

The image features a background of vertical wooden planks. A central portion of the planks is painted a vibrant red, while the outer portions remain a weathered, light greyish-white. The wood grain and knots are clearly visible throughout. At the bottom center, the date "Thursday, January 30, 2026" is printed in a dark, serif font.

Thursday, January 30, 2026

Greetings,

Thursday January 30, 2026

I hope this note finds you well. This past Sunday was a day of celebration here at church as Jeanne Toepfer celebrated her 100'th Birthday. I can't imagine everything here eyes have seen or her ears have heard. The scope of a life that long boggles my mind.

I have spent a fair amount of time this week in conversation with other clergy, as I've had to take some classes to keep my credentialing current. Our discussions, during breaks, inevitably turned to the events in Minneapolis. Do you know that on this past Tuesday, ICE was shooting tear gas into pre-schools where children of immigrants might be. They targeted children. I explore my values as a Christian, and listen to the words of Jesus as he implores us to care for widows and orphans, the least among us, the sojourners in our midst, to take care of children, to feed the hungry, the give drink to the thirsty, to care for the sick, to visit the imprisoned, to clothe the naked. These are my core values, and they are under assault. No wonder I have trouble sleeping. Perhaps you do, too.

Here are some things coming up...

Celebration of Life Service for Ed Eisendrath Ed Eisendrath died peacefully on the morning of January 19, after beginning hospice care on January 17. His Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Visitation will take place from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. Worship Service will be at Noon, with luncheon to follow. We are in need of people to do the following: 1) take charge of organizing the volunteers to work for the luncheon, 2) people to volunteer to set up for the luncheon, and 3) people to bake desserts for the dessert table at the luncheon.

Confirmation Project to be announced on Sunday February 1 This year we have a class of 8 very inquisitive and gifted students, and between them, they have come up with six wonderful service projects. On February 1, they will share their story about what their project is and why it is important to them. Confirmation Projects have three requirements: 1) they must be related to a special cause or interest that the confirmand is passionate about, 2) they must involve members of their own family, and 3) they must also involve members of the congregation. So, be ready to pitch in.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday. And remember, the Microphone will be set up at the center of the aisle for you to share your stories of "where you have seen God – in the world, in the community, and/or in our church!

See you at Church!

Peace, Pastor Dave

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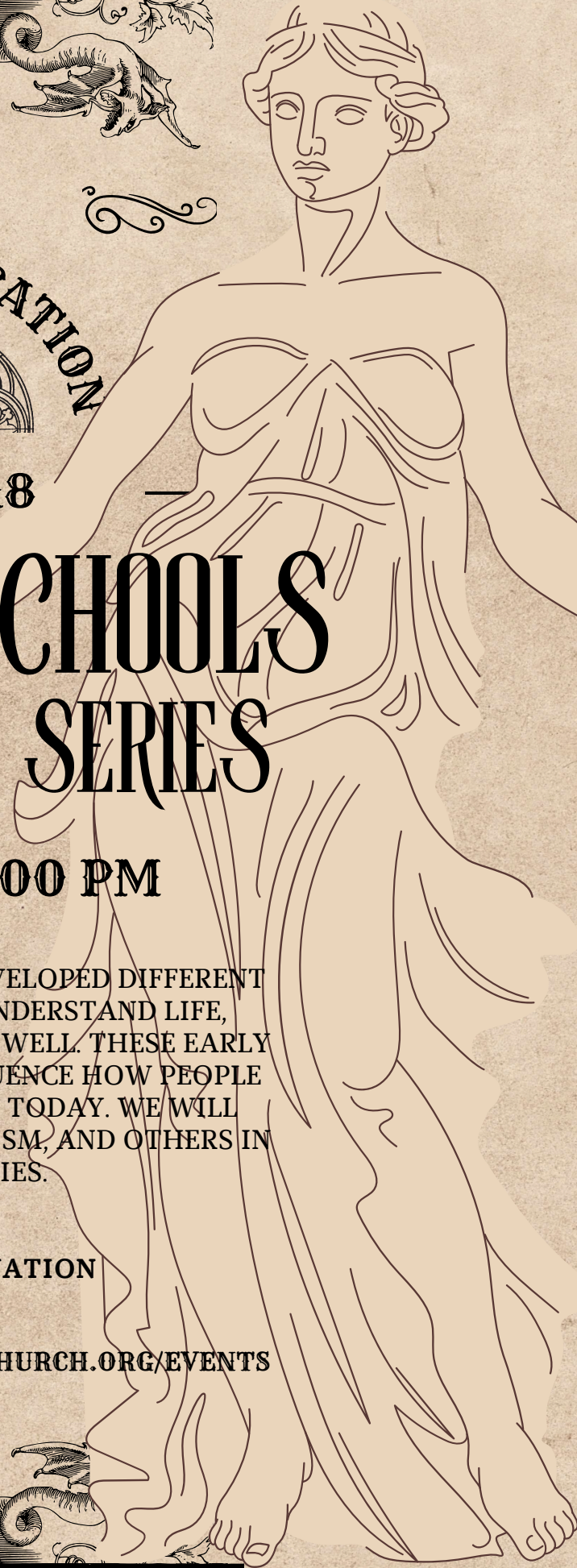
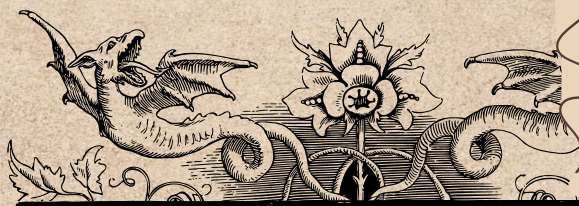
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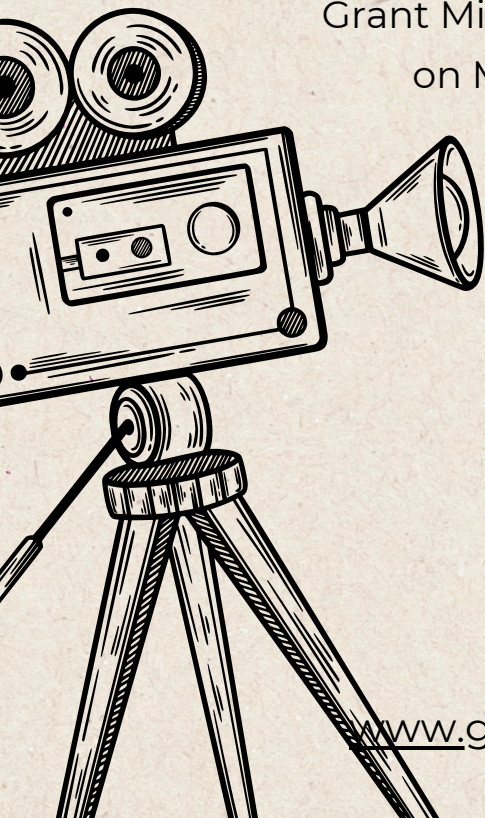
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Solidarity Cinema Night

THE ENCAMPMENTS WITH OUR FRIENDS AT USPCN

“The Encampments” explores the 2024 Palestine solidarity campus encampments at Columbia University and other pro-Palestinian protests on university campuses, such as the Palestine solidarity encampment at the University of California, Los Angeles. The film features some leaders of the protests at Columbia, including Mahmoud Khalil, Grant Miner, and Sueda Polat. It originally premiered on March 25, 2025. Run time 1 hour : 21 min.



MONDAY FEB 23
6:30PM-8:00PM

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