

# Greetings,



So, I was thinking today of how many announcements there were before worship on this past Sunday, and how quickly I was talking to get them all in, and how wonderful that was that I had all of those items to share with you! What a bustling place this is! Church is just busting out all over!!! I also saw some amazing things this past Sunday. I saw a boy, who, two years ago when he started coming to the church with his parent was incredibly shy now sitting at the potluck table with the “cool kids” and goofing around and having a good time. I saw first time visitors to the church being comfortable enough to stay for pot-luck lunch. I saw people who didn’t know each other helping folks with walkers get their lunch and find a place at the table. It all warms my heart. This month, October, we focus on Stewardship and what it means to be caretakers of the church. Part of that is how do we take care of each other. Pretty good, I would say. However, our eyes must be turned outward. I ask us to think particularly about the after effects of the storm that was named Helene. She left a lot of destruction in her path. In worship on Sunday, we will identify tangible ways that we, as a congregation, can be of assistance to our brothers and sisters as they dig out from the rubble. Until then, hold those affected by the storm and those responders who are helping in prayer.

## **COMING UP IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Book Study** – *The beginning of Advent is just two months away. Advent is a time of preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas. Pastor Dave invites you to join him in a THREE SESSION BOOK STUDY in preparation for Advent, studying the book, “The First Christmas”. In “The First Christmas”, Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan—top Jesus scholars and authors of “The Last Week”—help us see the real Christmas story buried in the familiar Bible accounts. Basing their interpretations on the two nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Borg and Crossan focus on the literal story—the inner truth rather than the historical facts—to offer a clear and uplifting message of hope and peace. With The First Christmas readers get a fresh, deep, and new understanding of the nativity story, enabling us to better appreciate the powerful message of the Gospels. Book Study will be held on October 17, October 31 and November 21 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.*

**Film Series** – *As the days get shorter and cooler, what better thing to do than gather together with others for a simple, warm supper and then watch a movie. Pastor Dave is starting a “film series” of many different genres of films. Our first film will be “The Help”. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. for supper, with the film to begin shortly thereafter (as soon as everyone has gotten their supper). If there is time at the end, we may have a bit of discussion. If not, there will be a discussion sheet to take home.*

**Stewardship** – *The month of October marks the beginning of Stewardship. During this month, we will highlight the many facets of life at Greendale Community Church. There will be some fun components as Pastor Dave channels the energy of one of our past beloved members, Irene Nevala, adapting a few showtunes for the season. Different people will share why they feel it is important to contribute to the Vision and Mission of Greendale Community Church. On Pledge Sunday – October 27 – the Chancel Choir has a special ending planned for the service of worship, to be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Room.*

Peace, Pastor Dave

# GCC Activities

## October 3 - October 9

3

THURSDAY

Community Yoga

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

4

FRIDAY

Bunco Chili and Roll

5:00 PM

6

SUNDAY

Soup Sunday

7

MONDAY

Tai Chi

9:00 AM - Continuing

10:00 AM - Beginner

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TUESDAY

Community Yoga

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Values and Visions Letter Writing

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

8

TUESDAY

Adult Ed: How to Hack your DNA  
to Restore Health

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



CLICK [HERE](#) OR  
THE QR CODE  
FOR OUR  
MONTHLY CALENDAR



GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH

The background features a watercolor illustration of several pumpkins in shades of orange, red, and yellow, creating a warm, autumnal feel.

# SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024

# WORSHIP



[CLICK HERE TO WORSHIP](#)

[GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG](https://greendalecommunitychurch.org)

# THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

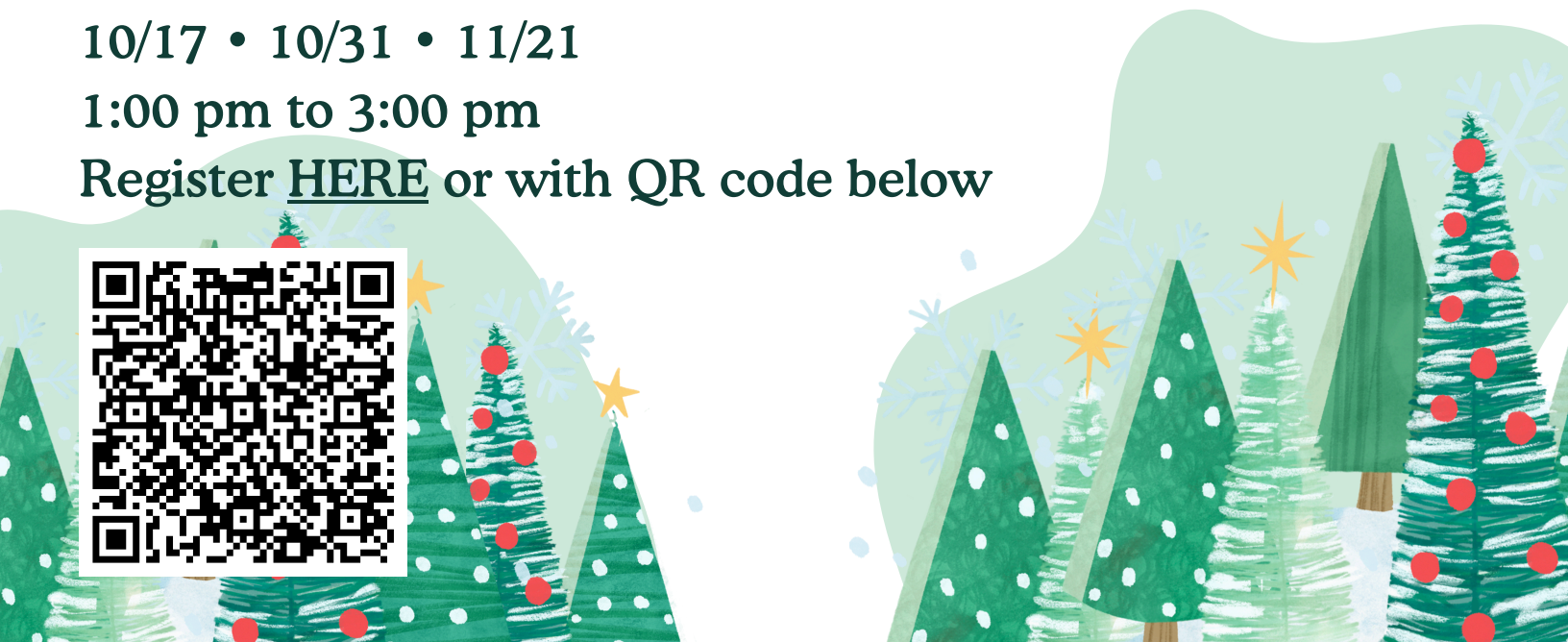
## BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR DAVE

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10/17 • 10/31 • 11/21

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

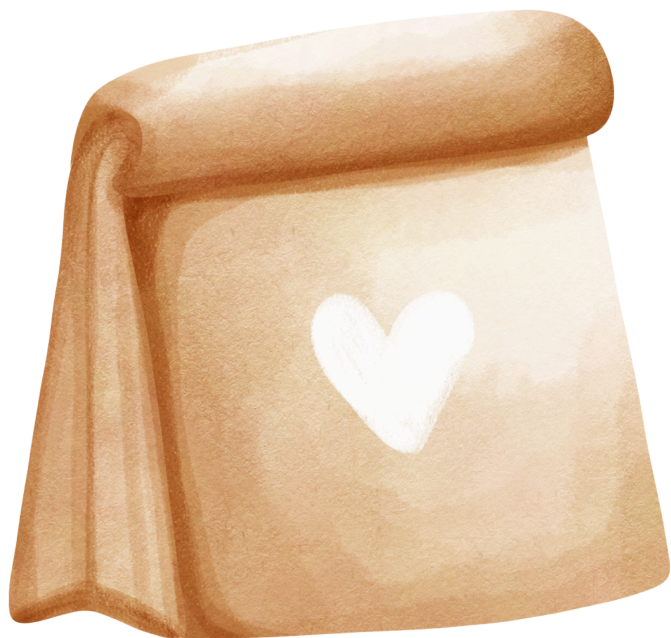
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# LUNCH FOR LATER

**Come join the Mission Group in the Community Room to pack 50 lunches for Street Angels to deliver to people in need**



Anyone is welcome and we encourage families to participate. We will also need donations to make this event possible! Our signup for donations is posted on the Mission Board. If you sign up for an item, please bring it to church by October 6.

**OCT 13 • AFTER SERVICE**

**For information on donated items, click [HERE](#)**

**Simple Supper and a**



# **MOVIE NIGHT**

**with Pastor Dave**

**06  
PM**



**08  
PM**



**OCTOBER 16 • “The Help”**

SIGN UP [HERE](#) FOR OCTOBER'S  
MOVIE OR USE THE QR CODE



S U N D A Y   S C H O O L

# FALL

## *festival*

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OCTOBER 20 • 10:30 AM

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**BRING A FRIEND TO  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COME  
TO OUR FALL FESTIVAL  
FOLLOWING CLASS!**

Trick or treat, apple  
cider, snacks,  
games, and much  
more... Something  
for everyone!

**WEAR YOUR COSTUME!**