

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:
Aurora—Barbara Hegfors



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 \$21,646.00 or \$123.00 each member based on a membership of 176. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$30.00 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.

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I am the LORD,



I have called you
in righteousness,
I have taken you by
the hand and kept you

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2017

Baptism of Jesus

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: Psalm 29:1-4, 11**

Give to the Lord, all who have been touched by God's goodness,

Give honor to God's glory and strength.

The voice of the Lord sings out over the waters.

The God of glory is mightier than thunder over the seas.

The voice of the Lord is powerful and filled with majesty.

May the Lord's word be our strength! May the Lord's word bless the world with peace! Amen.

***HYMN: #2051 (Black Hymnal) "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:3-17 (CEV)

HYMN: #451 (Blue Hymnal) "Be Thou My Vision"

MESSAGE: "Make Room for a Higher Truth"

PRAYER: #489 (Blue Hymnal) "For God's Gifts"

TO RESPOND AND SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

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)

CHOIR: "Come Take the Body"

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—or church members. They were human followers of Jesus offering as much of themselves 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 by the saving grace, teaching and love of Christ. 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 servers 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.

BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #569 (Blue Hymnal) "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"**

***BLESSING:**

POSTUDE:

PRAYER FOCUS

We live in a world in need of peace. Today let us pray for peace within ourselves, peace between one another, and God's peace that passes our understanding and allows us to live a life loving God and neighbor.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Readers: Judith Eide

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Choir Director: Tyler Eliason

**Ushers: Bill Krogen and
Roy Murray**