

Greetings,

Thursday, May 28, 2026

It is commencement time! And, because late at night I have this habit of doomscrolling through Facebook videos, a lot of commencement speeches have been popping up in my feed – speeches from past years and speeches from this year. I do have some favorites.

My first is Jacob Collier's speech at Berklee College School of Music. There is no way to describe who Jacob Collier is or what he does. He is a music phenom who does incredible work with orchestras and, perhaps more importantly, with audiences at concerts. During his commencement address, he speaks about the radical concept of trusting each other.

My second is Mr. Fred Rogers commencement speech at Marquette University in 2001, during which he speaks about looking for the best in the people we are with in the moment and recognizing the eternal (the Holy, the Sacred) in our neighbor.

And, Finally, the commencement speech of Eric Church given this year to The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. Using his guitar, he speaks about the six string making up a full chord, and the six facets of life that need to stay in tune (healthy) in order for life to be harmonious. You will have to pull up the speech on YouTube. He said something, though, that sticks with me. He said, "people who tend to their faith in ordinary seasons, do not come undone in extraordinary ones." I believe that is the cycle. Why do we gather weekly? Why do we greet each other? Why do we sing? Why do we pray? Why do we listen? Why do we give? Because it is all tending our faith gardens. We are in unprecedented times. Somehow, I think these three messages speak to us – trust each other, look for the good (sacred, holy) in each other, tend your faith in the ordinary seasons. May we listen to the voices which speak to us, and respond wisely.

Here's what's coming up in the life of the church...

Construction and Parking *The construction and parking situation changes daily. Please check the church Facebook page on Saturday, after NOON, for information pertaining to Sunday morning.*
www.facebook.com/greendalecommunitychurch

Fifth Sunday Potluck *will take place on Sunday, May 31, following the service of worship. Ham and Rolls will be provided. Folks are kindly asked to sign up on the sign-up sheet beside Pastor Dave's office door, and to bring a dish to pass.*

Baccalaureate Sunday *It is Graduation Season, and we are aware that some folks are moving on in their lives, either from High School, Trade School, or University. If you, or someone in your family is graduating, we would like to acknowledge their accomplishment on Baccalaureate Sunday. We will share their names in worship, where they are graduating from and what they are going on to, and we will have a special cake to celebrate the event during Coffee Hour. Please forward your graduates information to the church office at gccucc@greendalecommunitychurch.org or sign up on the sheet to the left of Pastor Dave's office door.*

Milwaukee Pride Parade *is coming up on Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. This year, The Wisconsin Conference of The United Church of Christ is a proud sponsor of the event. We will again be assembling a group to walk in solidarity with all of the other Open and Affirming Churches. Last year, when we walked, it poured rain for the whole parade, but when we got to the announcers booth, and they announced, "The United Church of Christ" the rain stopped, the sun shone down on us, and the crowd erupted into massive ovation. It was truly magical. I hope that you will be a part of our contingent that walks in the parade this year. Sign Up on the sheet to the left of Pastor Dave's office door, or e-mail him at dgaeth@greendalecommunitychurch.org.*

Please see newsletter below for all other volunteer opportunities, activities, events, and classes.

Peace, Pastor Dave

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VALUES & VISIONS

Meet and Greet

Come join us for a meet and greet with Brian Bock. Brian is running for Wisconsin's State Assembly District 61.

Thur 6/4/2026 • 6:30PM

Greendale Community Church
6015 Clover Lane • Greendale

Register at:

www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events



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6/11: SENDIKS ON 79TH AND LAYTON • 7/10: SENDIKS ON 51ST AND RAWSON

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