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Sunday Services Now Online at 10 a.m.

Groveland Fellowship's Sunday services start at 10:00 am and may go till 11 or 11:15 online using the Zoom app. If you need help with this, email Sara at leiste@yahoo.com.

From Groveland's President:



Dear Members and Friends of Groveland Fellowship, Thinking of you in this difficult and challenging time. I am very grateful for all of you, especially now, and also

grateful for our continuing services. While Zoom is not a substitute for actual direct human contact, it does at least enable us to see each other. Last week's service and discussion of the Green New Deal went quite well in my opinion and I felt very connected. Let's continue to reach out to each other and make sure that none of us are isolated. This is a main virtue of community and what I value most about our small congregation. I am especially concerned about anyone who may be living alone who does not have a strong social network.

I have found myself spending too much time compulsively reading the news and probably would do better to cut back. I continue to exercise and to practice social distancing. It seems somehow surreal to go out and see so little traffic and to know that it most definitely is not business as usual. I find it helpful to maintain something of a routine. I also have indulged in escapist movies and novels (currently I am rereading Ken Follett's Pillars of the Earth, a rather massive work set in the 12th century that highlights the building of the great cathedrals and reminds us that perhaps the 12th century was not the greatest time for most people). Please take

care of yourself and your loved ones and be safe to the extent that you can. I hope that you can find some joy or at least solace in the moment and I try to remember that this too shall pass. -Alan Lando

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



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' 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.

April 12 - Easter - No Service

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April 19 - Communicating Across the Political Divide

Presented by Dr. Evette Erasmus

How do we stay connected and engaged with people who hold diametrically opposed views to our own? Dr. Erasmus will identify people's barriers to openness and what to do about them. We will explore the 3 key stages of a productive dialogue, the importance of a connection mindset, practical tools to build trust and connection with others, and imagine the possibility of coming together over key issues that affect us all.

Dr. Yvette Erasmus, PsyD, LP: Global citizen, clinical psychologist, writer, teacher. Her work focuses on helping people bridge gaps internally, between heart, head, gut and soul, and externally, between intentions and actual impact.

April 26 – Storytelling Through-out the World

Presented by John Martin

John Martin is an experienced storyteller. He has been sharing his stories with Groveland Fellowship for several years. We welcome him back this Sunday!

John Martin works to make our world better by involving people in political activism. He is a member of Groveland Fellowship.

Looking Ahead...

May 3 - Hildegard of Bingen

Presented by Anne Sweeney

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), also known as Saint Hildegard and the Sibyl of the Rhine, was a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath. She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony, as well as the most-recorded in

modern history. She has been considered by many in Europe to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

Other Events...

Groveland Book Group

Wednesday, April 15

6:30-8:30pm

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app. If you need help with this, email Sara at leiste@yahoo.com. Our format is a discussion of books we are presently reading or have read recently. Please call 651-489-2156 for more information.

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Paul and Karen!

Groveland Outreach



For many years, Groveland Fellowship members have been taking food to MORE House for their food shelf on Friday mornings.

Because of the current need for "social distancing" the food shelf has been put on hold. MORE House is finding other ways to supply food for their clients at this time.

Photos from Recent Services



March 1 – Beth Lando-King spoke to us about health disparities in screening and diagnosing patients in Minnesota and elsewhere.



March 8 - William David Hart spoke on Intersection-ality and Atheism – Random and Not so Random Thoughts. Intersection-ality refers to the multiple identities and statuses that converge in the lives of every person.



March 29 - Audrey Kingstrom, at our second online service, talked about Humanism and our civic lives. Humanism's central focus is to create the kind of world we want to live in – one that works for all and for the

sustainability of the planet.



March 15 - Sarah Peterka of Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul told us about her organization and what they are doing (and what we can do) in the community to reduce poverty.

March 22 - Sara Leiste at our first online service, spoke about the Green New Deal and what it means, how it would affect us and why we need it now.



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