

First Mile  
MISSION



## 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 \$21,757 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a month, for each member based on a membership of 154. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with

\$ 98.34 given to date.

## PASS THE PIG

The total amount raised from Grace Kids, Pass the Pig and the Christmas Eve offering was \$1200.00. Last Sunday the Sunday School kids decided to purchase the following;

1 ea	alpaca	@ \$ 150
1 ea	goose	@ \$ 20
1 ea	honeybee hive	@ \$ 30
1 ea	cow	@ \$ 500
2 ea	water buffalo	@ \$ 250 ea

Thank you to everyone who contributed to "Pass the Pig" mission project.

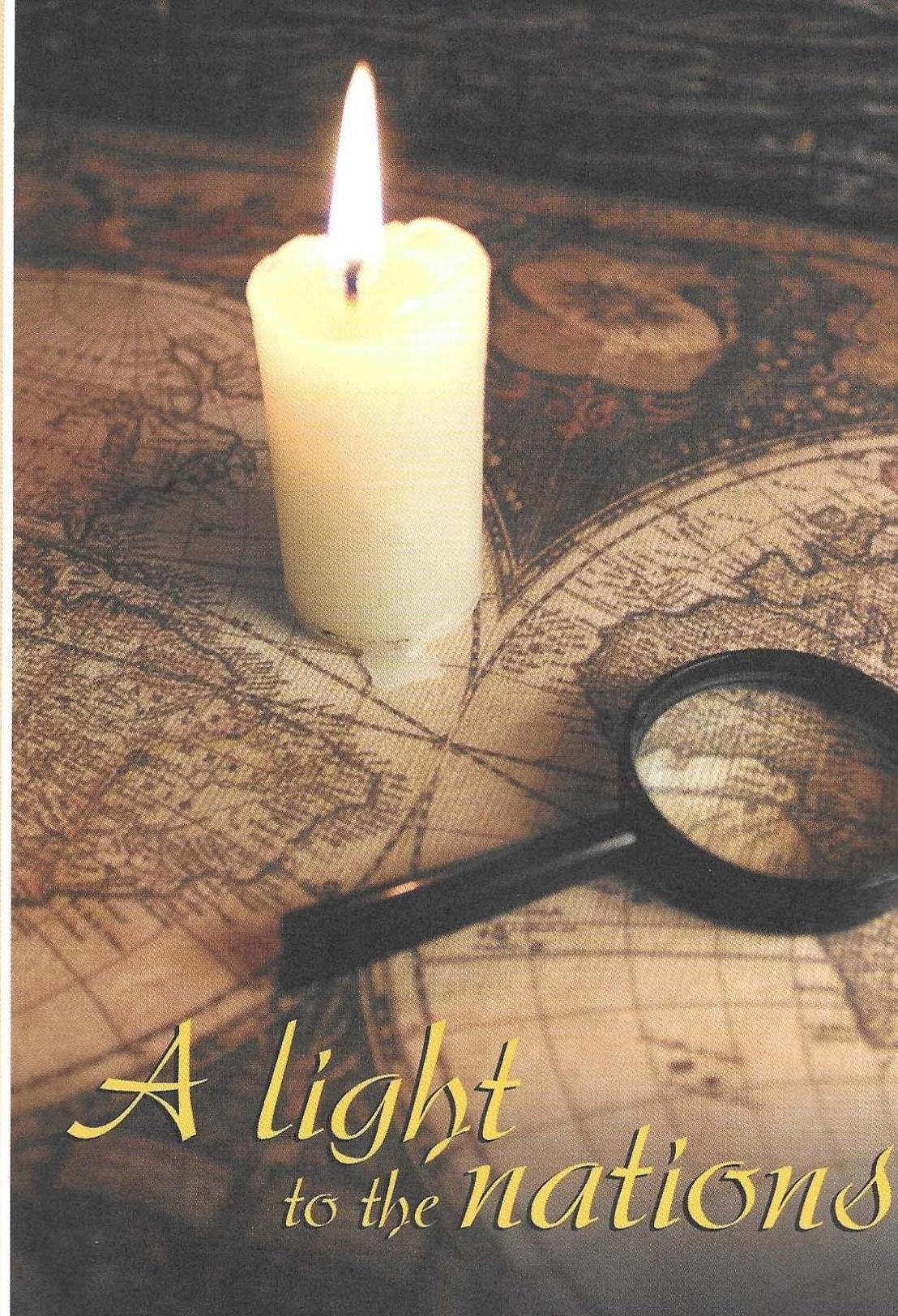
## KING AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Many Christians will observe Martin Luther King Jr's birthday on January 20th. (His actual birth date is January 15.) King's comments about the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) are worth remembering:

"The first question that the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

## GET MOVING

Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved. Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp. - Frederick Buechner



*A light  
to the nations*

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Church of the Neighborhood  
Making Followers of Christ to Transform the World

**January 19, 2020**

**Blessed Assurance**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS**

*Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship.*

**GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Stand if you are able**

**PRELUDE:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 40:1-3 & Blessed Assurance*

I put all my hope in the Lord.

**God leaned down to me, listened to my cry for help.**

The Lord lifted me from the miry pit of death.

**God lifted me and set my feet on solid rock—steadying my legs.**

The Lord placed a new song in my mouth.

**God placed a song of praise upon my lips.**

We gather to share the stories of the Lord's saving grace.

**God blessed us and seeks to bless others.**

This is our story, this is our song, praising our savior all the day long.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #369**

*Blessed Assurance*

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**LORD'S PRAYER: #895**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Isaiah 49:5-7 (CEB)**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:**

**HYMN: #2237**

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**John 1:29-42 (CEB)**

**CHOIR:**

*Swing Low Sweet Chariot*

**MESSAGE:**

**"We Are NOT Alone: We Guide One Another"**

**TO RESPOND AND GIVE**

**OFFERING:**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #95**

*Praise God*

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

**\*HYMN: #733**

*Marching to Zion*

**\*BLESSING:**

Those who put their trust in the Lord, who pay no attention to the proud, or those who follow lies, are truly happy! (Psalm 40:4)

**May the Lord grant us grace that we may keep: our eyes fixed on Jesus, our hearts devoted to love, our hands committed to service, and our days lived in faithfulness. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:**

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Pray today for those who are feeling ready to make positive changes in their relationship with God and others. Pray doors may be opened for them. Pray guides may appear on their journeys at just the right place and time. Pray God will use you to assist another on their spiritual journey.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

We extend God's grace and peace as we welcome you to worship.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lord Jesus, we lay before you the gift of our hearts. Bless them to your service.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Jack Johnston**

**Reader: Bonnie Christopherson**

**Ushers: The Beck Family**