



# THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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## Sunday Services

**10am, 1671 Summit Ave., St. Paul**

Welcome back to our Sunday services, now held on Zoom. The UUA has recommended that congregations continue virtual services for the time being. Please email Sara at [leiste@yahoo.com](mailto:leiste@yahoo.com) for Zoom help.

**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. We will meet on Zoom at 10:00 AM and then join Pilgrim House online for their service at 10:15.

When we move beyond the boundaries of religions, do we find common ground? Interspirituality embraces an awareness of our interconnectedness which is arising in response to the destructive materialistic 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.

**October 11, 2020 at 10:00 am**

**How to Work With Your Own Privilege**

**Presented by Dr. Yvette Erasmus**



Facing our white privilege can be uncomfortable. Sometimes we may deny it, minimize it, feel guilty or ashamed for having it, or even see ourselves as entitled to it. Join us this Sunday to

explore conscious, compassionate and life-affirming ways of working with your privilege, so that you can actively contribute to a world that works equitably for all people. We'll get clarity on the difference between necessary and unnecessary discomfort, and leave with new options for future interactions.

Yvette Erasmus is a Doctor of Psychology, a Licensed Psychologist; global citizen; clinical psychologist; writer and teacher. Her work focuses on helping people bridge gaps internally, between heart, head, gut and soul, and externally, between intentions and actual impact.

**Identity and the Search for Truth in the Age of Social Media**

**October 18, 2020 - 10:00 am**

**Presented by Leticia Smith**



Dr. Leticia Smith will share the results of her review of the impact of social media on our identity and on our quest for truth. She will also share her own experience with social media effects on her self-presentations, social interactions, and the challenges it has posed in her search for truth in a variety of areas affecting life on earth. Members and guests at the service will be invited to share how their own interactions with friends, family and other groups are being affected by their own social media participation and by those of their social circle as well. The presentation will conclude with a discussion on potential strategies for making the best use of social media while minimizing its negative consequences.

Leticia Smith provides management consultation to nonprofits with social justice goals, and is on the list of federal grant

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**Leticia Smith service, continued...**

reviewers for community economic development and refugee resettlement. She is treasurer of Groveland UU Fellowship. She received both her M.A. in Communication and Ph.D. in Sociology from Michigan State University.

**October 25, 2020 - 10:00 am  
The Long Path to Housing  
Justice**

**Presented by Margaret Kaplan**



Everybody needs a safe, stable, dignified place to call home. And yet, for many people, the dream of home is out of reach. Learn about some of the approaches to the fight for housing justice using the legal system, public policy and community partnership. What has happened, and what are the emerging issues that will impact the future of the fight for a just and equitable housing system?

Margaret Kaplan is the President of the Housing Justice Center, a non-profit public interest legal and policy advocacy organization dedicated to upholding the right to safe, stable, affordable housing free from discrimination. Margaret has over 20 years of experience in the field of affordable housing and community development, starting out as a community organizer with All Parks Alliance for Change. She began her legal career with the Housing Preservation Project, and subsequently worked for All Parks Alliance for Change and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining HJC, Margaret spent six years as the Community Development Director at Minnesota Housing. Margaret has expertise in local, state, and federal housing policy and programs and is dedicated to using law and policy as tools to effectuate community-articulated outcomes for a more just and equitable society.

**Looking Ahead:**

**November 1, 2020 - 10:00 am  
Day of the Dead  
Presented by Abby Struck**



Abby Struck, a founding member of Groveland Fellowship will lead this traditional service in memory of ancestors, friends and relatives who have passed on.

**Groveland Events...**

**Groveland Book Group  
Wednesday, October 21  
6:30-8:00 pm**

On October 21 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](mailto:leiste@yahoo.com) for Zoom help.

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

- Virgil Wander*, Leif Enger (Novel)
- My Father's Shadow*, Myles Hopper (Autobiography)
- The Line Becomes A River: Dispatches from the Border*, Francisco Cantu (Memoir)
- Becoming*, Michelle Obama (Memoir)
- Everyday Spiritual Practices: Simple Pathways for Enriching Your Life*, Scott Alexander
- Flow - Magazine for Paper Lovers* (Magazine)
- The True Believers*, Eric Hoffer
- Rage*, Bob Woodward
- The Evening and the Morning*, Ken Follett, (Historical Fiction)
- It Was All a Lie*, Stuart Stevens
- Time Enough for Love*, Robert Heinlein
- Too Much and Never Enough*, Mary Trump
- Why Liberals Win the Culture Wars (Even When They Lose Elections)*, Stephen Prothero
- The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father*, Kao Kalia Yang

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### Book Group selections, continued...

*Introduction to French Poetry*, edited by Stanley Applebaum  
*The Senator Next Door*, Amy Klobuchar

### Sara Leiste's Ph.D Celebration!

Groveland members had a great time on Sunday, September 13 at Highland Park celebrating Sara Leiste's Ph.D. As you can



see, Sara was thinking of everyone's comfort. She brought toilet paper to share!

We have enjoyed seeing each other at Highland Park this summer and are hoping to have more gatherings in the future.

Please send any suggestions you may have for places to meet during the fall and winter where we can social distance – walks in the

park, etc. A 10 am Saturday morning gathering may work better than one on Sunday? Send your thoughts and suggestions about possible places and times to Leticia Smith at [info@grovelanduu.org](mailto:info@grovelanduu.org).

### Message from the Treasurer

Please remember that even though we are having online services we still have expenses: 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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### October Birthdays



There are no October birthdays! Bake yourself a cake and celebrate anyway!

### 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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