

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 \$19,922.01 or \$129.37 a year or \$10.78 a month, for each member based on a membership of 154. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 8.34 given to date.

NEW DIRECTORY



The new address and phone directory for 2021 are available for curbside pick up. Please call the office and let me know you are on your way to the church, ring the door bell and you will be handed a directory.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



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I'D LIKE TO THANK...

Many years ago, comedian Garry Moore - hot when television was a new thing in the 1950s - was the recipient of a television award for spontaneity. Moore facetiously paid tribute to "the four guys responsible for my spontaneity: my writers."

When the next award went to Bishop Fulton Sheen, he rose and approached the podium. "I also want to pay tribute to my four writers," he declared, "Matthew, Mark, Luke and John!"

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In the beginning

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 10, 2021

Baptism of Our Lord

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING MUSIC:

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP :

Dona Nobis Pacem

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Psalm 29 (selected verses)

SONG: #723

Shall We Gather at the River

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 1:4-11

SONG: #347

Spirit Song

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 19:1-7

GRACE SINGERS:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

MESSAGE: "Let God Change Us with Humility"

Pastor Roger

TO BE SENT FORTH

SONG: #2051:

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

BLESSING: #253

Baptism of the Lord

CLOSING MUSIC:

PRAYER FOCUS

The new year is filled with those who have made resolutions about behaviors or attitudes. We can change. Praise God. However, there often comes a point when change takes more than an act of human will. Pray especially for those who have reached that point. Pray this may be the time they ask for the strength of the Spirit of God to be their strength and direction. Pray, too, for reminders that Christ wishes to show us the way, to bear our burdens, and to do for us when we cannot do for ourselves.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear Lord, stir up our desire to be unified with all other Christians, and help us remember that you are the loving Creator of us all.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Holy Spirit has called us together for a time away from daily routines, to remember that God is supreme and walks with us in love. Welcome!

ANCHOR CROSS



The anchor is a symbol of the Christian's hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). The early Christians used this cross during the days of persecution. They saw hope in the anchor's cross, while non-Christians saw nothing but an anchor.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Gunnar Aas

Reader:

Ushers: