



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

10am, 1671 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Welcome 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 for Zoom help.

December 6, 2020 - 10:00 am

What Is Culture/White

Supremacy Culture?

Presented by Rica Kaufel

In this service, we will be taking a deep dive into how culture works, and how aspects of 'white culture' become 'white supremacy culture.' Our speaker will use the concepts of time and sense of urgency as a case study in white culture becoming white supremacy culture.

Rica Kaufel, who was born and raised in Germany, graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chiccago, IL, and completed her internship with Orange Coast UU Church, Costa Mesa, CA, this past June. Recently she became a Fellowshipped Unitarian Universalist Minister and looks forward to being ordained soon. Rica began her ministry with Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim, CA, in October of this year. Rica also works as a lecturer for Academic English at the University of California, Irvine. She frequently volunteers with California Conference for Equality and Justice's Building Bridges Camp, taking teenagers from all over the region to the mountains for a weekend to teach them about systems of oppression and how to dismantle them. Her favorite thing in the world is spending time with her daughter Elise.

December 13, 2020 - 10:00 am
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the Lifelong Impact of the COVID Lockdown

Presented by Mike Tikkanen

Mike will discuss how adverse childhood experiences, the lifelong impact of the COVID lockdown and the trauma of being stuck in toxic homes affects children, and what we can do to heal them and make life better for all of us.

Mike Tikkanen is the founder of the Minnesota-based 501c3 nonprofit organization Kids at Risk Action (KARA). KARA supports people, policies and programs that improve the lives of at-risk children. They are passionate and unapologetic advocates for the welfare of abused and neglected kids in Minnesota, the United States, and around the world.

For more information, please visit www.invisiblechildren.org. For the new mental health initiative for foster kids and other at-risk youth, please visit www.invisiblechildren.org/portages/

December 20, 2020 - 10:00 am
Winter Solstice

Presented by Kari Tauring

I don't know how many ways we can say that 2020 has been a year like no other.

Those of us whose hearts and minds are



bent towards social justice have been overwhelmed both by examples of imbalance and by the outpouring of action towards balance. Every aspect of our lives has been tested this year; our

family and friend relationships, our health and feelings of safety, and the structure and sanctity of our political system.

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The story of Svipdag in the Poetic Edda is a metaphor for each of us as we dig through these grief-ridden times and find the path to peace. We will visualize together as the hero is instructed by his mother for this journey. We will breathe together as the hero climbs the mountain of medicine and names each of the healing goddesses we find there. We will sing together and light a candle (or turn on a light switch) to celebrate life in this dark time.

Kari Tauring is a Nordic root musician, educator, and spiritual leader raised in Minnesota. Her work is embedded in the full culture of her Scandinavian heritage including music, dance, storytelling, and other arts. She teaches classes on runes, Norse mythology, cosmology, and metaphysics, primarily on-line since COVID. This is the 21st anniversary of her Yuletide Celebration album and the 21 years of celebrating Winter Solstice in the Northlands. Her musical recordings, book on runes, and links to on-line classes and videos are on her website: www.karitauring.com (also in its 21st year).

Looking Ahead: Happy Holidays to all!



**There will be no
Services on
December 27, 2020
or January 3, 2021**

Groveland Book Group Wednesday, December 16, 2020 6:30-8:00 pm



On December 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 link information. Please email Sara at leiste@yahoo.com for Zoom help.

Book Group continued

Here is a list of the books we discussed in November:

Lakota America – Pekka Hamalainen

My Face is Black is True – Mary Frances Berry

Widening the Circle of Concern – UUA

Breaking Hate, Confronting the New Culture of Extremism – Christian Picciolini

Blackfoot Physics – F. David Peat

My Wars Are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson – Alfred Habegger

Becoming – Michelle Obama

Rage – Bob Woodward

The Promised Land – Barack Obama

Disloyal: A Memoir – Michael Cohen

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother – James McBride

Catching the Wind: Edward Kennedy and the Liberal Hour – Neal Gabler

FICTION:

The Law of Innocence – Michael Connelly

The Haunting of Brynn Wilder – Wendy Webb

The Evening and the Morning – Ken Follett

Where the Crawdads Sing – Delia Owens

Message from Our Treasurer

Being true to the 2nd UU principle, "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations", we seek to extend ourselves to those in need of opportunity and to the basics of daily life through the works of nonprofit organizations serving Minnesota communities. As a congregation, we have been able to provide some financial help to a couple of Minnesota-based organizations working for social justice, have organized meal packets for the homeless, and engaged in letter-writing to incarcerated Unitarians. All of these activities require money. This fiscal year has been especially hard for us as donations have slowed down during this pandemic period. This means that as a congregation, we are not able to continue our pursuit of the 2nd principle with our current funds until our

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Treasurer's message continued from page 2... donations rise above the needs of our running expenses. For us to thrive, we need your continued financial support.

We also recognize that as individuals, most of us are already contributing to various worthwhile social justice causes. Please add **MUUSJA** and **Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul**, the two organizations on Groveland's contribution list, to your own list. If you can, please let them know when you donate that you are a member of Groveland UU Fellowship to help us strengthen our ties with them. Thank you!

Groveland Events...

Holiday Cards to Incarcerated UU Church of the Larger Fellowship Members

This year, as we did last year, Groveland participated in the Church of the Larger Fellowship's (CLF) effort to send holiday cards to incarcerated members across the country. Sara Leiste purchased cards and distributed them to Groveland members, who will add notes to them and send them to the CLF office. From there, they will be addressed and sent to incarcerated UUs.

December Birthdays



Happy birthdays to: Bobbi, Jerry, and Martha

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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Services are at 10:00 am Sundays, September through May (Currently on Zoom)

Groveland meeting address:

Now on Zoom, but when we are able to meet in person again, we will be at the address below:

1671 Summit Ave
St Paul, MN 55105

Groveland UU Mailing address:

Donations: Please address donations to Groveland UU Fellowship, and send them to:
PO Box 40011, St Paul, MN 55104

For more information about **Groveland UU Fellowship**, go to grovelanduu.org