



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

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

Sunday, February 4

TED TALK, What is Real News, What is Fake News? By Tom Becka

Moderator: Ceile Hartleib

How do we be smart about the media that we choose to consume? We'll watch the TED talk and then discuss our take on the news.

Sunday, February 11

If It Were Up to Me

Presented by Rev. Harlan Limpert

Moderator: Judy Bonhiver

Unitarian Universalists take pride in deciding for ourselves how to *live*. But too often we don't decide how to *die* by sharing with our loved ones what kind of medical care we desire at the end of life. What leads to that inconsistency? Are we willing to both live *and die* with intentionality?

The Rev. Harlan Limpert is a UU minister and former Chief Operating Officer of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He is a frequent speaker on the religious and ethical aspects of medical aid in dying.

Sunday, February 18

Finding our Spiritual Path in Troubled Times

Presented by Rev. Ashley Horan

Moderator: Lois Hamilton

Ashley Horan will lead a discussion about finding nurturing for ourselves and each other while imagining and working toward possibilities for a better world.

Rev. Ashley Horan, the Executive Director of the Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA) is a Unitarian Universalist minister who grew up at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, where she is still a member.

Rev. Ashley Horan has had a lifelong passion for social justice. She believes that by nurturing spiritual practice, theological reflection and accountable partnerships with other organizations and activists working for social change and liberation, Unitarian Universalists can play an important role in the intersecting struggles for justice that face our world today.

Ashley lives with her partner, the Rev. Karen Hutt, who is also a Unitarian Universalist Minister. They have two children, Zi and Aspen.

Sunday, February 25

Darwin and Religion

Presented by Bruce Jarvis

Moderator: Ceile Hartleib

Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution by natural selection have been the targets of pious people for over a century. The latest critics are those who believe in the philosophy of intelligent design. What is little known is that Darwin was educated at a university to become a prelate, the only profession for which universities then trained men. Sensitive to his wife's devout beliefs, Darwin shelved his theory for almost three decades, realizing how much it would upset her and the rest of society.

Bruce Jarvis, Groveland member, lives in Minneapolis and is a biologist by training. He teaches general biology and microbiology part-time at Normandale and Carleton Community Colleges.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, March 4

Cabbage Town

Presented by Rev. Karen Hutt,

Moderator: Lois Hamilton

Class bias among Unitarian Universalists has often been seen as an impenetrable reality of our association. Is it, and can we explore why? This sermon will explore the history and current realities of class bias in America and pose some suggestions to address this schism.

Rev. Karen Hutt is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, a credentialed Clinical Pastoral Educator and a Board Certified Chaplain. She was a co-founder and co-pastor of Church of the Open Door, a dual-affiliated UCC/UU congregation that served Chicago's Black LGBTQ population from 1997-2005. Rev. Hutt went on to serve as a chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Educator in several large hospital systems in Chicago and Minneapolis. She has been published in the *Journal for Reflective Practice and Supervision*. From 2005-2014 she served as the part-time Executive Director of Companions Journeying Together, Inc., an interfaith prison ministry that worked with clients in prisons and jails around the state of Illinois. She is editor of

The Call to Care: Essays by UU Chaplains.

Rev. Hutt lives in Minneapolis with her partner, Rev. Ashley Horan and their two children.

Upcoming Events

Book Group

Wednesday, February 14, 7pm



The February book

group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7pm at Jerry's home. Call 612-247-1462 for

more information. We are reading *The Jesus Cow* by Michael Perry.

Life is suddenly full of drama for low-key

Harley Jackson: A woman in a big red pickup has stolen his bachelor's heart, a Hummer-driving predatory developer is threatening to pave the last vestiges of his family farm, and inside his barn is a calf bearing the image of Jesus Christ. His best friend, Billy, urges him to avoid the woman, fight the developer, and get rich off the calf.

Then the secret gets out and Harley's 'miracle' goes viral. Within hours pilgrims, grifters, and the media have descended on his quiet patch of Swivel, Wisconsin, looking for a glimpse (and a percentage) of the calf. Does Harley hide the famous, possibly holy calf and risk a riot, or give the people what they want—and raise enough money to keep his land—and, just possibly, win the woman and her big red pickup truck? (from Goodreads, excerpted by E-Wire staff)

Camp Unistar:

"BELONGING at Camp...CHERISHING the Island...INSPIRING ACTION in the World"

Camp UniStar is a camp for Unitarian Universalist individuals and families and other like-minded people, nestled in the Chippewa National Forest on Star Island in northern Minnesota. Each year we welcome campers of all ages for a week-long stay, with activities for children and youth, and a daily program for adults on topics such as spirituality, science, sailing, social justice, self-reflection, yoga, dance, music or crafts. The lake encourages water activities; the forest trails attract hikers; sunrises and sunsets invite meditation.

For more information and registration instructions, please visit:

www.CampUniStar.org

February Birthdays

This month we wish a Happy Birthday to Lesley Guyton, John Martin, Larry Herbison, Charles Ellis and Lynne Biddle-Walker.

Covenanting with the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

In order to be officially recognized by the UUA, be included in their directory and be able to ask for assistance if needed, Groveland Fellowship is seeking to become a covenanting organization.

Recently Sara Leiste and Lois Hamilton met with Phil Lund of the Mid America Region of the UUA to discuss what our next steps will be. We have revised our answers to the covenanting questionnaire and are putting together the materials to send off to the UUA. We hope to be recognized during the coming year. Our materials included a letter to the committee from Charles Ellis, excerpted below:

In this letter, greatly abridged, Charles Ellis, former Groveland member and part-time Groveland minister, wrote in support of Groveland's application to become a UU covenanting community. We appreciate Charlie's support of our application:

To: Covenanting Community Application Process Committee

From: The Reverend Dr. Charles Buckman-Ellis

Shortly after I left the Presbyterian Church in 1991 after 15 years in the ministry, I found the folks who were creating Groveland. At the time I was looking for a theological home that did not require belief in God. The welcoming attitude I found at Groveland drew myself and my wife, Kate, in.

As we attended, I got excited enough about liberal religion to apply for a transfer of my credentials to Unitarian-Universalism, which was granted in 1996. This seems relevant to the covenanting process because it was my experience at Groveland that led me to this decision. Their commitment to UU values was strong, strong enough that it led me to a new institutional location for my ministry.

Over the years, I led worship at Groveland several times a year, last in late 2014. They have welcomed visiting UUs, especially UU

students and their families at nearby Macalester College.

Groveland is strong in its lay leadership and in its commitment to being a small, but vibrant home for liberal religionists. Recognizing them as a Covenanting Community would [formalize] institutional recognition to their now 25 year plus reality.

I'm pleased and proud to recommend they become part of the UU Covenanting Communities.

Sincerely,
Charles Buckman-Ellis, retired

Groveland Outreach: MORE Food Aid



Fridays at 8:00 a.m., several Grovelanders meet at Whole Foods Market at Snelling and Selby Avenues, to transport groceries to the Multicultural School for Empowerment (MORE). Please call Trescia Dunn at 651-698-1858 for more information or to volunteer.

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