

Grace of Christ Presbyterian Church
Together at Grace

GRACE ALIVE

Loving God & Loving Others

Iglesia Presbiteriana Gracia de Cristo

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2026 VOL 155
YAKIMAGRACE.COM





Pastor

— *Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr*
Lead Pastor

Lent 2026

Christmas is an easy season to understand, in a way. In midwinter we talk about Christ, the light of the world. We talk about wise men following stars. We think about new life. It's also easy to understand Advent, in a way, we wait for the time of Christmas as the days get shorter. But Easter can be a little more challenging because it hasn't been shoehorned into the season quite like Christmas has. Easter is, of course, about new life, but only because we focus on death. The season of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) prior to Easter is a time to contemplate death, to repent in dust and ashes, to consider things like the life of Job, the meaning of suffering, the problem of evil. All of that grates against Springtime and the joy we normally feel with warming weather. (Did you know that "Lent" derives from an Old English word, *lencten*, meaning "spring" related to the lengthening of days)? But what I like about Lent and Easter is that it reminds us that the new life is the beginning of a story, not the end. Salvation, rescue, forgiveness of sins, is not the *goal* of Christianity, it's the *foundation* of it. Springtime isn't the goal of an agricultural year; it's the foundation that sets us up for the harvest. Resurrection, the new life, is what enables the church to be empowered by the life of Christ and his Spirit to go and do the kind of work he has prepared for us. "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:10). Paul contemplates the pain of being in

his body in 2 Corinthians 5, considering how he would rather be with Jesus at home. Yet just a few verses later he says that "If anyone is in Christ, he is new creation. The old *has gone*, behold, the new *has come*" (2 Cor 5:17). While Paul knows he wants to be with Jesus, he considers that there is a reality to the resurrection that is here and now, that has already been accomplished in the resurrection of Jesus. And here we have to consider that the truth of the gospel is not found in the cross by itself. The cross isn't the meaning of Christianity, it is the resurrection, the ascension, and the commissioning too! Lent sets us up to consider how we have sinned and how bad the world is, yes... but that's not to set us up for an escape, but to be empowered by the resurrection of Jesus to be his people to counter the darkness. Easter is time when we claim with Paul that we are "More than conquerors through him who loved us" (Rom 8:37).

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr



Ash Wednesday

SUNDAY MORNING
ONE SERVICE
FEBRUARY 15 - 10AM
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWS WORSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
FOLLOWING 10AM WORSHIP

PURPOSE

2025 REVIEW & VISION FOR 2026

CONGREGATION VOTES:

2025 MEETING MINUTES & PASTORAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE

LIVESTREAM: [YAKIMAGRACE.COM/MTG](https://yakimagrace.com/mtg)

Deacons

Reflections on My First Year as a Deacon: A Year of Service and Blessing

As I look back on my first year serving as a Deacon, I'm struck by how much this role has shaped me more than I would have expected when I first said yes. I stepped into the position with a simple desire to help, to support the church I love, and to be available wherever I was needed. What I didn't anticipate was how deeply this year would bless me in return.

Serving as Deacon has given me a front row seat to the quiet, steady faithfulness that holds our church together. It's easy to think of ministry as something that happens only on Sunday mornings, but this year has shown me that some of the most meaningful moments happen in the in between spaces: a phone call to someone who's been on your heart, a doorstep conversation with a member who's been struggling, a prayer shared in a parking lot. These small, everyday interactions have reminded me that God often works through simple presence more than polished words.



Celebration of Life

One of the greatest privileges of this role has been walking alongside people during some of their most vulnerable moments. I've sat with families navigating grief, listened to stories of hardship and resilience, and witnessed firsthand the strength that comes from faith lived out in real life. These experiences have humbled me. They've taught me that being a Deacon isn't about having the right answers—it's about showing up with compassion, listening without judgment, and trusting that God is already at work long before I arrive.

I've also been encouraged by generosity and unity within our congregation. Over and over, I've seen people step in to help one another without hesitation. Meals delivered before anyone asks. Rides offered to appointments. Prayers lifted quietly and consistently. When you're serving behind the scenes, you start to notice these things more clearly, and it deepens your appreciation for the kind of church family we have. It's a blessing to witness so many acts of kindness that



Deacon Visit

never make it into announcements or bulletins but make a world of difference to the people receiving them. This year has stretched me in good ways, too. I've learned patience when schedules get complicated, grace when misunderstandings arise, and humility when I realize I can't do everything on my own. There were moments when I felt unsure or inadequate, but those were the moments that pushed me to rely more on prayer. I've come to understand that serving isn't about being perfect, it's about being willing. God fills in the gaps when we offer what we have.

Another unexpected blessing has been the relationships that have grown deeper through this work. Conversations that began with practical needs often opened the door to meaningful connection. I've learned more about the lives, histories, and hopes of the people that I visit. Those connections have strengthened my own faith and reminded me that the church is not a building, it's a community of people learning, growing, and supporting one another.

As I reflect on this last year, I'm filled with gratitude. Serving as a deacon has been a blessing because it always teaches me something, it has grounded me, challenged me, and reminded me of the beauty of simple service. I'm thankful for the trust the congregation has placed in me and for the ways God has used this role to shape my heart.

As I look ahead to another year, I do so with a renewed sense of purpose and hope. If this year has taught me anything, it's that God works powerfully through simple acts of care. And being part of that work, however small, has been one of the great blessings of my life.

— Dave Geho





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

Faith, Hope and Love. Thank you, Janet Krieger for the Advent Devotional you prepared for us this year. I have read and reread it. "Fellowship is our privilege and blessing whether it occurs in church, a Bible study, a small group or among our family." She concludes with "Share hope with those around you by making a conscious choice to let God's love shine through your actions." The entire devotional is so fitting for our being in community with each other, both in church and in the world that surrounds us.

We live in an incredibly difficult world, as described by Dr. Wagenfuhr in the December-January edition of Grace Alive. Yet we have so much to celebrate. We can live in darkness or light. We choose light. There are so many opportunities to serve and as I read Grace Alive, I become more aware just how many opportunities there are, right here in our church. I see how many people, gifted with different skills, are involved in so many ways. For this, we are blessed.

As for the Hospitality Team, we are only a small part of the need for volunteers. We are here to serve and are grateful for all those who signed up during Christmastime to help with ushering, greeting, offering refreshments and manning the

Welcome Center. If this is where your gifts are, we would love to have you on our team. If you are interested, please contact Linda Mathews, 509-697-3013 or Cathy Campbell, 509-961-0775 for Greeters and Welcome Center; Joann Benson, 509-965-2258 for Baptisms; or Dave Whiteside, 509-945-3719 for Refreshments.

The Hospitality Team will host a soup dinner for Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Sign-up sheets for volunteer helpers will be at the Welcome Center. There are no baptisms scheduled until Mother's Day. For that day, two have already been scheduled.



Greeters & Welcome Desk

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



Decorating the Church for Christmas

Ash Wednesday

Beginning a Season of Reflection
before the cross & resurrection of Jesus

Feb 18 . 5:45 Meal . 6:30 Worship

HOLY WEEK

Mar 29 Palm Sunday - Grace Kids Sing

Apr 2 Maundy Thursday
Communion & Tenebrae Service of Darkness . 7:30p

Apr 3 Good Friday
Meditation & Reflection . 12n

Apr 5 Resurrection Morning
Easter SonRise . 6:30a
Contemporary Service 9a
Traditional Service 11a

Youth and Young Adults



Kara Candid
Student Ministry
Director



Jahzeel Garcia
Student Ministry
Assistant



Connecting, Serving and Celebrating. That about sums up the last three months of Youth and Young adult community here at Grace. Over the course of December, the youth served their community and celebrated the good news of Christmas together. Our outreach to the Davis campus resulted in 17 visiting students coming to help us do the shopping for our Adams Elementary Giving Tree. Our local youth group came together to frost Christmas cookies for the Sunday morning social hour, wrap presents for Adams Giving Tree, meditate on the meaning of Christmas and celebrate God's faithfulness over the course of the year at our Christmas party.

We especially rejoice over the several youth and young adults who are receiving and growing through mentorship with our leaders here at Grace. To walk alongside them and provide stability, support and love through life's ups and downs is our high-

est privilege. To point them to the "springs of living water" that provide deep and lasting satisfaction is our hope; and to watch them choose that source and see it bring them life is pure joy.

We will continue this work of: Connecting with God and Connecting with Each Other; so that we might serve, grow, thrive and celebrate in healthy relationships with God and healthy relationships with each other. We look forward to inviting Youth and Young adults into more ownership and leadership within our community, so it will increasingly reflect the specific needs and passions of our current faith family.

Join us. Pray over us. Celebrate with us. Check out the Student Connection Table in the Garden Room for what Youth and Young Adults are up to next. And may your 2026 be filled with the felt presence of our Loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

— Kara Candid



Family & Children's Ministry

— Sarah Huck
Family & Children's
Ministry Director

Greetings Grace Family,

I'm writing this while looking at a piece of art I recently brought home. Some of you know I work at Yakima Valley Vintners, which happens to sit right next to the Larson Gallery. As an art lover, this proximity is both a blessing and a problem. I often wander in "just to look," only to find myself swept up in the beauty, the stories, and the mystery of whatever exhibit is on display.

Earlier this year, the gallery featured the work of a local artist I had known—someone who had recently passed away. Many of her pieces were available for purchase, while others were kept for the gallery's private collection. I found myself returning again and again, drawn to certain works without fully understanding why.

One afternoon, I noticed a stack of loose pencil drawings by this artist laid out on a table. When I asked the director about them, she simply said, "Make an offer." As I sifted through the stack, one sketch stopped me cold. It was a pencil drawing of a middle-aged woman, upside-down.

My breath caught. I knew instantly: *I need this*. Because it was me.

If anything had ever captured my life in that moment, it was this drawing. I immediately titled it "**Upside-down girl, living an upside-down life, in an upside-down kingdom.**"

When Life Turns Upside-Down

Upside-down can mean many things, but for me it meant sudden, seismic change—foundations shaking, expectations collapsing, values colliding, and a sense that everything I thought I understood was suddenly up for debate. My past, present, and future were all thrown into question at once.

The image that came to mind was Alice tumbling down the rabbit hole, though I've always hated that movie and only watched it once. Still, the metaphor fits: disorientation, confusion, and a sense of falling without knowing where the bottom is.

But Scripture tells us something surprising: **God often does His deepest work in upside-down places.**

The world offers countless ways to cope—self-help, self-medication, information gathering, emotional manipulation, distraction, denial. The list is endless. But none of these truly reorder the soul.

Only God does that.

Grace Kids sang in both worship services on Sunday, December 21.
They enjoyed breakfast with their families in the classroom between services.



Family & Children's Ministry

The Upside-Down Kingdom

The Kingdom of God has always been an inversion of the world's logic.

- The last will be first, and the first last (Matthew 20:16).
- Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).
- He has filled the hungry with good things but sent the rich away empty (Luke 1:53).

In God's Kingdom, the least are the most valued. The humble are lifted up. The weak become strong. Enemies are loved. Lower is higher. Transformation begins not from the outside in, but from the inside out (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Everything is flipped. Everything is reordered. Everything is redeemed.

And we are not invited to visit this kingdom occasionally—we are invited to *live* there.

The World's Upside-Down vs. God's

I admit it: I watched *Stranger Things*. Some of you know exactly where this is going. In the show, the upside-down is a dark, frightening world where nothing good happens. Sometimes characters enter it on purpose; sometimes they're dragged in. Either way, no one chooses it willingly.

And yet, the contrast between that upside-down and the kingdom we are called into could not be more profound.

The world's upside-down is chaos, fear, and disorientation. God's upside-down is healing, reordering, and redemption.

One turns life into confusion. The other turns life right side up in the only way that truly matters.

Reflection for the Grace Family

Where in your life do you feel upside-down right now? And what might God be trying to reorder, redeem, or reveal in that very place?

Ask Him to show you where He is and what He is doing. Then wait, watch, and cooperate with Him, for He will do a good work in you.

Sometimes the place that feels most disorienting is the very place where God is quietly turning us right side up.

– Sarah Huck

Grace Kids and families also participated in a Christmas Eve Family Christmas Pageant.





Grace of Christ Preschool

— Becca Mailand
yakimagrace.com/preschool

We LOVE our preschool!

February is filled with hearts, cupids, friendship, and a few snowflakes for good measure. Even though Valentines Day fills our craft corners and class projects, our focus is on our memory verse:

“We love because God first loved us!” – 1 John 4:19



Registration opens February 2!



3-day preschool + 5-day pre-k

We offer 3-day preschool and 5-day pre-Kindergarten options. Our skilled teachers build preschool knowledge: identifying and writing uppercase and lowercase letters and numbers 0-20, knowing colors and shapes, identifying patterns, learning about science/social studies topics, and vocabulary building. We also offer music and PE classes. The most important distinction about our program is the way we share God's love through chapel, music, arts & crafts, closing prayer, story time, and more!

Schedule your preschool tour!

If you have a little one who will be 3–5 years old by this August (or know a family member or friend who does), please send them to us for a tour of our class, to meet our teachers, and get registered for 2026-27!

yakimagrace.com/preschool

Make a Winter Bird Feeder

Quick & Easy!

You will need:

- Toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- Peanut butter or shortening
- String or pipe cleaner (optional)

Coat: Spread peanut butter, shortening, or suet onto the outside of an empty toilet paper or paper towel tube.

Roll: Pour birdseed onto a plate and roll the sticky tube in the seeds until fully coated.

Hang: Place the tube on a bush or low tree branch. Or thread a string or pipe cleaner through the tube and tie it, then hang from a tree branch.



Winter Weather Wonder!

It's that time of year when the holidays are finished and spirits can feel a bit damp. But thankfully we never outgrow some late winter activities that are PERFECT for filling gloomy days. Make it a goal to spend a little time each week making fun winter memories. Here are some easy ideas:

- Make a DIY bird feeder (Directions above)
- Take a winter hike near Fullbright Park or Ahtanum Ridge
- Get bundled up and go stargazing on a clear night
- Read “Stone Soup” and work together to make a giant pot for dinner
- Play charades (either buy a set of cards or make your own!)
- Have a stuffy story time! Line up all the stuffies and take turns reading or telling stories to the entire family

Which ones will you do? What are other things I missed? Let me know! I love more ideas to do with my own kids in winter.

Announcements



This is the best time of year to come in for a tour of our preschool, talk to teachers, and pick up an enrollment packet.

Schedule your tour today!
Call (509) 248-7940

PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

5 Day Option: Monday - Friday
9am - 12 noon



This class is designed for children who are 4 years old by August 31 and intend to register for Kindergarten next fall. Students in this class participate in several classes throughout the week including Chapel, Music and PE.

PRESCHOOL CLASS

3 Day Option: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am - 12 noon

This class is ideal for children age 3 or 4 who are ready to learn, with or without previous preschool experience.

This class will focus on helping children prepare for Kindergarten or our Pre-Kindergarten class.



LEARN MORE: YAKIMAGRACE.COM/PRESCHOOL

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
FOLLOWING 10AM WORSHIP

PURPOSE

2025 REVIEW & VISION FOR 2026

CONGREGATION VOTES:

2025 MEETING MINUTES & PASTORAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE

LIVESTREAM: YAKIMAGRACE.COM/MTG

ONE SERVICE - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 10AM | Sanctuary

Join us as we all gather together in the Sanctuary for one service on Sunday, February 15th! This special 10am service will be followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting.



ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 18

DINNER 5:45P | PRAYER 6P | SERVICE 6:30P

The Hospitality Team will host a soup dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 5:45pm in the Garden Room. There will be two different soups to choose from. There is a sign-up sheet in the Garden Room for those of you who would like to help. Whether you are volunteering to help or participating in the meal, we would love to see you there.

HOLY WEEK

Mar 29 Palm Sunday - Grace Kids Sing

Apr 2 Maundy Thursday
Communion & Tenebrae Service of Darkness . 7:30p

Apr 3 Good Friday
Meditation & Reflection . 12n

Apr 5 Resurrection Morning
Easter SonRise . 6:30a
Contemporary Service 9a
Traditional Service 11a



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – Grace Kids Sing at 9a and 11a

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 – Communion and Tenebrae Service of Darkness 7:30p

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – Service of Reflection at 12 noon

RESURRECTION MORNING, APRIL 5 – Easter SonRise 6:30a
Contemporary 9a | Traditional 11a

Mission Ministry



**Find Your Mission.
Find Your Passion.**

MISSION PRAYER CALENDAR

Thank you for keeping missions & our missionaries in your prayers!

Please refer to the last Grace Alive (December-January) for the Mission Prayer Calendar. Pray for our missions, missionaries, and church interests all year long, with a specific thing to pray for each day of the month. Copies of the Missions Prayer Calendar by itself are available in the church office and on the Missions table.



**FROM THE BARKERS
Ministry & Family Update**

Aloha Grace Alive family,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. We are deeply grateful for your partnership as our sending church. This church is especially meaningful to us — Aaron's dad, Steve Barker, pastored here for over 25 years, and it is where Aaron grew up. As a young adult, Aaron also served on the worship team and summer staff at Camp Ghormley, and those experiences were formative in his faith and calling. While our visits to Yakima are rare these days, we still have family in the area and continue to carry the Yakima Valley in our hearts.

This season has been full of meaningful milestones. Just a couple of weeks ago, in December, Aaron completed and graduated from his Doctor of Ministry program. His studies focused on helping worship leaders grow in cultural awareness, biblical grounding, and practical leadership skills.

As part of that journey, Aaron traveled to YWAM Lausanne in Switzerland with Ariel, making the trip especially meaningful for our family. During that time, Aaron taught and researched while serving students from many nations and backgrounds. Seeing students worship and learn together across cultures was a powerful reminder of God's heart for unity in His global Church.

Here at home in Kona, we are also celebrating a major milestone. After six years of construction, Mokuaukua Church — the first church in Hawai'i, established in 1820 — has reopened its historic sanctuary. It has been a joy to gather again in that space and to look forward to fresh ministry opportunities together. We are especially grateful that Grace of Christ, Yakima, has been part of that story — including sending a missions team a couple of summers ago to serve alongside our church through Vacation Bible School and other service projects. Thank you for coming, serving, and blessing our community... *a hui hou* — and come again!

Aaron continues serving as Worship Pastor at Mokuaukua during this season of renewed life for the church. Music remains an important thread beyond the church walls. Through teaching, collaboration, and performing — including ongoing work with LT Smooth and opportunities such as traveling to Davos during the World Economic Forum — Aaron seeks to love well, lead well, and bring the love of Christ to each setting. This same heart has also shaped a creative expression Aaron founded and directed for many years: YWAM Kona Music, which recently released *Missionary Anthem (Global EP)* — a single song translated and recorded in multiple languages as an expression of worship from and for the nations.



Mission Ministry

Ronda teaches leadership and serves as the Student Activities Coordinator at Kealakehe Intermediate, where she enjoys walking alongside students during important seasons of growth and development. She has also begun doctoral studies in educational leadership, focusing on multicultural communication and global education — an area that closely aligns with much of what we are both learning in this season.

Our kids are each in new chapters as well. Jacob lives in Nashville, working at Castle Recording Studios and downtown on Broadway as a barback — surrounded by music all day, every day. Ariel is living in Fort Collins, working while actively seeking opportunities to serve as a firefighter or EMT. Hailey is in her freshman year at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, settling into college life.

We continue to learn that faithfulness often looks like showing up, listening well, serving with humility, and trusting God to work through steady, faithful steps. Thank you for walking with us and for the many ways you have shared in this journey. We carry you with us wherever we go.

*With aloha,
Aaron & Ronda Barker*



HUICHO PRAYER PROJECT

Pray for the Huichol People Group in Mexico



Huichol in Mexico

Traditional Huichol religion is closely tied in with their social and political practices. They have 120 deities, one of which is Tayau, the "father sun" god. He can bring danger and misfortune if they don't obey him. An important part of traditional Huichol religion is shamanism which is tied in with peyote and a 300 mile pilgrimage to their paradise, Wirikuta. When the pilgrim reaches Wirikuta, he seeks out the peyote, eats the first piece he finds, and collects a year's supply to take home to the shaman. Huichols believe the visions that come from the peyote-induced hallucinations help the shaman to contact the gods. The shamans are able to communicate with the gods through long prayers and ceremonies. This is how they find out how to deal with practical matters like illnesses and other misfortunes.

The Huichol believe that when a person dies, his soul embarks on a five-year journey through the underworld. After the journey, the soul returns to earth and is captured by a shaman in the form of a rock crystal. The crystal is placed in the family shrine to be anointed with blood and offered food as if it were a living being.

The Roman Catholic Church has made inroads into Huichol belief systems, but they typically allow for non-biblical beliefs to remain. There are efforts to take Jesus Christ to them to help free them from fear and unclean spirits that torment them.

How you can pray

- Pray that current mission efforts will result in spiritual blessings for the Huichols so they will be free from wicked spirits.
- Pray for power encounters that will convince the Huichol people that they can only depend on the power and holiness of Jesus Christ.

www.joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12141/MX

Mission Ministry

PROYECTO DE ORACIÓN HUICHOLO

Ora por el grupo étnico Huichol en México

La religion tradicional de los Huicholes tiene que ver con sus prácticas sociales y políticas. Tienen 120 dioses. Uno se llama Tayau, el 'padre sol'. Él puede traer peligro y desgracia si no lo obedecen. Una parte importante de su religion es el chamanismo que tiene que ver con el peyote y un peregrinaje de 300 millas a su paraíso, Wirikuta. Cuando el peregrino llega a Wirikuta, busca el peyote, come el primer trozo que encuentra, y recoge una cantidad suficiente para un año para el chaman. Los Huicholes creen que las alucinaciones que vienen del peyote ayudan al chaman a contactar a los dioses. Los chamanes se comunican con los dioses por medio de largas oraciones y ceremonias. Así descubren cómo hacer frente a todas las cosas como enfermedades y otras desgracias.

Los Huicholes creen que cuando una persona muere, su alma empieza un viaje de cinco años por el mundo de abajo. Después del viaje, el alma regresa a la tierra y se transforma en un cristal de roca. La familia pone el cristal en una ofrenda donde lo ungen y ofrecen comida como si fuera un ser humano.

La iglesia Católica ha logrado avances en el sistema de creencias de los Huicholes, pero típicamente permiten que la etnia guarde creencias no bíblicas. Hay esfuerzos que los llevan a Jesucristo para liberarlos del miedo y de los espíritus malos que los atormentan.

Cómo puedes orar

- Ore que los esfuerzos misioneros actuales resulten en bendiciones espirituales por los Huicholes para que sean libres de los espíritus malos.
- Ore por encuentros de poder que les muestren a los Huicholes que sólo pueden confiar en el poder y la santidad de Jesucristo.



Papyrus Paper Miniscrolls

NEW Pyriam's Papyrus Miniscrolls

The Pyriam Miniscroll features verses from the Old and New Testaments printed on papyrus paper, wrapped around finely stained wood dowels. A wood base for holding the Miniscroll is included.



Handmade Miniscrolls
Made from papyrus paper

Buy mini scrolls to help support Pyriam in Egypt. \$15 in the church office or at the Welcome Center. This is one of our church's mission projects.

Numbers 6:24 - Now also available on Amazon.

Why Papyrus?

Papyrus was extensively used by pharaohs and the ancient Egyptians for various purposes. It played an important role in the cultural and religious traditions of ancient Egypt and the surrounding regions, and it continues to be an important material in the study of biblical history and archaeology.

Pictured to the right:

St. John's Papyrus Fragment reproduced by courtesy of the University Librarian and Director, The John Rylands University Library, The University of Manchester.

- The word 'paper' comes from papyrus. Pronounced 'pa PIE russ'
- Moses' mother saved him by hiding him in a basket made of papyrus. Exodus 2



St. John's
Papyrus Fragment

Papyrus paper is still 100% handmade in villages along the Nile River. The papyrus reed is cut into thin strips. The strips are soaked and laid out in two layers. After a series of presses, the papyrus paper is complete.

Most of the Bible was probably first written on papyrus paper. Papyrus was the standard paper long before Moses wrote Genesis (around 1500 B.C.) until long after the Apostle John wrote Revelation (around A.D. 95).

Handcrafted in Egypt, Pyriam Original Papyrus Gifts employs the talents of artists and craftsmen to produce each handcrafted piece. Papyrus is made using the same 5000 year old method!

To learn more and support this ministry: www.pyriam.com

Camp Ghormley



great
commandments
gcm MINISTRIES

Young Adult
Discipleship Retreat
12th Grade - 28 Years Old

register: www.campghormley.com

YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT FEBRUARY 13-15 | CAMP GHORMLEY

Sign up for a weekend to refresh and deepen your faith in our Creator through fellowship, worship, and great speaker sessions with other, like-minded young adults.

Learn about camp ministry and about Great Commandment Ministry - a local discipleship ministry that we are partnering with to make this a great weekend! We hope that this weekend will help you take the next step in your journey of faith.

Registration and more information:

<https://www.campghormley.com/young-adult-discipleship-retreat/>



MOUNTAIN MEADOW RECAP

We had a great Mountain Meadow Christmas 2025! Despite the lack of snow at camp, families still enjoyed the usual festivities of gingerbread house making, crafts, games, ziplining, and of course everyone enjoyed the amazing food throughout the day!

Many families make this their yearly tradition, so it was great to welcome back many familiar faces, as well as some new guests. Thanks to all who joined us!

ONLINE GIVING

We are so blessed by those who support the ministry of Ghormley financially! Regular donor support is a key lifeline to the Lord's work continuing here at camp. If you'd like to see what support opportunities we currently have, please visit www.campghormley.com/donate. Thank you!



NEW OFFICE

Our new office has been completed! Thank you to Grace of Christ and all individuals who supported us financially to complete this project. We're excited that we now have a current and up-to-date space to welcome parents of campers and guest group leaders. Included in the building is a new nurse station, freeing up Alder and increasing our maximum camper capacity in the summer.

Register for these events and more at www.campghormley.com

Sharing Life Together at Grace



WOW | TUESDAYS | 9:45AM | LOUNGE

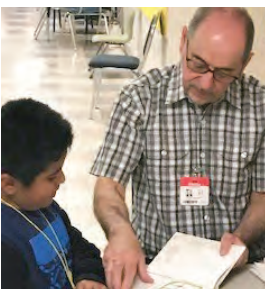
The WOW (Women of the Word) Bible study is digging into the action-packed gospel of Mark. The fall class followed Jesus through the first eight chapters revealing evidence to the question “Who do you say I am?” We have resumed our Life Guide “Follow Me” study, walk with Jesus to the Cross and learn through the eyes of Mark more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him.

All Grace women and their friends are welcome. You will find a warm, welcoming gathering of women who are eager to dig into God’s word and who support one another in fellowship and prayer. Come join us on Tuesdays through March 31 from 9:45-11:00am, in the Lounge.



KOINONIA - Meals with the Wagenfuhrs

You are invited to join us for fellowship and a potluck meal with our new pastor, Gregory and his wife Ainhua. The host will provide the main dish and connect with you to coordinate a possible side or dessert. To sign up for an upcoming meal, go to yakimagrace.com/koinonia and click on the day and time that work for you! Interested in hosting a future event? Click on “Be A Host” to find out more.



BELLS OF GRACE | TUESDAYS | 5:30PM | YOUTH RM

What have Bells of Grace been up to this fall? We have a consistent group of six with the addition of two experienced ringers relatively new to Yakima, but who attend other churches. That makes three Grace of Christ members and three non-members. We also have a list of just as many subs we often call on. We are thankful for each participant.

After having a false start on a quartet piece, “We Gather Together,” we tackled a couple of 12-bell songs, “My Father’s World” for the Thanksgiving season, and “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” for Christmas Eve. We enjoy these lively pieces that give no ringer the “down time” that we often find in full choir selections. I also played the bell tree version of “Change Ring Prelude on Divinum Mysterium” at Grace as well as at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Thanks to both Anne and Becca accompanying on the piano.

Looking ahead, we are planning to play “Meditation on Beautiful Savior” in February and “Owed to Joy” (variations on Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy”) in May. We’ll be calling on our subs to fill in a seventh position on those pieces. Again, we are so thankful for the subs.

We’ll continue with our “Learn to Ring” sessions on the third Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 so that our regular rehearsal can meet. Join us if you are a music reader. You are even welcome to stay for the rehearsal and play alongside an experienced ringer with duplicate bells.

Rehearsals are relatively low-key and we are a friendly group who laugh often and support each other at all times. I’ll admit that belies the serious faces we have when playing in the worship service. Join us, whether it be once or twice or for a month at a time.

Questions? Contact Julie at (530)209-4329 or email jbhunziker@gmail.com.

ADAMS READING MINISTRY

Join our Reading Team – once a week for an hour, you will be paired up with an Adams student. Reading Mentors help students with reading, share in activities and most importantly, to provide a caring listening ear while encouraging their student. Contact Tom Oliva or the church office for more information.

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

MONDAYS

Preschool 9:00am
Trailseekers 2:45pm Gym
Men's BSF 7:00pm Sanctuary

TUESDAYS

Preschool 9am
WOW Bible Study 9:45am Lounge
Men's BSF (Satellite) 7pm Lounge
Bells Rehearsals 6:30pm Mezzanine

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.

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool 9:00am
Youth Group 6:00pm
Weds@Grace 6:00pm
Temple Choir Rehearsal 7pm

THURSDAYS

Preschool 9:00am
Women's BSF 9:15am
Worship Team Rehearsal 6pm

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

On Fire Ministry Youth Bible Study & Dinner 6pm Gym

Calendar of Events February - March

DATE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Sun, Feb 1	Communion Sunday	Both Services	Sanctuary
Mon, Feb 2	Personnel Meeting	10:30am	Library
Tue, Feb 3	WOW Bible Study (Tues through 3/31)	9:45am	Lounge
	Staff Calendar Planning	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
	Worship Ministry Team Meeting	4:00pm	Garden Room
Fri, Feb 6	Sewing Group	9:00am	Lounge
Sun, Feb 8	Deacon Meeting	12:20pm	Lounge
Mon, Feb 9	Preschool Board Meeting	1:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, Feb 10	Mission Team Meeting	4:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Wed, Feb 11	Program Staff Meeting	11:00am	Library
	Business Ministry Team Meeting	3:00pm	Library
Sun, Feb 15	One Service Today!	10:00am	Sanctuary
	Annual Congregational Meeting	11:00am	Sanctuary
Mon, Feb 16	President's Day - Church Closed		
Tue, Feb 17	Staff Bible Study	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Wed, Feb 18	Koinonia Lunch with Wagenfuhr's	11:30am	Fireside Room
	Ash Wednesday Dinner	5:45pm	Garden Room
	Ash Wednesday Service	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Mon, Feb 23	Koinonia Lunch with Wagenfuhr's	11:30am	Fireside Room
Tue, Feb 24	Session Meeting		
Sat, Feb 28	Communion Set Up (Deacons)	10:00am	Fireside Room
Sun, March 1	Communion Sunday	Both Services	Sanctuary
Mon, March 2	Personnel Meeting	10:30am	Library
Tue, March 3	WOW Bible Study (Tues through 3/31)	9:45am	Lounge
	Staff Calendar Planning	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
	Worship Ministry Team Meeting	4:00pm	Garden Room
Fri, March 6	Sewing Group	9:00am	Lounge
Sun, March 8	Deacon Meeting	12:20pm	Lounge
Mon, March 9	Koinonia Lunch with Wagenfuhr's	11:30am	Fireside Room
	Preschool Board Meeting	1:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Tue, March 10	Mission Team Meeting	4:00pm	Adult Ed Room
Wed, March 11	Program Staff Meeting	11:00am	Library
	Business Ministry Team Meeting	3:00pm	Library
Wed, March 18	Staff Bible Study	10:00am	Adult Ed Room
Tue, March 24	Session Meeting		
Wed, March 25	Program Staff Meeting	11:00am	Library
Sun, March 29	Palm Sunday	Both Services	Sanctuary
Thu, April 2	Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae Service	7:30pm	Sanctuary
Fri, April 3	Good Friday	12 Noon	Sanctuary
Sun, April 5	Easter SonRise Service	6:30am	Lawn
	Resurrection Sunday	Both Services	Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday

Beginning A Season Of Reflection
as we journey to the cross & resurrection of Jesus

Wednesday, February 18

5:45 Soup & Bread . 6:30 Worship

Sanctuary Open For Prayer . 6:00
Childcare Available

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 29

Grace Kids Sing Hosanna!

Maundy Thursday - April 2

Communion & Tenebrae Service of Darkness . 7:30p

Remembering Jesus' Last Meal & Journey To The Cross

Good Friday - April 3

Meditation & Reflection . 12:00n

Resurrection Morning - April 5

Easter SonRise Service . North Lawn . 6:30

Contemporary Service . Worship Band . 9:00

Traditional Service . Temple Choir & Organ . 11:00