



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. We resume services on Sunday, September 13 with our Mingling of the Waters Ceremony at 10 am. The UUA has recommended that congregations continue virtual services for now. 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 having "coffee hour" on several Sundays during the summer at 10:00am. This has helped us keep in touch. Join us for conversation and checking in with each other. Bring your own coffee. More information is at <https://www.grovelanduu.org/online-service-information/>

August 9, 9:30 am & 10:15 am

Some members have expressed interest in viewing the Zoom program through Pilgrim House on August 9th at 10:15 am. We will start Groveland's Sunday morning Zoom coffee hour at 9:30 am (instead of 10:00 am, although you can still join coffee hour at 10:00 am) so those who are interested can be part of our check-in before the Pilgrim House program.

**Pilgrim House Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Arden Hills (via Zoom)
Census, Redistricting and
Gerrymandering**

Presented by Paul Huffman

Paul Huffman is with the Minnesota League of Women Voters and part of UUA's effort with "UU the Vote" and "Defending our Democracy".

Paul presents a program on the importance of the Census and redistricting in both national offices in Minnesota and the state and local offices and the effects of Gerrymanders and how we might defend ourselves against Gerrymandering. If you would like to participate, contact pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org (also cc Huron.Smith@aldea.org). Ask for a Zoom link.

Looking Ahead:

**September 15, 10 am
Mingling of the Waters**

Presented by Larry Herbison

Larry Herbison, Groveland's president, will lead our service in which each person brings water from a vacation, weekend away, from the Mississippi or just from the home tap to combine in a large bowl, (this year we will have to find a creative way to do this on Zoom) symbolizing our separation during the summer and our reunion again in the fall. We will talk about and re-live our summer adventures.

Notes from Our Annual Meeting on June 7

There were 10 members present for our Zoom annual meeting.

Treasurer's report: Leticia reported that the total expenses for the 2020 church year so far were \$7,320; the estimated total by June 30 (the end of the fiscal year) is \$7,684 due to the covenanting fee being \$244 higher than the previous year. The proposed budget for 2021 is \$7,620. The report and new budget were approved unanimously.

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Annual Meeting, continued



Larry Herbison (left) was unanimously elected as president.



Leticia Smith (above, right) agreed to continue

as treasurer and was voted in unanimously.

Huron Smith, (left) was unanimously elected as secretary.



Sara Leiste (right) will continue to host the Zoom meetings. Leticia is also able to host.



Notes from our Program Meeting on June 21

Twelve people attended our Zoom program meeting. Programs are planned for almost every Sunday of the coming Fellowship year, only nine still need to be scheduled. Good work Program Committee! Thank you to the chair, Ceile Hartleib.

Two special programs are on September 20 and 27. Former Groveland program chair, Nia ToGoThere, PhD, will be speaking about Social Justice/Indigenous Community on Sunday, September 20. On September 27, a long-time friend and formally a regular speaker at Groveland, Rev. Charles Ellis will talk about the Origins of Religious Beliefs. It will be wonderful to hear from both, via Zoom (or other long-distance medium).

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Ordered to Turn Over Financial Records

Leticia Smith led a program on May 10 about the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's efforts to preserve their trust/reservation status of their land. This is an update about the case:

By John Baibak Jul 15, 2020

The Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribe has been ordered by a federal grand jury to turn over financial records related to the Tribe. Mass Live and The Springfield Republican reporting that the tribe has been told by federal officials that they are not the subject of the grand jury probe.

No one is commenting.

Groveland Events...

Groveland Book Group

Wednesday, August 19

6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 16

6:30-8:00 pm

In August we will meet on August 19 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Our format is a discussion of books we are presently reading or have read recently. See our website for the Zoom log in information. Please email Sara at leiste@yahoo.com for Zoom help.

Our September Book Group will meet on September 16 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Here is a list of books we discussed at our July book Group:

The Lion in the Living Room, Abigail Tucker

Too Much and Not Enough, Mary Trump

The Room Where It Happened, John Bolton

Me and White Supremacy, Layla Saad

The Accidental President, A. J. Bain

The Making of Donald Trump, David Cay Johnston

Becoming, Michelle Obama

The Book of Not Knowing, Peter Ralston

The Empire of Gold: A Novel, S.A.

Chakraborty

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Groveland Book Group, continued

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, Monique W. Morris
Fortunately, the Milk, Neil Gaiman
Virgil Wander, Leif Engel
My Wars Are Laid Away in Books, Alfred Habegger
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, Ocean Vuong

July & August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Lois!



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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