

First Mile
MISSION



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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 \$19,860.00 or \$106.25 each member based on a membership of 187. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$5,534.14 given to date.



PRAYER CHAIN

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

COORDINATOR NEEDED

A new coordinator for the January hospitality teams is needed. Please speak to Jean Graning if you are interested in this ministry.

THE EPIPHANY STORY

Epiphany is celebrated annually in Christian churches on January 6. The word "epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "showing forth." Its focus is on the legendary arrival of the Magi (three wise men) after the birth of Christ. They followed the light of a star to find the Light of the World.

The wise men were not Jews but Gentiles, which shows that Christ came not only for Jews but for all other people on Earth. Thus, all of us who are Gentile Christians are in the lineage of the Magi, the first Gentiles who came to Christ.

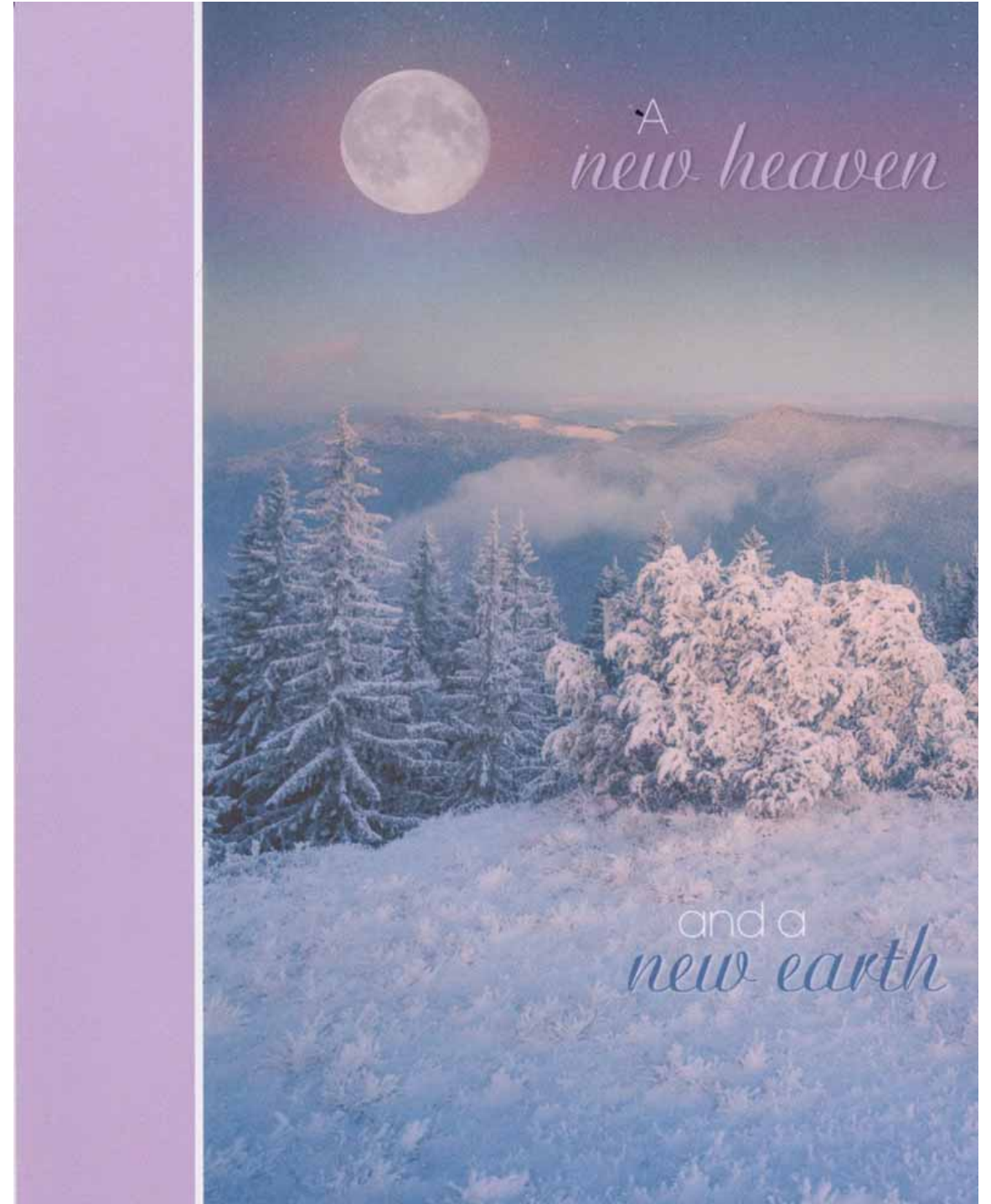
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 1, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRAYER PRELUDE:

***CALL TO WORSHIP: #255 (Blue Hymnal) Epiphany Prayer**

***HYMNS: #228 (Blue Hymnal) “He Is Born”**

#254 (Blue Hymnal) “We Three Kings”

RESPONSIVE PSALM: #795 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 72:1-8

HYMNS: Congregational Choice (1st and last verse)

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

MESSAGE: “Give Us Wisdom So That...”

TO RESPOND AND GIVE

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)

OFFERING:

DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”

BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #251 (Blue Hymnal) “Go Tell it on the Mountain”**

***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:
Atwater—Marianne Ozanne

WELCOME

With delight we greet all who have come to worship. You are sincerely welcomed and invited to be a regular worshiper here in God’s house.

As we begin the new year, loving Creator, give us guidance and the willingness to follow where you lead.

PRAYER FOCUS

For those who are beginning 2017 hoping to make a life-change. Prayers for patience and persistence. Also prayers for God to lead all of us toward “worthy” life goals. May God help each of us pursue what actually matters in life.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Tyler Eliason

Readers: Angie Ybarra

Ushers: Bill Krogen