

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 \$ 2,903.38 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 CHRISTMAS HEART

"Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stand as the most significant event in all history because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost 2,000 years... underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart. - George Matthew Adams

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Glory to God
in the *highest*



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING & PRELUDE:

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP: #211 VV. 1 & 2** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER: #231

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O Holy Night*
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

HYMN: #217 *Away in a Manager*

GOSPEL LESSON: **Luke 2:1-7**

HYMN: #238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GOSPEL LESSON: **Luke 2:8-20**

GRACE SINGERS: *The Shepherd's Nowell*

MESSAGE: "Cradle the Hope" **Pastor Roger**

TO RESPOND AND SHARE

SPECIAL MUSIC *On This Christmas Night*

GRACE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:

As always, Grace's ministry is grateful for your prayer support and financial support. Your gifts continue to make Grace worship possible. Even in these challenging times we sense God's closeness and in these distanced times we feel close to one another. This Christmas Grace is also blessing two local organizations financially: Heart of Clay Ministries and Churches United for the Homeless. You may designate a gift to either in the memo section of your check or on your envelope prior to December 28th. Or, you may simply give to Grace Ministries. The Women of Grace have also assisted the Y's Gifts for Children giving-tree program. Requests from local families more than tripled this year. We've also delivered 100 plus cards to medical staff at Essentia, Bethany on University, Sanford, and Gladys Ray.

***CLOSING HYMN: #239**

Silent Night

***BLESSING:**

PRAYER FOCUS

Hold in your prayers those who have labored long and hard this year, often putting themselves at risk. Also, pray for those who have felt the pain of unemployment and reduced employment amidst partial shutdowns. Pray for all the world to find the courage and compassion to cradle hope and live into God's loving plans for this world and the people upon it.

Christmas Eve is a joyous time for all who open their hearts and minds to our loving Creator. Let us allow the true meaning of Christmas to stir up love within us.

On Christmas Day, may we look beyond the gifts we've received to the greatest gift ever given to mankind, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Gunnar Aas

Reader:

Ushers: