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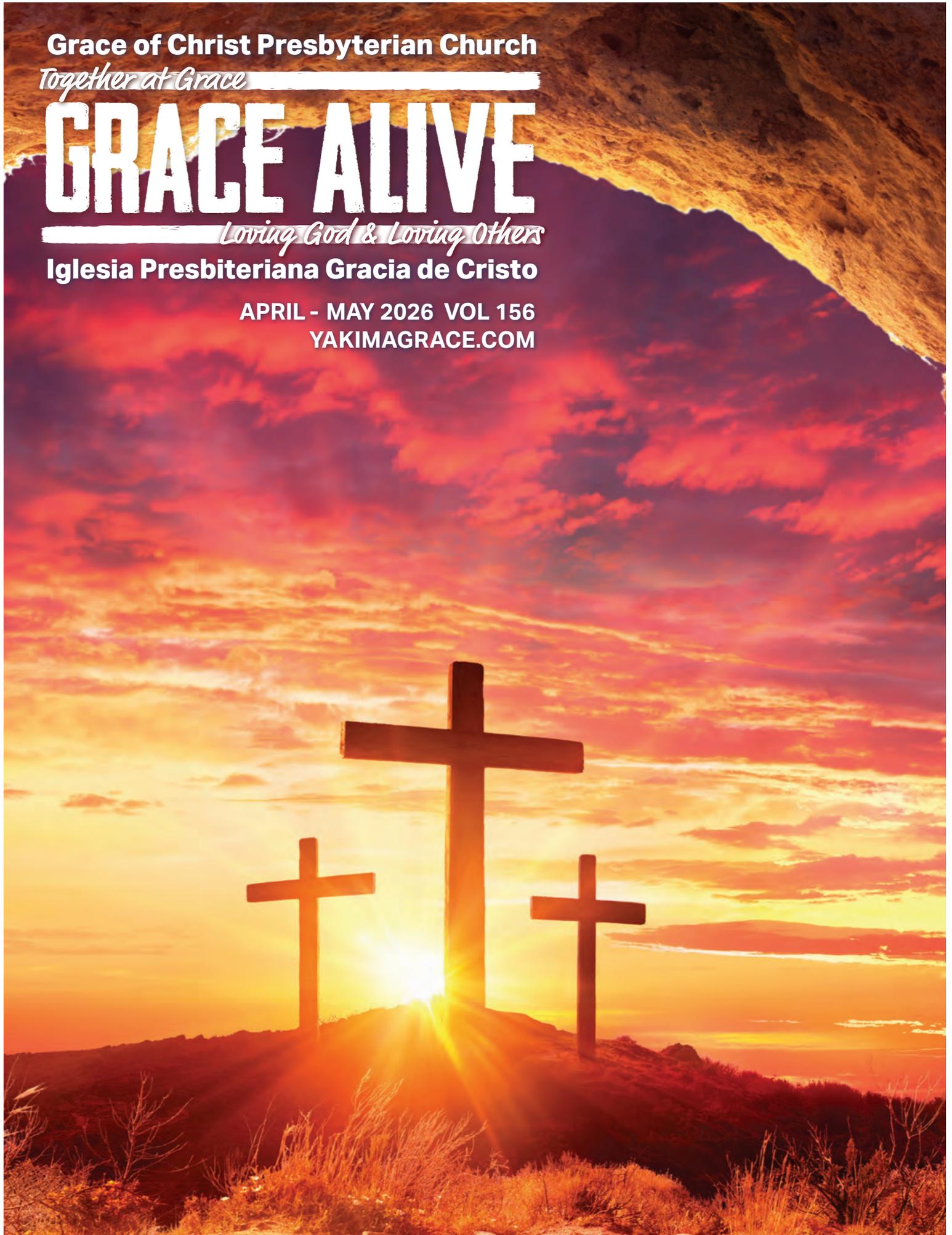
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Loving God & Loving Others

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Pastor

— *Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr*
Lead Pastor

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Spring is here and that, of course, means Easter. As we approach the definitive week of the life of Jesus, we should pause to reflect on what might seem obvious to long-term Christians, but odd to the world. For Paul, Jesus' resurrection is a scandal (literally: stumbling block) to his own people, and folly to the wise Greeks. I've heard people demean Christians as worshipping a sky-zombie. Others might think it's just wishful thinking that those who lost their beloved leader invented to cope with their loss. And apologetics folks might take the bait and start debating how the resurrection has historical plausibility.

I'm not here to do that, but to focus on what the death and resurrection of Jesus means for the gospel. Jesus believed that he had to go to die and taught his disciples he had to die. Why? Why would the Messiah, the one who was promised all authority and power have to die? Death would obviously prevent his victory, at least on worldly terms. But Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that his kingdom didn't have its source in the world. That didn't mean it was a spiritual kingdom for invisible spirits to live in after they die. Jesus really did mean for that kingdom to be in the flesh... after all, that's why he came in the flesh. He didn't come in the body to help people escape bodies, but to reclaim the body and the whole creation for God. And how was he going to do this? By the power of the sword or the promotion of propaganda? No. Jesus came to establish a kingdom people formed by a kingdom way, as they followed Jesus to the cross.

Jesus had to die at the hands of the world because that is the logical end of what happens when humans who pursue their own private and group-based goods come to. They end up kill-

ing each other and killing God, who might disagree with their choice of what is good. Jesus had to die to defeat the power of sin, a power that is rooted in the way we think about what is good and evil. Jesus had to attack sin at its root cause: the judgments people make. Only God is the author of good. The confrontation of human sin and God leads either to total condemnation of people, or of God's own death at human hands. And so Jesus came under the power of sin to bear in his flesh the wages of sin: death. Yet only God could have the power to defeat this power. By rising from the dead Jesus begins a new creation, an exodus for the whole creation that would no longer live under the power of sin, a creation set free. The resurrection of Jesus isn't about hoping his movement didn't die, or belief in a sky-zombie, it's the belief and hope that there's a different way that the world could work, that there's a different kingdom that could rule, that there's a way to live that doesn't revolve around death, money, and power. The resurrection is about the abundant life of Jesus Christ breaking into the world and transforming it through his own people. The resurrection is about forming a new people who live by a new law subject to a new king whose ways are not of this world.

Imagine if we could bring the hope of a renewed creation, not just for personal souls, but for all creation, to a world hell-bent on death? Would that be something people could get behind? Would that be "good news"? I certainly think so.

So, this spring, we're going to start a brief Wednesday evening class "*Ambassadors of Reconciliation*" that looks at how we might bring this gospel in real ways to the problems that real people face in our world today. My hope is that of this short study we could form groups of folks who want to go deeper in asking how we can bring the hope of the gospel to more specific areas and people of our local community. We have good news. Truly, the resurrection of Jesus is central to the message of our faith. God can do a new thing. God can bring new life to a world desperate for that good news.

— *Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr*

HOLY WEEK

- Mar 29 Palm Sunday** - Grace Kids Sing at 9am Service
- Apr 2 Maundy Thursday**
Communion & Tenebrae Service of Darkness . 7pm
- Apr 3 Good Friday**
Meditation & Reflection . 12n
- Apr 5 Resurrection Morning**
Easter SonRise . 6:30a
Contemporary Service 9a
Traditional Service 11a





AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

WED, APRIL 8-29 . 6-7:30P

CLASS SIGN-UP REQUESTED IN THE APP OR ONLINE * RSVP FOR CHILDCARE

Deacons

Reflections on Spring

As winter loosens its grip and the first signs of spring begin to stir, I'm reminded how the rhythms of nature mirror the rhythms of our faith. Serving as a deacon has made this connection feel even more vivid. The Lenten season, the joy of Easter morning, and the promise of the Resurrection all seem to speak more clearly when the world around us begins to thaw and bloom.

Lent has always been a season of reflection, but my relationship with it is a little different from what many might expect. Presbyterians, historically, do not observe Lent with the same formality or ritual emphasis that some other traditions do. Presbyterians tend to approach Lent in quieter, less ritual driven ways, rooted in personal conviction rather than obligation. This comes from Reformed theology, which emphasizes freedom of conscience and the belief that spiritual practices should arise from genuine desire, not requirement. Our tradition focuses more on the broad sweep of Christ's life, death, and resurrection than on specific liturgical practices. Even so, Lent has taken on a deeply personal meaning for me through quiet disciplines, intentional pauses, small acts of self denial, and moments of spiritual clearing—simple ways of making room for God to speak into the places I often fill with noise.

My understanding of this season has also been shaped by the people I encounter in ministry. Much of my time is spent with those navigating health concerns, chronic pain, or mobility challenges—people for whom getting to church is difficult or impossible. Some days that means sitting beside someone's recliner during a home visit, listening as they share the loneliness that settles in when illness limits their world. Other days it means walking the quiet hallways of a care facility or hospital, offering prayer to someone who feels forgotten or overwhelmed. I've also learned the value of serving alongside others - preparing meals, delivering communion, or

simply showing up together for someone who needs a familiar face. These moments remind me that ministry is woven through ordinary acts of presence: a gentle conversation, a shared silence, a handheld during a difficult moment.

Holy Week brings the weight of Christ's sacrifice into sharp focus. The cross is not just a symbol—it is a reminder that God meets us in our suffering, confusion, and brokenness. Many people carry quiet burdens: grief, exhaustion, questions they're afraid to voice. Holy Week gives us permission to acknowledge those places and bring them to the foot of the cross, trusting that Christ understands them more deeply than we ever could.

Then Easter morning arrives, and everything changes. The Resurrection is the heartbeat of our faith. It tells us that death does not have the final word, darkness does not win, and hope is never wasted. Spring makes that truth visible as the world wakes up around us. And in that awakening, I see a reflection of what God does in us. The Resurrection is not only about Christ rising from the tomb—it's about the ways God raises us from discouragement, fear, or seasons of spiritual dormancy. I've seen this quiet resurrection in the lives of others: moments when someone experiences relief from long standing ailments, a person rediscovering their faith, or someone finding peace in the middle of grief.

This is why Lent matters to me. It prepares my heart for Easter and reminds me that God is always at work, even when we cannot see it. It invites each of us to experience our own "spring"—a renewed sense of God's presence, a fresh hope, and a deeper awareness of the Resurrection power that continues to shape us.

— Dave Geho



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MAY 10

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Family & Children's Ministry

— Sarah Huck
Family & Children's
Ministry Director

Greetings Grace Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. I took a drive to the canyon this morning — I had to get away. Somehow, I find security and safety snuggled up against a giant mountain. I feel safe and secure there. Different than, say, looking out onto a lake or ocean. The mountain provides solid boundaries — tall walls you can't see through or easily get over. I suppose the same could be said of an ocean, but the ocean or a big lake can look endless.



Yakima River Canyon

When I am in the eye of the storm, I need to see “end.” I need to see the top and bottom of the mountain. I need to see the ridges and where it starts and ends. I need to see limits.

I was recently brought back to the book of Exodus and was rereading chapters 7–12, where Moses goes to Pharaoh and asks him to let God's people go. We all know this story so well, but what struck me was this: why could the magicians and sorcerers copy some of the plagues but not all of them?

They could turn staffs into snakes.

They could turn water into blood.

They were even able to bring up more frogs.

But the imitation stopped at the gnats. The magicians were not able to replicate that plague or any of the ones that followed. I found myself wondering, “What was so different

about the gnats? Were they too complicated to duplicate? More complex than snakes, blood, or frogs? Why did it stop there?”

When I can't find the answer to a question, I do what I always do — I ask Him.

I said, “God, why couldn't the magicians duplicate the gnats and the other plagues?”

And He said, “Because evil has limits.”

Those three words steadied me like the solid ground beneath my feet.

Evil has limits.

It is amazing how comforting I found those three words. Evil may have its day, a time, a season — but it is limited. I find that very reassuring. That is good news for anyone who has ever endured a trying time with no end in sight. When the bombs keep dropping, the bad news keeps coming, the illness never ends, the suffering never eases...

Matthew 8:29 states that when Jesus encountered two demon-possessed men, the demons cried out, “What do you want with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”

This reveals to me that even the forces of darkness are aware of a specific, predetermined time when their ability to cause harm will be legally and permanently terminated.

And if evil has limits, then God's faithfulness does not. His mercy does not. His presence does not. Sitting there in the canyon, pressed up against the mountain, I realized that the boundaries I crave in moments of fear are the very things that reveal His character. Evil may be allowed to move, but only within the borders God Himself has drawn. It cannot cross the line. It cannot extend its reach. It cannot outlast the One who set its expiration date.

When life feels endless, He is the One who shows us the edges.

When suffering feels boundless, He is the One who sets the boundary.

When darkness feels overwhelming, He is the One who says, “This far, and no farther.”

Sometimes we forget that God is not reacting to our circumstances — He is reigning over them. He is not scrambling to keep up with the enemy's schemes — He is sovereign over every moment, every detail, every breath. Even the forces of darkness know this. They know their time is short. They know their power is temporary. They know their authority is borrowed and will be revoked.

But we forget.

I forget.

Family & Children's Ministry

We look at the waves instead of the shore.

We stare into the storm instead of the mountain.

So, if you find yourself in a season that feels unending, remember this: evil has limits, but God does not. Your suffering has a boundary. Your trial has an end. Your night has a morning already appointed.

And just like the canyon walls that held me this morning, His presence surrounds you — not to trap you, but to steady you. Not to confine you, but to protect you. Not to restrict you, but to remind you that you are held by something stronger than anything that comes against you.

– Sarah Huck



Open Mic Poetry Night

On Wednesday, March 4th, we hosted an Open Mic Poetry Night and celebrated Reverend Dr. Gregory's latest book, *The Sabbath Gospel*. We also enjoyed a live art demonstration from local artist Israel Hunter. It was a beautiful and memorable evening.

My hope for this event was that it would be inviting enough to draw in our local community — that people would be curious enough to come. And they did! We had over 80 people join us that night, many from outside our own church walls.

What amazes me most is that about six or seven of those guests came to church the following Sunday. One young woman even brought her parents. God is so good.

So often, we pour effort into events and never see the attendees again. But this poetry night was different. Something shifted. Doors opened in unexpected ways, and the supernatural kingdom of God was at work. People engaged with one another deeply, and it became a beautiful picture of how the kingdom operates — a place where everyone has a place and a voice.

The diversity in the room was incredible to witness. It truly felt like a glimpse of the kingdom of God.





Grace of Christ Preschool

— Becca Mailand
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If You're Hoppy and You Know It!



Easter is about more than bunnies! Celebrating Jesus fills our classroom art, stories, chapel, and music time. Even after Easter, we continue to share how Jesus' death and resurrection fill us with hope and joy.

April and May are also filled with celebrating spring weather, flowers, community helpers, and watching our caterpillars

transform into butterflies. Watch us hop into spring with the classroom art that fills the hallway.



Art Show & OpenHouse

The entire community is invited to our 2nd annual art show! We transform the Garden Room into a beautiful gallery of art projects from the entire year. We'll have a silent auction and light refreshments. Come meet the artists and admire the work these students have created.



Preschool Hanging Basket Fundraiser!

It's time for our annual Preschool Hanging Basket Fundraiser! We make it easy to show your appreciation for all our Mom's do by offering gorgeous ready to gift hanging baskets – order in April in time for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10!



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Registration Is Filling Up Fast!

We are on our way to a full classroom for next year. We are still taking registrations if you know someone looking for a preschool. Please send them to our website for more information and request a tour. We are so excited to meet our new students and start connecting with families!

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Earth Day Arts & Crafts

Arts and crafts are a huge part of preschool! Some people ask what the difference is... Art is creativity, often sparked by an experience like a song, book, or activity. Artists are often independent and free to create. Crafts, on the other hand, challenge students to follow directions, use fine motor skills, and create something for a specific purpose.

This month, we challenge you to help the Earth by repurposing items from the recycling bin. Instead of throwing away a paper towel tub, create mini flowerpots. Take that old egg carton and make a hanging bird feeder. Pop bottles make excellent greenhouses. And so many things can create textures, canvases, and mosaics.

We want to see your best artistic and creative Earth Day works! Send me your pictures! becca@yakimagrace.com

Youth and Young Adults



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Student Ministry
Director



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Student Ministry
Assistant

sat, apr 4	Grace Youth Mystery Dinner
wed, apr 8	MS Meadowbrook Arcade
apr 10-12	HS Retreat & Seattle outing
sat, apr 18	YAM mini-golf
may 3, 10, 17	Youth Bake Sale (for summer camp)
wed, may 20	Bingo Fundraiser (for mission trip)
sun, may 31	Graduation Sunday

event details in the youth calendar - online or yakima grace app

We have increasingly encouraged our youth members to participate in defining our communities' actions and agendas over the last few months. While our leadership teams continue to lead with clear guidelines and goals for our overall mission and vision, we've enjoyed hearing from, empowering and equipping our Middle School, High School, Parental and Young Adult communities to reflect on their needs and passions in the context of being a family of faith.

The Youth Parent Council provided essential feedback and new ideas to improve student and family experiences as we grow in faith together. We began sending students home with a "weekly challenge card" which gives an overview of what students are learning and daily challenges for practicing those principles. The cards also provide parents and guardians with an easy way to share and support their students' spiritual goals from Club and Group during the week.

High School Students participate in monthly council meetings to discuss elements of Club and Group that they would like to discontinue, what they miss and want to bring back, what they love and want to continue, as well as ideas for new things they want to try in the future. One of the exciting products from these discussions has been discovering how much our young people would love to spend more quality time with the other adults our congregation. They plan to host a Bingo Night for the church as a way to pursue more time together with the larger Grace community.

They are also hoping for the chance to workshop with people of various skills and passions within our community.

The interns participating in our School of Ministry and Leadership continue to be the core group and energy behind most of our Young Adult community. We are leaning on these interns more and more in the Middle School and High School ministries, as well as media, worship, ushering, welcoming and more. They have become a crucial part of enriching this space on many levels and we are recruiting for our next class for the coming Fall. They led hiking trips during January and February, a bowling event in March, and they are planning a mini-golf road trip to Tri-cities in April.

Pray for us, support us and join us! We will continue to look for engaging and meaningful ways to grow in healthy relationship with God and healthy relationships with each other as we move into Spring and the end of the school year. We don't want to do it alone! Let's move TOGETHER towards all the best God has for us!



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TrailSeekers

Of Central Washington

Trailseekers' Orcas Encampment

As summer approaches, my mind turns toward the Trailseekers' Orcas Encampment. Twenty-one students from the Yakima School are selected each year to attend a five-day camp that takes them from Yakima to Orcas Island and back again. The students meet new friends, experience new foods and adventures, and most importantly learn about Jesus. When school starts again in the fall, those twenty-one students become a part of the Monday Trailseekers program. Several previous Grace Alive articles have discussed this aspect of Trailseekers.



However, that is not the end of the Trailseekers' program. After all, there are usually ten more weeks of summer vacation before the next school year. There is more camping to be done. My friend, Kathy Davis, who passed away last month, was a 30-year volunteer veteran teacher with the Trailseekers program. Orcas Encampment was just the beginning of her summer camping experience. Along with Greg Nebeker and a few other volunteers, Kathy would spend the rest of her summer on what she called "short-stop" camping trips. Previous



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graduates of the Orcas Encampment who are still school age are invited to smaller 2-3 day camping trips back on Orcas Island or other camping spots in the Washington Cascades.

From the stories that Kathy told me, these "short stops" were designed to renew the Trailseekers connection to nature and continue their learning about God, our Creator. Each summer varied in the number of actual "short-stops," but Kathy would spend the rest of her summer break planning, attending, and recovering from an average of ten "short-stops." According to Kathy, the itinerary of each "short-stop" depended upon the group size and age, but always included hiking, swimming, eating, sleeping in sleeping bags and lessons from the Bible. "Short-stops" provide the students the chance to explore their faith, all the while learning new responsibilities, new layers of respect, developing deeper, lasting relationships in a fun summer experience.

No matter what your summer plans look like, please take the time this summer for a few of your own "short-stops" and deepen your relationship with our Saviour.

– Michele Elledge



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Over 120 students joined us on our annual Table Rock sunset hike.



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Fresh Faces and New Stories

Thank you so much for your prayers as this new school year began! God has already been at work in incredible ways. We've been able to meet many new students, especially freshmen, and are beginning to walk alongside them as they figure out where they belong. Some are brand-new believers, some are just beginning to explore who Jesus is, and others are simply looking for a place to find real community.

What's been especially encouraging is watching students step out in faith. Many are eager to learn how to share the gospel and are already inviting friends into the mix. It feels like every week we're seeing fresh glimpses of God's work on campus, and we look forward to sharing more of these stories with you in the months ahead.

Fall Retreat

Our annual fall retreat took place September 19–21, with a total of 184 students, staff, and staff kids joining us this year. One of the highlights was a new approach we took to our men's and women's times. Instead of the usual format, we had a panel of staff men sit with the women students and a panel of staff women meet with the men. They fielded hon-



Tabling on campus, handing our Cru event fliers and meeting new students

est questions, offering advice, encouragement, and wisdom. Again and again, students told us this was the highlight of their retreat experience.

Another powerful story came from a student I disciple named Jonus. Some of you may remember him from last year — he was the student I'd been meeting with who gave his life to Jesus. This past year has been a journey of learning what it really looks like to live fully surrendered to God. During the last evening of retreat, Jonus went into the chapel alone and spent hours before the Lord. He broke down in prayer, wrestled with God's promises of a fulfilling life, and asked for direction. Through that time, he realized there were areas of his life he hadn't yet surrendered. He knew what he needed to do, and after retreat he made the difficult but faithful choice to reorder his life, including changes in his current relationship. The difference has been miraculous! I'm excited to continue walking with him and to see how he grows in living a life fully surrendered to God.



McIndoo Family

Thank you for your prayers and support!
– Nathan and Emily McIndoo



255 students attended our first Weekly Gathering!

Mission Ministry



FROM YAKIMA TO INDONESIA

An Update on David and Noni Graves

Have you ever wondered how missionaries physically travel to their unreached people groups? Wycliffe Bible Translators has created its own transportation division called JAARS. They are also missionaries and their mission field and focus is



David and Noni Graves

just a bit different if unexpected. JAARS missionaries focus on the transportation of people and supplies to and from the traditional mission field.

For Yakima native David Graves, his missionary field is as a JAARS pilot and is stationed at the Yajasi base in Sentani, Indonesia along with his wife Noni.



David and Noni have spent the last two months on home assignment in Washington state. On March 15th, they were able to drop by Grace of Christ church and share some of their most recent missionary experiences with the youth at Breakfast Club as well as a between Sunday services sharing time in the David Ferry Lounge.

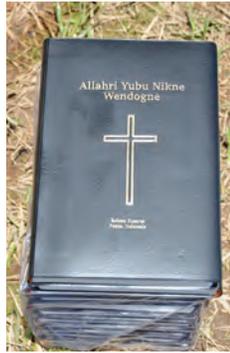
David flies JAARS owned airplanes over the mountainous island terrain of Papua, Indonesia, flying from village to village to larger cities. Some of his flights are for supplies, some are medical flights bringing mountain villagers to hospitals in the larger Papuan cities. But as a JAARS pilot, a major priority is to fly Wycliffe missionaries to and from their remote mission fields. The purpose of Wycliffe translators out on the mission field is to learn unique local languages, create a written language and then translate the Bible into that language. This preserves a unique local dialect and spreads the good news of the Gospel to an unreached people group.

As a recent empty-nest mother, God has shifted Noni's focus to local outreach. Through the use of her wonderful cooking skills and her warm approachable personality, Noni reaches out to her neighbors through meal programs as well as children and adult Bible classes that include scripture memorization and mealtime fellowship.



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Here are a few photos from their lives and ministries in Sentani over the last couple of years. If you were unable to visit with David and Noni during this most recent home assignment, please don't be discouraged. You can contact anyone on the Mission Ministry Team (MMT) for information about their next home assignment or to be added to their regular email updates.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HUICHOL *An Unreached People Group in Mexico*

What are their daily lives like?

For centuries the Huichol people have been subsistence farmers. They grow corn, beans, and squash, commonly called "the three sisters." Their agricultural practices involve a slash and burn method which causes ecological problems. The land they till is not fertile so there is malnutrition and low yields. They often hunt deer and other wild game. Cattle ranching is an important part of their economy. They seldom eat the beef but instead consume dairy products. They sell the cattle and lumber. Today the Huichol provide for themselves by growing and raising their own food, and extended Huichol families live together in rancho settlements. In these small communities, each family has a house around a central patio, and they all share a kitchen and a shrine dedicated to their ancestors. PRAY for the Huichol.



¿Cómo es la vida cotidiana de los Huicholes?

Por siglos los Huicholes han sido agricultores de subsistencia. Cultivan maíz, frijol, y calabaza, llamados "las tres hermanas". Sus prácticas agrícolas implican un método de roza y quema, que causan problemas ecológicos. La tierra que cultivan no es fértil así que hay malnutrición y cosecha baja. Ellos a menudo cazan ciervos y otros animales salvajes. La ganadería es otra parte importante de su economía. Raramente comen la carne, pero comen los productos lácteos. Venden el ganado y la madera. Hoy día los Huicholes son independientes y viven juntos en ranchos. En estas comunidades pequeñas, cada familia tiene su propia casa alrededor de un patio central, y comparten una cocina y un santuario dedicado a sus antepasados. ORE por los Huicholes. Información de: https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12141/MX.





Hospitality

— Linda Mathews

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” – 1 Peter 3:13

“Fellowship is our privilege and blessing whether it occurs in church, a Bible study, a small group or among our family.” “Share hope with those around you by making a conscious choice to let God’s love shine through your actions.” These words, expressed by Janet Krieger in her Waiting for Hope devotional at year end 2025, are not only fitting to where we are in our church and the world that surrounds us, they are descriptive of our mission as a team of Hospitality.



Refreshments



Greeters

As I read Grace Alive, I become increasingly aware of the opportunities to serve in our church. I see how many people, gifted with different skills, are involved in so many ways. We are so blessed. As for the Hospitality Team, being only a small part of the need for volunteers, we are grateful for every person who signs up to be a part of our team.

For those of you who helped during Christmastime with decorating, ushering, greeting, offering refreshments or manning the Welcome Center, thank you. Your help is invaluable. We couldn’t do this without you.

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REFRESHMENTS – Dave Whiteside – 509-945-3719

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” – Colossians 3:12

There are always things going on at GOC Church, so not only do we have sign-up sheets for Greeter’s and the Welcome Center, we also have seasonal and special events that require volunteer sign-ups. So, please stop by Sunday morning, and check us out.

The Hospitality Team hosted a soup dinner for Ash Wednesday on February 18 and a dinner on March 18 for current and potential Hospitality volunteers.

Easter Sunday is right around the corner. We would love to be generously covered with volunteers as there are multiple things going on that day including special treats and a photo opportunity for friends & family.

BAPTISM SUNDAY
MAY 10

INTERESTED? RSVP BY APRIL 30
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BAPTISM SUNDAY - MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday | May 10 | Sanctuary

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 WED, APRIL 8-29 . 6-7:30P

AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

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“If the church is an embassy of God’s kingdom and we are Christ’s ambassadors, how do we start talking about the issues our broader community faces today? How do we bring a Jesus-shaped kingdom focus to modern divisions? This class will introduce discussions about politics, gender and sexuality, conflict resolution, and race/ethnicity/culture to launch deeper discussions and other groups who might take up the responsibility of being ambassadors of Christ in these areas.”

Note: We are NOT doing a typical Weds@Grace (no dinner). Youth group still meets at 6:00pm weekly on Wednesdays, we will offer this class for 4 weeks in April, and there will be a childcare class for K-5th grade.

FIND YOUR MISSION * FIND YOUR PASSION
MISSION SUNDAY
APRIL 12
 LOCAL MISSIONS GUEST PREACHER
 GARRETT GRESS, YAKIMA YOUNG LIFE

GRACE YOUTH
MYSTERY DINNER
SAT APR 4 . 6-9P
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YAM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
MINI-GOLF ROAD TRIP
SAT APR 18 . 10A-4P
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 Let your heart rest - Your mind clear - Your spirit be refreshed
 April 10-12 @ Camp Ghormley & April 12 Seattle Day Trip

APRIL 12 * HIGH SCHOOL SEATTLE DAY TRIP
 Register & Pay Online \$10 * In the App or YakimaGrace.com youth

support youth ministries
HOMEMADE BAKE SALE
SUNDAY MAY 3, 10 & 17
 YOU GET YUMMIES . YOUTH GO TO CAMP

BINGO
DINNER & PRIZES
WED MAY 20 . 6-8P
FUNDRAISER - 2027 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

GRADUATION SUNDAY - MAY 31
 SENIORS, COLLEGE GRADS & 5TH GRADE PROMOTION
 9AM RECOGNITION & BRUNCH FOLLOWS
 NAMES, BIOS & PICTURES OF GRADS DUE MAY 10
celebrate!

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.

Calendar of Events April

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Sun, March 29	Palm Sunday - Kids Sing!	9am and 11am	Sanctuary
Thu, April 2	Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae Service	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Fri, April 3	Good Friday - Time for Prayer & Reflection (<i>walk in anytime</i>)	12p - 2:00p	Sanctuary
Sun, April 5	Easter Sunday Services	9am and 11am	Sanctuary
Sun, April 5	Easter SonRise Service (North Lawn)	6:30am	North Lawn
April 6–10	Preschool Spring Break		
Mon, April 6	Personnel Meeting	10:30am	
Wed, April 8	Business Ministry Team Meeting	3:00pm	Library
Wed's April 8–29	Pastor Gregory's Class: Ambassadors for Reconciliation (4 Weds in April)	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Chapel
Thu, April 9	Sozo Leader Training	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Fri April 10–12	High School Retreat at Camp Ghormley	All Weekend	Camp Ghormley / White Pass
Sun, April 12	Mission Sunday	All Morning	
Sun, April 12	High School Seattle Excursion	11:00am - 9:00pm	Seattle
Sun, April 12	Deacon Monthly Meeting	12:20pm	Lounge
Tue, April 14	Staff Calendar Planning Meeting	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Tue, April 14	Mission Team Meeting	3:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Wed, April 15	Preschool Board Meeting	12:30pm	Adult Ed Room
Thu, April 16	Young Lives Dinner and Bible Study	5:30pm	Garden Room
Fri, April 17	Next Steps: New Covenant Partner Class Part 1	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fireside Room
Fri, April 17	Trailseeker Leader Lock-In	6:00pm	Gym
Sat, April 18	YAM (Young Adult Ministry) Mini Golf in Tri Cities	10:00am - 4:00pm	Tri-Cities
Sat, April 18	Next Steps: New Covenant Partner Class Part 2	9:00am - 11:45am	Fireside Room
Tue, April 21	Staff Bible Study	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Tue, April 28	Session Meeting	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room

HOLY WEEK

- Mar 29** Palm Sunday - Grace Kids Sing at 9am Service
- Apr 2** Maundy Thursday
Communion & Tenebrae Service of Darkness . 7pm
- Apr 3** Good Friday
Meditation & Reflection . 12n
- Apr 5** Resurrection Morning
Easter SonRise . 6:30a
Contemporary Service 9a
Traditional Service 11a



join the team!
BELLS OF GRACE

REHEARSING TUESDAYS@6:30P
ABILITY TO READ MUSIC HELPFUL, BUT NOT A DEAL-BREAKER!
CONNECT WITH JULIE: JBHUNZIKER@GMAIL.COM

Weekly Meetings and Classes

MONDAYS

Preschool 9am
 Trailseekers 2:45pm Gym
 Men's BSF 7pm Sanctuary

THURSDAYS

Preschool 9am
 Women's BSF 9:15am Sanctuary
 Worship Team Rehearsal 6pm Sanctuary

TUESDAYS

Preschool 9am
 Men's BSF (Satellite) 7pm Lounge
 Handbell Rehearsals 6:30pm Mezzanine

FRIDAYS

Preschool 9:00am
 Church Office is Closed / Phones are Off on Fridays

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool 9am
 Youth Group 6pm Gym
 Temple Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary

SATURDAYS

On Fire Ministry Youth Bible Study & Dinner 6pm Gym

Calendar of Events May

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Fri, May 1	Sewing Group	9:00am	Lounge
Sat, May 2	Communion Set-Up	10:00am	Fireside Kitchen
Sun, May 3	Communion Sunday	9am and 11am	Sanctuary
Sun, May 3	Youth Bake Sale - Fundraiser for Summer Camps	All Morning	Garden Room
Mon, May 4	Personnel Meeting	10:30am	
Tue, May 5	Staff Calendar Planning Meeting	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Thu, May 7	Young Lives Dinner and Bible Study	5:30pm	Garden Room
Sun, May 10	Happy Mother's Day		
Sun, May 10	Baptism Sunday		
Sun, May 10	Youth Bake Sale - Fundraiser for Summer Camps	All Morning	Garden Room
Mon, May 11	Preschool Board Meeting	1:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, May 12	Mission Team Meeting	3:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Wed, May 13	Business Ministry Team Meeting	3:00pm	Library
Thu, May 14	Sozo Leader Training	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Sun, May 17	Youth Bake Sale - Fundraiser for Summer Camps	All Morning	Garden Room
Sun, May 17	Deacon Monthly Meeting	12:20pm	Lounge
Wed, May 20	Bingo Night - Youth Missions Fundraiser	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Church Gym
Thu, May 21	Young Lives Dinner and Bible Study	5:30pm	Garden Room
Thu, May 21	Starry Starry Night	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Sun, May 24	Youth Bake Sale - Fundraiser for Summer Camps	All Morning	Garden Room
Sun, May 24	Orcas Encampment Counselor Training	1:00pm	Lounge
Mon, May 25	Memorial Day - Church Closed		
Tue, May 26	Preschool Field Day	All Morning	North Lawn
Tue, May 26	Session Meeting	6:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Wed, May 27	Preschool Graduation / Last day of school	10:00am	Sanctuary/ Garden Rm
Sun, May 31	Senior Sunday - Celebrating our Grads	9:00am	Sanctuary
Sun, May 31	Senior Brunch	10:00am	Church Gym

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mon, June 1	Hosting Cross-Country Cyclists (Want to help serve dinner? Contact church office.)	Overnight	Church Gym
June 1-26	Preschool Summer Session - 4 weeks	9:00am - 1:00pm	Preschool Classroom
Sun, June 7	Davis Baccalaureate	2:00pm	Sanctuary
June 12-14	Outreach Camp	All Weekend	Camp Ghormley
June 14-19	Trailseeker Orcas Encampment		
Fri, June 19	Juneteenth - Church Closed		
Sun, June 21	Happy Father's Day		
July 3-4	Independence Day - Church Closed 3rd & 4th		
July 27-31	Taste of Africa Kid's Cooking Camp	Details Coming	Grace of Christ

AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 8-29 . 6-7:30P

If the church is an embassy of God's kingdom and we are Christ's ambassadors, how do we start talking about the issues our broader community faces today? How do we bring a Jesus-shaped kingdom focus to modern divisions?

In this 4-week class Pastor Gregory will introduce discussions about politics, gender and sexuality, conflict resolution, and race/ethnicity/culture to launch deeper discussions and other groups who might take up the responsibility of being Ambassadors of Christ in these areas.

CLASS SIGN-UP REQUESTED IN THE APP OR ONLINE
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE WITH RESERVATION

PARTNERING WITH GRACE

Explore what we believe at Grace and how you can officially partner with our mission

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

5:30-7:30P . DINNER PROVIDED

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9-11:45A . MORNING SNACKS

Class sign-up requested in the app or online
Please RSVP for childcare when you sign-up

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