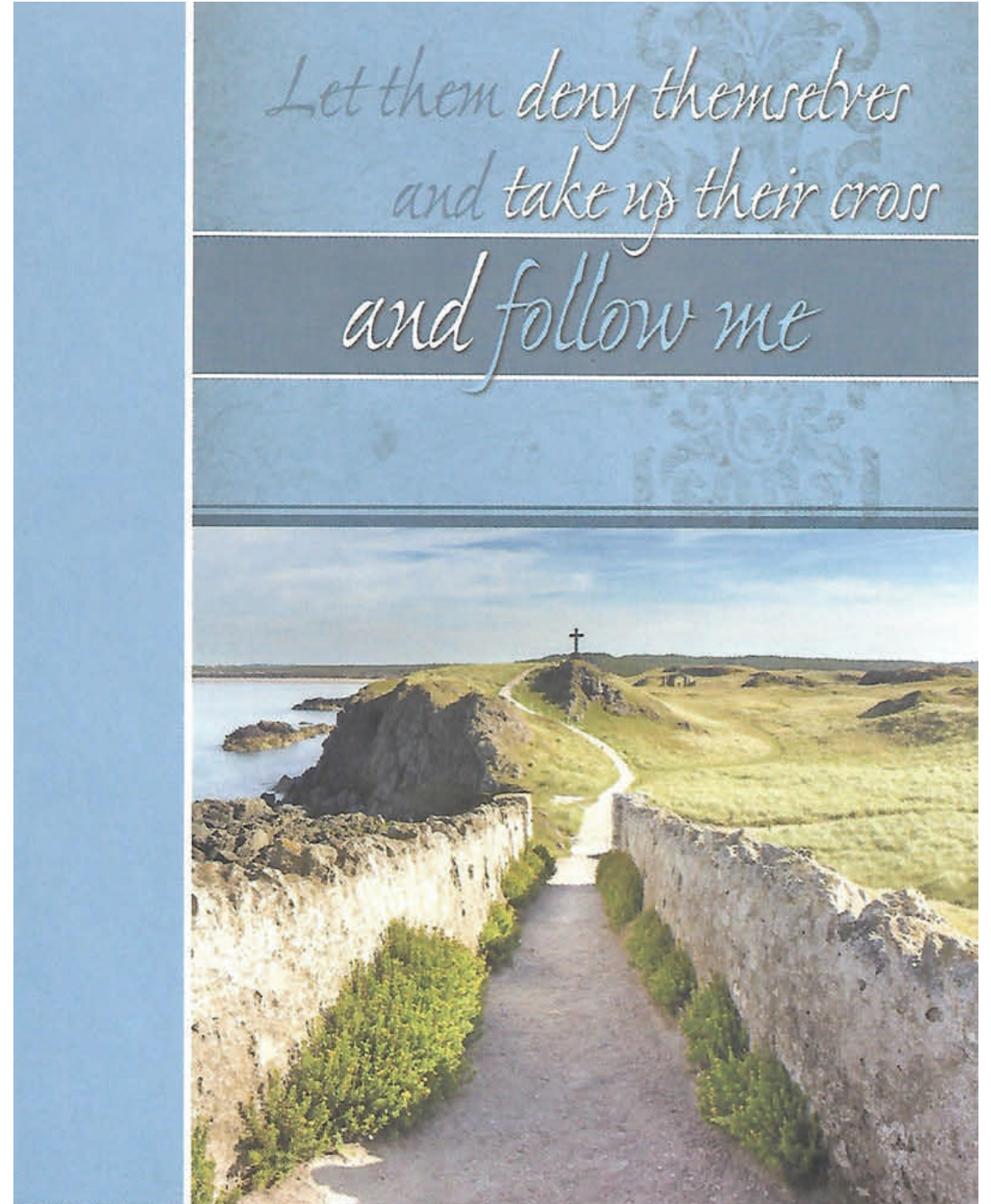
There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex for those wanting to donate a pan of bars.

Dear God, fill our minds with holy thoughts and enable us to serve you better.

It is with enthusiasm that we welcome each worshiper. May God's love be very real to us as we humbly approach his throne of grace.

SILENCE IS TRUST AT WORK

“The purest faith has to be tested by silence in which we listen for the unexpected, in which we are open to what we do not yet know and in which we slowly and gradually prepare for the day when we will reach out to a new level of being with God.” - Thomas Merton



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship
Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRAYER PRELUDE:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** {A Reading of Footprints in the Sand} Hope Hamm

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each, I noticed footprints
in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints; other times
there was only one.

During the lowest times of my life I could see only one set of footprints;
so I said, "Lord, you promised me, that you would walk with me always.
Why, when I have needed you most would you leave me?"

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never
leave you. The times when you have seen only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you.

***HYMN: #405 (Blue Hymnal) "Seek Ye First"**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 22:23-31 (CEB) Michael Grow

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 22:23-31 (The Message) Katelinn Beck

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HMN: #601 (Blue Hymnal) "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38 (CEB) Esther Vollbrecht

MESSAGE: "Take Up the Cross and Follow Me"

TO RESPOND AND GIVE

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: - Breanna Beck
*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch
or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

LORD'S PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)

OFFERING:

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

***OFFERING PRAYER: Olivia Larson**

TO BE SENT FORTH

HYMN: #526 (Blue Hymnal) "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

***BLESSING: Melody Borgen**

"POSTLUDE:

*All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in
the narthex.*

EVERYONE: 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.

GUESTS: 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:
Pequot Lakes—Gary Liker

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People Pastor: Roger Grafenstein
Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud Choir Director: Tyler Eliason
Reader: Esther Vollbrecht, Ushers: graceKIDS Kiddos
Michael Grow and Katelinn Beck Greeters: graceKIDS Kiddos