



## 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



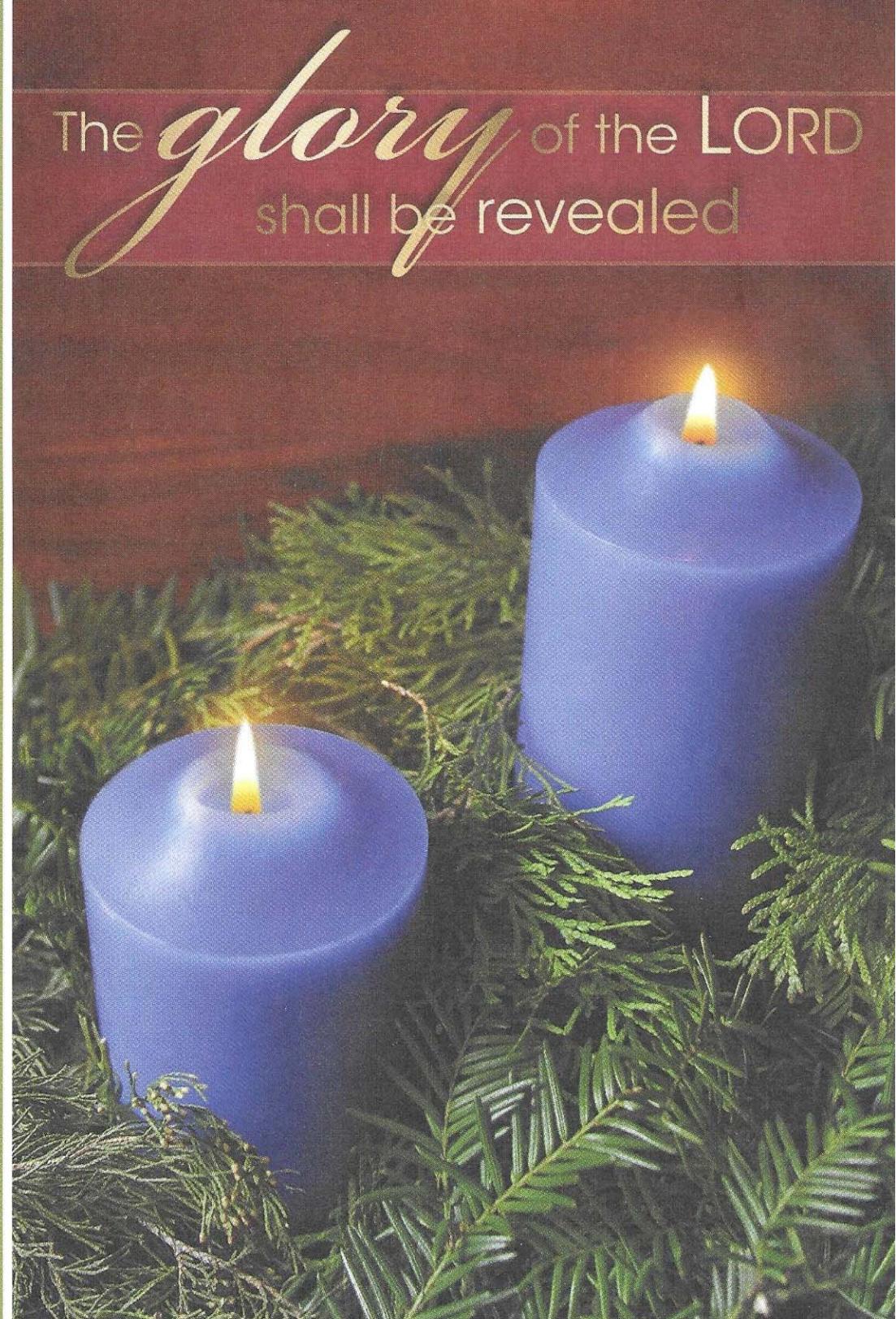
All contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2020 to be counted as a 2020 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2021 contribution. If you are making a contribution for 2020 and 2021, please write a check for each year.

## FAMILY PHOTO

An 8-year-old girl was showing her 4-year-old sister some pictures from her Bible. The younger sister was fascinated by a picture of Mary and baby Jesus. After examining it intently, she asked, "But where's Joseph?"

The older sister thought for a moment and replied, "He's taking the picture."

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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**December 6, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**GATHERING & PRELUDE:** Sharon Fangsrud and Trisha McElroy  
*"I Wonder As I Wander"*

**\*WELCOME** Pastor Roger

**Isaiah 40:1-5 (with lighting the second Advent Candle)**

**SONG: #211 (verses 1,2 & 4)** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:1-8

**MUSIC: #203 (verses 1, 2 & 4)** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**MESSAGE: "Welcome Renewal"** Pastor Roger

**COMMUNION INVITATION:** *Open Our Eyes*

**SHARING AT CHRIST'S TABLE:**  
(Invitation, Remembrance, and Prayer Over Bread and Cup)

**SONG: #204** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

**BLESSING:** Pastor Roger

**MUSICAL SENDING FORTH:**

**POSTLUDE:**

Welcome in Christ's name, on this second Sunday of Advent. Scripture says if we walk in Christ's light, we can have fellowship with one another.

**OUR HEARTS' DESIRE**



As his parents labored on a foreign mission field, their young son attended school in America. When Christmas Day came, the school's headmaster tried to cheer up the boy. The headmaster asked what he most wanted for Christmas.

For the boy, the answer came easily. He pointed to a framed picture of his father and said, "I would like most of all for my father to step out of that frame." (No doubt he felt the same way about his mother.)

The deepest meaning of Christmas is about God's stepping out of the "frame" of the universe, out of heaven, and revealing the greatest love ever seen among men.

John's account of this Good News sums it up: "and the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14, NRSV)

"Through Christ we understand God as far as our human nature could bear and our human vision endure. Looking at him, we do see God. Through him we understand God as far as the finite can understand the infinite. He is the one Word that makes God intelligible to us." - Anonymous

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Pray especially for all those desiring a fresh start in some part of their lives; also, hold in your prayers those for whom life has brought a significant change -- perhaps wanted, perhaps not. May hope light their way.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**      **Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**  
**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**      **Choir Director: Gunnar Aas**  
**Reader:**      **Ushers:**