



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, 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.

Sunday, December 9

Making Our Own Labyrinth

Presented by Sara Leiste and Lois Hamilton

You are invited to bring materials to help construct a labyrinth in our meeting space. Possible construction items might include: yarn, ribbons, scarves, not-too-big (or small) rocks and seashells. We'll have a diagram for a suggested shape. Once we've made the labyrinth, we'll use it for a walking meditation. Afterwards, we can have a meditative labyrinth deconstruction.

Sara Leiste knows where the labyrinths in Saint Paul are! Lois Hamilton and Sara like to walk labyrinths as a form of meditation. They are both members of Groveland and are presently co-chairs of the historically important Program Committee.

Sunday, December 16

The Unitarian Controversy and the Baltimore Sermon of 1819

Presented by Darr Schreurs

Next year is the BICENTENNIAL of the VERY important Baltimore sermon given by William Ellery Channing (you've heard of him, right?). You will no doubt be celebrating this event on its bicentennial date: May 5, 2019. In Darr's presentation, he will explain what there is to celebrate and why this sermon, given in response to the "Unitarian controversy", was so vitally important in establishing who we are at Groveland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship today.

Darr has a personal connection with the "Baltimore sermon". He has been inside the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore where the famous sermon took place. He almost did his undergraduate work at the Peabody Conservatory of Music two blocks away. Darr's perspective on the Unitarian controversy and the Baltimore sermon is something that you will not hear anywhere else.

Darr is a former member (and former president) of Groveland UU Fellowship. Darr studied Unitarian Universalist history at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and received religious education and the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis.

Friday, December 21

Solstice Service

Presented by Kari Tauring

Kari Tauring is a Nordic root musician, cultural educator and spiritual leader from Minneapolis. She is well known for her Winter Solstice performance rituals, begun in 1999. Kari loves to embrace the darkness and snow time in a Nordic way.

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Solstice continued

Kari's work is available on her website at www.karitauring.com.

Our Solstice service will include a potluck meal. It will be held at Ceile and Terry's home at 5:30 p.m. We will have the service first, then potluck. Contact ceceilehartleib@gmail.com for details.

Sunday, December 23

No Service

As many members will be with family this weekend, we will not be having a service on December 23

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

Sunday, December 30

No Service

As many members will be with family this weekend, we will not be having a service on December 30.

Meditation for a New Year

By Amanda Poppei

My friends, we have arrived: we are here, in this new year.
We have crossed the boundary of time, into the next year, with all its resolutions and plans and schedules ahead of us.
Let us pause, for just this moment, before we move boldly onward.

Let us pause to hear the breathing of those around us, to feel their presence in this room; to know their presence in our lives. Let us pause to consider the trees, their branches stripped bare, their elegant architecture on display. Let us pause to feel the spirit of life and love that ties us to each other, that winds its way through our very bones and settles in our hearts. Before we move forward, armed with resolutions that will shortly be forgotten in the day-to-day of living, let us notice what it is that remains every year, every day. What exists beyond schedules and months, beyond time. It welcomes us to life, not just at the start of the year, but every day. And let us answer...Amen.



Looking Ahead...

Sunday, January 6

Immigration

Presented by Lesley Guyton

Lesley Guyton is an immigration attorney and a friend of Groveland Fellowship. She will describe how immigrants are being affected by policy changes in the past year.

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Upcoming Events

Choir Practice

December 9 and January 6

Please join us at 9:15 before the service to practice singing the songs for the services.

Groveland Book Group for January

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30-8:30

Highland Café and Bakery



Our book for January is *The Cuckoo's Egg*, by Cliff Stoll.

Before the Internet became widely known as a global tool for terrorists, one perceptive U.S. citizen recognized its ominous potential. Armed with clear evidence of computer espionage, he began a highly personal quest to expose a hidden network of spies that threatened national security. But would the authorities back him up? Cliff Stoll's dramatic firsthand account is "a computer-age detective story, instantly fascinating [and] astonishingly gripping" (Smithsonian).

Cliff Stoll was an astronomer turned systems manager at Lawrence Berkeley Lab when a 75-cent accounting error alerted him to the presence of an unauthorized user on his system. The hacker's code name was "Hunter"—a mysterious invader who managed to break into U.S. computer systems and steal sensitive military and security information. Stoll began a one-man hunt of his own: spying on the spy. It was a dangerous game of deception, broken codes, satellites and missile bases—a one-man sting operation that finally gained the attention of the CIA...and ultimately trapped an international spy ring fueled by cash, cocaine and the KGB.

Please join us whether or not you have read the book!

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Bobbi Baker, Martha Anderson and Jerry Kettunen!

Groveland Votes!

We are proud that three Groveland Fellowship members were election judges on November 6.



Sara Leiste, Mike Luke and Bobbi Baker, all three election judges, stand with election supplies before Election Day.

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 as needed. Thank you!

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