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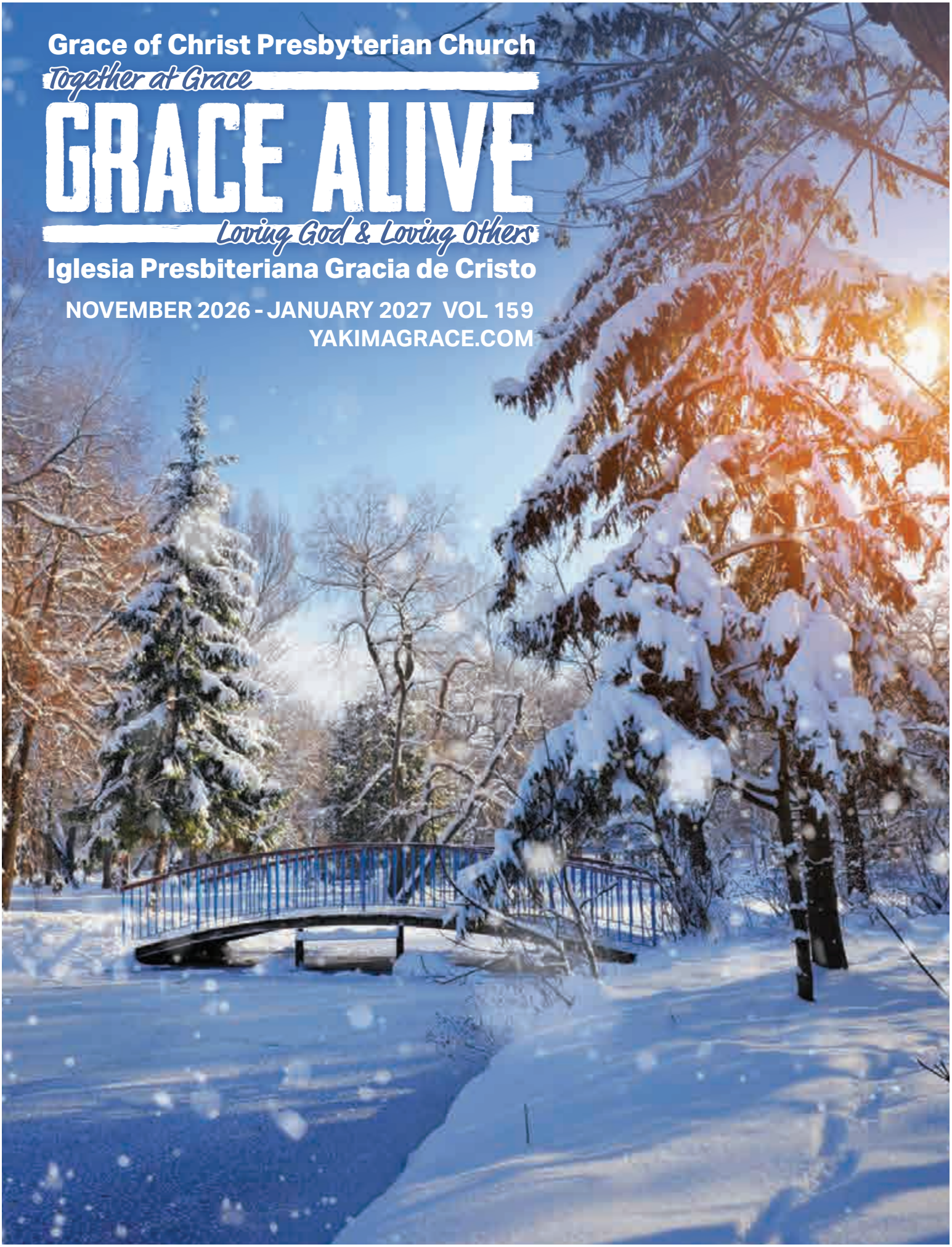
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Pastor

— *Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr*
Lead Pastor

Friends in Christ,

This autumn we're kicking off our revitalization process as Session and Staff. I hope you've had a chance to review the literature we are publishing in November about what this process looks like. We've spent a lot of time discussing the need to scale our vision of the gospel up to the kingdom so that we see ourselves rightly as ambassadors of the kingdom of God. One of the ways in which this leads to change in the local church is in thinking about leadership roles. Paul teaches in Romans 12:6-8 and Ephesians 4:11 that there are different roles and gifts in the body of Christ. No one can do everything, certainly not pastors. I've recognized immediately upon coming to this church that we were going to need someone to care for the congregation with skill, intention, and quality, supported by a team of people skilled in caring. Pastor Curt was exceptionally gifted in care, and, as many of you have noted, I'm more of a teacher (and prophet). Since I've come I've seen a great opportunity in the untapped potential of one of our crucial staff members: Ericka Clark.



Ericka Clark
Director of
Congregational Care

Ericka has been a faithful employee of this church for 25 years and has worn a number of hats during her time. Since I came, I quickly recognized Ericka's gift for care and empathy. Now is the time for her to take on leadership in this role.

Ericka will be the Director of Congregational Care in a part-time capacity, as she continues assisting me administratively. Ericka has been a great administrator, but the greatest help Ericka can provide me and the congregation is in coordinating ways to ensure you all are called, visited, and cared for when you need help, comfort, or a listening presence. Ericka will be developing her congregational care team, coordinating with the deacons, and continuing to help facilitate memorial services.

Other staff role changes are in the works and will be announced in due course as we work to develop a more robust media and social media presence and coordinate community development within the congregation and beyond. But staff reorganization is the beginning of a process we'll bring to you, the congregation, and the ministry teams that serve you. The goal isn't ever to "fire" people. But to make sure people are serving in the places best suited to them. I am glad that our staff has worked very well in this process toward positive reorganization. I'm confident that process will move forward in other spaces with similar health.

Finally, I want to highlight that we'll be continuing to develop our strategy of becoming a church of ambassadors of reconciliation. This means training ourselves in the skills of peacemaking and reconciliation, so that we're ready to break down the walls that the world has built up, not through superficialities, but by facilitating hard conversations that bring different people together by being reconciled to God and to each other. I see a bright future for this congregation and church as we rediscover the alignment between the gospel of the kingdom of God, the business of being a local church, and the representation function we play in the community.

– Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr



ONE SERVICE – NOVEMBER 22
Sunday | November 22 | 10AM | Sanctuary

ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
Sunday | November 22 | 11:15AM | Gymnasium

LOCAL OUTREACH

Friends,

Over the past few months, we have separated our Missions Ministry Team into two different groups. The first retains its original function, but now limited to regional, national, and global partnerships. Our new group, the Outreach Team, is focused on local partnerships. The theory is simple. With some missionaries we can send money, prayers, and perhaps a missions team once in a while. But with local partners, we are able to collaborate and deepen our partnerships. In former times local churches operated as community chests, distributing general funds to others. In our time now, people typically do direct giving to the causes and organizations they share a vision with and collaborate with.

Our new local outreach team is organized to facilitate this collaboration so that our communities would grow as we share work together. Our goal is not to send resources but share common kingdom-work with our friends in various ministries.

We saw good fruit from our 2026 Outreach Camp with iron sharpening iron in our planning and feedback sessions that led us to rethink how to go deep rather than wide, and develop deeper relationships with local educators.

We're planning to continue that rethink as we do Adams Giving Tree a little differently this year. Our hope is to invite others to join us as we join with Trailseekers and potentially some other churches to show that the kingdom isn't about Grace of Christ, but about God's people working together to show the kingdom as we bless our local schools.

The team is still in development and refinement but maintains a healthy think-tank atmosphere of church and parachurch leaders fostering cooperation and improvement.

– Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr





SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking forward to our annual all-church potluck on Sunday, Nov 22 following the 10:00am service!

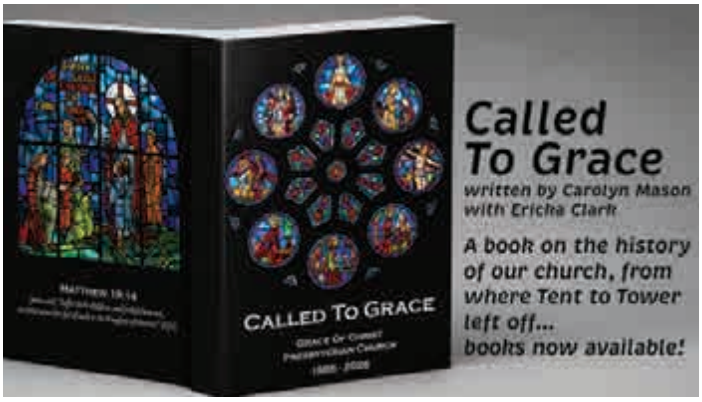
SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 21 | GYM SET UP

Volunteers needed for Saturday set up on November 21 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Gym.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22 | DAY OF PREP & SERVERS

Volunteers are also needed for the day of event to prep, serve, and greet. Please sign up at Welcome Center.

Turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy are provided by the church. Please bring a side or a dessert to share, if able.







Youth and Young Adults

— *Kara Candid*
Student Ministry Director

Student Spaces at Grace.

Take a glimpse with me into the rooms and spaces where the youth gather here at Grace. You'll find interns hard at work, decorating the rec room and the mezzanine room to make them inviting and personal.

Lights are being strung from the ceiling, furniture is being moved, a huge butcher paper banner with room for each kid's signature on it reads: "Middle School Club 2026/27: His Way Is Better." Interns are prepping lessons that will walk our students through the Bible this year, encouraging them to "Wonder" and embrace the mystery of God that allows us to be fully human; (not knowing it all, not being perfect); and trust God to be in charge, in control, abounding in loving kindness that is more than enough; leaning into Jesus for the love, peace, strength and joy that can supply our every need. Interns are also preparing games and crafts and other ways to help kids connect and grow in low pressure ways that accentuate safety and belonging.

On Sunday mornings, you can find a few kids hanging out and connecting in the youth rooms before club even starts. These spaces are havens for those who struggle with the large crowds or formal social requirements felt in the upstairs spaces. They beeline for the intern leaders they recognize, the youth leaders who eagerly listen to their highs and lows from the week, and for the familiar faces of their friends who come to hang out during these pre-club times as well. When club starts, you can smell the toasters in each room roasting pop tarts and bagels as students settle in for games and connection with each other and their leaders. My favorite part of these spaces is getting to read the notes they leave behind. Leaders often ask students to respond to prompts after the lesson, giving us a glimpse of what God is teaching them, or what their hearts are wrestling with, left behind on 3x5 cards of varying colors.

"I think Eve believed the snake because she was scared."
"I think Eve believed the snake because she was hungry."
"I think Eve believed the snake because she thought it was good."

Taco Tuesdays and the monthly special events like Cider Pressing at The Strothers or The Fair outing with John and Amae are all places where your adult volunteers and intern leaders are creating community and trust in a way that demonstrates God's love and faithfulness to the students.











Youth and Young Adults

Each time they gather to host spaces for students they create an atmosphere that exudes the same attitude that Jesus brought… to Zacheus… to Mary Magdalene… to Nicodemus… "I see you… the real you"… "I love you… without condition" "I care… and am willing to come alongside you and share the load." And: so they know where to find it when they want to reach for it, we point them to the One who can take the load completely. Students spend a lot of their lives with the bar always being above them… always striving to grow up in one way or another… and the sense of never measuring up can become soul-crushing. So if you pop your head into a student space at Grace, our hope is that you will find the embodiment of Jesus' "light load" being walked out and enjoyed by all those present. A safe space to grow without pressure, to fail without judgment and to share the joy of simply getting to be you, be loved and do your best; As we all continue to grow up into the Love of Christ together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6-8	Middle School Retreat	Fri-Sun	Ghormley
Tue, Nov 17	Youth & YA Movie Night	6p	Gym/Youth Rms
Sun, Nov 22	ONE SERVICE 10:00a/POTLUCK	11:15a	Sanctuary/Gym
Tue, Nov 24	*No Youth Taco Tuesday this Week!*		
Fri, Dec 4	Youth: Journey to Bethlehem*		
Tue, Dec 8	Christmas Dinner	6p	Gym
Sat, Dec 12	Luminaria*		Arboretum
Tue, Dec 15	Wrap Gifts for Adams	6p	Gym
Thur, Dec 17	Adams Giving Tree - *4:30p Volunteers*		Adams Gym
Sat, Dec 19	Youth Cookie Decorating*		Offsite
Thur, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Pageant	4p	
Thur, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candles & Carols	7p	
Sun, Jan 3	Youth Club Resumes	9a	
Tue, Jan 5	Taco Tuesday / Youth Group	6p	Gym
Tue, Jan 26	Taco Tuesday / Game Night	6p	Gym

**Get details from your leaders!*

MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

We Have a Multiplication Problem!

The little train that could is almost to the top of the mountain — and our Intern program has a wonderful "multiplication problem"! This year, seven Interns will be part of our School of Ministry & Leadership (SML). As we like to say, "the more the merrier!" Kara Candid will serve as Director of SML, training, encouraging, and guiding our Interns as they work with our students. She will also serve as our Director of Student Ministries.

Returning Interns

We are excited to welcome back two former Interns. Linda Camarillo will return for her fourth year and will take a leadership role in our Middle School Ministry. Returning for their second year are Jasmine Barriga, Peyton Crumrine, Belén Vazquez, and Eli Westfall.




Linda Camarillo


Jasmine Barriga


Peyton Crumrine


Belén Vazquez


Eli Westfall

New Interns


Victor Corona


Jaylene Esquivel

We also have two brand-new Interns joining us. Victor Corona was mentored by Hamilton Licht throughout his school years. Victor now wants to continue growing in his relationship with Christ and "pay it forward" by investing in the lives of our youth.

Jaylene Esquivel will also work with our students while attending Northwest University remotely.

Each Intern receives **$4,500 for the nine-month program, $500 per month.** For those attending Northwest University, this financial support helps with their tuition and allows them to combine their education with hands-on ministry experience.

Help Us Keep the Train Moving!

Because the program is growing, we are now raising **$30,000** to help sustain and strengthen this ministry. Your investment helps young adults grow in their faith, develop leadership skills, receive ministry experience, and make a difference in the lives of our students. **If you would like to help financially, please contact Don Stuber at 509-961-0234.**

We are also looking for more people to serve on the Intern Board. If you would be interested in helping guide and support this growing ministry, **please contact Kara.**

Seven Interns. More ministry. More opportunities. More young lives being shaped for Christ. Yes, we definitely have a multiplication problem—and **this is one problem we are happy to have!**

– Don Stuber



Family & Children's Ministry

— *Sarah Huck*
Family & Children's Ministry

A Sabbath Pause.

Greetings Grace family,

It was the morning of my oldest son Wyatt's engagement party. I hadn't slept much the night before. I woke feeling heavy, moody, and filled with anxiety. What most people would probably see as a reason to celebrate, I found deeply troubling—for many reasons. Was he too young? Were there too many challenges ahead of him? Where had this decision come from? Had fear played a part? Was I seeing everything clearly?

And then there was the party itself.

What would her family be like? How would I navigate the complicated dynamics of my ex-husband being there? How would the day unfold? My mind had already begun running through every possible scenario before I had even gotten out of bed. If anxiety had a face that morning, it would have been mine.

And yet, when I finally got up, I was shocked to find a large box waiting for me. I opened it, and to my utter amazement, it was a CD player. And not a cheap one. Along with it was a stack of classical CDs—all my favorites. Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Mozart. And there was a card. I won't share what was written in that card, but I will tell you this: no other gift could have communicated more clearly, "I see you. I know you."

Now, yes, we have access to virtually any music we want through our phones. But I get easily fed up with music apps. I skip too much. I refuse to pay for subscriptions. So this CD player felt almost extravagant to me. It gave me something I didn't realize I needed: control over what I listened to, without the distractions and endless choices. I immediately put on Mozart and turned the volume all the way up. Then I grabbed my Bible and opened to Isaiah 43. I read:

> ***"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;***
> ***I have summoned you by name; you are mine.***
> ***When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;***
> ***and when you pass through the rivers,***
> ***they will not sweep over you." —Isaiah 43:1–2***

Something shifted. The circumstances hadn't changed. Wyatt was still getting married. The party was still happening. There were still people I couldn't control, conversations I couldn't predict, and circumstances I couldn't manage. But suddenly, I didn't have to.

What had started as a perfect storm of anxiety became a Sabbath pause. For a moment, I stopped strategizing. I stopped rehearsing every possible conversation. I stopped trying to anticipate every possible problem. And I rested. Not because I suddenly knew that everything would go exactly the way I wanted it to, but because I was reminded of something far more important:

God already knew.

He knew the future I was trying so desperately to anticipate. He knew Wyatt. He knew his fiancée. He knew her family. He knew every detail of that day—and every detail of the days that would follow. And He knew me. That morning, the words of Isaiah felt personal: ***"I have summoned you by name; you are mine."*** Before I was a mother trying to protect her son, before I was a woman trying to navigate complicated circumstances, before I was someone trying to figure out what might happen next, I was God's. And so was my son. That realization didn't remove my responsibility to love, pray, discern, or speak when necessary. But it did remind me that **I am not God in my children's lives.**

Sometimes parenting means making decisions for our children. Sometimes it means teaching, correcting, protecting, and setting boundaries. But there comes a point when our children make decisions we cannot make for them. And that can be terrifying. We can love them deeply and still disagree

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KIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS
SUNDAY MORNINGS | 10:15 AM–10:35 AM
KIDZONE ROOM | 2ND FLOOR

Rehearsals for our annual Christmas Concert will begin November 8th! We encourage all Grace Kids to stay for an extra 20 minutes after Sunday School each week, in November and December, as we practice our songs for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20, during the 9:00 AM worship service. Parents are welcome to socialize in the Garden Room or wait upstairs near the KidZone room during rehearsal. For more info, please contact Sarah Huck at 509-248-7940 ext. 110.

Family & Children's Ministry



SAVE THE DATE! STARRY STARRY NIGHT

Thursday | November 19 | 7pm | Sanctuary

Starry Starry Nights are evenings of classical and sacred music here at Grace. These evenings create a welcoming space and atmosphere for people who may not typically come to church to experience "church" in a new way. As a congregation, we are always looking for creative opportunities to engage with those beyond our walls, and hosting events like Starry Starry Night is one way we can do that.

God uses a variety of avenues to reach people and speak into their lives, and music is certainly one of them. Sometimes music can reach places within us that words simply cannot. It has a unique ability to comfort, inspire, and draw us closer to God and one another. By creating a space where people can enjoy an evening of beautiful classical and sacred music while also experiencing fellowship and community, we are providing an opportunity we don't want to miss. We invite you to join us for an exceptional night featuring Hal Ott - flute, Anne Schilperoort - piano, Grace of Christ Choir, and Naomi Wickson - vocal soloist. Bring a friend, and experience the beauty of music, community, and God's presence together.

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with them. We can have concerns we cannot resolve. We can see risks they don't see. We can wish they would wait, choose differently, or take another path. And sometimes the hardest act of faith is not knowing what will happen next. It is releasing our children into the hands of the God who loves them even more than we do. ***Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."*** Being still doesn't mean we don't care. It doesn't mean we stop praying. It doesn't mean we stop being parents. It means we stop trying to take God's place. That morning, Mozart was playing loudly in my living room, my Bible was open in front of me, and for the first time in hours, I wasn't trying to solve the future. I was simply resting in the God who already held it. And perhaps that is one of the gifts of Sabbath—not simply that we stop working, but that we stop trying to be in control. We remember that God is God. And we are not.

Grace and peace, Sarah



Mission Ministry

Find Your Mission.
Find Your Passion.

CHANGE HAS COME
to the Mission Ministry Team!

Change has come to the Missions Ministry Team... and it is a good thing constructed to better serve our missions and mission partners.

We have divided into TWO teams: Missions, including regional and international mission partners, and **Outreach**, including all local, Yakima-based ministries. Here is a breakdown of the new teams (in no particular order):

MISSIONS (Regional and International)
- Project Mercy, Ethiopia
- Aaron & Ronda Barker, Kona, Hawaii
- Garth & Caroline Gustafson, Cambodia
- David & Noni Graves, Indonesia
- Lani & Michael Johnson, Philippines
- Our unnamed friend in the Middle East
- Nathan & Emily McIndoo, CRU, Idaho
- Sacred Road Ministries, White Swan
- Conor Lincoln, WWU campus ministry
- Whitworth University
- Prayer project only: Huichol people of Mexico

OUTREACH (Local)
- Gerardo Mendoza, Young Life/Madison House
- Young Life
- Adams Elementary School
- FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
- Trailseekers/Orcas Encampment
- Yakima Union Gospel Mission
- Mabel Swan Manor
- Camp Ghormley
- Joseph Leary

Both are still missions; both are needed. When Jesus gave the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, He told His followers to go make disciples of all nations (all ethnic peoples), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Jesus had commanded them. In Acts 1:4, Jesus told His disciples that they were to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. In Acts 1:8, right before Jesus ascended to the Father, He told His followers that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit had come upon them, and they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Yakima is our Jerusalem, our home city; it is here where we start. But we must not stop there; we are to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Thus, we need to send missionaries to faraway places and unreached people groups as well. In all places, near and far, people need to know that Jesus is Lord, and that He saves!

WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "MISSIONS" WHAT COMES TO MIND?

Missions is about more than money. Beneath the financial support lies something far deeper: the heart of a church aligned with God's mission. Generous giving flows from a profound spiritual commitment, one rooted in worship, prayer, and a willingness to sacrifice.

Acts 13 provides a timeless model for a missions-oriented church: commitment to the Great Commission, earnest prayer and fasting, mobilization of missionaries, and a willingness to release loved ones for ministry. Prayer isn't optional in missions—it's foundational. Prayer fuels missions, paving the way for the gospel to reach the unreached.

A missional church embraces Jesus' mandate in ***Matthew 28:18-20: "Go and make disciples of all nations…"*** The Greek word for "nations" is ethne, referring to every ethnicity and people group. The church at Antioch understood that discipleship wasn't just a local responsibility—it was a global mission. Are we committed to the Great Commission, even when it's inconvenient or costly? Are we willing to embrace the call to reach every people group, no matter the challenges?



PLEASE PRAY FOR ANN MARIE & JUDAH

I serve full-time as the Communications Coordinator and Worship Director for Sacred Road Ministries. I am deeply grateful to be working as a part of the Sacred Road team!

Please Pray that the Lord would continue to equip, provide for, and sustain me as I follow His calling to serve the Yakama community. Pray that Judah and I would always be mindful of God's goodness and presence in our lives.

If you feel lead to partner financially, please use the QR code provided. Thank you for partnering with me! Contact:

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www.sacredroadministries.org/give
P.O. Box 400 Harrah, WA 98933

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SACRED ROAD

Mission Ministry

Not everyone is called to cross-cultural missions, but every believer is called to participate. Let's move beyond passive observation and actively engage in God's mission. Pray fervently, support generously, and encourage boldly. Missions isn't just for those who go—it's the work of the entire body of Christ. Let us commit to being a church that worships, prays, sends, and sacrifices for the sake of the gospel. Together, we can make an eternal impact.

The most generous churches are rarely the richest churches. It isn't the size of a gift. It is the consistency of the giver. The strongest predictor of generous giving is not income but, rather, spiritual engagement. The gospel changes not only what we believe but what we value, what we love, and what we gladly give away. Generosity is not manufactured through better fundraising. It is cultivated through deeper discipleship. Healthy disciples become generous disciples. Generous disciples become sending disciples. And sending disciples become part of God's work among the nations.

Our missions budget tells us something far deeper than how much money our church gives. It tells a story about the spiritual formation of our people. If generosity follows discipleship, then missions giving is not simply a financial metric. It is one indication of what we treasure. So before asking, "How can we increase our missions budget?" perhaps we should ask, "How can we treasure Christ more deeply?" When a church is captivated by the grace of God, generosity becomes a joyful response, and the nations are blessed as a result.

Excerpts from articles by pastor and missions leader Paul Davis, president of ABWE, a mission sending organization - shared by permission.

GREAT COMMISSION FUND FOLLOW-UP

Since its inception in November of 2020, The Great Commission Fund (GCF) has awarded close to $20,000 in funds to support and jumpstart mission work by bolstering global missions, funding mission trips, and developing young missionaries. Could you—or your favorite mission or missionary—be next in line to receive such an award? Applications are due each year on the first of March; consequently, the next application due date is on Monday, March 1, 2027.



Conor Lincoln at WWU Campus Christian Fellowship

A PDF of the Great Commission Fund application form can be found on Grace of Christ's website, at the bottom of the home page, under "GO-The Great Commission Fund". Or, ask a Mission Ministry Team member for assistance. Help us to spread the word about this life-changing endowment which is based upon Matthew 28:19-20 entrusting the charge to: GO MAKE DISCIPLES.

According to Great Commission Fund board member Donnie Ide, you don't have to become a globetrotter to make an impact in someone's spiritual life or to introduce them to the Lord (although some of the GCF awardees have done just that). "You don't have to trek to Mexico or to Central America, your ministry could be in your own backyard," explains Ide. The Great Commission Fund allows someone who is contemplating ministry to 'test the waters', so to speak, and explore options close to home as well as internationally.

The following are highlights from two GCF award winners who left the comforts of home behind and experienced God's global church.

Immersion to Tijuana, Mexico – Sam Brewer

"This experience not only helped me grow as a person, but it also helped me grow my faith," shares Sam Brewer, in a message to Grace of Christ via the Mission Ministry Team. "This was extremely important to me because I love any opportunity I can get to grow closer to God."

Reflecting upon his time in Tijuana this past April, Brewer stated that he received a much broader world-view. "I helped a vast amount of people in need, which opened my eyes to how other parts of the world experience everyday life." With a population close to two million, and a high poverty level, Tijuana is known as a magnet for people who have come from the poorer south of the nation, coupled with citizens from other nations, who are seeking to escape from extreme poverty. "Being able to connect with these people and make a real difference meant a lot to me."



Sam Brewer and fellow La Salle team members step out and serve.

Mission Ministry



The six-member Sudbury family can be found within this group photo of local Apolonian school children. Note the ukuleles.

Guatemala Highlights

Armed with ukuleles and stocked with soccer balls, the Sudbury family of six are equipped to share the love of Jesus with the people of Guatemala's Central Highlands region. Traveling approximately 54 kilometers from Guatemala City to the Santa Apolonia region, the Sudbury family–along with others from the Merge Ministries team–found themselves this past August in an indigenous community that faced high rates of poverty, wealth inequality, and malnutrition.

Focusing upon building intercultural relationships, the Sudbury children ages 6, 8, 11 and 14, spent much time getting to know the local school children and utilizing the musical instruments and sports equipment that they brought from home to make connections. And, each took turns acting in leadership roles to promote mutual learning and serving.

"My favorite part of the trip was playing with the kids and teaching them ukulele," 14-year-old Eli says. "I liked it because we got to build relationships with them and then I got to play soccer with them. I think I will remember how welcoming all the people here (Guatemala) were."

GUATEMALA HIGHLIGHTS

Scan this code to discover more and see actual footage from the Guatemalan trip.



Six-year-old Kai Sudbury comes alongside a new Apolonian friend.

Pray for the Nations

Huichol in Mexico



Source: Fernando Rosales - Wikimedia

Population:	62,000
World Popl:	68,500
Total Countries:	2
People Cluster:	Aztec
Main Language:	Huichol
Main Religion:	Ethnic Religions
Status:	Unreached
Evangelicals:	0.40%
Chr Adherents:	5.00%
Scripture:	Complete Bible

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"Declare His glory among the nations." Psalm 96:3

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Hospitality

— Linda Mathews

"For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function."
– Romans 12:4

"Rather than asking how we can grow, how we can improve our budget, how we can attract new people to attend on Sunday, we want to ask one more basic question…how do we best be the people of God today?" – Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagonfuhr

If you haven't read the whole article, I encourage you to do so. There is a strategic plan, as outlined in Pastor Gregory's article in the September - October GRACE ALIVE. It is refreshing and exciting to read about this. I look forward to seeing it come to fruition.



Sunday Morning Greeters

How we can grow? How we can attract new people to attend on Sunday? How we can get more volunteers? These are questions we have been asking ourselves, never thinking we might be asking the wrong questions. It seemed like these things would bring in more people who might like to volunteer. It is true, there is a current reality in our struggle for volunteers. For some time now, Linda and I have been scratching our heads trying to figure out how to get more people involved with the Hospitality Team. It became clear to us, eventually, that we weren't the only ones scratching our heads. As we look around, we see many others just like us in the Sanctuary, the Garden Room, classes, and meetings. We are an aging population and would love to see some younger volunteers come on board, as even during this time of transition, we continue to need volunteers in multiple areas. When we hear about youth in training, we get excited. Perhaps we will see them in the future being of great service in areas of interest to them.

Having said that, we have seen, recently, the Greeter's Sign-Up Sheets being more completely filled out. For this, we are grateful. When we see someone make a commitment to sign up on a regular basis, (you know who you are) maybe once or twice a month, every other month or whatever it looks like for them given their personal schedule, we are delighted and we thank you profusely. When enough people do this, it is beneficial for everyone.

WELCOME CENTER

Something else that comes to mind is the Welcome Center, in particular. We tell people "If you have questions, stop by the Welcome Center. They can help you." They can, if there is someone there. Working the Welcome Center can be fun because you see a lot of people. It can also be intimidating because you don't know all the answers to the questions that might be asked.



Welcome Desk

I have worked there many times over the years and I still don't know the answers to everything people ask. It is easy to direct them to someone who might know the answer or to pass their number on to someone who can get back to them. Sometimes it is just a place to drop off or pick up something lost or found.

There are sign-up sheets where people can sign up for upcoming events or pay for something and get a receipt. It can get quite busy, at times, so it is nice to have a couple people there to help each other out. You can sign up with a friend or solo, or sign up and meet someone new. Whatever you do, we are delighted to have you on our team.



Ushers

USHERS

If you have interest in becoming an Usher, please contact **Donnie by calling: 509-952-0238.**

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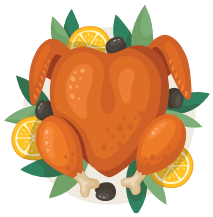
Thankful with Grace





THANKSGIVING SERVICE & ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22 | 10AM | SANCTUARY
POTLUCK | 11:15AM | GYM



Join us Sunday, November 22, for a special Spanish/English worship service at 10:00am, followed by our annual all-church Thanksgiving potluck in the gym at 11:15!

The church will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and Spanish rice. You're invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share (enough for 12 people, if able). Not sure what to bring? We don't want to run out of pumpkin pie, green bean casserole, mac & cheese, soft rolls, or stuffing! Or why not try a favorite Latino dish or dessert to celebrate our Spanish/English church family?

Todos son bienvenidos! Everyone is welcome at the table! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or through the church app with the number attending. We can't wait to celebrate and give thanks together!



SATURDAY SET-UP ~ SERVE SUNDAY

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 21 | GYM SET UP

Volunteers needed for Saturday set up on Nov 21 from 9AM to noon in the Gym.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22 | DAY OF PREP & SERVERS

Volunteers are also needed for the day of event to prep, serve, and greet. Please sign up at Welcome Center.

ADAMS GIVING TREE



- **Gift tags (for 250 students!)** available at Thanksgiving Potluck on NOV 22
- **Bring Unwrapped, New gifts to church by DEC 6**
- **No time for shopping?** You can donate funds, and we will do the shopping for you! Give online or with a check on Sunday (note "Giving Tree" in the memo)
- **Help wrap gifts on Tues, Dec 15** at 6:00pm in the gym with our Youth Group and Young Adults
- **Adams Giving Tree Event - Thur, December 17 5:30pm in the Adams Elementary School gym Volunteers come at 4:30pm**

Join us in celebrating Christmas with Adams Elementary students and their families. We will be serving dinner and blessing 250 kiddos with a Christmas present! Santa will be there for pictures by the tree. Wear your favorite holiday sweater and plan on a fun evening!

Gift tags and gift ideas available November 22nd. If you don't want to shop, you can donate funds and we'll do the shopping for you! This is an all-church event that has blessed students at Adams for many years. Other ways to participate will be helping us wrap the gifts on December 15 and of course attending the main event on Thursday, December 17 at the Adams Elementary gym. It is a great time! We need people to help serve food, mingle with families, greet at the doors, hand out gifts, and of course a quick clean up after dinner. The more the merrier!



Christmas at Grace





CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 24 | 4 PM | SANCTUARY

An interactive service for families. We're excited to walk through the story of Jesus' birth with you and your children (all ages!) Costumes will be provided, no rehearsal necessary! Come to take part or just to enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth as we create a living nativity. We will sing carols and light a candle bringing spirits of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Thursday, December 24th at 4pm. Doors open at 3:30pm. Come early to costume-up in the Garden Room!

Christmas fellowship with snacks and cocoa will follow the service in the Garden Room. Be sure to grab a family photo by the Christmas tree!



83RD ANNUAL CAROLS & CANDLES

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 24 | 7PM | SANCTUARY

This special service begins with an organ prelude, featuring Anne Schilperoort, at 7:00pm. Christmas carols - led by our Grace of Christ Choir, biblical readings, and special music begin at 7:30pm. There will be light snacks and punch in the Garden Room following the service. A perfect time for pictures by the Christmas tree! *(Extra parking available on street, Yakima Avenue, and in gravel parking lot across 7th Avenue from the church. Doors open at 6:30pm.)*

Mountain Meadow Christmas

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - DECEMBER 12-13

Do you need a fun family weekend in the mountains? Then this is for you! Get your family into the celebration of Christmas by spending a weekend at Camp Ghormley! Activities Include an amazing brunch, an epic gingerbread house building contest, Christmas crafts, a movie night, the option (extra cost) to cut down your own Christmas tree, and caroling! If there is snow, then count on tubing and sledding!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Amazing Brunch
- Gingerbread House Building Contest
- Tubing & Sledding
- Christmas Crafts
- Family Activities
- Family Night
  (Caroling, Devotions, and Movie Night!)
- Cut Down Your Own Christmas Tree



Register online: campghormley.com



Deacons

A Privilege to Serve Our Lord



Roses growing under a tree at Yakima College

These roses on the Yakima Valley College campus are growing under a tree. They have grown very tall, seeking the sunlight from under the shade of tree leaves. I stopped, during a walk across campus, to look and think about these roses seeking the light. I am reminded that I need to continually seek the light of Jesus as I am living in the shade (darkness) of the world.

Serving as a deacon at Grace of Christ has provided many opportunities for me to experience the light of Jesus. One is congregational care. We have many deacons who are so faithful to come alongside a church member who needs some extra loving care. They are shining the light of Jesus into people's lives. Another is the Celebration of Life events. Our deacons have done a lot of these this year. There is a comradery among believers working together to accomplish a task. There is light among the many who attend and fellowship together; there is joy even among sadness of losing a loved one. A third deacon opportunity to see the light of Jesus is the preparation, serving, and cleaning up of communion. I really do see the light of Jesus in people's faces when I serve them communion.

Thank you, God, for the opportunity and privilege to serve you. May you continue to shine your light upon the deacons and all who strive to listen and follow your ways.

– Stephanie Ahlgren

Finding Comfort in Our Shared Journey

First off, I'd like to extend a warm thank you to my fellow deacon, friend, and sister in Christ, Siegie Daniel, for her wonderfully touching article in our last issue of Grace Alive. As I was reading her piece, I was reminded of a truth I frequently share with others yet sometimes struggle to apply to myself. On the surface, this might seem hypocritical, but it stems from something much deeper. Over my years as a group leader and counselor, I have always tried to remind people that sharing our struggles, challenges, emotions, and stories helps us feel less isolated and alone. When we feel alone in whatever we are going through, it is easy to get lost and forget the resources available to help us. Pain, grief, and loneliness can blind us to the fact that we don't have to carry these burdens by ourselves.

Reading Siegie's reflection, I noticed how closely her feelings resonated with my own. When I zoom out beyond my immediate circle, I see that these struggles aren't unique to me or my world—they are woven into the universal human experience, touching almost everyone at some point in their lives. Realizing that loss and hardship are widely shared doesn't minimize our specific pain; rather, it anchors us to a broader community of shared human resilience.

My personal challenge is continually reminding myself of this incredible strength found in sharing—and taking comfort in knowing that our feelings, and even our healing processes, are remarkably similar to those of others walking a similar path.



Celebration of Life

Deacons

Another of God's amazing gifts that we sometimes forget (myself included) is the healing power of prayer. It is always okay to ask for prayer; there is profound solace in knowing others are lifting you up before God. As much as we might believe our situation is so unique that no one else could understand or empathize, the opposite is often true. The individual details of our stories may differ, but the emotions we carry are deeply shared.

Scripture offers countless reminders of God's power to heal and comfort, but this passage from Paul feels especially fitting:



Encouraging Each Other

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (NIV) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

If you are navigating a difficult season right now, please remember that your church family is here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out to our prayer team, Deacons, or Pastoral Care team—there is immense strength and comfort in seeking support together.

– Dave Geho



Sharing Communion

Hospitality cont. from page 11



Sunday Morning Coffee and Refreshments

REFRESHMENTS TEAM LEAD NEEDED

While Dave Whiteside has terminated his lead on the Refreshments Team, he continues to be present to help when he can. We will continue the search for a replacement leader unless we hear otherwise from Dave. In the meantime, a big Thank You goes out for all he does and has done for this team.

The refreshments team is also in need of two additional pairs of two, particularly for the 11:00 service.

Questions? Contact Linda Mathews at (509) 388-5527 or Cathy Campbell at (509) 961-0775.

FALL AND WINTER AT GRACE OF CHRIST

Last, but definitely not least. We are in the midst of fall and winter with many wonderful events happening. Please check the Grace of Christ App on-line for upcoming activities, the Welcome Center for sign-up sheets and your Sunday Church Bulletin for additional information.

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in His teaching." – Romans 12: 6-8



Grace of Christ Preschool



Amber Miller
Lead Preschool Teacher

Hello!

My name is Amber and I'm the lead Preschool Teacher here at Grace. I'm lucky to spend my days teaching alongside my wonderful assistant, Amiya.

Together we get to spend our days surrounded by curious little minds, big imaginations, and lots of laughter! We love making learning fun, encouraging little hearts to grow, and helping our preschoolers learn about Jesus and His love for them along the way!



Preschool Teachers Amber and Amiya



Dutch Apple Pie Preschool Fundraiser

ORDER BY NOV 10! | PICK-UP BEGINS NOV 21

Order your Dutch Apple Pies today and receive them in time for Thanksgiving! It's a delicious way to support the Grace of Christ Preschool Program! Pies are $25 Each.

Thanksgiving Joy!

A huge thank you to our wonderful church family for supporting our preschool by purchasing apple pies from our fundraiser! We are so grateful for your generosity and for helping make this fundraiser a success! Your support means so much to our preschool and our little students! Missed the order deadline? No worries! Stop by the church office and grab an extra pie while supplies last!



Outdoor play is a favorite time for our preschool students! They love exploring, playing, and enjoying God's beautiful creation while learning about the world around them.





Preschool students build hands-on learning skills through fun, engaging activities like measuring, baking, and crafting!

Grace of Christ Preschool



A Little Christmas Cheer for Your Home

*Homemade Cinnamon Ornaments**

Looking for a simple Christmas activity to enjoy with your family? These ornaments are easy to make and will fill your home with the warm, cozy smell of Christmas! Hang one on your tree, tie one on a gift, or simply enjoy their sweet cinnamon scent throughout the season.

You'll Need:

- **1 cup ground cinnamon**
- **1 TBSP white school glue**
- **1/4 cup applesauce**

***Ornaments are non-edible**

Directions:



1. Mix cinnamon, applesauce, and glue together until dough forms.

2. Knead the dough until it is smooth. If it feels too sticky, add some more cinnamon. Roll dough until about 1/4 inch thick and cut with your favorite cookie cutter.

Tip: small cookie cutters work best!

3. Using a straw, make a small hole near the top of each ornament for hanging. Bake them at 200 degrees for 1.5–2 hours, flipping halfway through.

4. Add ribbon and enjoy!





"God gives good gifts!" Matthew 7:11

This is one of our memory verses for December. Christmas is such an exciting time in preschool! Our little ones know all about the presents, Christmas trees, Santa, reindeer and all the fun that comes with the season. In the middle of all the excitement, we love helping our students remember the greatest gift of all- JESUS!

Christmas Highlights

- **Gingerbread Day -** We read about, bake, hunt, and create all day!
- **Ornaments -** Precious handmade ornaments go home every year.
- **Christmas Spirit Week -** Cozy PJ's, Holiday socks and hot cocoa!
- **Holiday Art -** Take a look at the hallway near the south doors!

Christmas Program – *December 18 at 10AM*

You're invited to our Preschool Christmas Program on Friday, December 18th at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary! Enjoy cookies and photos with Santa in the garden room after the program.

Scholarship Donations

Some of our preschool families rely on financial assistance to help make preschool possible for their children.

If you feel led to help, we invite you to consider making a one-time or ongoing gift to our Preschool Scholarship Fund. Gifts can be given online or on Sunday mornings. Simply mark your gift ***"Preschool Scholarships."***

Thank you for helping us give more children the opportunity to be part of our preschool family!

Camp Ghormley







MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 6-8 | GRADES: 6-8

COST: $150.00

Get excited for a weekend with friends at camp! Middle School Retreat is a classic weekend camp experience: paintball, high ropes course, meadow games, night games, amazing food, and amazing chapel session.

Our hope for the weekend is not only to have fun, but to encourage and challenge everyone to grow closer to our good and loving Creator with friends, new and old!

Register for the Middle School Retreat online: campghormley.com



PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for our staff team that God would protect us as we serve Him and that we would serve humbly!
- Pray for groups to fill our winter and spring calendar for this coming year.
- Pray as we plan, fundraise, and undertake exciting upcoming projects in this next year!

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Summer Ministry Impact 2026

CAMP GHORMLEY · NACHES, WASHINGTON

Lives transformed by Jesus through exceptional camping experiences







At a Glance

- **353** camper evaluations collected
- **98.6%** enjoyed being a camper
- **95.2%** had the chance to try new things
- **94.3%** felt respected by their cabin counselor
- **93.8%** felt comfortable making friends at camp
- **36.5%** were first-time campers

Spiritual Impact

- **88.4%** said their relationship with God was better after camp
- **87.3%** said the evening speaker helped their faith or knowledge of Christ
- **79.6%** said it was easy to talk with a counselor about Jesus or personal faith
- **78.2%** said they feel closer to God when outside in nature
- **61.5%** said they felt more comfortable outside in nature after camp

Spiritual Decisions / Next Steps

153	104	26
wanted to learn more about Christ	recommitted or renewed their faith	decided to follow Christ for the first time

Camper Voices

SPIRITUAL IMPACT

> *I was losing my faith, and camp helped me get it back.*
> — Chloe W., age 14

> *On Friday night, during the message and worship, I felt the presence of God for the first time.*
> — Journey D., age 13

FUN / MEMORIES

> *I will remember the zipline, pool, and big swing because it was really fun.*
> — Paisley R., age 8

> *This was the best week ever.*
> — Mark R., age 8

FRIENDSHIPS / COUNSELORS WHO CARED

> *I came here without knowing anyone and made so many genuine friendships.*
> — Rebecca L., age 16

> *My counselor was like an older sister and seriously changed my life in one week.*
> — Audrey M., age 14

Your support helps make moments like these possible —
creating a place where young people are known, challenged, encouraged, and invited to grow in Christ.

Sharing Life Together



STARRY STARRY NIGHT
THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 19 | 7PM | SANCTUARY

Starry Starry Night, an evening of classical and sacred music in our church sanctuary. Join us November 19th for an exceptional night featuring Hal Ott - flute, Anne Schilperoort - piano, Grace of Christ Choir, and Naomi Wickson - vocal soloist. Stay after the concert to enjoy delicious cake in the Garden Room. Invite a friend to this free concert; we hope to see you on the 19th!



ADAMS READING MINISTRY

The Adams Elementary Reading/ Mentoring Team is off to a great start this school year! Volunteers from Grace of Christ Church reach out to the staff and students at Adams, paired up with students for an hour each week to help with reading, share activities and most importantly, to provide a caring listening ear while encouraging their student.

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to talk with someone who has volunteered in the program, feel free to contact Tom Oliva.

Thank you to Walt Nelson, Kathy Mathison, Annaliese Eastridge, Cathy Campbell, Heather Rinden, Audrey Van Horn, Sally Halfmoon, Rick Murray, Rich Williams, Jean Schiewe, Linda Estela, Jim Fuhlman, Tom Oliva, and Nancy Gustafson for your involvement in this important program!



THANKSGIVING SERVICE & POTLUCK
SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22 | 10AM | SANCTUARY
POTLUCK | 11:15AM | GYM

Join us Sunday, November 22, for a special Spanish/ English worship service at 10:00am, followed by our annual all-church Thanksgiving potluck in the gym at 11:15! The church will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and Spanish rice. You're invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share (enough for 12 people, if able). Not sure what to bring? We don't want to run out of pumpkin pie, green bean casserole, mac & cheese, soft rolls, or stuffing! Or why not try a favorite Latino dish or dessert to celebrate our Spanish/ English church family?

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WOW BIBLE STUDY (WOMEN OF THE WORD)
TUESDAYS | JAN 19 – APRIL 6 | 9:45AM | LOUNGE

Join us as we meet weekly (as the weather allows!) to do a LifeGuide Bible study together. We enjoy hearing from a variety of gifted teachers, being able to ask questions, and fellowship together. Invite a friend and come check it out! We meet Tuesdays from 9:45am until 11:00am in the Lounge at the church. All women are welcome! Donna Fuhlman or Dorothy Stoltz are happy to answer any questions you have.

Sharing Life Together



KIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS
SUNDAY MORNINGS | 10:15 AM–10:35 AM
KIDZONE ROOM | 2ND FLOOR

Rehearsals for our annual Christmas Concert are begin November 8th! We encourage all Grace Kids to stay for an extra 20 minutes after Sunday School each week, in November and December, as we practice our songs for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20, during the 9:00 AM worship service. Parents are welcome to socialize in the Garden Room or wait upstairs near the KidZone room during rehearsal. For more info, please contact Sarah Huck at 509-248-7940 ext. 110.



DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!
TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 24 | 10 AM–2 PM

We are decking the halls in the church Garden Room, Sanctuary, and Fireside Room on Tuesday, Nov 24 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Bring a lunch, and come join in the Christmas fun as we prepare for the Advent & Christmas seasons.





ADAMS GIVING TREE

- **Gift tags (for 250 students!)** available at Thanksgiving Potluck on NOV 22.
- **Bring Unwrapped, New gifts to church by DEC 6!**
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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
THURSDAY | DECEMBER 24 | 4PM | SANCTUARY

Walk through the story of Jesus' birth with you and your children (all ages!) Costumes provided, no rehearsal necessary! Take part or simply enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth as we create a living nativity, sing carols, and light candles. Doors open at 3:30pm. Come early to costume-up in the Garden Room! Snacks and cocoa will follow the service.

83RD ANNUAL CAROLS & CANDLES SERVICE
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This special service begins with an organ prelude featuring Anne Schilperoort at 7pm, followed by Christmas carols led by the choir, bible readings, and special music. Doors open at 6:30pm. Enjoy refreshments in the Garden Room following the service. It's a perfect time for pictures by the Christmas tree!

Sunday Services

9AM SUNDAY SERVICE

9am Contemporary style worship, classes for children of all ages. Childcare available.

9am Grace Kids (K–5th grade) in KidZone 2nd Floor

9am Middle School and High School Clubs (6th–12th grade) Mezzanine and Lower Level Classrooms

9:15am Deeper Roots Adult Bible Study (Adult Ed Room)

11AM SUNDAY SERVICE

11am Traditional style worship with choir and pipe organ. Childcare available.

Prayer Available at the front of the sanctuary after each service.

Communion Served the First Sunday of each month at both services, unless otherwise noted.

Weekly Meetings and Classes

MONDAYS

Preschool 9am

Trailseekers 2:45pm Gym

Men's BSF 7pm-9pm Sanctuary

TUESDAYS

Preschool 9am

WOW Bible Study 9:45am Lounge

Youth Taco Tuesday! 6:00pm Gym

Handbell Rehearsals 6:30pm Mezzanine

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool 9am

Temple Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary

THURSDAYS

Preschool 9am

Sisters in Faith Book Study 5:30pm Lounge

Worship Team Rehearsal 6pm Sanctuary

FRIDAYS

Preschool 9:00am

Church Offices are Closed on Fridays

SATURDAYS

On Fire Ministry Youth Bible Study and Dinner 6pm Gym

Calendar of Events November

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Sun, Nov 1	**COMMUNION SUNDAY**	**9:00am & 11:00am**	**Sanctuary**
Tue, Nov 3	Staff Calendar Planning Meeting	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Nov 6-8	Middle School Retreat	All weekend	Camp Ghormley
Fri Nov 6	Sewing Group (Public)	9:00am - 3:00pm	Lounge
Sun, Nov 8	**Congregation Meeting: Vote on Slate of Officers**	**10:15am**	**Sanctuary**
Sun, Nov 8	Deacon Meeting	12:15pm	Lounge
Tue, Nov 10	Mission Team Meeting	3:30pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Nov 10	Business Ministry Team Meeting	4:00pm	Library
Wed, Nov 11	**VETERANS DAY / CHURCH CLOSED**		
Thur, Nov 12	Sisters in Faith Book Study - *last class until Spring*	5:30pm	Lounge
Thur, Nov 12	Sozo Monthly Leader Training	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Nov 17	Staff Bible Study	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Nov 17	Youth & YA Movie Night	6:00pm	Gym / Youth Rooms
Thur, Nov 19	Apple Pies Ready for Pick Up (Pre-Orders)	Noon - 5:00pm	Gym Kitchen
Thur, Nov 19	**Starry Starry Night Concert**	**7:00pm**	**Sanctuary**
Sun, Nov 22	**ONE SERVICE** **ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**	**10:00am** **11:15am**	**Sanctuary** **Gym**
Tue, Nov 24	**Decorate Church for Christmas!**		**Garden Room/Sanctuary**
Tue, Nov 24	*No Youth Taco Tuesday this Week!*		
Tue, Nov 24	Session Meeting	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Nov 26-27	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING - CHURCH CLOSED**	**All Day**	**Entire Church**
Sun, Nov 29	**First Sunday in Advent**		

Calendar of Events December - January

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Tue, Dec 1	Staff Calendar Planning Meeting	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Fri, Dec 4	Sewing Group (Public)	9:00am - 3:00pm	Lounge
Fri, Dec 4	Youth: Journey to Bethlehem - *Get details from your leaders!*		
Sat, Dec 5	Communion Set-Up	10:00am	Fireside Kitchen/Sanctuary
Sun, Dec 6	**Second Sunday in Advent**		
Sun, Dec 6	**COMMUNION SUNDAY**	**9:00am & 11:00am**	**Sanctuary**
Tue, Dec 8	WOW Bible Study - last one until	9:45am	Lounge
Tue, Dec 8	Church Officer Christmas Dinner	5:30pm	Garden Room
Tue, Dec 8	Session Meeting	6:45pm	Adult Ed Rm
Tue, Dec 8	Deacon Meeting	6:45pm	Lounge
Wed, Dec 9	Staff Christmas Lunch	12:00pm	Garden Room
Sat, Dec 12	Luminaria - Youth Event - Get details from your leaders!		Arboretum
Sun, Dec 13	**3rd Sunday in Advent**		
Tue, Dec 15	Staff Bible Study	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Dec 15	Wrap Gifts for Adams	6:00pm	Gym
Thur, Dec 17	**Adams Giving Tree Event**	**Volunteers 4:30pm 5:30pm**	**Adams Elementary Gym / Cafeteria**
Thur, Dec 17	Young Lives Dinner & Club	5:30pm	Garden Room
Fri, Dec 18	Preschool Christmas Program	10:00am	Sanctuary / Garden Room
Sat, Dec 19	Youth Cookie Decorating - Get details from your leaders!		Offsite
Sun, Dec 20	**Fourth Sunday in Advent**		
Sun, Dec 20	**Kids Sing (First Service)**	**9:00am**	**Sanctuary**
Sun, Dec 20	Kids & Family Breakfast	10:00am	KidZone Room
Dec 21 - Jan 3	Preschool Christmas Break December 21st through January 3rd.		
Thur, Dec 24	**Offices Closed Today**		
Thur, Dec 24	**Christmas Eve Family Pageant**	**4:00pm**	
Thur, Dec 24	**Christmas Eve Candles and Carols Service**	**7:00pm**	
Fri, Dec 25 **Dec 28 - Jan 2**	**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** **Church Offices Closed / Staff on Holiday Break December 25 through January 2nd**		
January			
Sun, Jan 3	**COMMUNION SUNDAY**	**9:00am & 11:00am**	**Sanctuary**
Sun, Jan 3	Grace Kids and Youth Club Resumes	9:00am	
Mon, Jan 4	Preschool Resumes Today	9:00am	Preschool Classroom
Tue, Jan 5	Staff Calendar Planning Meeting	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Jan 5	Taco Tuesday (Youth Group) Resumes	6:00pm	Gym
Fri, Jan 8	Sewing Group (Public)	9:00am	Lounge
Sun, Jan 10	New Officer Installation & Ordination	Both services	Sanctuary
Sun, Jan 10	Deacon Meeting	12:15pm	Lounge
Tue, Jan 12	Mission Team Meeting	3:30pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Jan 12	Business Ministry Team Meeting	4:00pm	Library
Thur, Jan 14	Sozo Monthly Leader Training	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Mon, Jan 18	**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY/CHURCH CLOSED**		
Tue, Jan 19	WOW Bible Study Begins Today (12 wks)	9:45am - 11:00am	Lounge
Tue, Jan 26	Session Meeting	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Jan 26	Youth Game Night (Taco Tuesday)	6:00pm	Gym


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