



# THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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## **Welcome Back!**

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

### **Sunday, September 9 Mingling of the Waters Moderated by Alan Lando**

We begin the 2018/19 church year with our traditional Unitarian Universalist Mingling of the Waters Ceremony. Each person brings water from a vacation, weekend away, from the Mississippi or just from the home tap to combine in a large bowl, symbolizing our separation during the summer and our reunion again in the fall. We will then talk about and re-live our summer adventures. Remember to bring your water!

### **Sunday, September 16 Journey Through a Land of Extreme Poverty: Welcome to America Presented by Alan Lando**

Dr. Lando will base his talk on the findings of Philip Alston, the United Nations special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, who wrote on his observations in the US. Despite the fact that we are one of the richest countries in the world, millions of US citizens continue to live in dire poverty. This talk will describe the circumstances of these individuals and will then consider our obligations and strategies for addressing this human rights tragedy.

(Harry) Alan Lando is Distinguished International Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. His research has focused primarily on treating tobacco dependence and he has been a strong advocate for combating the

global tobacco epidemic. Alan is a long time member of Groveland Fellowship, and is president for this church year.

### **Sunday, September 23 Darwin and Religion Presented by Bruce Jarvis**

Charles Darwin and the 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 intelligent design. Little known is that Darwin was educated to become a prelate.

Bruce Jarvis, PhD teaches general biology and microbiology at Normandale and Carleton Community Colleges. Bruce is a member of Groveland Fellowship.

### **Sunday, September 30 Nationalism VS Globalism: The New Political Divide Presented by Huron Smith**

Groveland member Huron Smith will present a talk about group size: What aggregation is required for effective problem solving going forward in time? Discussion among us of this theme will be kicked off watching the first 20 minutes of the YouTube video of the same name, located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szt7f5NmE9E>. We will try to sidestep the problem of developing "fake news" by providing an approach to answering the question rather than providing the answer itself.

Huron Smith taught economics and finance at Central Michigan University. Born in Massachusetts, he lived two years in Bolivia and has visited over forty countries. He was an officer of two technology startups in Madison, Wisconsin. He is interested in the social consequences of income inequality.

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## **Looking Ahead...**

### **Sunday, October 7 Marathon Sunday**

Since the Twin Cities Marathon runs right past our normal meeting place, we usually schedule an alternate location and activity. Stay tuned for details!

### **Book Group Wednesday, September 12, 6:30-8:00 Highland Bakery and Café**

For our September book group we will have a general discussion of books we've read, and have a book exchange. Bring one or two books you've read and would like to recommend for the group to read, and describe them for us. If you have some books you are ready to give away, bring them along. After our book discussion, we'll have the book exchange. Please join us!

### **Love Reaches Out Workshop Offered**

Phil Lund from MidAmerican Region of the UUA is planning 2 or more workshops titled *Love Reaches Out* this coming year (one is scheduled for October 13). Groveland Fellowship members are invited to attend.

Here is a description of the workshop, combined from the UUA study guide and from Phil Lund:

*Love Reaches Out* is a three workshop study guide (it can be offered in three different sessions or all on one day) that helps us understand how the American religious landscape is changing and how UU congregations can respond to that reality, examine who we are as Unitarian Universalists, both in our congregations and as a faith movement, and whether we are effectively communicating this to the wider world. One way to achieve this is by offering events, programs and opportunities to introduce UUs to their communities. Another is through a shared UU "brand identity" in

communications, helping shape how Unitarian Universalists are perceived. The workshop would help us develop a plan for getting started with our congregation or group by reaching out into the community while staying grounded in our core identity or mission.

For more information about the workshop, contact Lois Hamilton at [hamiltonlando@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonlando@gmail.com).

## **Program Changes**

**More time!** We've historically had 1-hour services, but sometimes this was not enough. We're going to make the official service time 10:00 to 11:15. The extra 15 minutes will give us a little more flexibility, and more time for discussion. Of course some weeks we'll end early, and that's fine. Also, we understand that sometimes people have other commitments and need to leave early.

**Joys and Concerns** will look slightly different. We're going to experiment with an alternative to candles. We'll have a bowl of water and some stones on the altar. As you share your joy or concern, place a stone in the water.

## **Covenanting Celebration a Success**

On August 4, our picnic celebration party was moved indoors because of rain, but the spirit of the celebration was not dampened. Many people came out to help us observe our covenanting recognition, and with a few words, good food and fond community, we all had a very nice time.

See pictures from the party on the following page:

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**Pictures from the Covenanting Celebration**



Our cake!



Martha Anderson, one of the three founders of Groveland Fellowship, spoke briefly.



Alan Lando led the presentation.



Phil Lund, MidAmerica Region UUA Liaison, spoke.

A good turnout!



Charles Ellis, longtime Groveland member, UU minister (retired), supporter of Groveland's covenanting. He traveled from CO to speak to us.



Huran Smith, Leticia Smith, Terry Kayser, Ceile Hartleib, Alan Lando, Bill Elwood, Larry Herbison.

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John Christensen, Karen Belling, (background Alan Lando and Charles Ellis), Fern Belling, Chillon Leach.



Meredith Smith, Betsy Allis, Bill Elwood, Sara Leiste, (background Lois Hamilton), Leticia and Huron Smith, John Christensen.



Mike Tikkanen showcases the marvelous food.



Charles Ellis, Pattie Dorf, Mike Tikkanen, Fern Belling, Jerry Kettunen, Betsy Allis, Larry Herbison, Bill Elwood (background, Martha Anderson and Sara Leiste).

### **Groveland Outreach: MORE Food Aid**



Fridays at 8:00 a.m., several Grovelanders meet at Whole Foods Market at Snelling and Selby to transport groceries to the Multicultural School for

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

### **Editors' Deadline Proposed**

Your editors respectfully request submissions for the e-wire to be presented to the editors by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. We will publish reminders. We hope this will streamline our process.

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