

greetings!

In her groundbreaking play, “The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe”, Jane Wagner wrote, “reality is the leading cause of stress for those who believe in it!”. How true those words are. Reality is stressing me out, lately. Well, if I’m honest, not just lately, but for a very long time, now. Thirty years ago, the Broadway musical “Rent” opened. The opening line of the title song is, “How do you document real life when real life’s getting more like fiction each day?” Lately, reality is causing me to wish for some very not nice things. Mr. Rogers once shared a song with children on his show. The opening of the song contained these words, “One time I wished that a lion would come and eat up my house and my street. I was mad at the world and I wished that the beast would stomp everything with his big heavy feet, and eat everything with his big sharp teeth.” And, from conversations I have been in recently, I know that I am not the only person feeling such feelings. What do we do with these feelings we feel. We certainly can’t act them out. That would not be very good. But to hold them in only messes with our minds and does nasty things with our psychologies, changing us into people that we never thought we’d be. And we don’t want that, either.

In this week’s epistle lesson, the Apostle Paul reminds us that all of our actions need to be grounded in love – in agapé – in that love which is sacrificial and self-less. And, if ever there is ever a time to act, it is now. This is not a time for us to sit and wait for someone else to take up the cause. I am not going to speak of too much of this here, but rather, encourage you to come to worship Sunday and hear more about the Apostle Paul’s take on love and selflessness and selfless action. It may be just we need to get us through these times

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You On behalf of the fourteen folks going on the Intergenerational Mission Trip to Berlin, a huge Thank You to the Congregation for your attending and supporting the Pancake Breakfast on January 26. \$1,015 was raised through your generosity.

Opportunities Galore There are numerous classes and opportunities to engage in the wider community. To find out what is going on, you can check BELOW and on the bulletin boards to the left of Pastor Dave’s office door and across from Pastor Dave’s office, and across from the coat racks. You can also check out the church web page at www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events You can then go to the calendar and click on each event to learn more, or you can go under the events tab. We really do have a lot to offer.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

GCC MISSION BOARD SPONSORED

WILDFIRE RELIEF

THROUGH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

WHO ARE WE DONATING FOR?

We are collecting donations to aid those in California impacted by the wildfires by partnering with Church World Service.

JAN 26- FEB 28

DONATE 2 WAYS

[WEBSITE](#)

Click above or the QR code to the right to donate directly to CWS.

[CHECK OR CASH](#)

We accept cash and/or checks. Please make checks out to Greendale Community Church with "Wildfire Relief" in the memo line.
(Funds will be sent to CWS the end of February)



GCC Activities

January 29 - February 5

30

THURSDAY

Community Yoga

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

3

MONDAY

Tai Chi

9:00 AM - CONTINUING

10:00 AM - BEGINNER

4

TUESDAY

Mindful Movement and Heartful

Restore-a yoga and sound

healing for your heart

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

4

TUESDAY

Adult Ed: Finding Jesus

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH

SUN DAY

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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The return of the light!

CANDLEMAS RETREAT



CONSERVANCY OF HEALING AND HERITAGE

7410 WEST RAWSON AVE, FRANKLIN

2/8 • 9:00-12:00 • \$20

REGISTER AT [GREENDALECOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS](https://greendalecommunitychurch.org/events)

Values & Visions

Where Do We Go From Here

Come join us for this special evening with
Grief Counselor Abigail Goelzer.



2/24 • 6:30pm



INTRODUCING ME

**Discovering Yourself Through the
Ancient Practices of Astrology,
Numerology, and the Enneagram**

2/11: ASTROLOGY

1pm-3pm

3/18: NUMEROLOGY

\$10 for all

4/8: THE ENNEAGRAM

4 sessions

5/13: PUTTING IT ALL

TOGETHER

In each session we will be going over the most important elements of each area of study and then identifying where you personally lie within them. There will be teaching time, as well as individual, and group study. At the end of our sessions together you will have a better idea of what makes you tick! In the last session we will put all the pieces together in a fantastic way :)



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GRIEF CIRCLE

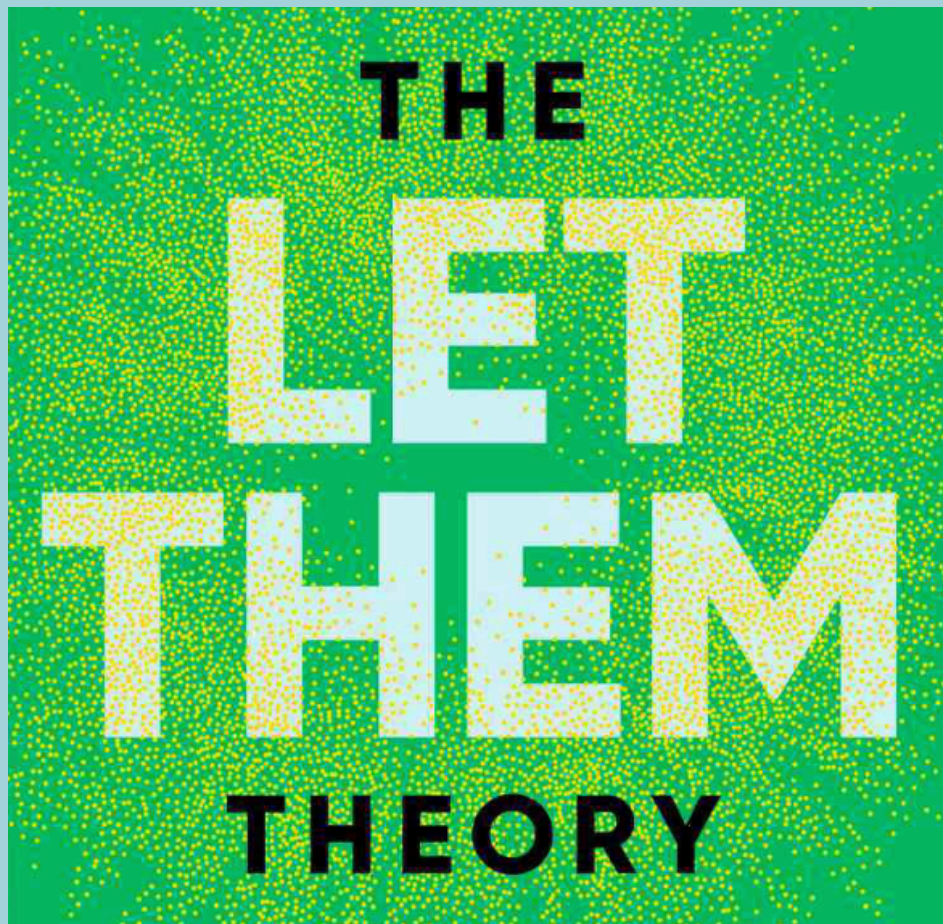
Join us for a special Grief Circle as we welcome
Grief Coach and Death Doula, Abigail Goelzer.

**INTEGRATING GRIEF:
HOW WE REMAIN**

2/17/25 • 6:30 PM

Join us for the love of reading
If you've ever felt stuck, overwhelmed, or frustrated with
where you are, the problem isn't you. The problem is the
power you give to other people. Two simple words—Let
Them—will set you free.

BOOK STUDY



The Let Them Theory

AT THIS TIME WE ARE TRYING TO GAUGE INTEREST FOR
A LATE SPRING BOOK CLUB. SIGN UP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

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