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Last night, I was working with the Confirmation Class, and we were discussing the Epistles of Paul from the Christian Scriptures. Through a series of exercises and learning centers, the class became familiar with the major themes that are evident in Paul's writings.

At one of the centers, the particular excerpt from Corinthians read, "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." As they talked about what it meant to be one body, and the many parts that make up a body, they were given an exercise. An inflated balloon was placed among them. They had to keep it in the air, hitting the balloon with any part of their bodies. However, no person could go twice in a row, and they had to keep it in the air for 37 hits (don't ask me where I pulled that number from, I have no idea). The group learned that it was easier to control the balloon if it was tapped gently, rather than hit hard. And they also learned that there was a better chance of it staying in the air if they remained calm and checked in with each other as to who was going to tap it next.

When we talked about this as a larger group, we discussed how the church works. The church (sometimes called the body of Christ) is composed of many parts – its individual members, its committees, its staff people – and all have different functions, but we are all working together as the body of Christ to serve others and to work (together) toward a vision in which everyone has enough, and everyone is whole. Shalom.

We also talked about the conscious decisions that we make on a daily basis. We make so many! Each one should be bringing us closer to the fulfillment of that vision.

When we finished our evening together, one of the Confirmands led us in prayer. In her prayer, one of the things she said is, "Thank you for giving us hope." Every step we take toward fulfilling God's vision is Hope for the world.

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

Adult Ed: In the Company of Angels: 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 1:00pm-3:00pm

This 4 week series will introduce you to the Angels. We will cover the angels, their ancient origins, their functions and purpose in our lives, the Guardian Angels, the Archangels and the 9 Choirs of angels including their roles in Jewish, Islamic and Christian traditions.

Adult Ed: The Blue Zones: How to Live Like a Centennarian: Wed, 11/12, 6:30pm-8:00pm

The Blue Zones are the places on earth where people live the longest. These areas have the highest percentage of centenarians or people who live to 100 years old. Come learn their secrets to longevity.

November 16 – The agencies that will be the beneficiaries of our Giving Tree this year will be in worship to tell us about their agencies and about how your gifts matter. Please mark this date 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.

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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).

Soup For Guest House From October through April we take homemade soups in two cup portions to the gentlemen at Guest House. Many of the men at Guest House work full-time jobs, and those that work second shift, miss the various meal programs. However, with fresh frozen soups, they can come home, choose a delicious soup, and have a warm meal before going to bed. Place two cups of homemade soup in a Ziploc freezer bag, lay flat on its side and freeze and then bring to church. Our Next drop off day is Friday, November 14.

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.

Our Ongoing Events are as follows: Tai Chi: Monday 9:00am, Community Yoga: Tuesday 6:30pm and Thursday at 9:15am, Drop off soup for Guest House is this Friday.

For more information and to register for our adult ed opportunities go to our website at www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

*Peace,
Pastor Dave*

GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2025

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WORSHIP



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HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES



TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

DONATE —monetary donations go further than food donations do. These organizations know what their needs are AND they have relationships with distributors to get the best price on these items!

We will be focusing our monetary donations on Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, Nourish MKE, and St. Alphonsus Food Pantry.

THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Right now, 42 million Americans are without SNAP benefits. Of those 42 million, 40% are children!

The City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee Public School District, the Milwaukee Bucks, faith leaders, and other partners are launching a unified effort to ensure families have access to food and basic necessities during the federal government shutdown. FoodShare benefits are expected to pause on November 1 due to the ongoing government shutdown.

In collaboration with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and Nourish MKE, the drive will collect nonperishable food and monetary donations to support Milwaukee-area food pantries.

TO DONATE CLICK [HERE](#)

If you'd like to donate more locally, please click [HERE](#) to donate to St. Alphonsus Food Pantry Food Pantry in Greendale

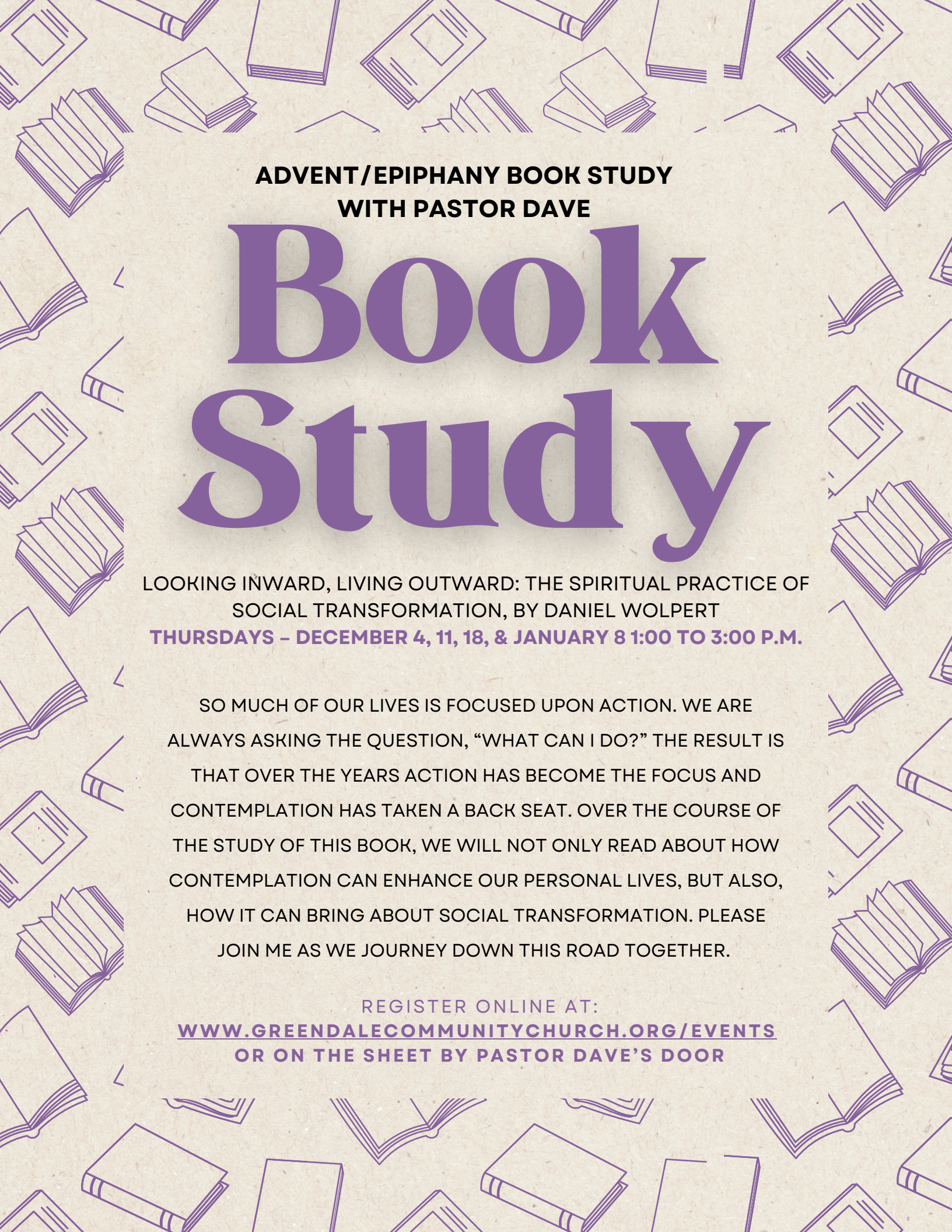


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**ADVENT/EPIPHANY BOOK STUDY
WITH PASTOR DAVE**

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



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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





VALUES AND VISIONS

POLLINATOR
PEACE
GARDEN
PROJECT

LET'S CREATE SOMETHING POSITIVE

THIS PROJECT WILL SPAN THE TIME OF A FEW
YEARS. WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PEOPLE TO PLAN, TO PLANT, TO SHARE THEIR
PLANTS, AND TO FUNDRAISE.

please register to show your interest

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