



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

10am, 1671 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Welcome back to our Sunday services, beginning with our Mingling of the Waters Ceremony at 10 am via Zoom. 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.

September 13, 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. Typically, we would all comingle our water in a large bowl, but because we will be on Zoom, we will pour our waters into individual vessels while we talk about and re-live our summer

adventures.

September 20, 10 am Cultural Hegemony

Presented by Nia ToGoThere

The dominance of the white culture over people of color has given rise to racism. In this presentation, Nia ToGoThere will focus on the construct of race, and how racism has shaped the various institutions, government policies, and the national narrative that has effectively ignored the genocide of indigenous people, the perpetuation of fake news, and an ongoing slave culture.

Systemic transformational change needs to take place.

Nia ToGoThere grew up on Turtle Mountain Reservation, ND (her Father's Reservation). She is now working with Rocky Boy Reservation, MT (her Mother's Reservation) and several tribal colleges on healing from a



traumatic past. Her tribal ancestry is Cree. She has a Ph.D. in Literacy (as viewed from the disciplines of cognitive psychology and linguistics). Nia is most interested in the psychological and cultural dynamics of

Race Theory. Her most recent work and writings are focused on the dynamics of racial justice, active hope, collective trauma, systemic change and the urgent need to shift to an inclusive way to thinking that emphasizes learning FROM other cultures, rather than ABOUT them.

September 27, 10 am It's Beyond Me

Presented by Charles Buckman-Ellis

Why do we insist on believing in things and beings we cannot see? When did it start? Why does it continue in an age of science? We'll examine these questions together using Zoom Technology.

Bring your notions, we'll need them.

The Reverend Doctor Charles Buckman-Ellis stayed in school far too long. He worked as a Presbyterian minister for a while, then, with Groveland's help and support transferred his ordination to the Unitarian-Universalist Association. He has never served as a parish minister. His work focused on community organizing, economic justice, and environmental issues.

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After leaving the Presbyterian church, he began writing novels and has written nine so far. None published because he's a poor marketer. He also spent twelve years as a docent at the MIA, grew a large garden and orchard with his wife, Dr. Kate Olson.



In late 2014, on the Winter Solstice, Charles and Kate moved onto Shadow Mountain in the Front Range of the Rockies. They moved to be close to the grandkids.

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Looking Ahead:

October 4, 10:15 am

Visiting Sunday

Exploring Interspirituality

Presented by Rev. Kari Kopnick

On Sunday October 4, we will be visiting Pilgrim House online. Rev. Kopnick will speak about how interspirituality embraces an awareness of our interconnectedness which is arising in response to the destructive materialist value system that dominates Western culture. The meaninglessness at the heart of materialism drives us to distraction, consumerism and greed, fueling the fragmentation of society and devastation of the environment. Transformation begins within.

In-Person Gatherings

We have enjoyed seeing each other at Highland Park this summer. The coming of fall and winter will pose challenges for in-person gatherings, and we need ideas. One suggestion we've received is to go on short walks together during favorable weather (while observing social distancing). Ideas as to where we can walk, or other alternative activities appropriate during covid-19 fall and winter months are most welcome. Also, since Sunday mornings are reserved for church

services and many of our members work during weekdays, would a 10 am Saturday morning gathering work for you? Please email your thoughts and suggestions to Leticia Smith at info@grovelanduu.org.

Groveland Events...

Groveland Book Group
Wednesday, September 16
6:30-8:00 pm

On September 16 we will meet 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.

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

How to be an Antiracist, by Ibram Kendi

The Trigger Point Therapy Workbook, by Clair Davies

Disloyal, by Michael Cohn

Angela Davis: An Autobiography, by Angela Davis

Designing your Work Life, by Bill Burnett

In Memoriam

Judy Bonhiver's stepmother, Dorothy Bonhiver of Shoreview, passed away at the age of 91 on August 14, 2020 after a 3 ½ year battle with cancer. She was survived by



3 children and 5 stepchildren, 2 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was a sweet and kind person, who loved her family and friends. Her love for travel took her to all 50 states and approximately 31 foreign countries. Her most memorable was Papua, New Guinea. Born during the depression and growing up during WWII as a 'city gal' in south Minneapolis, life was not "ordinary". Dorothy spent her summer vacations during the war helping on her grandmother's South Dakota farm.

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Judy said, "My stepmom was 91 years and fourteen days young and her brain was still working very, very well until she took morphine for her pain. But we all feel lucky we had her in our lives for so many years. We had been told she would die three years



Flowers sent to Judy from Groveland Fellowship in memory of Dorothy.

ago when diagnosed with cancer throughout her organs so these last ones, though difficult and filled with chemo and hydration appointments plus medical follow-ups were, for the most part, wonderful."

Message from the Treasurer

Beginning with our first service on September 13 through the end of this calendar year, we will have 14 services via Zoom (or in person if we're lucky). Eight of those Sundays will feature paid speakers. The rest will involve member presentations or a remote church visit via Zoom. Our projected expenses for this period are \$2,820 for presenter honorariums, pianist services, insurance, web hosting, plus a small amount for miscellaneous expenses.

Thanks to all who have continued to contribute during this difficult time. If you haven't done so and wish to make regular contributions, take advantage of your free automatic pay bank service. This way you don't have to remember to write and mail a check whenever you want to contribute. Our mailing address is:

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September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Alan Lando, Karla Sand, and Leticia and Huron Smith!



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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