



## 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 \$ 2,505.04 given to date.



## NEW DIRECTORY

The new address and phone directory for 2021 will be printed in January. If you have moved, or changed phone numbers, please let the office know so your correct information will be available.

## CONTRIBUTIONS



All contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2020 to be counted as a 2020 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2021 contribution. If you are making a contribution for 2020 and 2021, please write a check for each year.

## THE SOURCE

"One day I read in the 10th chapter of Romans, 'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God,' I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since." - D. L. Moody

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Encourage  
one another  
and  
build up  
each other



**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**November 15, 2020**

**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER TO NAME AND CLAIM GOD'S PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES**

**GATHERING & PRELUDE:**

**\*WELCOME**

Pastor Roger

**SONG:**

*My Hope Is Built*  
(tune - Navy Hymn)

**PSALM 123**

(A Prayer for Desperate Times: for God's help,  
for strength to remain faithful)

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

Grace Singers

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

**MESSAGE: "Encourage One Another"**

Pastor Roger

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG: #356**

*When We Are Living*

**\*BLESSING:**

Pastor Roger

**MUSICAL SENDING FORTH:**

**POSTLUDE:**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lord, prompt us to remember that you simply open your hands and all our needs are met. Thank you!

**HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE UNEXPLAINABLE?**

When we encounter God, or when God encounters us, explaining the experience can be a challenge. We may do so haltingly, with fear that others will misunderstand us or think we're mentally unstable.

St. Paul tried to explain this type of encounter. Yet readers of his mystical experience found in II Corinthians 12 may be puzzled. Paul says he was so deep in prayer that he didn't know whether he was in or out of his body. He refers to "the exceptional character of the revelations" (II Corinthians 12:7, NRSV).

The passage deals with going deep in the Spirit when praying. Mystics, people who patiently make real and vital contact with God, understand the strange spiritual experiences that are possible when deep in prayer. They understand that the unexplainable can't be explained. They can only reveal that they've related intimately to God.

The good news is that you don't need to be an apostle or pastor to experience this close relationship with God. All of us have 24/7 access to our Savior, who longs to hear from us.

"Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." - Albert Schweitzer

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Prayers for those who are discouraged by health challenges, relationship challenges, the news of the day or whatever burdens the heart. Pray for signs of encouragement. Pray to be a sign of God's encouragement for another.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Gunnar Aas**

**Reader:**

**Ushers:**