

**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.

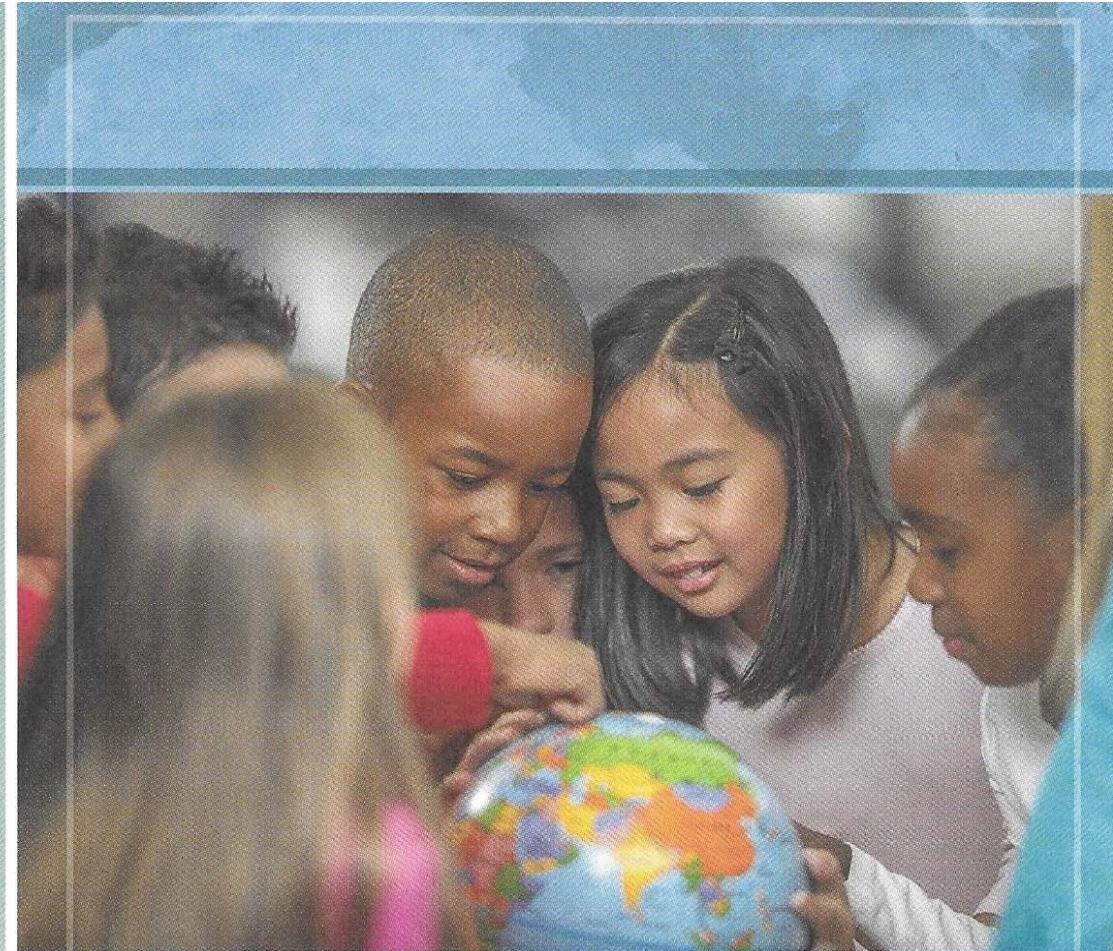
A NEW YEAR'SS BLESSING

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
And by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

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He chose us
in Christ
before
the foundation of the world

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 3, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING MUSIC:

WELCOME SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 60:1-6

SONG: #219

What Child Is This?

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 2:21-12

PRAYER: #255

Epiphany

SONG:

MESSAGE: "A New Way for a New Year"

Pastor Roger

TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

THE INVITATION:

THE REMEMBRANCE:

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP:

TO BE SENT FORTH

SONG: #246

Joy to the World

BLESSING: #242 (verses 1 & 3)

Love Came Down at Christmas

POSTLUDE:

PRAYER FOCUS

Today you are invited to pray for those who are facing something new - something that will call them to "think" and "do" the unfamiliar. Remember those who are moving, those taking steps to better health, those seeking to grow in their spiritual lives. May those facing something new feel God's presence as a constant companion and guide.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord, may each of us recognize and follow your will for us during the New Year.

WORDS OF WELCOME

We come from different places in life, literally and figuratively, following the star to meet before the manger. Together, let us worship the newborn King.

OUR TASK

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu had the gift of summarizing the role of Christians in God's world. He makes the point that we are to work with God's world. He makes the point that we are to work with God as "agents of transfiguration." We are to be God's instruments, he believes, to change injustice into justice. We are also meant to exercise compassion, care, joy and laughter. If we will do that, the archbishop says, "There will be more togetherness in God's world."

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Gunnar Aas

Reader:

Ushers: