



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

Groveland Fellowship services start at 10:00 a.m. at 1671 Summit Ave in Saint Paul.

Sunday, October 1

No Service – Marathon Sunday

Sunday, October 8

Reimagining Religious Community Presented by Rev. Phillip Lund

Religion in the United States has been in a state of flux for quite some time now. One of the keys for congregations and fellowships to survive is to reimagine what it means to be a religious community. This talk will explore some of the ways religious and spiritual innovators are doing just that. Covenanting communities will also be discussed.

Rev. Phillip Lund has over 20 years experience in the areas of faith development and spiritual growth, first as a religious educator, and most recently as a consultant for the MidAmerica Region of the UUA. He holds an M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and a certificate in InterSpiritual Counseling from One Spirit Learning Alliance in New York. Phil lives here in Saint Paul with his wife, Julia, his son, Henry David, and two cats, Nika and Dima.

Sunday, October 15

Diversity

Presented by Margaree Levy

Margaree Levy is the Director of Multicultural Initiatives at ARTS: The Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (magazine).

Sunday, October 22

The Importance of Accessible Transportation for All

Presented by Kjensmo Walker

Kjensmo Walker is the Chair of the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee. In this role Kjensmo oversees the accessible transportation needs of the disability community. She identifies as a person with disabilities and has a degree in Urban Studies from the University of Minnesota.

Sunday, October 29

What is Zen?

Presented by Michael O'Neal



This talk will explore what is at the heart of Zen practice and study, including what it means to awaken in the midst of our busy, turbulent everyday lives.

Michael O'Neal is a Guiding Teacher of Compassionate Ocean Zen Center in northeast Minneapolis. He practiced and taught for many years at the Minnesota Zen Meditation Center and Hokyoji Zen Monastery under the guidance of Dainin Katagiri Roshi. He has also practiced with Thich Nhat Hanh in France and the United States, and completed a training for professionals with Jon Kabat-Zinn in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), which he has taught for over 20 years. He currently teaches and leads practice at Compassionate Ocean.

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From Our 25th Anniversary Celebration September 17

Twenty-five years ago, Abby Struck, Lynne Biddle-Walker and Martha Anderson sat around a dinner table and realized they were tired of complaining about the church they attended. So they decided to form one of their own: a small urban fellowship that would satisfy their desire for community, conversation and equality. They sent out a flyer, held a meeting, and found that there were many others who were searching for the same thing.

On September 17, we celebrated our 25th anniversary with some pride. Over the years there have been many bumps in the road, but the mission has remained steadfast: To be a mutually supportive and inclusive community, which fosters individual spiritual growth and inspires members to do good works in the world.



Over the next several months we would like to include in the e-wire some thoughts about the past, present and future of Groveland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Below right: Founder Lynne Biddle-Walker who now lives in North Carolina was unable to attend.



Above left: Founders, Abby Struck and Martha Anderson opened the service. Below: a few attendees.

Below right: Leticia lighting candle – Joys and Concerns



Looking Ahead...

Sunday, November 5 Day of the Dead Moderator, Abby Struck

In the style of our past Day of the Dead services, we will discuss "the church I used to attend". Please bring an artifact or anecdote to focus on, and tell us what was valuable about your religious upbringing.

Upcoming Events

Groveland Book Group for October Wednesday, October 11



The October book group will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 pm at Lois Hamilton and Alan Lando's house.

We will be reading *Population 485*, by Michael Perry. "Here the local vigilante is a farmer's wife armed with a pistol and a Bible, the most senior member of the volunteer fire department is a cross-eyed butcher with one kidney and two ex-wives (both of whom work at the only gas station in town), and the back roads are haunted by the ghosts of children and farmers. Michael Perry loves this place. He grew up here, and now -- after a decade away -- he has returned. Unable to polka or repair his own pickup, his farm-boy hands gone soft after years of writing, Mike figures the best way to regain his credibility is to join the volunteer fire department. Against a backdrop of fires and tangled wrecks, bar fights and smelt feeds, he tells a frequently comic tale leavened with moments of heartbreaking delicacy and searing tragedy." (From Good Reads)

Please join us whether or not you have read the book. Call 651-699-2920 for more information.

Movie Night

October 28, 7 pm

at Ceile and Terry's art studio

Our movie will be *Mandala: Long Walk to Freedom*. "Nelson Mandela is a South African lawyer who joins the African National Congress in the 1940s when the law under the Apartheid system's brutal tyranny proves useless for his people. Forced to abandon peaceful protest for armed resistance after the Sharpeville Massacre, Mandela pays the price when he and his comrades are sentenced to life imprisonment for treason while his wife, Winnie, is abused by the authorities herself. Over the decades in chains, Mandela's spirit is unbowed as his struggle goes on in and beyond his captivity to become an international cause. However, as Winnie's determination hardens over the years into a violent ruthlessness, Nelson's own stature rises until he becomes the renowned leader of his movement. That status would be put to the test as his release nears and a way must be found to win a peaceful victory that will leave his country, and all its peoples, unstained." (written by Kenneth Chisholm, kchishol@rogers.com)

We will meet at Ceile and Terry's art studio in the ACVR Warehouse. Please call Ceile (651-592-1877) for more information and directions.

October Birthdays

No birthdays this month.

Groveland Outreach:

MORE Food Aid



Fridays at 8:15 a.m., several Grovelanders meet at Whole Foods Market at Grand and Fairview to transport groceries to the Multicultural School for Empowerment (MORE).

Please call Trescia Dunn at 651-698-1858 for more information, or to volunteer.

From September 24th service



It was a pleasure to have Ginny Allery, who now lives in Montana, back with us for one of her wonderful and enlightening services. Ginny (now Nia) told the story: *Nowhere Left to Go: The Story of the Rocky Boy Reservation*.

From 25th Anniversary service



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