#### Greetings,

I have a book on my desk titled, "Breath as Prayer" with 84 different breathing prayers, and meditations that go with them. I am relying heavily upon it in these days leading up to Carly's ordination, as a host of emotions circle about me.

Certainly, I am so proud of our daughter. She has accomplished much since saying on a phone call in the Spring of 2017, "I attended some classes at United Seminary today, and I felt like I was exactly where I belonged." She finished seminary with many accomplishments, interned/interimed at two congregations while undergoing the arduous process of Ordination in the United Church of Christ, and on Sunday, she will finish that process by taking vows in front of all of you – people that she has known for most of her life.

I also have deep emotions of sadness welling within me, as I think of how her brother, Brennan, would be cheering her on if he were here. That sadness of losing a child never goes away, and is always so very present in life.

And, I think back upon all of the loving hands and hearts that have raised Carly up over the past thirty-two years of her life – her Sunday mom at Faith UCC in Slinger, Barb Meyer; her Sunday big brother Brett Meyer who fed her cheerios and is still very much like a big brother to her to this day, to the folks here at GCC who shaped her love of music – Carol Liederbach, Donna Mildebrandt, Art Jaehnke, Tom Reifenberg, Mike Jones, the communities of the Youth Choir, Youth Chime Choir, Youth Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Bel Campana. I think of Mission Trips she was on, experiences she had, Sunday School teachers, times in SEARCH – the list goes on and on and on.

Ordinations don't happen too often. In the 85 years history of Greendale Community Church this is the second one – the first one being Walter Boris, who after serving several churches went on to become the Conference Minister of the Pacific Northwest Conference. I am so proud of you, as a congregation, and so thankful for all what you, as a congregation, have done to shape the pastoral heart of Carly Lillian Gaeth

Janice and I, look forward to celebrating with all of you this coming Sunday.

#### Peace, Pastor Dave

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# GCC Activities May 15 - May 21

16
FRIDAY

Sound Healing

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

19
MONDAY

Tai Chi 9:00 AM

20
TUESDAY

Adult Ed: Breathwork Class

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

20
TUESDAY

Restoratvie Yoga 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

22
THURSDAY

Restorative Yoga 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



MONTHLY CALENDAR

# BREATHWORK

#### BREATHING FOR BALANCE AND RELAXATION: 5/20 • 1:00 PM

**EXPLORING BREATHWORK PRACTICES** CAN BE A VERY MEANINGFUL WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGNIFICENCE OF BREATH, WHICH IS OUR CONSTANT COMPANION ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE, BRINGING LIFE FORCE ENERGY, PEACE AND VITALITY. THIS CLASS WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF BREATHING PRACTICES AND TOUCH ON THE SCIENCE OF BREATH FOR OPTIMAL BREATHING IN DAILY LIFE AND FOR RELAXATION. THE BREATHING PRACTICES WILL INCLUDE DEEP RELAXATION, GENTLE MOVEMENT, AND HEART COHERENCE BREATH MEDITATION...

## ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME AND PARTICIPANTS CAN BE SEATED OR LAYING DOWN FOR THE BREATHWORK JOURNEY.

About the instructor - Jillian Holy-Skaja has studied and shared yoga for over 20 years and breathwork for 6 years. Her practice and teaching are strongly influenced by the Himalayan tradition of yoga and meditation as well as her training in Transformations conscious connected breathwork.

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## BREATHWORK JOURNEY FOR RELEASE AND VITALITY: 5/27 • 1:00 PM

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#### Whitnall Park

## Trash Clean-Up!

Together, We Clean, Together, We Care.

#### 5/31: Meet at GCC at 9:00 am

We will carpool from church to Whitnall Park and pick up trash in the assigned areas.

Return to church at 11:30 for lunch.





# FRIENDS CLUB

MEETS SUNDAYS JUNE 15, JUNE 29, JULY 13, JULY 27, AUGUST 10 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM



7/27: FRIENDS SHOW THE WAY TO KINDNESS AND OV. 8/10: FRIENDS STRENGTHEN ONE ANOTHER

SUMMER LEARNING 2025

## **UKRAINE SUPPORT**

# THROUGH TRAVELING COLONELS ORGANIZATION

#### WHO ARE WE DONATING FOR?

We are collecting donations to purchase trauma first aid kits for Ukraine's frontline soldiers and field hospitals partnering with the Travelling Colonels and Medical Missionaries organizations

### MAY 4 - MAY 31

#### **DONATE 2 WAYS**

#### **WEBSITE**

Click above or the QR code to the right to donate directly to CWS.

#### **CHECK OR CASH**

We accept cash and/or checks. Please make checks out to Greendale Community Church with <u>"Ukraine Support"</u> in the memo line.

(Funds will be sent at the end of May)





# GARDEN CARDEN WALK

JUNE 26 • 10:00 AM

JOIN GREENDALE
RESIDENT AND STUDENT
OF HERBAL MEDICINE,
WENDY LEHMAN ON A
WALK THROUGH HER
HERBAL GARDEN TO
TOUCH, SMELL, AND
LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS
HERBS.



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