

FIRST MILE MISSION

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First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,756 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a week, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 0.00 given to date.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, January 12th immediately following worship services. Please have your reports in the office to be included in the Charge Conference booklet.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

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Offering envelopes for 2020 are available in the Fellowship hall. If you would like envelopes and do not find a box with your name, please take a box and write your name next to the number on the sheet. Remember to discard your 2019 envelopes on January 1st. If you have any questions, please call the office.

IT'S PARTY TIME



Everyone is invited to join in celebrating JoAnn Oelke's 85th birthday on Sunday, January 5th, 2020 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Cards can be sent to JoAnn's home.

DONUTS



Homemade Buttermilk Donuts are back and will be available January 15th, 2020. To place an order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

He chose us in
Christ

before the foundation
of the world

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 5, 2020

1st Sunday of 2020

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**

based on Jeremiah 31:7-14

The Lord proclaims: "Sing joyfully. You are remembered."

Raise your voices with praise. Call out: "God's saving grace nears."

The Lord says, "From the ends of the earth God calls the people home."

"Among the saved are the blind, the disabled, expectant mothers, those in labor, the most vulnerable, all will gather joyfully."

"They'll gather with tears of joy. As they pray, I will draw them closer."

"I will lead them beside quiet streams and on smooth paths."

"No one will stumble. I will be their parent and they will be my children."

"I will change their sorrow into laughter and their mourning into joy."

"I will rescue them and their lives shall be like a lush garden."

Until that day, we shall worship faithfully! Amen.

***HYMN: #2032**

My Life Is in You, Lord

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER:

LORD'S PRAYER: #895

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1:1-9, 14-16 (CEB)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HYMN: #601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Ephesians 1:3-14 (CEB)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Panis Angelicus*

Chuck and Marty Hendrickson

MESSAGE:

"Let Us All Thy Life Receive"

TO GATHER AT CHRIST'S TABLE

INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites all to his table. You do not need to be a member of this church to receive communion. You are welcome because of God's grace and your desire to follow Jesus' way: "to love God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbor as yourself." (Jesus)

REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER OVER THE BREAD AND CUP:

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP:

Please come forward to the rail or to the servers on the right or left. If you need gluten-free, please come to the rail. Please place **OFFERINGS** in the plates on the front pews on the way to communion. Thank you.

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those beginning a new thing with a new year. Making life changes is a challenge and takes support. Pray for supportive people to surround those who are striving to make positive (spirit nurturing) changes in their lives. Pray to grow into a supportive person.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Jack Johnston

Reader: Julie Possehl

Ushers: