

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 \$4,061.45 given to date.

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:
Hoyt Lakes—Jerry Kosanovich



PRAYER CHAIN

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

POSSIBILITIES

Image the possibility of Grace UMC meeting the needs of a rapidly growing FM community with a second service. If you are interested in exploring the possibility, please talk with Pastor Roger.

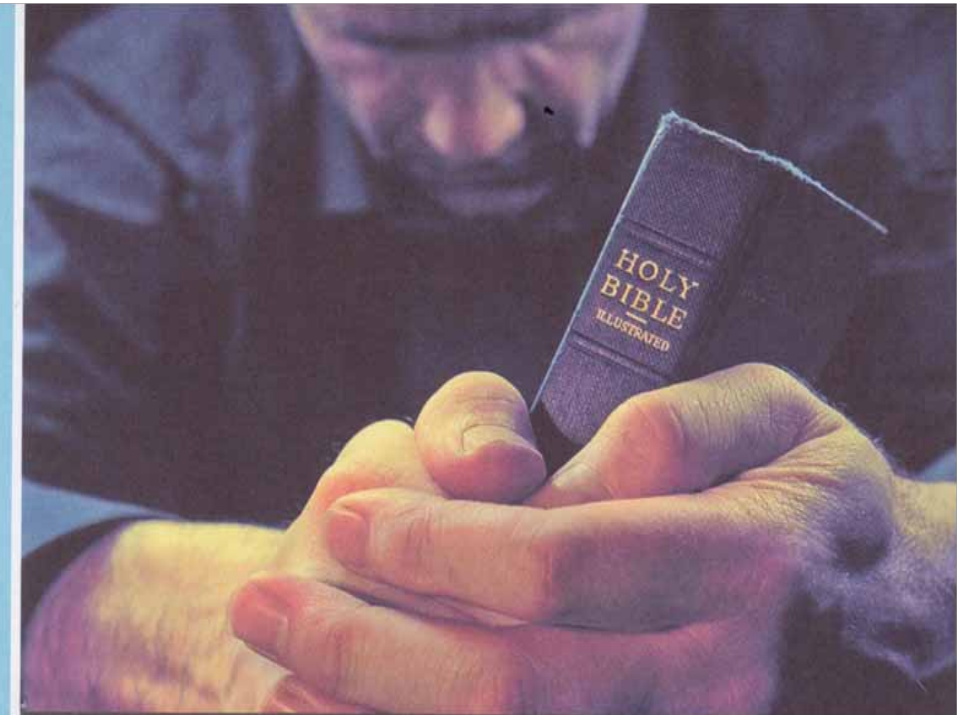
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You shall *love* the Lord your God
with
all your heart,
and with
all your soul,
and with
all your mind

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 29, 2017

21st 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: “Gentle Shepherd”**

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us; for we need your help to find our way.

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us; for we need your strength from day to day.

There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us; for we need You to help us find our way.

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***HYMN: #384 (Blue Hymnal) “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”**

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Thessalonians 2:1-8 (CEB)

HYMN: #408 (Blue Hymnal) ‘The Gift of Love’

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

PRAYER:

Loving God, we are told “there is no fear in love; perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us.” (I John 4:18-19)

Lord, you have shown us your love. Grant us faith enough to trust it. Nudge our souls until we lean into your love and fully experience your embrace.

Open our hearts that we may share your loving grace. Amen.

Response: (tune from the refrain of “Grace Greater than Our Sin”)

Love, love, God’s love; love that is gentle and sees our tears.

Love, love, God’s love; love that is stronger than all our fears.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:34-46 (CEB)

CHOIR: “Halle, Halle, Halle”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

MESSAGE: “You Are Meant for More: Love”

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)

LORDS PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)

OFFERING: “The Voice of God Is Calling”

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

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #557 (Blue Hymnal) “Blest Be the Tie that Binds:**

***BLESSING:** (based on Psalm 90:16-17)

Lord, let your goodness abundantly shine—

And our eyes open to see it.

Let your glorious power flow into all those in need—

And our hearts open to receive it and share it.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us—

And our hands open to bless the world in Jesus’ name.

Yes, let the work of our hands bring blessings in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

POSTLUDE:

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for all whose hearts ache after loss, betrayal or tragedy. Pray for strength until the healing is complete.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Tyler Eliason

Reader: Bonnie Christopherson

**Ushers: Ray Burkhardt and
Todd Grow**