

## FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile  
MISSION



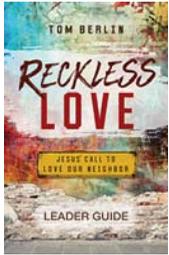
First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,757 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a month, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 1,131.64 given to date.

## DONUTS



Donuts will be made on March 25th. To place an order, call the office at 233-1857 or use the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

## LENT



The theme for Lent this year is Reckless Love. Pastor Tom Berlin wrote a book *Reckless Love* about how Jesus taught how to love a neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God.

During our six week journey Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples will be explored. The journey will teach us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor.

## SOUP SUPPER



Each Wednesday will begin with soup and sandwich at 5:00 p.m., followed by a discussion from the book, *Reckless Love*, at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space if you are able to donate a pan of bars. Soup on March 18th is vegetable beef and Paul's sour dough bread.

**Pastor Roger -Office:** (218) 233-1857; **Parsonage:** (218) 233-0255

**Pastor's E-mail:** graceunitedmethodistpastor@gmail.com

**Office E-mail:** graceunitedmethodist@gmail.com

**Website:** www.graceumcmoorhead.org

Living *water*

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**March 15, 2020**

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**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: #489**

*For God's Gifts*

**\*HYMN: #723**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**LORD'S PRAYER: #895**

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:**

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**John 4:5-13 (CEB)**

**HYMN: Insert**

*For Those Tears I Died*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**John 4:14-30 (CEB)**

**MESSAGE:**

**"Jesus' Neighborhood: Seekers of Living Water"**

**TO RESPOND, GIVE & BE SENT FORTH**

**OFFERING:**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #95**

*Praise God*

**\*HYMN: #377**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

**\*BLESSING:**

**POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Pray this week for those who are parched—who experience needs that nothing seems to answer. They may be waiting for a sign from God. They may be trying to make changes that don't seem to stick, or don't deliver the hoped-for peace or contentment. Pray Jesus' living water might somehow provide exactly what their souls hope and thirst for most. Pray that Jesus' blessings might flow through you and Grace church wherever there is need.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Almighty God, our spirits thirst for you. Please quench our thirst with your loving presence.

**WELCOME**

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine," wrote the author of Proverbs 17:22 (NRSV). Be filled with cheerfulness. We welcome you in the name of Christ.

**AN IRISH BLESSING**

May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you.

A moonbeam to charm you,

A sheltering angel so nothing can harm you,

Laughter to cheer you,

Faithful friends near you -

And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Please help decorate the altar for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. There are order blanks on the table in the Narthex. The cost of a plant is \$10.00 and may be purchased in honor or memory of someone special.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Jack Johnston**

**Reader: Laura Roppe**

**Ushers: The Millers**