



# THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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## Sunday Services

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

### **October 6 Marathon Sunday – No Service at Our Summit Ave. Location**

The Twin Cities Marathon's course goes right by our meeting space on Summit Avenue, making it difficult to access our space. There will be no service at our Summit Ave. location. Instead, our members will be visiting Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Society in Fridley.

<https://msuu.org/>

Michael Servetus' Board President and Reverend Laura Smidzik will be sharing the pulpit on Oct 6, at 10:30 a.m. The topic is building bridges, which will focus on how to move beyond our building and into genuine relationships in the community. Laura says "I love sharing the pulpit... it tends to lead to a rich collaboration of thoughts and approaches when bringing forth a topic."

To carpool to Michael Servetus, please call 651-592-1877. Meet at Ceile's at 9:45 a.m.

### **October 13, 10 a.m. The Shifting Sands of Relevance: Do We Have a Voice?**

#### **Presented by Jeff Kjellberg**

Now that culture is shifting away from being primarily a Christian influenced value system (often known as Christendom), what does it look like to live in a more pluralistic world where all forms of spirituality and faith are given voice? Where has Christendom failed our cultures and how can that look different into the future? Where is your unique voice

and how does it fit in today's vernacular of cultural norms and practices?

Jeff Kjellberg is the owner/president of three national faith-based consulting firms that work to develop financial resources, create effective missional strategies and equip leaders. Jeff served as a pastor in the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) for 15 years prior to becoming a consultant. He has an undergraduate degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, and an M/Div. from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Jeff lives in St. Paul with his wife Melanie. They have 4 children and one grandchild.

### **October 20, 10 a.m. Should Fighting Hate Be the Top Priority for Unitarian Universalists?**

#### **Presented by Leticia Smith**

Daily, we face strong evidence of the rise of nativist sentiment, coupled with overt distrust, hatred and violence against immigrants, people of color, the LGBT community, non-Christians, nonbelievers, and other "outsiders" throughout the country. In this program, we will revisit Unitarian Universalist principles and discuss how these principles make it imperative for GUUF (Groveland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship) to fight hate in the Twin Cities area and in Minnesota as a whole as its top priority. To recall, these principles are: 1) the inherent worth and dignity of every person, 2) justice, equity and compassion in human relations, 3) acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations, 4) a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, 5) the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large, 6) the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, and 7) respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which

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we are a part. We will explore potential courses of action, using the guide for how communities can fight hate published by the Southern Poverty Law Center: (<https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>). If there is interest among the fellowship in undertaking any of the actions suggested in the SPLC document or from other ideas, a follow-up can be planned for the near future.

Our presenter, Leticia Smith is the treasurer of Groveland UU Fellowship and an active volunteer at the League of Women Voters of Dakota County. A nonprofit management consultant with a background in university teaching and management positions in Wisconsin state government, she also served as Chief Court Administrator of the Milwaukee Municipal Court for almost 14 years. She continued to serve on boards and committees of various nonprofits advocating for community development, equal rights and civil liberties until her move from Wisconsin to Minnesota two years ago. Leticia has a Ph.D. in sociology and an M.A. in communication from Michigan State University.

**October 27, 10 a.m.**  
**Climate Change: Causes, Consequences and What We Can Do**

**Presented by Wendy Hellerstedt**

Wendy Hellerstedt, MPH, PhD is an emeritus faculty member from the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health and a University Distinguished Teaching Professor. Her graduate degrees are in epidemiology. She has about 30 years' experience conducting research and teaching in women's health. In her retirement, she continues to teach graduate courses in women's health and in climate change. She has a special interest in how population growth affects environmental quality and carbon emissions.

**Looking Ahead...**

**November 3, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Algorithmic Inequality: How the Hidden Data Systems That Govern Our Lives Encode Our Biases, and What We Can Do About It**

**Presented by Amelia McNamara**

Amelia McNamara is an Assistant Professor in the Computer & Information Sciences department at the University of St Thomas, where she teaches statistics. She has a BA in English and mathematics from Macalester College, and a PhD in statistics from UCLA. Her research interests include statistical computing, statistics education, data visualization, and spatial statistics.

**Message From the Treasurer and President:**

It is not unusual that during the summer months, donations slow down drastically. Such a slowdown is not a real cause of concern when our expenses are low. Now that we are three months into our new church year, we would like to reawaken your interest in helping cover our modest expenses. The donations we have received so far cover slightly less than 35% of our expenses.

Despite very favorable rental terms with Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul which allow us to pay only for days when we have services, a big portion of our expenses is church rental. For this reason, we are closely monitoring developments in Interfaith's effort to sell the property that, if successful, may cause us an increase in rent with another owner, or cause us to move.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed cash and in-kind donations during this first quarter. Also, thanks to all of you who have helped in opening, setting up, cleaning up and closing of the church at Sunday services. All are invaluable contributions to making our Sunday programming accessible to all. Leticia and Alan

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**Groveland Book Group**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-8:00**  
**At Tillie's Farmhouse Restaurant**

**Note: date and place change!** We are now meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We will meet at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 16th at Tillie's Farmhouse Restaurant, 232 Cleveland Ave, St. Paul.

Our new format is a discussion about books we are presently reading or have read recently. For further information or questions, call Lois at 651-699-2920.

**Sources Supper Potluck**  
**Saturday, November 9, 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for a shared telling of Unitarian and Universalist history through stories beginning with Michael Servetus in the 1500's through the publication of the Humanist Manifesto I in 1933. Bring your own stories of UUism, along with a dish for the potluck. We'll meet at Lois Hamilton and Alan Lando's house. Call Lois at 651-699-2920 for more information.

**October Birthdays**

We have no reported October Birthdays. Happy October to all!

**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.



**Sara Leiste** spoke to us on Sept. 22. Her topic: **The Theology of Sophia Lyons Fahs**, who was a leading thinker in religious education. Sophia's reflections on emotion, faith and science contributed to the 1930s renaissance in Unitarianism.

Below: Members question and answer session after Sara's talk.



**Editors' Deadline**

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 email reminders as needed. Thank you.

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