

RELIGION BRIEFS

**Warrenton United Methodist**  
WARRENTON — The Warrenton United Methodist Church, 679 S. Main Ave., celebrates the second Sunday of Advent at 10 a.m. Sunday by welcoming a representative from the Gideons organization. The service focuses on peace. Songs of the season are being provided by Dave Warren (organ) and Diane Curs (piano). Refreshments are served before and after all services. There is off-street parking, and the church is handicapped accessible.  
Bible study is being held from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday; the topic for discussion is the gospel of Luke.  
The church is making plans to go Christmas caroling, later in the month, and would like to add more musicians (vocal and instrumental) to visits at senior living facilities as well as Sunday and Christmas worship services. Anyone interested in contributing their musical talent, or simply offering their love of music, should call Lay Pastor Jane Hill at 971-704-4357.  
For information, call the church at 503-861-0825.

**Community HU sing**  
SEASIDE — A Seaside Community HU Sing takes place at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Regardless of one’s beliefs or religion, anyone can sing HU (pronounced hue), an ancient name for God; it is for the spiritual upliftment of those who come, and is not directed to any other purpose. For information, call Seann Valen at 503-717-5485, email axcess49@gmail.com or go to www.eckankar.org

**Society of Friends**  
SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Worship Group of the Society of Friends (Quaker) meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Peninsula Church Center Fireside Room (south building), 5000 N Place. This is a “silent” (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

**Cannon Beach Community**  
CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome. Evensong features Wes Warhmund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection. For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

**Crossroads Community**  
SVENSEN — Crossroads Community Church, a Friends Fellowship, at 40618 Old Highway 30, is holding a Free Family Film Friday at 6:45 p.m. tonight. This event is always held the second Friday of the month. All are welcome.

**Holy Nativity Eastern Orthodox**  
HAMMOND — The Holy Nativity Eastern Orthodox Mission is holding services Sunday in Hammond at St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 5th St. Matins begin at 9 a.m. with Divine Liturgy beginning at 10 a.m. Father Kevin Lien, assistant pastor of the Church of the Annunciation in Milwaukie, and rector of Holy Nativity Mission, is celebrating the Divine Liturgy.  
Vespers are being held at 5 p.m. Saturday. Call for the location.  
All Eastern Orthodox are welcome to participate. Those interested in attending an Orthodox Liturgy are encouraged to come, as well. For questions or information, call Steve Solars at 503-298-3453 or Linda Andres at 503-440-3930.

**Great Vow Zen Monastery**  
CLATSKANIE — The Great Vow Zen Monastery, located at 79640 Quincy-Mayger Road in Clatskanie, is holding a “Beginner’s Mind” retreat, led by Adam Jogen Salzberg and Patrick Bansho Green, from 5 p.m. Dec. 18 to 1 p.m. Dec. 20.  
During this weekend a monastic schedule is followed. All elements of a meditation retreat are covered, including basic meditation techniques, posture, breathing, formal meals, and dealing with obstructions.  
The cost is \$150 (\$120 for Zen Community of Oregon; a \$75 reduced rate available to those in need) plus donation.  
For details, call 503-728-0654 or email registrar@great-vow.org. Register online at www.zendust.org/calendar

**Astoria Seventh-Day Adventist**  
The Astoria Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 300 Nehalem Ave., is hosting award-winning vocalist Marcia Whitehead, who is presenting “Wrappings: The Gift of Christmas in Story and Song” at 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Through story and song, Wrappings investigates the fears, the faith and the hardships Mary and Joseph might have faced as they anticipated the birth of Jesus. The presentation explores unfamiliar ancient customs like swaddling clothes and aspects of the Nativity story not frequently considered. A love-offering will be received for Ms. Whitehead.



Marcia Whitehead

**Astoria Church of Christ**  
Ken Tipps from Scappoose is the guest speaker at Astoria Church of Christ’s Sunday service, which begins at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 692 12th St. His topic, “A Nation Destroyed,” is taken from the Book of Jeremiah. All are welcome.

**St. Mary Star of the Sea**  
Those who have terminal illnesses, are about to have surgery, or are of advanced age are invited to receive the Sacrament for Anointing of the Sick after the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond, and at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 1465 Grand Ave.  
Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with the parish at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 to Dec. 12 at St. Mary Star of the Sea. A Novena begins Friday, following Mass. This is a special rosary with meditations, led by the church’s Spanish community.  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation is being held Tuesday at a noon Mass at St. Francis de Sales Mission, and at the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea, followed by the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree lighting.

**Grace Episcopal**  
Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., celebrates the Second Sunday of Advent at both the 8 and 10 a.m. worship services. The second candle of the Advent wreath will be lighted.  
An Advent Labyrinth Walk takes place from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday. A labyrinth introduction is offered at 3 p.m. upon request. It takes an average of 30 minutes to complete the walk.  
During Advent, Grace offers a Taizé Prayer and Song service each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Also on Wednesdays, Prayers for Peace, Healing and Wholeness takes place in the Vestry Room at 3:30 p.m.  
For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

Facebook CEO’s \$45B organization is set to change charity landscape

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is shaking up yet another sector — the charity world — with his surprise announcement that he and his wife will devote the bulk of their wealth, or about \$45 billion, to philanthropic works.  
The move will eventually put him and his wife, Priscilla Chan, in the same philanthropic echelon as Bill and Melinda Gates. It also involves a new type of philanthropic structure that differs from traditional foundations, although details on that remain scarce.  
Zuckerberg made his pledge on Facebook in celebration of his daughter Max’s birth.

The Zuckerbergs said Tuesday they will, over time, commit 99 percent of their Facebook stockholdings to such causes as fighting disease, improving education and “building strong communities.” The couple had previously pledged to give away at least half their assets during their lifetime, but hadn’t provided specifics.  
The announcement stunned the charity world. “It’s incredibly impressive and an enormous commitment that really eclipses anything that we’ve seen in terms of size,” said Phil Buchanan, president of the nonprofit Center for Effective Philanthropy.  
The new organization, called the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, will pursue its initiatives through a combination of charitable donations, private investment and promotion of government-policy reform.  
By comparison, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has an endowment of just over \$41 billion, which includes wealth donated by the Microsoft founder and his friend, the businessman Warren Buffett.



Mark Zuckerberg via AP

**Max Chan Zuckerberg is held by her parents, Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan Zuckerberg. Facebook CEO Zuckerberg and his wife announced the birth of their daughter, Max, as well as plans to donate most of their wealth to a new organization that will tackle a broad range of the world’s ills.**

The new initiative will be organized as a limited liability company, however, rather than as a nonprofit foundation. “They want the most flexibility and they are going to use a wide variety of activities to achieve their mission,” Rachael Horwitz, a Facebook spokeswoman, said via email. “So in that way this is not a foundation nor is it entirely charitable.”  
The notion of investing money in companies that tackle social issues isn’t new, but it has gained more currency among a younger generation of philanthropists, particularly in the tech world.  
Zuckerberg has also shown a previous interest in influencing public policy. He led other prominent Silicon Valley figures in forming a group, FWD.us, that lobbied and gave donations to congressional candidates in an unsuccessful effort to promote immigration reforms. Depending on how much of the new effort is devoted to lobbying, it could

raise new questions about the influence of money in today’s politics, some experts said.  
In the letter to their daughter, Zuckerberg and Chan described their goals as “advancing human potential and promoting equality.” They added: “We must make long term investments over 25, 50 or even 100 years. The greatest challenges require very long time horizons and cannot be solved by short term thinking.”  
While Zuckerberg promised to release more details in the future, he said the couple will transfer most of their wealth to the initiative “during our lives.” The couple will be in charge of the initiative, although Zuckerberg won’t be quitting his day job.  
“I have a full-time job running Facebook,” he told The Associated Press in an interview last month, during which he discussed the couple’s approach to philanthropy. Of his job at the social network, he added, “I’m going to be doing this for long time.”

The Facebook co-founder is one of the world’s wealthiest men. He and Chan, a 30-year-old pediatrician, have previously donated \$100 million to public schools in Newark, New Jersey, and pledged \$120 million to schools in poor communities of the San Francisco Bay Area. They’ve also given \$75 million to the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where Chan did her medical training.  
In a statement, Facebook said the couple’s plan to transfer their shares over time won’t affect his status as controlling shareholder of the company. The company said Zuckerberg has committed to dispose of no more than \$1 billion of Facebook stock every year for the next three years.  
Zuckerberg and Chan had announced on Facebook last July that they were expecting a daughter, after Chan had three previous miscarriages. Horwitz said a 7-pound, 8-ounce baby was born early last week, but declined to say which day.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

**Seaside TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)—** 8 to 8:45 a.m. weigh-in, 9 to 10 a.m. meeting Tuesday, North Coast Family Fellowship Church, 2245 N. Wahanna Road, Seaside. For information, call 503-861-2904.  
**Astoria TOPS —** 5 p.m. weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-325-4114.  
**Warrenton TOPS —** 9 to 9:45 a.m. weigh-in, 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St., Warrenton. For information, call Marilyn Barnard 503-861-2918 or Jeannie Pike 503-861-1404.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous —** To find a meeting, call 503-861-5526 or go to www.aa-oregon.org  
**Kick Butts Group Meets (Nicotine Anonymous) —** 6:30

to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.  
**Al-Anon Family Groups** information line for Clatsop and Tillamook counties, 503-338-5688. Oregon Area Al-Anon website. oregonal-anon.org  
**Astoria Al-Anon —** 12 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087; 7 p.m. Thursday, Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. For information, call 503-458-6467.  
**Nehalem Al-Anon —** 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St, Nehalem. For information, call 503-368-8255.  
**Seaside Al-Anon —** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, call 503-810-5196 for information.

**Tillamook Al-Anon —** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Albans Episcopal Church, 2102 Sixth St., Tillamook, call 503-842-5094 for information; noon Friday, 5012 Third St., Tillamook, call 503-730-5863 for information.  
**Tillamook Alateen —** 5 p.m. Thursday, 5012 Third St., Tillamook. For information, call 503-730-5863.  
**Warrenton Al-Anon —** noon Friday, United Methodist Church, 679 S. Main Ave. For information, call 503-738-5727.

**Narcotics Anonymous —** The Northwest Oregon Area of Narcotics Anonymous (NWONA) holds meetings in Clatsop County. For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the Helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to www.nworegonna.org  
**Men’s Sexual Purity Recovery Group —** Tuesday nights. Part of the Pure Life Alliance (www.pure-lifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voice mail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

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