

**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.

A GUEST AT THE TABLE

For, after all, put it as we may to ourselves, we are all of us from birth to death guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet. Shall we think of the day as a chance to come nearer to our Host, and to find out something of him who has fed us so long? - Rebecca Harding Davis

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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

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

GATHERING & PRELUDE:

***WELCOME**

Pastor Roger

PSALM 126:1-6

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said across the world, "the Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb! May all who plant in tears, harvest with shouts of joy! Those who go forth weeping, bearing the seed for planting, shall come home with shouts of joy, celebrating an abundant harvest.

May the promises and faithfulness of a loving God plant seeds of hope and gratitude in our lives. Amen.

SONG: #2036

Give Thanks

SCRIPTURE READING:

II Corinthians 9:6-15

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Grace Singers

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

MESSAGE: "Nurture a Thankful Heart"

Pastor Roger

SONG: #102

Now Thank We All Our God

***BLESSING:**

Pastor Roger

MUSICAL SENDING FORTH:

POSTLUDE:



A DAY OF GRATITUDE AND FRIENDSHIP

Most Americans, learning about Thanksgiving's origin, hear or read about the destitute Pilgrims who suffered greatly during their first bitter winter in America. Many Pilgrims got sick, and half of them died.

What we don't focus on enough is the fact that Native Americans took pity on the Pilgrims. They befriended the newcomers and gave them food. They taught them how to survive the vicious cold months.

Then, when the earth grew warm again, the Indians taught the Pilgrims how to grow various crops and how to store any surplus. It was primarily because of the natives' friendship and helpfulness that the Pilgrims began to eke their way from disaster to fruitfulness.

It's no wonder that when the Pilgrims had their first successful harvest, they invited their Indian neighbors to celebrate with them. The natives didn't come emptyhanded. They furnished venison, wild turkeys and probably vegetables from storage. It was, more or less, a potluck affair. The Pilgrim leaders prayed gratefully at the occasion. We can be confident that an unseen but not unexpected Guest was very much present that day.

PRAYER FOCUS

We hold in our prayers all who will not gather for Thanksgiving this year, especially those who are also holding in their prayers family who have been diagnosed with Covid or are working on the front lines.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Gunnar Aas

Reader:

Ushers: