



## 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 \$ 2,496.70 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

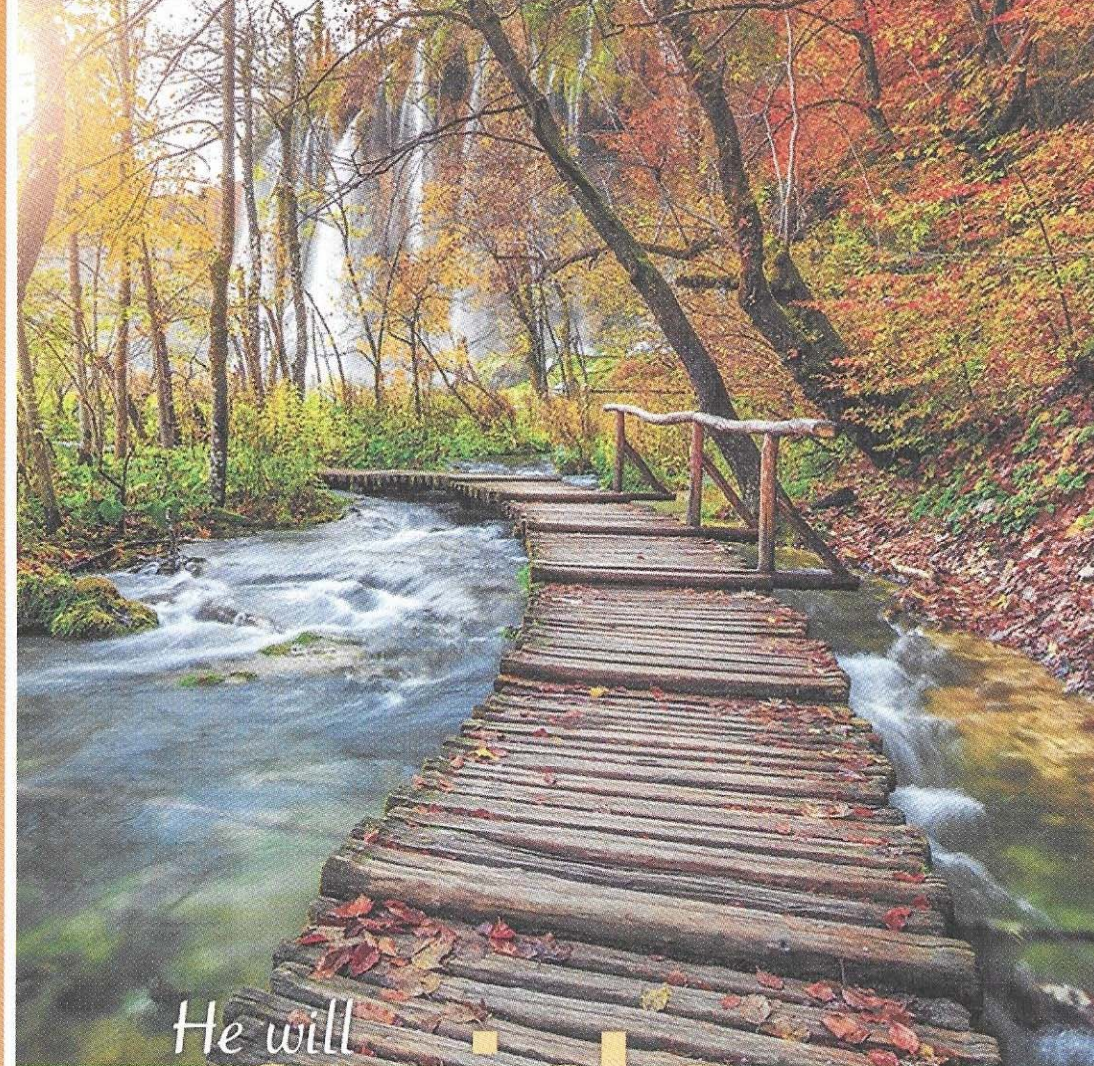


All contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2020 to be counted as a 2020 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2021 contribution. If you are making a contribution for 2020 and 2021, please write a check for each year.

## JUST DO IT

"Fold the arms of your faith and wait in quietness until the light goes up in your darkness. Fold the arms of your faith, I say, but not of your action. Think of something you ought to do, and go do it. Heed not your feelings. Do your work." - George MacDonald

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He will  
**guide  
them**  
to *springs* of the  
**water of life**

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**November 8, 2020**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**GATHERING & PRELUDE:**

**\*WELCOME**

Pastor Roger

**PRAYERS FOR VETERANS:**

**SONG: #369**

*Blessed Assurance*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Psalm 78:1-7**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**Grace Singers**

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

**MUSIC: #602**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

**MESSAGE: "Stay Faithful and Focused"**

Pastor Roger

**SONG: #2130**

*The Summons*

**\*CLOSING 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!

**HONOR OUR VETERANS**

Veterans Day, which is November 11th each year, is a holiday to honor American's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individuals Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.

**FOUNTAIN**



A fountain, or well, symbolizes Jesus, our living water, Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that everyone who drinks the water he gives will never thirst again. It "will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life," Jesus said (see John 4:14, NRSV)

**PRAYER FOCUS**

**Prayers for all who are seeking to re-focus their lives on holy, healthy priorities.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Gunnar Aas**

**Reader:**

**Ushers:**