



Thursday December 11, 2025

Greetings,

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Can you believe it!?!? The Third Sunday of Advent is upon us – Just Like That!!! (Imagine yourselves snapping your fingers!) It is, perhaps, my favorite Sunday in Advent. It is called Gaudete Sunday, or The Sunday of Joy, or in some traditions, Turning Sunday. It is when we realize we are closer to Christmas, Closer to the turning of the season, Closer to receiving the story (that incredible story) again. But, I wonder if the turning doesn't also have something to do with last week's lesson about the baptist's cry at the Jordan River – when he shouted in Hebrew (because that is what he spoke, "Shuv!!!") "Turn" "Take a New Path – one that takes you closer to God!!" Maybe those ancient mystics, and poets, and storytellers, and monks, and nuns, and the desert abbas and ammas knew something that we have lost touch of – that that there is always time to stop, look, listen, and TURN, and come closer to God.

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

End of the Year Brunch, 12/28 at 10:00 a.m. On this Sunday, we gather in the Fellowship Hall to end the year with a special worship service and a feast. We ask that you sign up for this event on the bulletin board to the left of Pastor Dave's office door. We are also looking for people to help set up and prepare on Saturday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m., to work the kitchen before and during the event on December 28, and to help clean up after. All of these sign up sheets can be found to the left of Pastor Dave's office door.

Reminder The Financial Books of the church will close on Monday, December 29. Usually, December is our most expensive month. Please make sure that your financial offerings make it to the Financial Secretary by this date. You all have been great this year! There has not been one month when the books have gone into the Red. Let's stay strong through the end of the year.

Ecumenical Service for Peace Sunday, 1/18, at 3:00 p.m. The Clergy of the Churches of the Green Corners invite you to an Ecumenical Service for Peace. This service will be hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, located at 3722 S. 58th Street, Milwaukee. Participating Churches include Greendale Community Church, St. Alphonsus Church, St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Emanuel UCC- Hales Corners, Adoration Lutheran, and Our Lady of Lourdes. The question we ask people to think of before coming to the service (and there will be time to give public witness to this question) is "Who do you see working for peace in the world today?"

*Peace,
Pastor Dave*

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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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GREENDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH'S

The Giving Tree

NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 14

Our 2025 selections are Kids Matter, Milwaukee Homeless Vets Initiative, and Inner Beauty Center. We hope you will consider buying one of our gift selections from the giving tree in our church.

KIDS MATTER

The mission of Kids Matter Inc. is to help abused and neglected children heal and thrive, to bring volunteer energy and community support to foster and kinship children, and to apply lessons learned from helping children heal to preventing further child abuse.

MKE HOMELESS VETERANS INITIATIVE

Founded and run by veterans, we offer unique programs to fill the gaps and don't duplicate what others do. When possible, we partner with the Veterans Administration, Wis. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit agencies.

INNER BEAUTY CENTER

Inner Beauty Center exists to meet women in sex work with compassion and dignity, providing essential resources and pathways to healing, stability, and freedom—while sharing the love of Christ and reminding each woman she is God's beloved child.

STOCKINGS OF HOPE

THE "STOCKINGS OF HOPE" CAMPAIGN IS A HOLIDAY TRADITION WHERE VOLUNTEERS FILL STOCKINGS WITH ESSENTIALS AND SMALL GIFTS FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.





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PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND NO FAITH, ALL SPIRITUALITIES AND THEOLOGIES GATHER IN SMALL GROUPS TO SHARE A MEAL AND PARTICIPATE IN A MODERATED DISCUSSION USING A PROVEN MODEL, EVOKING DEEP EXCHANGES ABOUT LIVED EXPERIENCES AND THE ROLE OF FAITH AND/OR SPIRITUALITY IN THEIR LIVES. THROUGH EXPLORATION AND DIALOGUE, PARTICIPANTS LEARN ABOUT THE BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS OF OTHERS WITHIN AN ATMOSPHERE OF RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING, AND ARE EMPOWERED TO STAND AS WITNESSES FOR TOLERANCE AND INCLUSION.

- THIS DINNER IS SPONSORED AND RUN BY THE INNERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

VALUES & VISIONS

NAVIGATING GRIEF IN THE WORLD TODAY

Political grief can occur when we experience a loss of safety, trust, or hope for the future because of government practices and/or backlash to enacted policies. Come join Grief Coach, Abigail Goelzer, in this supportive and inclusive setting to explore our emotions and find camaraderie.




MONDAY, JAN 26 • 6:30PM-8:00PM

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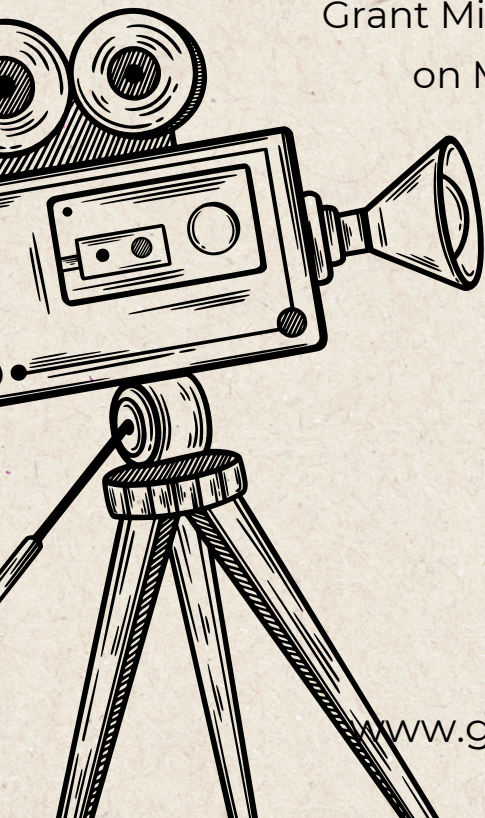
Values and Visions



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.



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