



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 \$1,317.68 given to date.

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:
Perham—COS



SCHEDULE FOR LENT

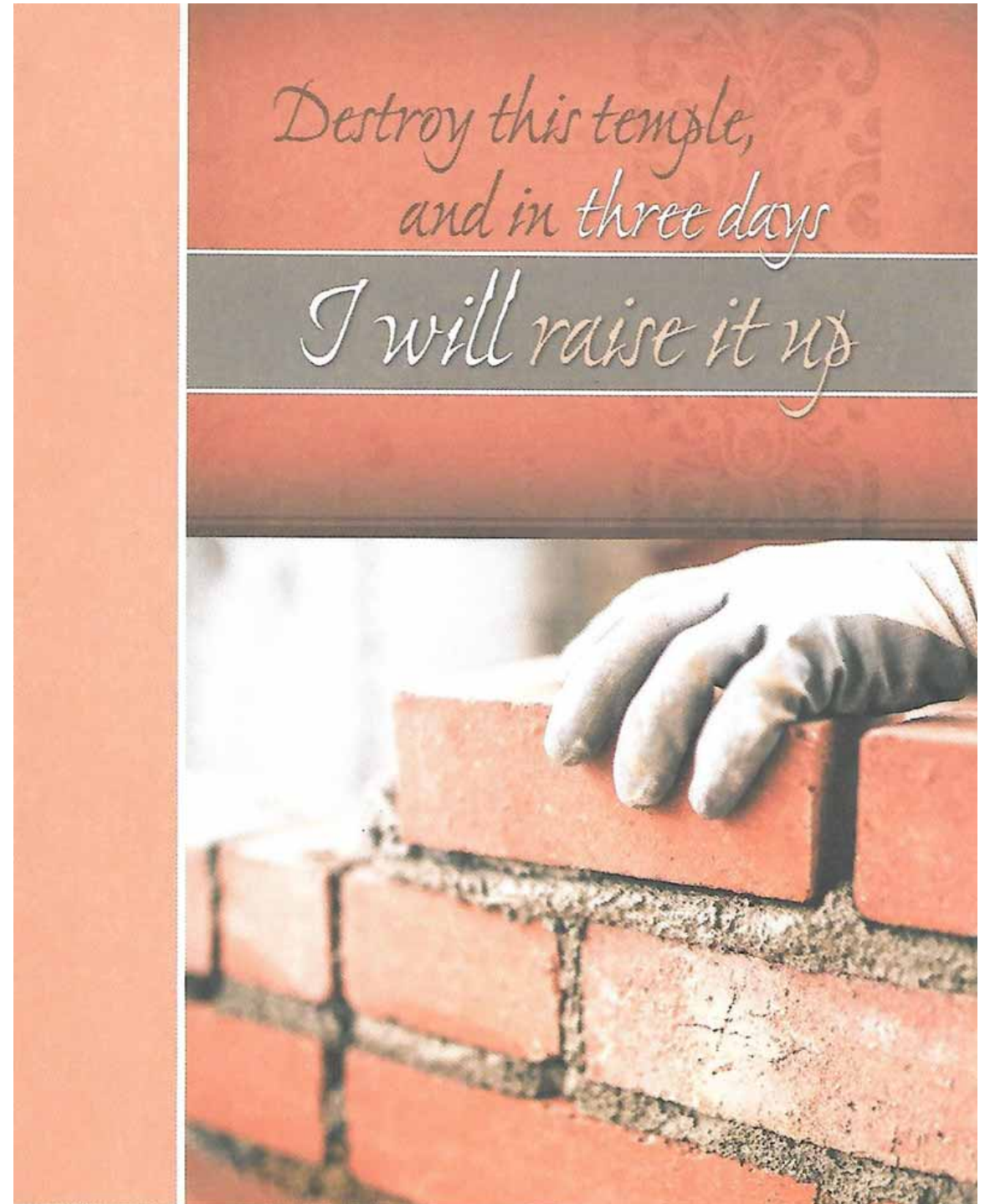
Soup Supper.....5:00 pm
Potato and Ham
GraceKids Ministry.....6:00 pm
Lent Service.....7:00 pm
Choir Practice.....7:30 pm

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

PRAYER CHAIN



To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Myrna Swan—701-261-1672.



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 4, 2018

3rd 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: Psalm 19:1-3, 7a

“The heavens tell the glory of God.

The majesty of the cosmos signals God’s handiwork.

Day by day, God speaks in a myriad of ways.

Night by night we are reminded there is an order beyond our imagining.

Look around. Rivers and streams, mountains and valleys, prairies and forests,

They do not use words, but they speak of God’s greatness.

Listen deeply. Waves crashing, birds singing, leaves rustling, all testify to God.

The laws of the Lord are perfect—reviving the soul.”

We gather to learn of God’s ways.

We gather to be filled with life and love, joy and compassion. Amen.

***HYMN: #77 (Blue Hymnal) “How Great Thou Art” vv. 1-2**

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE GRACE TALENT PROJECT (GTP)

Judith Eide

PRAYER:

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22 (CEB)

The gospel of John places Jesus’ cleansing of the temple almost at the very beginning, instead of at the end, of Jesus’ ministry like in the other gospels. John’s gospel is also the gospel that says, “God so loved the world that he gave his only son.” John wants to make it very clear that God is a giving God—in contrast to a

world that is all too interested in taking. This passage invites Jesus’ followers to cleanse themselves and follow him into a life of blessing others.

HYMN: #143 (Blue Hymnal) “On Eagle’s Wings”

MESSAGE: “Be Cleansed—Share God’s Blessing”

TO 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)

LORDS PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)

CHOIR: “With Wine from the Vineyards” arr. Franklin Ritter

INVITATION AND REMEMBRANCE:

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP:

Please come forward to the rail if you need gluten-free. Otherwise, you may choose to come to the rail or to the servers on the right or left of the stage. If you have an **OFFERING**, please place it in the offering plates in the front pew on the way to communion. Thank you.

TO BE SENT FORTH

HYMN: #389 (Blue Hymnal) “Freely, Freely”

***BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE:

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those who are in situations where they are being taken advantage of in workplaces, homes, relationships and sometimes even churches. Scripture says, each person is God’s temple. Pray for those who still need to discover that they are created in the image of God and precious in Jesus’ eyes.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Reader: Bonnie Christopherson

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Choir Director: Tyler Eliason

Ushers: Bill and Carol Krogen