



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

Groveland Fellowship meets at 1671 Summit Ave. 10:00 a.m. most Sunday mornings from September through May.

Sunday, May 6 Poetry Cafe

Presented by Kath Jesme
Poetry Café will focus on using concrete language and images to build a poem. Kath will give some word sets to choose from to use as building blocks for the poem. Participants will choose a set of words around which to write their poems. Poetry Café is a long-standing tradition at Groveland.

Sunday, May 13 Book Review: *Many Lives Many Masters*

Presented by Karen Belling
In 1980, Dr. Brian Weiss, then head of the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, began treating a young woman for anxiety. Under hypnosis the woman began to tell Dr. Weiss about experiences she had had that could only have come from past lives. In his book, *Many Lives Many Masters*, Dr. Weiss describes the woman's treatment and how it affected both his client and himself. The stories that she tells along with Dr. Weiss' comments give us a beginning understanding of reincarnation.

Karen Belling, LICSW is a clinical social worker and works in mental health. She is a former adjunct faculty member at the U of M. She has interest in concepts relating to

combining eastern philosophy/spiritual and traditional western medicine to help address mental health issues. Karen is a member of Groveland Fellowship.

Sunday, May 20 Flower Communion and New Member Ceremony Presented by Sara Leiste

The Flower Communion and New Member Ceremony is the traditional last service of our church year. Flower Communion was initiated in 1923 by Norbert Capek who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. Capek saw the need to unite the many congregants of his church who came from diverse backgrounds—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—without alienating those who had left these traditions. Therefore, instead of the Eucharist, he honored the universal beauty of nature by having a communion of flowers. Please bring a few flowers to place in the communal vase, to be distributed as part of the ceremony of inclusion and community.



Following our Flower Communion Service, we will break from services for the summer. Services will resume on the first Sunday after Labor Day with our traditional Mingling of the Waters service. Have a great summer!

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Looking Ahead:

Book Group

**Wed, May 9, 6:30-8 pm
Meets at Highland Bakery and
Café, 2012 Ford Parkway**

Our book this month is *Water From Heaven, An American Woman's Life as an Arab Wife*, by Anne Schreiber Thomas.

Richly detailed and full of hope, this is the story of Cindy Lou Davis from Mocksville, North Carolina who meets and marries warm and funny Mohammed Ali, a Muslim from the oil-rich United Arab Emirates. The year is 1982, and 20-year-old Cindy leaves home and family after her wedding with no idea what awaits her in her new life. Living with his family, immersed in a traditional Arab culture with an incomprehensible language while her new husband is away on a military base during the week, her future with Mohammed depends on the strength of her love, faith, and determination to be true to herself. This true story is told against the backdrop of three decades of profound change in the United Arab Emirates and crises in the Middle East.

Join us! Call Lois at 651-699-2920 for more information.

June Meetings

The **Annual Meeting** and the **Program Meeting** are planned for sometime in June. Dates have not yet been assigned, but we will send that information out as soon as we have set the times.

Save the Date: August 4, 10 am – 2 pm

Covenanting Community Celebration

Groveland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has been accepted by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) as a Covenanting Congregation. This means that we are now officially recognized by the UUA and will be included in their directory. We will also be able to ask for assistance from them, if needed. Because we are so very grateful to be now connected to the UUA officially, we are planning a celebration!

We have reserved a park shelter at Hidden Falls Park, Mississippi River Boulevard in Saint Paul on Saturday, August 4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We are inviting other Unitarian Universalists from the Metro Area to join us. Plans include food, beverages and family friendly lawn games. Please join us!

May Birthdays

We don't have any May birthdays that we are aware of.

Sunday Treat Changes

We're changing how we provide our after-Sunday service snacks. No more sign-ups! Anyone interested in bringing treats is invited to bring a modest amount to share.

We are still signing up volunteers for other specific jobs on Sunday. We need help in 1) set-up, 2) take-down and 3) kitchen clean-up. Spontaneous help with any of these tasks is also always appreciated!

Groveland Outreach: MORE Food Aid



Fridays at 8:00 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.

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