



GRACE OF CHRIST

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January 22, 2021

Dear Grace of Christ Family,

As we gather together for worship this Sunday, there are a couple of things I want you to be aware of in order to prepare you to participate in the life and ministry here at Grace:

- I want to share with you how much we enjoy having families with children and students with us on Sunday mornings. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19.14). Parents, please know that your children, are not a distraction. They are an encouragement to all of us who are to have childlike faith. Don’t worry if they are squirming or fussing. Be sure you grab an activity bag that is available at check in. Enjoy the opportunity to worship together as a family.
- Bags of Hope for Love Inc. – you can contribute financially to Love Inc.. You can read more about Love Inc., and how you can give a donation on our website: <https://yakimagrace.com/loveinc>
- Let me take this time to relay some information I received from Keith Matthews, and confirmed by Mike Johnson, CEO Yakima Union Gospel Mission. The YUGM is no longer receiving donations for their food distribution center from Northwest Harvest, along with other charity organizations. I share this with you, just in case you donate to Northwest Harvest (which is still available for you to do), that if you did so because they then donated food to YUGM, that is no longer the case. If your desire is to help with the food distribution center at YUGM, you can do so directly to the Mission, Second Harvest, or Feeding America. If you have further questions, please contact Keith or Mike.
- On January 31st, following our Worship Service, we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, please watch our live-stream on our website. This is the time when you will be able to vote upon the minutes from last year’s Session and Ministry Teams presented in our Annual Report. The Annual Report will be available on our web site in the next few days. We will not be handing out any printed documents. Your Elders will also present the 2021 budget as we give thanks for God’s ongoing provisions through your faithful contributions. In addition to that, we will be present Brian and Stephanie Alhgren as Deacons who desire to continue serving in that capacity.
- In case you were not aware, Steve Teusink, the brother of Mary Anderson and Tim Teusink, was recently taken home to be with the Lord. There is a very

tender blog written by Tim that you might appreciate reading. You can read about this amazing servant of the Lord at:

<https://blogs.icmda.net/2021/01/11/reflections-on-a-brothers-death>

- Finally, it is with sadness of heart that I also pass on the death of Sharon Handy. There is no other information at this time. Please hold Sharon's husband, Larry, in your prayers at this time.

Because of Christ, and in His Grace,
Pastor Bill