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Sunday Services

10am, 1671 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Groveland Fellowship's Sunday services start at 10:00 am and may go till 11 or 11:15 at 1671 Summit Ave in Saint Paul.

March 1 - Health Disparities in Screening and Diagnosis

Presented by Elizabeth Lando-King

Elizabeth Lando-King will speak about health disparities in general and then focus on this situation in Minnesota.

Elizabeth holds a PhD and RN from the University of Minnesota. She has worked as a Public Health Nurse and is presently a Nurse Specialist at the Minnesota Department of Health for the Sage program, which provides payment for screening and diagnosis of cancer for people who are underinsured and living in poverty.

March 8 - Intersectionality and Atheism: Random and Not So Random Thoughts

Presented by William David Hart

Intersectionality is an academic concept that has increasingly entered the language of non-academic opinion-makers and activists. Intersectionality refers to the multiple identities and statuses that converge in the lives of every person. This multiplicity is often concealed when one identity is regarded as more salient than others.

William David Hart, professor and holder of the Margaret W. Harmon Chair, researches the intersection of religion, ethics, and politics. His current projects include a theoretical study of antiblackness and a comparative analysis of human sacrifice in religion and statecraft. Hart teaches courses on religion and colonialism, religion and constructions of race, and humanism and atheism.

March 15 - Interfaith Action: Working Together, Our Communities Can Reduce Poverty

Presented by Sarah Peterka

Sarah Peterka will be sharing the mission of Interfaith Action's three core programs: Opportunity Saint Paul, Project Home and Department of Indian Works. She will also be sharing ways in which you can volunteer within Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul. Interfaith Action's mission is to harness the power of thousands of motivated volunteers from diverse faith and spiritual communities to relieve the effects of poverty and address its root causes.

Sarah has been the Director of Opportunity Saint Paul & Congregational Engagement at Interfaith Action since 2018. In her position, she builds partnerships with clergy, community leaders and nonprofit partners. She also is responsible for recruiting and supporting individual volunteers and houses of worship. Sarah earned her bachelor's degree in youth and family ministry from Augsburg College in 2001 and a master's degree in religious education and leadership from Luther Seminary in 2006.

March 22 - Religious Prophecies' and Fiction's Visions of the Future: Where Do We Find Guidance to Build a Better World?

Presented by Abby Struck

If our goal is to do good in the wider world, what should we do and how should we do it? What will a better world look like? How do we get there? Let's explore.

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Abby Struck, continued

Abby Struck is a Science Fiction fan who finds the questions asked by Sci Fi authors to be very intriguing. Abby is a co-founder and a long-time member of Groveland UU Fellowship.

March 29 - Humanism and Our Civic Lives

Presented by Audrey Kingstrom

Humanism's central focus is to create the kind of world we want to live in – one that works for the well-being of all and the sustainability of the planet. In this talk, Audrey will make the case that engagement in civic life is the duty and the calling of humanists. Democracy demands that we bring our secular values of freedom of expression, universal human rights, the pursuit of reason, and the integrity of science into the public square.

Our speaker Audrey Kingstrom completed a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary (1981) in NYC intending to become a Lutheran minister, but instead became an atheist. While working in educational publishing for a number of years, Audrey pursued a master's in education from Teachers College, Columbia University and went on to teach in NYC for several years. A Minnesota native, Audrey returned to her home-state with her husband and sons in the mid-nineties and discovered humanism at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis. Currently Audrey is an active member of and a volunteer for both FUS and HumanistsMN. She is endorsed by the Humanist Society as a Humanist Celebrant.

Looking Ahead...

April 5 - Building a New Way: Social Justice for Small Congregations

Presented by Phil Lund

Sharing our Unitarian Universalist values of interdependence, democracy, and the inherent worth and dignity of all people

through service, education, advocacy, and public witness is the heart of any congregation's social justice outreach. But with so many options, how does a congregation know where begin? The good news is that the UUA has a number of resources to help congregations of all sizes find out which social justice initiatives are right for them.

Phillip Lund has over 20 years of 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.

Other Events...

Groveland Book Group

Wednesday, March 18

6:30-8:30pm

This month we will meet on March 18th at 6:30pm at Ceile Hartleib's home. Our format is a discussion of books we are presently reading or have read recently. Please call 651-489-2156 for more information.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Danielle!

Photos from Past Services and Events



February 2:

Bob Klanderud spoke to us about understanding and healing between Native Americans and Non-Native Americans.

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Bob Klanderud, continued



Bob gives a blessing to one of our guests, Janette.



February 23
Tom Esch entertained us with his comedy skit of Father Vito Sarducci, the brother of Father Guido Sarducci of Saturday Night Live fame. Tom as himself then talked about

his life as a Catholic priest, including why he left the priesthood, how his spirituality has changed, and his thoughts on why the clergy sexual abuse scandal has been so systemic.

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 Cathy Rucci, MORE's executive director, at 651-204-0497 for more information, or to volunteer.

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