



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

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

Sunday, November 4

Why I Am Taking a Break From Unitarian Universalism

Presented by Kevin Ward

Kevin Ward has been attending Unity Unitarian in St. Paul since 2008. However, this summer something broke inside of him, and now he is not sure whether to keep going or not. His friend, Lois Hamilton, asked him to come to this fellowship to talk about what attending a Unitarian church brought to him, how it helped him, how it frustrated him, and how it has currently given him pause.

Kevin Ward has lived in St. Paul since 2001. He is a teacher at Avalon School. He is married and has two children.

Sunday, November 11

Love Keeps Reaching Out

Presented by Phil Lund

Now more than ever, our country needs to know that the values of justice, equity, and compassion are alive and well in our UU congregations and fellowships. The best way to do this is by living out those values in ways that reach out in love to help those in our communities who are harmed by injustice and inequality. Love Reaches Out workshops are designed to help UU religious communities do just that, by finding the place where, as Fredrick Buechner (writer, poet, theologian) says, our "deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

Phillip Lund has over 20 years experience serving congregations in the areas of faith formation and spiritual growth, first as a religious educator in Bloomington, Indiana,

New York City, and Chicago, Illinois, and most recently as a UU minister working for the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Sunday, November 18

Songs In Our Lives

Presented by Lois Hamilton

Music in general and songs in particular can be a path to contemplation; can bring solace, joy, sadness or memories to listeners. Singing together can help build community. A collection of songs and hymns suggested by Groveland members and friends are part of our program today. Individuals who suggested the songs will tell us why the verses resonate for them. We'll sing songs together and discuss what they mean to us.

Lois Hamilton is a member of Groveland Fellowship who loves songs and singing, particularly singing along with friends.

Sunday, November 25

No Service - Thanksgiving

Since many members will be with family this weekend, we will not be having a service on November 25. May your weekend be filled with gratitude and peace. Here is a brief poem that captures the spirit of gratitude:

GRATITUDE

By Swiftwalker

*Let's start with the people we love
and those who love us,
thankful they are in our lives
obliging us to open our hearts.*

*Let open hearts embrace the Earth,
the sea and soil and stars,
blessed by bold beauty,
the bounty of being.*

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*Then with hearts open to beauty
let us embrace the arts
and the generation of learning
that we should have wisdom.*

*Let what wisdom we have,
wan and wanting, lead us to
strive so the seventh generation
hence can live more fully.*

*It is in that work, and that alone,
that we can express our thankful spirit.
May we make it so.*

*For the opening to make it
so, let us be truly grateful.*

Amen

Services will resume on Sunday, December 2nd.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 2 Montessori Education Presented by Rose Dorer

Maria Montessori developed the Montessori Method of education around the turn of the 20th century. Montessori is child-centered, based on observations of children.

Rose Dorer is a retired Elementary Montessori Teacher who now leads workshops on the Montessori Method in countries around the world. Rose is a member of Groveland Fellowship.

Coming Events

Book Group Wednesday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 Highland Bakery and Café

This month's book group selection is *Democracy in Chains*, by Nancy MacLean. Behind today's headlines of billionaires taking over our government is a secretive political establishment with long, deep, and troubling roots. The capitalist radical right has been working not simply to change who

rules, but to fundamentally alter the rules of democratic governance. But billionaires did not launch this movement; a white intellectual in the embattled Jim Crow South did. *Democracy in Chains* names its true architect—the Nobel Prize-winning political economist James McGill Buchanan—and dissects the operation he and his colleagues designed over six decades to alter every branch of government to disempower the majority. (From Goodreads)

Love Keeps Reaching Out Workshop February 16, in Willmar

Phil Lund from MidAmerican Region of the UUA is planning a workshop titled *Love Reaches Out*. It will be on February 16 in Willmar, MN. This workshop is designed to help us understand how the American religious landscape is changing and how UU congregations can respond to that reality. We will examine who we are as Unitarian Universalists, both in our congregations and as a faith movement. Several Grovelanders are planning on attending this workshop. If you are interested in joining us, or for more information, contact Lois Hamilton at hamiltonlando@gmail.com.

Accessibility

Sara Leiste attended a Midwest Region webinar about accessibility for churches. Here are some suggestions from the webinar:

- Provide large print orders of service.
- Label food if the ingredients are not obvious.
- Minimize use of perfumes or other scents.
- Be willing to move or rearrange chairs to make it easier for people with wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Ask people where they'd like to sit, rather than insisting that they sit in the place that is easiest to move chairs.

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- If talking about a person with a disability, ask that person how they want to be identified.
- Before doing something for a person, ask if they want your assistance.

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Alison Jarvis and Lynn Oyangi!

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

Your editors respectfully request submissions for the E-Wire to be presented to the editors by the 20th of the month. We will email reminders.

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