



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

10am, 1671 Summit Ave., St. Paul
Groveland Fellowship services are on hiatus for the summer. Services resume on Sunday, September 13 with our Mingling of the Waters Ceremony at 10 a.m. We are hoping to be able to meet at our regular meeting place. Remember to gather water from your travels - even if it's just a walk to the river. We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer!

Sunday Summer Meetings

Traditionally, Groveland UU Fellowship does not have services during the summer. However, this year, we are going to have "coffee hour" on several Sundays during the summer at 10:00am. We hope this will help us keep in touch. Join us for conversation and checking in with each other. Bring your own coffee. More info is at <https://www.grovelanduu.org/online-service-information/>

Annual Meeting - June 7, 10 a.m.



Bring your own food if you want something to eat at this online meeting - normally a

potluck meeting! Agenda items will include Treasurer's report, approval of next year's budget, election of officers, and new business. This meeting can be accessed through the Zoom info:

Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/910228597>

Meeting ID: 910 228 597

Call Sara (651-263-0524) if you need help with Zoom.

(Photo from 2019 meeting. Last year's officers: President: Alan Lando; Treasurer: Leticia Smith; Secretary: Ceile Harltieb)

Program Meeting - June 21 10 a.m.

All are invited to this online meeting. We will discuss possible programs using the results from the survey that was sent out in May along with suggestions that you may have come up with since. We need as many of you as possible at this meeting so we can get the next church year off to a good start. The more people we have to help with this the easier it will be on everyone. This meeting can be accessed through the Zoom info: Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/910228597> Meeting ID: 910 228 597 Call Sara (651-263-0524) if you need help with Zoom.

Other Groveland Events...

Groveland Book Group

Wednesday, June 17

6:30-8:00pm

This month we will meet on June 17 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Our format is a discussion of books we are presently reading or have read recently. Please email Sara at leiste@yahoo.com for Zoom help.

Some of the books Grovelanders have been reading include:

The Plague, by Albert Camus (pdf off the web)

West From Appomattox, by Heather Cox Richardson

The Stand, by Stephen King

Dark Tomorrow, by Reese Herschel

If it Bleeds, by Stephen King

Executive Orders, by Tom Clancy

Rodham, by Curtis Sittenfeld

The Man Who Ate Everything, by Jeff Steingarten

From Scratch, by Tembi Locke

A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Khalid Hosseini

Radical Acceptance, by Tara Broch

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Book Group, continued

Life in the Fasting Lane, by Jason Fung
Freedom, by Jonathan Franzen
The Indigo Girl: A Novel, by Natasha Boyd
A New Earth, by Eckhart Tolle
American Gods, by Neil Gaiman
Anansi Boys, by Neil Gaiman
The Water Dancer, by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Sabrina and Corina: Stories, by Kali Fajardo-Anstine
That's a lot of books!!

Local News and Events

An Open letter from Minneapolis Downtown Interfaith Senior Clergy May 26, 2020

We, the below signed members of the Downtown Interfaith Senior Clergy, condemn in the strongest possible terms the May 25th killing by a police officer of an unarmed African American man in Minneapolis.

As leaders of faith traditions that include Judaism, Islam, Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, and Humanism, we affirm our common conviction that *all life is sacred* and that every human being is our neighbor, worthy to be loved. Not killed.

Our hearts break, going out to the family and to those in our community who continue to bear the historical brunt of racially-motivated oppression that too often leads to violence and even death. In a press conference, Mayor Jacob Frey phrased it well: "Being black in America should not be a death sentence." We all say amen! We call for a swift response by city officials and Minneapolis law enforcement leaders, and a deeper addressing of the systemic issues that led to this and similar killings. We say "enough and more than enough!" Law enforcement *must* interact with *all* our neighbors in all our neighborhoods fairly and equally.

Might we finally learn from this most recent tragic incident? We must. We are all called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Signed,
Imam Makram Nu'Man El-Amin, Masjid An-Nur, Rev. Dr. David Breeden, First Unitarian Society; Rev. Dr. Dan Collison, First Covenant Church; Rev. Jen Crow, First Universalist Church; Rev. Dr. Laurie Feille, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Imam Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf, Islamic Community Center of Minnesota/Masjid Al-Amin; Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen, Westminster Presbyterian Church; The Very Reverend Paul Lebens-Englund, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral; Rev. Dr. Paula Northwood, Plymouth Congregational Church; Rev. Peter Nycklemoe, Central Lutheran Church; Rev. Judy Zabel, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church; Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Temple Israel

UUA News

Unitarian Universalist Association Appoints Rev. Ashley Horan as Organizing Strategy Director



The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) announces the appointment of Rev. Ashley Horan as the Organizing Strategy Director. The Organizing Director is called to strengthen the resilience of Unitarian Universalists, to organize for justice,

and express our faith through action. She will lead the five-person Organizing Strategy Team, including the Side with Love campaign, in its collaboration with UU and movement partners to advance the UUA's mission-based commitment to justice work and prophetic ministry.

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Rev. Ashley Horan, continued

Rev. Horan comes to this new role after serving for five years as the Executive Director of MUUSJA, The Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance, and seven years as core staff with the Beloved Conversations program. She has worked with nearly 100 UU, Christian, and Jewish congregations across the country to help faith communities build vibrant, effective justice ministries.

Rev. Horan grew up in St. Paul, MN, where she first felt the inklings of a call to ministry while participating in religious education as a child at Unity Church - Unitarian. After living for many years in a swath of cities from Boston to Seattle along the I-90/94 corridor, her heart and her home are once again in Minnesota. She lives there with her partner, the Rev. Karen Hutt; their two children (Zi - 19, and Aspen - 4); and a broad network of raucous, loving, chosen and biological family.

Rev. Horan begins this position on August 12. She has spoken to Groveland Fellowship several times in the past.

Photos from Past Services and Events

May 3 – Hildegard of Bingen Presented by Anne Sweeney



Anne Sweeney spoke to us about Hildegard of Bingen who was known for her visions, treatises, and musical compositions. She was also a major political player of the 12th century. Her letters reveal her attempts to

influence kings as well as other clergy, keeping them in line with the Church. Bingen was a powerful political force, unmatched in her age.

May 10 – The Disestablishing of Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s Reservation



Leticia Smith spoke to us about the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts and their efforts to preserve the newly acquired trust/reservation status of their land. As a result of Leticia’s program Groveland Fellowship decided to

support the tribe’s efforts by sending letters to our representatives and senators.

Leticia sent the following from the Mashpee Wampanoag’s website: “The court case that has postponed a US Department of the Interior order to disestablish the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s reservation will be heard by the US District Court in Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 7, via video or teleconferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.” (However, I could not find information on whether the hearing was actually conducted, or when a decision might be forthcoming.)

There was also news that on May 19, an amicus brief was filed with the signature of 25 members of Congress with the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia. I’ll continue to check on the progress of the case over the summer. The postponement of the disestablishment is due to expire on June 7! I’m afraid it’s not very promising for the tribe.

May 17 – Flower Communion Presented by Alan Lando



The Flower Communion Service is traditionally the last service of our church year. Flower Communion was initiated in 1923 by Norbert Capek who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Sara,
Rose and Ceile!
Bake yourself a cake!



Groveland Outreach...

MORE Food Aid



Volunteers from Groveland Fellowship and other places meet at Whole Foods Market on 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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