



## 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 a membership of 176. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$3,073.43 given to date.

## PRAYER FOCUS

We all have seasons in our faith lives—times to grow, times to share fruit. Sometimes we have parched times when the roots seem to wither or the weeds seem to take over. Pray for those for whom the weeds and misfortunes seem much too plentiful. Pray that God might show you how to share with refreshment with those who are parched or help another contend with an overabundance of weeds that have crept into life.

## VACATION

Pastor Roger is on vacation July 26 thru August 7th. If you need pastoral assistance Pastor Jan Millikan, Hawley UMC, 701-371-3961 is on call and Pastor Karen Finnegan is on call August 1st thru 7th, 281-329-1580.

## BRIDAL SHOWER



Everyone is invited to an open house bridal shower for Joanna Loeks on Saturday, August 5th from 2:00—4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

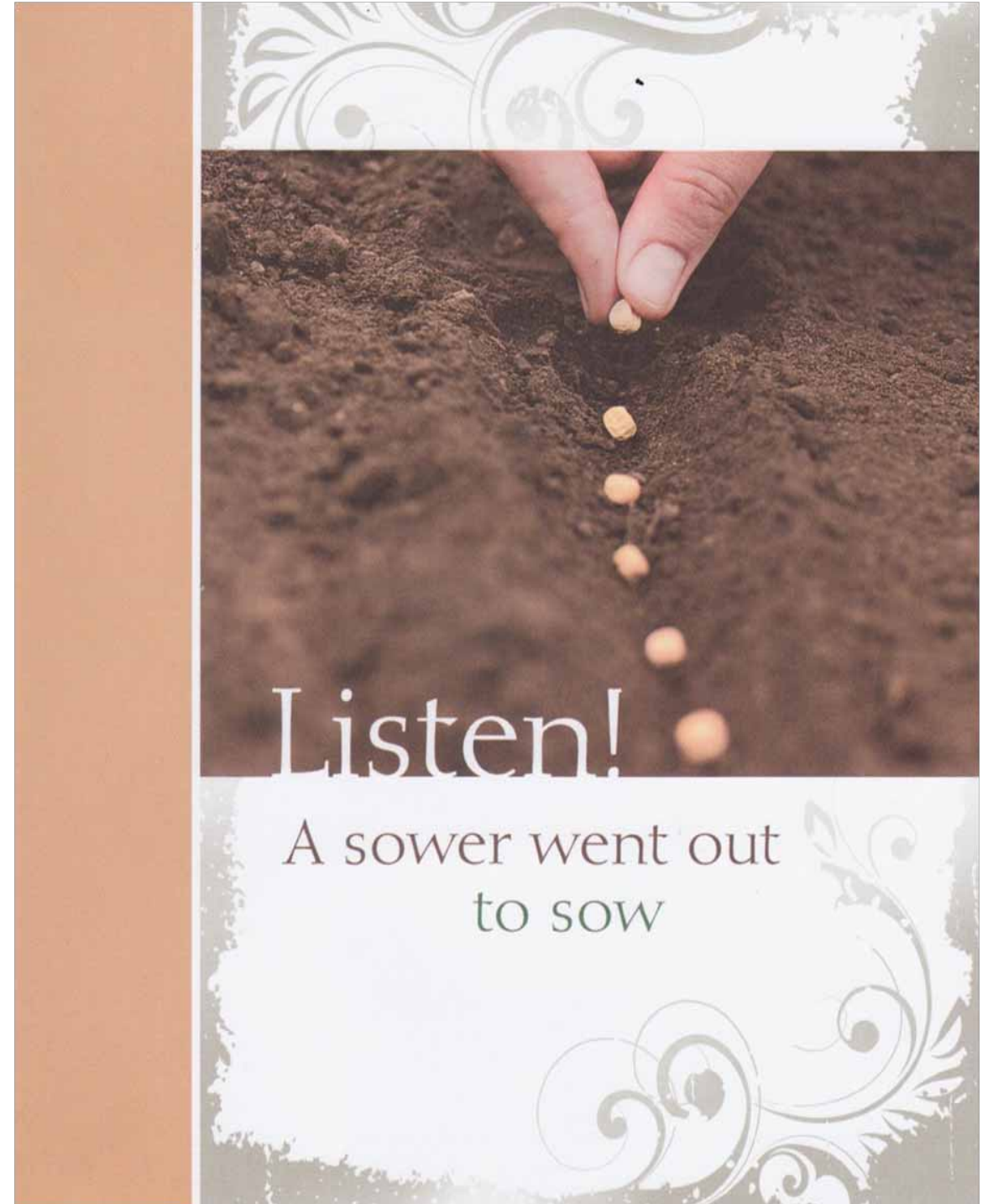


## PRAYER CHAIN

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 16, 2017

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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:**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP: #757 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 25:1-5**

\***HYMNS: #2080 (Black Hymnal) “All I Need Is You”  
#89 (Blue Hymnal) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:1-11 (CEB)**

**CHILDREN’ MOMENTS:**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (CEB)**

**HYMN: #583 (Blue Hymnal) “You Are the Seed”**

**MESSAGE:**

**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”**

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

\***HYMN: # 568 (Blue Hymnal) “Christ for the World We Sing”**

\***BLESSING:**

As the summer heat encourages plant roots to reach deeper into the soil, may every challenge lead us to reach deep into the “ground of our being”—the ever-living love of God.

**As the summer sun lands upon the leaves to feed the plant, may God’s Grace touch our lives and nourish our souls every day.**

As a timely summer rain quenches the parched earth, may prayers answered in the Lord’s time refresh our lives.

**As each plant is meant for a purpose, may our lives bear the fruits of God’s purposes in this world.**

So may the work of Grace Church bear fruit, leading others to new life in Christ.  
**Amen.**

**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: Grand Rapids—Alan H. Bolte

Stir us up, dear God, that our attention may not drift away from your Word and your direction for us.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Reader: Bonnie Christopherson**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Choir Director: Tyler Eliason**

**Ushers: Bonnie Christopherson  
and Linda Dick**