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Grace by the Sea

A church in the heart of the  
community with the community  
in its heart: To be a community of  
disciples, a house of prayer, a  
place of hope.

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Greetings Grace by the Sea Family,

*\*Oh Eve, Eve, Eve,*

*Did you really have to eat that apple and  
ruin everything?! If you hadn't, we wouldn't  
have to deal with colds. Colds suck!*

*Sore throats, congested heads, clogged ears,  
pounding sinuses, and let us not forget  
drainage!!! You think you're at the end of it*

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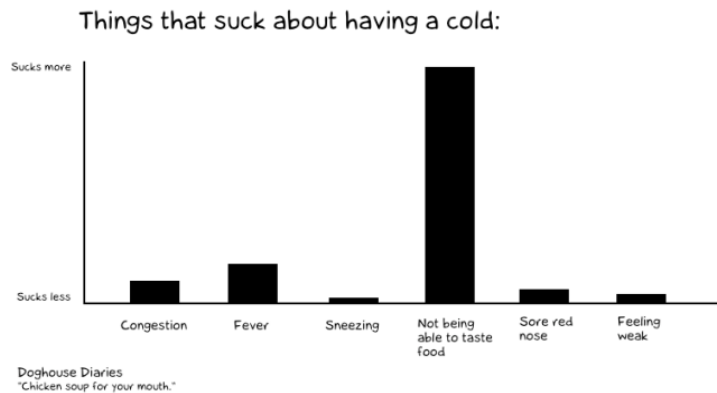
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all - you can finally breathe. You think relief is finally in your future. But no, we have to endure drainage of whatever is left. It's like being sick all over again. I blame you, Eve. It's all your fault! If only you would have had a yen for berries, grapes, anything but that apple!!!

In Him, Chrissie

*\*Not necessarily theologically sound reasoning!*



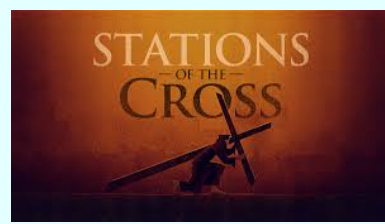
\*\*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\*\*

One of our parishioners has noted that she has included Grace by the Sea in her estate planning documents, and thought it would be a good time to remind others that they could do the same. If you wish to leave anything to the church, the bequest needs to be made in written will or trust documents. If that is your plan, please take the opportunity to consult with the legal advisor who prepares your will or trust to do so.



# Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will commence on Fridays at noon beginning **February 16**, continuing through March 30.



## Praise & Thanksgiving

All Diana Fedele's pathology on the biopsies were negative! Thank you, Jesus!



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## Reflections

### THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

I have always liked the Gospel of Mark, actually in many ways preferring it over the other three Gospels of the New Testament. Mark is always quick to the point; not always providing additional details. He does not mince his words and even though it is clear to the reader that he is articulating his own theological point of view, he does not do so with the philosophical verbosity of John, the Jewish motifs of Matthew or the detailed descriptions of Luke. He is an in-your-face kind of guy and that is what I like most about him [he reminds me of Detective Joe Friday in the old television series Dragnet: "Give me the facts, ma'am, only the facts"].



Mark begins his gospel with the declaration that the Good News - the Gospel - is about Jesus. I do not think that Mark is suggesting that the Good News is the message about or concerning Jesus [though this is indeed quite wonderful in itself]; I think Mark is making a much more powerful assertion. Jesus Himself is the Good News. The Good News is about a person who inaugurates God's Kingdom, not some theological storehouse of ideas or some new philosophical meandering, neither is it some set of prescriptions upon which we are to live our lives thereby bettering ourselves. The Gospel is Jesus and the Kingdom that He brings.

If the Gospel is Jesus, then my response to the Gospel is not intellectual as much as it is emotional because the Gospel is inherently relational: it is about Jesus and me, Jesus and us. Only once this primary dynamic has been established can we honestly begin the exquisite discipline of thinking

through and unpacking this relationship in terms of what it might mean for me, us and the world generally.

All too often we begin with theologizing, never to arrive at the relationship, and the great tragedy in this is that in the end we much too easily content ourselves with mere ideas about Jesus rather than entering into the vibrancy of relationship with Him. This is quite understandable actually, for ideas about Jesus can keep Him at a safe distance from our hearts. Were He to engage our hearts, it is likely that our lives would be changed, and who in their right minds wants that to happen?

There are other ways we keep Jesus at a safe distance. Mark tells us that when Jesus taught "as one having authority" in the synagogue in Capernaum, a man who was demonized was delivered [not as in the arrival of a Fed Ex parcel, but as in cleansed of the unclean spirit that with whom he had formed an intimate attachment]. The crowd present at the time was astonished and Mark tells us that word was out about Jesus [MK 1.21-28]. Jesus leaves the synagogue and goes immediately to the home of Simon Peter where He heals Simon's mother-in-law [Kingdom mercies extend to mothers-in-law as well!] and then Mark describes the crowd that gathers outside the house "that evening, at sundown" [MK 1.29-34]. Think about what is happening in this sequence of events: Jesus teaches in the synagogue, heals a demonized man, heals Simon's mother-in-law, word is spreading - but no one dares show up at Simon's door step until sundown, which in Jewish reckoning means it is no longer the Sabbath. And everyone knows that you must not do any work on the Sabbath, not even carrying your sick and suffering to the One who has demonstrated His authority and power to heal [actually, healing itself, being considered work, is not allowed either, but Jesus does not seem to care about this ordinance].

Folks in Capernaum [are any of us really any different?] seemed more obliged to honor their religious duties than they were concerning their coming to Jesus [for whatever purpose]. Religious tradition and law blocked them, and you can be certain, it can block us from any effective, life-changing, transformational encounter with the Living Lord who in Himself embodies the wholeness of the Gospel. Religious tradition and sentimentality can be powerful defenses against our coming to know Jesus up close and personal: they provide us with a very comfortable buffer allowing for little if any real relationship with the One whose coming, wholly motivated by love for us, sought only to return us to the heart of the Father from which in disobedience and rebellion we had fallen.

Religion is not what Christianity is about. Christianity is principally about a relationship with Jesus Who alone is the Good News to a world that has lost itself in itself but nevertheless seems always determined to go its own way as if by some predacious endeavor it might seize redemption. How lost we are without Jesus. How found we are in Him.

Fr. Paul+

## Announcements

### New Addresses

We have new additions for your Directory:

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Ross & Brittany Clark  
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B-979-777-8000  
ross.e.clark@gmail.com  
britt04aggie@yahoo.com



### Sanctuary

On Sunday mornings especially, remember that the Sanctuary is a sacred place. Please do any needed discussion/talking/visiting in the Fellowship Hall.



### Open Sewing & Crafts/ Patriotic Quilts

We now offer Open Sewing & Crafts on the Second Thursday of the month from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. If you have any projects sitting around just begging to be done, be it sewing, knitting, crocheting, ect, bring them down and finish them along with fellowship!



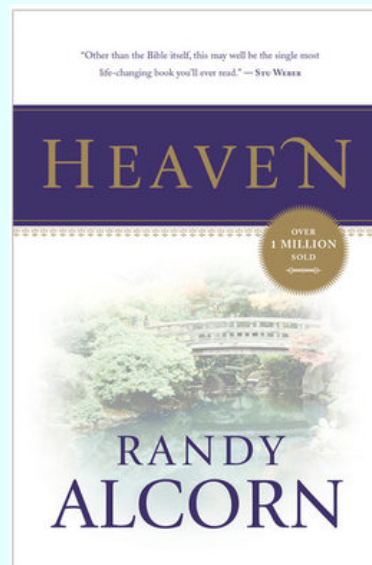
Then on the Fourth Thursday of the month, also from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm we will have Patriotic Quilts sewing. These quilts go to Veterans on Whidbey Island and to American Hero Quilts which are sent to wounded Active Duty personnel.



## Bible Study

Come join the Bible Study on **Heaven** that meets **Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**.

What will heaven be like? The book **Heaven** by Randy Alcorn, presents a thoroughly biblical answer, based on years of careful study, presented in an engaging, reader-friendly style. His conclusions will surprise and stretch thinking about this important subject and perhaps inspire a longing for heaven while still on earth. For more information contact David Jamieson.



## Women's Retreat

This years Women's Retreat at the Jenne Farm will be **February 9 & 10, 2018**. Please mark your calendars to attend this wonderful gathering of women. A sign up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. Due to space, this event is limited to 25 women.



## Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

The Chamber has a monthly luncheon on the the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. **The next luncheon is 15 February. Skagit Valley College will be heading the program.** Any parishioner is welcome to attend. Let me know if you would like to go so I can make your reservation. Cost is \$15.00 for lunch (you may attend without having lunch, just let me know). It would be nice to show the Chamber and other businesses some faces of Grace by the Sea!



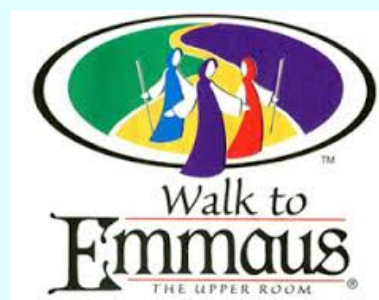
## Ultreya

Ultreya meets the 3rd Friday of each month at **Grace by the Sea at 7:00 pm**. It is now facilitated by Diana Fedele and Joanna Seppa. The next meeting is on **Friday, 16 February**.



# Emmaus Reunion Meeting

Women's Emmaus Reunion Meetings take place monthly at Diana Fedele's home at 4:00 pm. The next meeting is **Wednesday, 28 February**. See the 'Save the Date' section for upcoming dates.



## Women of Grace

Women of Grace's next get-together is **Saturday, 10 March at 10:00 am**. There will be no January or February Women of Grace.

Come join us for Fellowship! Snacks, coffee and tea provided.



## Fellowship Needs

We need apple cider for the Keurig and apple cider packets.

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## Outreach

### SHADE

Here are two videos from SHADE showing the children playing with balls, cars, and dolls all purchased with donations to SHADE.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mV7jWN\\_XHPs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mV7jWN_XHPs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kfU9uA7NmE>



Photos: These are the dresses made by our Quilters Fellowship and the shirts donated by the congregation.



## Healing Ministry

A Ministry of Healing Prayer is now available to parishioners on alternate Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. This ministry is for needs that are more personal or involved than can be met on Sunday mornings. You can make an appointment by calling Lynn Vehorn at 360-320-2498 or the church office at 679-3431.



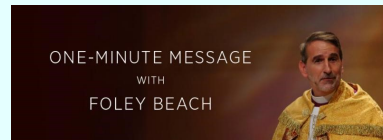
February 6 & 20; March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17

All prayers are confidential.

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## A Word from the Lord

Listen [here](#) each week for a different 'one-minute message' from our Archbishop, Foley Beach.



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## Articles to Peruse

\*\*Due to lack of space, most of the time I'm not able to show an article in its entirety, just a paragraph or two. I understand those that don't have internet access aren't able to read said articles. For those who receive Living in Grace via the mail, let me know if there is an article you would like to read and I will print it out for you.\*\*

### Honor Your Father and Mother - a Forgotten Commandment

Twenty months ago this week, my 88-year-old father was weeding in his backyard when he slipped off an embankment and fell four feet onto his concrete driveway. My mother found him a few minutes later. He was lying in a pool of blood. He had no idea he had sustained a brain injury that would sap his mobility, speech and most of his memories.



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## Some Common Misconceptions About Our Relationship With Sin



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## Readings for 4 February

2 kings 4:8-37

Psalm 142

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

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## Sunday Ministries - 4 February

Altar Guild	Kitty McCann & Gail Turner
Worship Leader	DJ Jackson
RLEM	Gail Turner
SLEM	Harry Turner
Prayers of the People	Helen Hancock
Lector	Harry Turner
Prayer Team	Debbie Matthews & Lynn Vehorn
Nursery Attendants	Kate Aguirre & Madison Bash
Sunday School	Kayla Danback, Dale Donovan, & Sheila Davies
Ushers	David & Pam Jamieson
AV Tech	Natalee Raymond
Coffee Hour	Debb Leach

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## This Week

4 February 2018

Sunday 4

February

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Nursery

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Children's Sunday School

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Worship Service

Monday 5

February

Tuesday 6

February

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Healing Ministry

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Bible Study - Heaven

Wednesday 7

February

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Holy Eucharist

Thursday 8

February

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Quilters Fellowship

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Open Sewing & Crafts

Friday 9

February

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Women's Retreat

Saturday 10

February

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Women's Retreat

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## Prayers

### DAILY PRAYERS IN THE PARISH

February 4

Jason Burley

[Help House](#)

February 5

Ross, Brittany, Caroline, Laura Grace, &

John Ross Clark

[Indulge Salon](#)

February 6

Walter, Kayla, Skyler, Rebekah, & Wyatt Danback

[Island Custom Upholstery](#)

February 7

Wayne & Sheila Davies-Locke

[Island Vineyard Community Church](#)

February 8

Dick & Dale Donovan

The Jewelry Gallery

February 9

Chrissie Dunlap

Jo Jo's Harbor Light Tavern

February 10

Roger & Diana Edwards

Jones Accounting Associates

### PRAYERS IN THE PARISH

--- Continue to pray for: **Roger Edwards**.

---For **Diana Fedele**, prayer for speedy recovery from surgery to remove a lump on Monday, 15 January, and a negative biopsy result.

--- For **Blake**, that he gets the help he needs, he continues to yield himself to God & the healing process, and that he is able to fully embrace the love of God & his forgiveness.

--- For **Mani**, give him the peace that passes all understanding. Give us wisdom to figure out how to get Priscilla here.

--- For **Valeria**, Bishop Miguel's wife, is in serious condition but stable. Everything depends on her body responding to treatments and starting to get better. It depends on her desire to fight, too. She is in a deep depression. She becomes agitated and needs medication to calm her. There is another new fistula but it is small and they are hopeful that it will close on its own. Please pray for healing for Valeria and pray for the family, as well. It has been a very long journey. (as of 10/19/17)

--- For **Guy Hancock**, prayers to heal the cancer and restoration of health. Peace for him and Helen.

--- For **Jill Estvold**, prayers to heal her cancer.

--- For **Mark Brown** and the Sheriff's Department, prayers for safety of his deputies.

--- For our **country**, guidance for our President, Donald. And hopefully, Godliness to return to this nation.

--- For the **Prayer Ministry** that under girds us from day to day; for Prayer Warriors who consistently lift us up, and who will take a stand against the efforts of the enemy to undermine us. Theirs is often a difficult and painful ministry.

### THANKSGIVINGS

--- For all the many blessings that pass us by every day that we don't even notice - watch out for them, you will be amazed at God's loving generosity!

### PRAY FOR OUR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

2/4 Brittany Clark



## PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2/7/17 Mani & Priscilla Rayapureddy 1 year

2/9/91 Dave & Kate Hamilton 27 years



## A WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE OF CASCADIA

### The Week of Sunday, 4 February

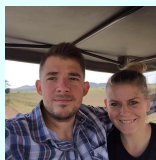
Rev. Dr. Simon Bebin Htu & Rev. Philip Aung Twin Oo

Christ the King, Yangon, Myanmar

Rev. Nick Hakiel

St. Ursula's Anglican Church, Sultan, WA

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



--- For **Mike & Claire Fedele** serving with SHADE in Tanzania. Pray for continued financial provision so they can continue their work in Shinyanga.

--- **Bill, Alice, Bethany and Jerusha** with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

--- **Tim, Roxanne & Caleb Ault** with Mission Aviation in Santarém, Brazil. We have learned that Roxanne is suffering from Alzheimer's; please hold the family in your prayers as they search for an English-speaking caretaker for her, so that Tim can continue with his ministry.

--- **Christian Aid Mission** who support financial needs and offer prayers for indigenous people all over the world.

--- **The Gideons** - people from every walk of life who carry God's word, in the form of Bibles and New Testament/Psalms, in 197 countries worldwide.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS, and for their families:

**Brandon & Raven Harris** (son-in-law and daughter of Chrissie Dunlap) USAF, stationed at Scott AFB, Illinois.

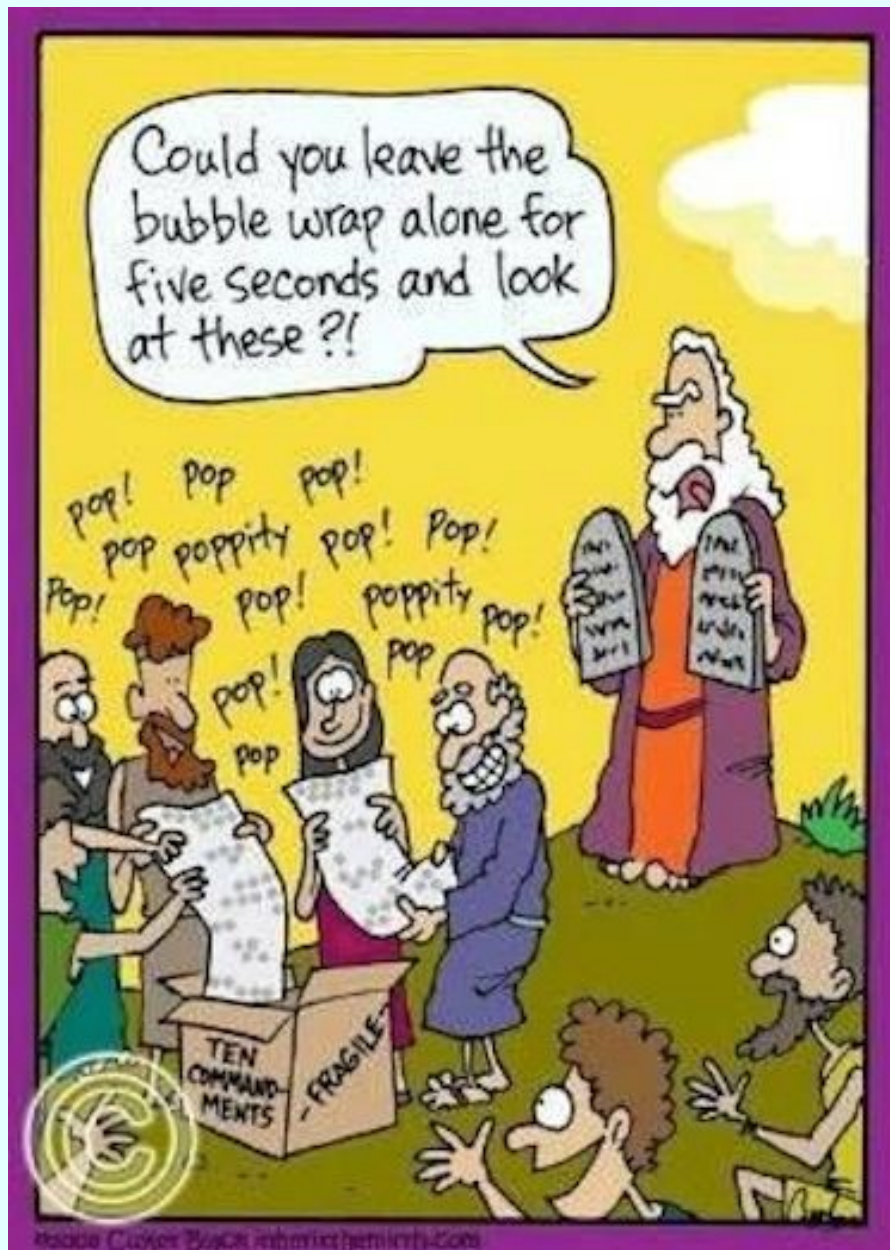
**Charlie Lincoln** (son of Jeri Wentland) USN, stationed at NAS Ventura County (Point Magu), CA.

**Scott Menzies** (son-in-law of Bob & MarKay Neumann) USN, stationed in Madrid, Spain.

**Isaiah Stephens** (son of Chrissie Dunlap/husband of Ashley Stephens) - USN, stationed at NS Mayport in Jacksonville, FL.

**Tim Syrek** - USN, stationed in Hawaii.

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*Save the Date* – (Exclusive of regular Sunday Services)

9-10 February - Women's Retreat @ the Jenne Farm

14 February - Ash Wednesday

15 February - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am

16 February - Ultreya 7:00 pm

19 February - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

28 February - Emmaus @ Diana Fedele's Home 4:00 pm



10 March - Women of Grace 10:00 am  
15 March - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am  
15 March - Emmaus @ Diana Fedele's Home 4:00 pm  
16 March - Ultreya 7:00 pm  
19 March - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm  
25 March - Palm Sunday  
29 March - Maundy Thursday  
30 March - Good Friday  
1 April - Easter Sunday  
14 April - Women of Grace 10:00 am  
16 April - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm  
19 April - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am  
20 April - Ultreya 7:00 pm  
12 May - Women of Grace 10:00 am  
17 May - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am  
18 May - Ultreya 7:00 pm  
21 May - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

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Here is their [Website](#) link.



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