

Greetings,

Thursday, Aug 27, 2026

I have been somewhat successful in my packing goals. Some shelves are starting to look a little empty, though there is still a long way to go! I'm not a hoarder, but man, I have a lot of stuff!!!

This week was a very hard week, emotionally, for many people, especially those who were admirers of Dolly Parton. I had the good fortune of seeing Dolly Parton perform at Summerfest one year. She was on one of the smaller stages. She was kind, gracious, and filled with her self-deprecating sense of humor. She never took herself too seriously, which is one of the things I admired about her. I also admired her ability to accept people for who they are. She grew up in a very strict Christian tradition, the Church of God. One teaching she held on to from her upbringing was, "Do not judge, lest ye be judged." (Matthew 7:1). Dolly saw a whole lot of judging going on in our society, and she didn't like it. She believed, until her last breath, that it was our purpose in life to love everyone whose path crossed ours. Imagine that! And she tried to do that, as best she could. And, she did so much with what she was given. Her estate, upon her death, is estimated at \$500 million, and over the course of her career, that is how much she gave away. She employed thousands of people, took care of whole cities, funded medical research, donated so much money to the Children's Hospital in Nashville that they named it after her. She was filled with child-like wonder, and proclaimed that the entire world was her family. A favorite Dolly story of mine is from the early 2000's. She was on vacation in Ireland, and had stopped at an Irish Pub for a pint and something to eat. The band that was playing knew her song, "Coat of Many Colors", and the guitarist asked her if she would sing, and she said yes. Evidently, he sang the song quite often at that pub, because the whole pub knew it. Imagine being 5000 miles from home and everyone knows the song about your humble origins.

We have the opportunity of making many choices in life. We can choose to reject or accept people, to hate or to love people, to judge or to welcome people. Neither of those choices costs a red cent, but there is only one choice in each of those pairs of choices that leads to more life – one choice that becomes a blessing – and Dolly made those choices her trademark. As you motor through life, make good choices. Be like Dolly.

Street Angels Needs Our Help We continue to collect hygiene products for Street Angels as their shower truck makes its way to the various neighborhoods that tend to have more homeless people. There is a GREAT need to Men's Underwear (sizes L, 2X, Med, XL, and 3X) and Women's Underwear (Sizes 5, 6, 19, Sm, Med, and 3X). We will Collect from now through September 13.

Rally Day is Coming Up September 13 -- Recently, a parishioner said to me, "you can't leave yet, there are so many things you have to teach us about." She then proceeded to give me a list. Since Rally Day is the Kick-Off for Sunday School and the Dedication of our Teachers and the Sunday School Program for the coming year, I am going to use that list as a springboard for the "sermon" on that day. So, if you have any items that you wish to add to the list (things that you need to know about in the church) please add them to the list on my office door, and I will address them on Rally Day.

Jean Toepfer Celebration of Life – Our oldest member, Jean Toepfer (100) died peacefully on August 16. Her Celebration of Life Service will be held on September 5, at 10:30 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. I am seeking people to help with set-up for the luncheon (to be done on September 4 in the morning), Serving the luncheon (from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. September 5) and to Clean Up after the Luncheon (1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. September 5). I am also looking for people to bake dessert for the dessert table. All of the sign up sheets for this are to the left of my office door.

Host Family Needed The German Church is sending a delegation in October to celebrate Pastor Dave's retirement. A host family is needed for one couple – Renata and Ulrich Schubert. (There are others coming, that Pastor Dave already has homes for) There will be programming for them during the week that they are here. They will arrive on October 9 (Friday, late) and depart on October 15 (time, uncertain). If you are able to host, please contact Pastor Dave – dgaeth@greendalecommunitychurch.org.

Newspapers Needed I am getting to the point where I need to pack some delicate items in my office, and could use a bundle of Newspaper, If you still have papers delivered to your home, and could save some for me and drop them off at church, I would appreciate it. (Thank you – Pastor Dave)

Mission Trip Meeting After the Intergenerational Mission Trip presentation on August 9, a number of people commented that they hope the Intergenerational Mission Trip program continues after my departure. I am hosting a meeting after worship on Sunday, September 20, on 'How To Plan a Mission Trip'. I have invited adult participants from the last few trips, but I also invite any ADULTS from the congregation who might want to learn about what this takes. A team of committed people can successfully keep this program going. Coffee and Donuts will be provided.

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Fall Adult Ed Classes and more are now live on our website to register for. Please take a peek to check out all we have to offer: www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events

Please see newsletter below for all other volunteer opportunities, activities, events, and classes.

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS WEEK'S ONLINE WORSHIP](#)

Peace, Pastor Dave

LET FOOD BE THY MEDICINE

Wednesday Wellness with Jackie

Let Food Be Thy Medicine explores how everyday dietary choices can reduce cancer risk and promote long-term health. Rooted in nutritional science, this class empowers people to use food as a tool for prevention.

(Classes held at Greendale Community Church • 6015 Clover Lane)



**Wednesday September 16
at 6:30pm**

**Register at:
[www.greendalecommunity
church.org/events](http://www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events)**

THE VOTE SERIES

**VALUES&
VISIONS**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MKE COUNTY

**HELD AT GREENDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH • 6015 CLOVER
LANE, GREENDALE • 6:30PM-8:00PM • [REGISTER BELOW](#)**

WWW.GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

9/24/26: ALL ABOUT VOTING

THIS PRESENTATION DISCUSSES WHY VOTING IS IMPORTANT, WHO CAN VOTE, HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE, HOW TO VOTE (INCLUDING WAYS TO VOTE, VOTER RIGHTS, AND ACCOMMODATIONS), WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT, AND HOW TO GET CANDIDATE AND ISSUE INFORMATION.

11/12/26: THE VOTE SERIES: THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

THIS PRESENTATION EXPLAINS WHAT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE IS, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'S POSITION, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, DISCUSSES CHALLENGING ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, AND EXPLORES WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.



THE FUTURE WE SHARE:

TOWN HALL

WITH

MONDAY
SEPT 28 • 6:00PM

GREENDALE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
• 6015 CLOVER LANE,
GREENDALE

Mitchell
Berman

MITCHELL
BERMAN
FOR CONGRESS



Join us for a conversation with Mitchell Berman, Democratic candidate for Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District. Together, we'll explore the challenges facing our communities and the hopeful future we can build for Wisconsin and our country—one that puts people, families, and community first. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at this event.

www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events

REGISTER NOW



VALUES &
VISIONS



FRANKLIN
DEMS

The Bryan Steil campaign has been asked for a similar event but we have yet to hear back



GCC Adult Education

Breathe with Jillian

Join breathwork practitioner Jillian Holy-Skaja to learn how to harness the powerful tool of your own breath to calm your nervous system

Breathing for Relaxation and Better Sleep

Tuesday, September 29 • 1:00pm • Greendale Community Church

Experience evidence based breathing practices to shut off the "fight or flight" stress response and settle into the "rest and digest" relaxation response. We will also explore helpful practices for when you find yourself restless and awake in the middle of the night. All practices can be done from the comfort of a chair.

Breathing for Vitality and Joy

Tuesday, April 6 • 1:00pm • Greendale Community Church

When you change how you breathe, you instantly change how you feel. Learn some practical breathing science and explore breathing practices that help release tension, tap into inner joy and bring lightness of being. All practices can be done from the comfort of a chair.

To Register:

greendalecommunitychurch.org/events



SEPT / OCT

SEPT 13

SUNDAY / 10:45AM

RALLY DAY

Join us for our GCC Rally Day celebration to kick off our new Sunday school and event year

SEPT 16

WEDNESDAY / 6:30PM

LET FOOD BE THY MEDICINE

Wednesday Wellness with Jackie



SEPT 23

WEDNESDAY / 6:30PM

YOGA NIDRA WITH SOUND HEALING

Come for this yoga nidra experience with Jamie Mullen and Kathryn Rambo

SEPT 28

MONDAY / 6:30PM

THE FUTURE WE SHARE TOWN HALL WITH MITCHELL BERMAN

Values and Visions will be hosting this townhall with candidate for CD1, Mitchell Berman

SEPT 29

TUESDAY / 1:00PM

BREATHING FOR RELAXATION AND BETTER SLEEP

Join breathwork practitioner Jillian Holy-Skaja to learn how to harness the powerful tool of your own breath to calm your nervous system and improve sleep.

OCT 14

WEDNESDAY / 6:30PM

DONE AND DELICIOUS SERIES: HEALTHY MEALS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Wednesday Wellness with Jackie

OCT 26

MONDAY / 6:30PM

NAVIGATING HOT BUTTON TOPICS WORKSHOP

Join Values and Visions to learn how to best navigate discussing divisive topics with others

OCT 28

WEDNESDAY / 7:00PM

RABBI MOISHE, THE MINDFUL RABBI

Come to our first event in GCC's new Many Paths Series

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Sound Bath Year of Calm

RELAX • RESET • RECONNECT



The peaceful sounds of Tibetan singing bowls, resonating steel tongue drum, energy flow chimes and Freenotes wings guide you to a peace filled atmosphere where the waves of the world cannot come.

Sound baths are held the third Friday of the month from 7:00pm-8:00pm

Sound Bath Practitioner: Kathryn Rambo, OSB Holy Wisdom Monastery

Reiki Practitioners: Jillian Holy, and Wendy Lehman

9/18: Mind Body Connection, Kathryn: \$10

10/16: Sound Bath w/Reiki: Honoring Ancestors, Kathryn, Jillian, and Wendy: \$25

11/20: Gratitude, Kathryn: \$10

12/18: Sound Bath w/Reiki: Return of Light, Kathryn, Jillian, and Wendy: \$25

1/15: Hibernation, Kathryn: \$10

2/19: Sound Bath w/Reiki: Heart Center, Kathryn, Jillian, and Wendy: \$25

3/19: Internal Spring Cleaning, Kathryn: \$10

4/16: Sound Bath w/Reiki: Decluttering the Mind, Kathryn, Jillian, and Wendy: \$25

5/21: Sea of Peace Sound Voyage, Kathryn: \$10

6/18: Sound Bath w/Reiki: Grace Notes in Our Life, Kathryn, Jillian, and Wendy: \$25

7/16: Earth Connection, Kathryn: \$10

8/20: Sound Bath w/Reiki: Inner Peace, Kathryn, Jillian, and Wendy: \$25

All sound baths held at Greendale Community Church • 6015 Clover Lane

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