



Thursday November 20, 2025

Greetings,

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Exactly one week from today, we will sit down at table with people that we love and celebrate Thanksgiving. For most people, a feast will be prepared, marking the day as a special day. When it is over, we will groan, and say, "I shouldn't have eaten so much!" and "Gosh, that was good!" and "Why does everything have to taste so good!?" But, I wonder if, in all of that, if we've truly given thanks.

One of my favorite poets is e.e. cummings. (He never used capital letters in his name). He wrote a poem that sticks in my memory that I think is appropriate for every day of the year, and especially for Thanksgiving. I find myself reading it over and over. Each time I do, new elements pop out – the way cummings inverts normal phrases so that the reader has to think, until we get to the high-point of the poem 'how should any human being doubt unimaginable you?' And that thought is interspersed with the senses and the experience of life. God ahead, give it a read!

I thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes

I who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any-lifted from the no
of all nothing-human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Here are some things to mark on your calendars...

November 23 – Following the service of worship is our annual Haning of the Greens. There is much to be done, but we are reminded that many hands make light work.

December 7 – Will be the Annual Business Meeting of the congregation. This will take place following the service of worship. Lunch will be served by the participants of the 2026 Intergenerational Mission Trip. (A Free Will Offering will be taken which will go toward Mission Trip expenses).

NYC THEATER TRIP MEETING Several people have expressed a desire to go on a trip to New York City to see shows (and maybe eat an excellent meal, or two). Pastor Dave is looking to put together such a trip. The dates of the trip would be February 3-6, 2026. If you are interested, or would like to know more about what this trip would look like, Pastor Dave is holding a meeting on NOVEMBER 30 immediately following the service of worship. At that time he will provide a thumb nail sketch of what this trip could look like, and have some guesstimates on cost. A sign-up is on Pastor Dave's office door.

Intergenerational Mission Trip Sign-Up sheet is up. This year we will be returning to Staten Island, but working for different agencies. We will work for Abraham's Tent (addressing food insecurity) and The Reformed Church of Huguenot Park. Dates of the Trip are August 1-9, 2026. More information and Sign-Up is to the left of Pastor Dave's office door.

Please see the following pages for all of our current events and activities!

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

Peace,
Pastor Dave

GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH

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SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2025

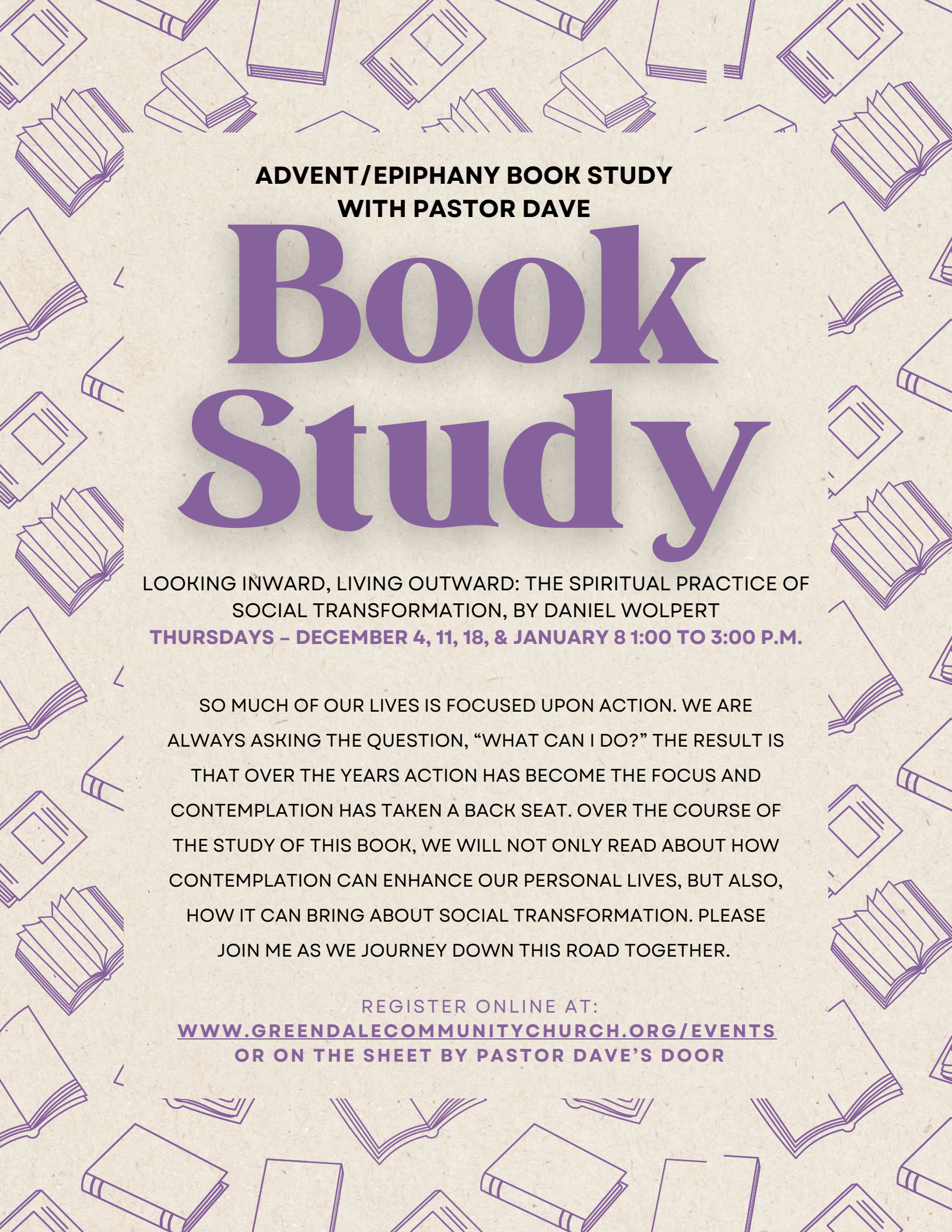
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WORSHIP



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**ADVENT/EPIPHANY BOOK STUDY
WITH PASTOR DAVE**

Book Study

LOOKING INWARD, LIVING OUTWARD: THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF
SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION, BY DANIEL WOLPERT
THURSDAYS – DECEMBER 4, 11, 18, & JANUARY 8 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

SO MUCH OF OUR LIVES IS FOCUSED UPON ACTION. WE ARE ALWAYS ASKING THE QUESTION, “WHAT CAN I DO?” THE RESULT IS THAT OVER THE YEARS ACTION HAS BECOME THE FOCUS AND CONTEMPLATION HAS TAKEN A BACK SEAT. OVER THE COURSE OF THE STUDY OF THIS BOOK, WE WILL NOT ONLY READ ABOUT HOW CONTEMPLATION CAN ENHANCE OUR PERSONAL LIVES, BUT ALSO, HOW IT CAN BRING ABOUT SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION. PLEASE JOIN ME AS WE JOURNEY DOWN THIS ROAD TOGETHER.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
WWW.GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS
OR ON THE SHEET BY PASTOR DAVE’S DOOR



Beefing Up Your *Nutrition Profile*

We all want to eat food that tastes good and is good for us! Come learn ways and different foods that can "beef up" your everyday recipes and meals to add nutritional value while still saving the flavor.

Wednesday, December 3 • 6:30pm



GREENDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS *Services*

The holidays are a festive time at GCC and we would love to see you at one of our Christmas Eve services.

Children's Service
Dec. 24th at 3:00 pm

Family Service
Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm

Service of Lessons and Carols
Dec. 24th at 10:00pm

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