

## FIRST MILE MISSION

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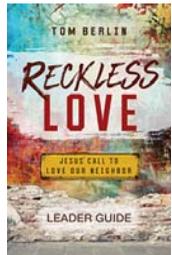
First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,757 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a month, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 1,091.64 given to date.

## DONUTS



Donuts will be made on March 11th. 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.

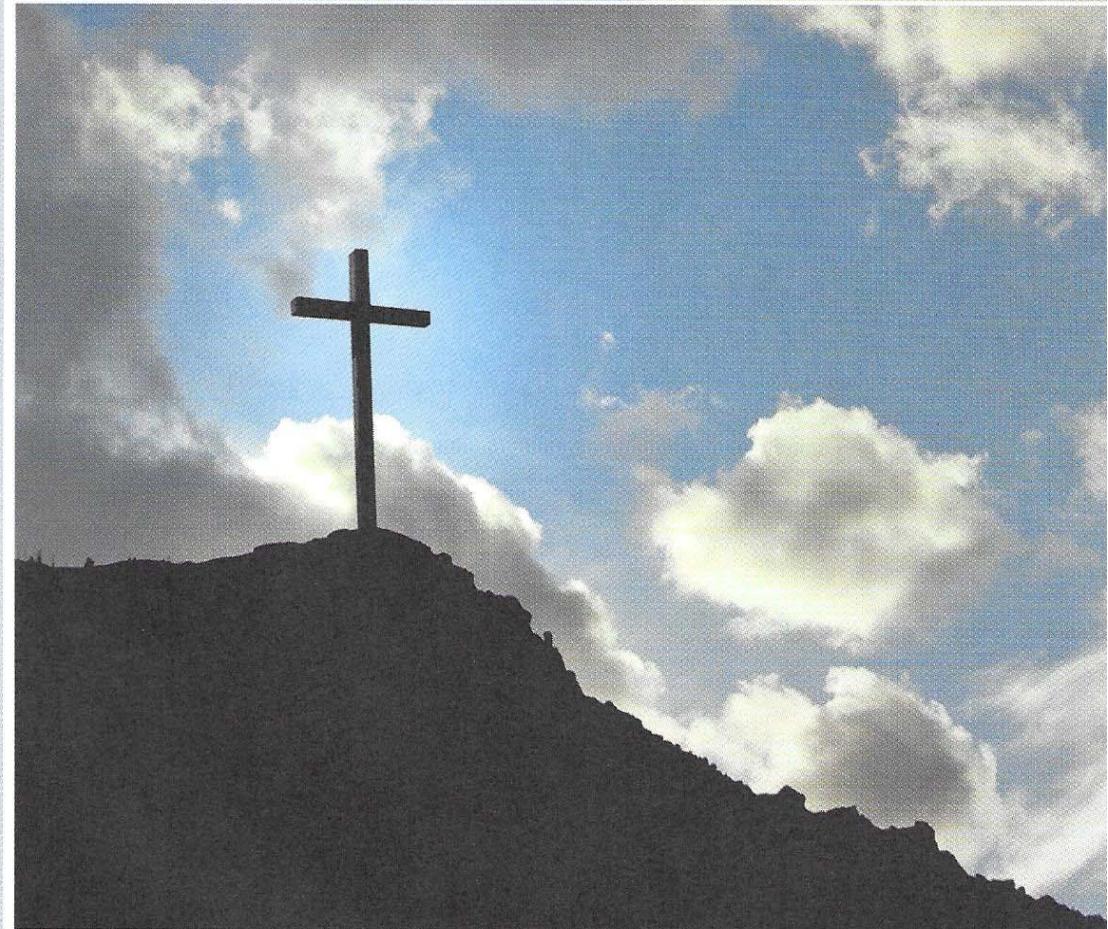
During our six week journey Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples will be explored. The journey will teach us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor.

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



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For God so  
loved the world



**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**March 8, 2020**

**2nd 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 WORDS OF REFLECTION:** "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15b,c).

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born anew.

**Your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin.**

Your resurrection means nothing if you alone are risen.

**Raise us to a new way of living, a new way of being with our friends and our enemies, a new way of welcoming the strangers and seeking the lost.**

Raise us into a life shaped, guided and redeemed by Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #2008**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**LORD'S PRAYER: #895**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:**

**HYMN: #369**

*Blessed Assurance*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**John 3:1-17 (CEB)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *Broken and Spilled Out***

**Judy Kotta, Soloist**

**MESSAGE:**

**"With God a Plan Is a Promise"**

**TO RESPOND AND GIVE**

**OFFERING:**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #95**

*Praise God*

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

**\*HYMN INSERT**

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

**\*BLESSING: #844**

**Psalm 121**

**POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Pray for those who've experienced broken promises and find it hard to trust again. Pray God's faithfulness and trustworthiness will shine through to heal the hurt and reveal a path to a new way of living in the reliable presence of Jesus.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Heavenly Creator, make us ready now to be completely open to your mighty Word.

**WELCOME**

Worship is a time of joy. Therefore, we joyously welcome all who have come to praise God.

"Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers." - Austin O'Malley

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Jack Johnston**

**Reader: Judith Eide**

**Ushers: Del Larson**