



THE GROVELAND E-WIRE

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Sunday Services

10 AM, 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.

April 4 – Happy Easter! No Service

April 11 – Second Harvest Heartland: Taking Action on Hunger and Food Insecurity in Minnesota

**Presented by Alison Griffin
Moderated by Leticia Smith**



Alison Griffin, Director of Communications at Second Harvest Heartland will be encouraging us to take action as she presents her organization's strategies and experience in

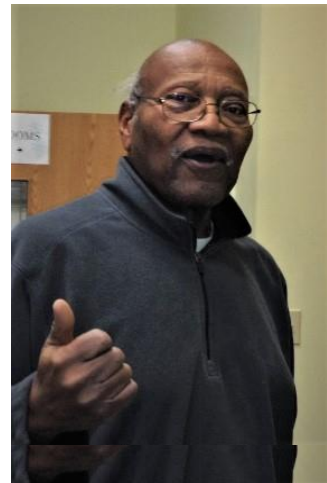
dealing with hunger and food insecurity in Minnesota.

In her role leading communications for Second Harvest Heartland, Alison ensures that hunger is a critical component of the COVID response and recovery conversation, and that the nuances of food insecurity, the complexities of the hunger-relief network, and the personal stories of partners and neighbors are showcased consistently and accurately.

Alison brings to the food bank professional experiences at a global marketing agency, Minnesota's state health insurance exchange, Planned Parenthood, Rise Inc., and a number of issue and candidate campaigns. She believes that personal and community connections matter most, and are central to helping us realize kindness and justice for all.

A native of Woodstock, Illinois, Alison has called Minneapolis home for 11 years. She lives by Lake Nokomis with her partner and rescue dog.

April 18 – Civil Rights Activism Presented by John Martin Moderated by Ceile Hartleib



John Martin will speak to us today about his activism which began in high school when he was chosen to attend the Black version of Boy's State.

John was attending Tuskegee Institute at the time of the Voting Rights Campaign. He was

part of a group of Tuskegee Students who took part in the Selma to Montgomery March. Later he was a co-founder of a volunteer Community Organizing Group in St. Louis Missouri. In Minnesota he has been active in Church Sponsored Social Justice Groups and he has recently been active in the DFL, holding positions at all levels of the Party.

John Martin is a Gullah from Savannah, Georgia. The Gullahs are descendants of the rice-producing people from the areas of West

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John Martin, continued

Africa around Sierra Leone. They now live in the low country on the islands between Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. This area has been isolated until modern times, so many of the old traditions still exist.

John's present hobbies are Storytelling and Political Activism. John is a member of Groveland Fellowship.

April 25 - Don't Be a Zombie Presented by Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy Moderated by Alan Lando



What do zombie myths have to do with racism? Join our guest preacher for an exploration of the ways our culture has kept all of us "asleep" to the truth and harm of white supremacy culture, and what we might be able

to do to "wake up."

Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy has served since 2017 as the senior minister of the Fox Valley UU Fellowship, a large congregation in Appleton, Wisconsin. Before that, she was the faith development minister at the UU Church of Annapolis, Maryland for 6 years where she focused her ministry on children, youth, and adult education.

She lives in Appleton with her husband Brian, sons Nevan (age 5) and Ellis (age 2) and one-eyed black lab, Asher.

Looking Ahead: May 2 – Drowning in The Sea of Information: Knowing What to Ignore in the Attention Economy Presented by Jeffrey Nygaard Moderated by John Christensen

People wishing to understand the world used to face a large, but simple, problem: Where to find information? Now, in the 21st Century, we can find virtually anything we want to find. But how do we decide what we want to find? Jeff will offer a simple—and devilishly complex—method that anyone can use to separate the wheat from the chaff in the quest to understand the world and one's place in it.

Jeff Nygaard is a long-time writer, commentator, and activist who publishes a free newsletter on politics and culture called Nygaard Notes. (No, it's not a blog, it's a newsletter.) Find it at www.nygaardnotes.org/

Groveland Events...

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



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

Books we discussed in March:
The True American: Murder and Mercy in Texas - Anand Giridharadas
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents - Isabel Wilkerson
500 Nations - DVD and *500 Nations* - book by Alvin Josephy Jr.
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together - Heather McGhee
The Power Worshippers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism - Katherine Stewart
Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future - Elizabeth Kolbert

Book Group, continued

The Deep State: The Fall of the Constitution and the Rise of a Shadow Government - Mike Lofgren

Underland: A Deep Time Journey - Robert Macfarlane

The Seed Keeper: A Novel - Diane Wilson

The Art of Dying Well: A Practical Guide to a Good End of Life - Katy Butler

It Was All a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump - Stuart Stevens

How Democracies Die - Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt

Message from Our Treasurer

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UUA News

The Future of the U.U. Association of Congregations:

Where do we go from here?

Chaos or community—One year later

Saturday, April 17, 2021 - from 10 am to 6 pm CST

A Convocation Sponsored by The Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council, featuring presentations by:

Rev. Kate Rohde, Jay Kiskel, Dr. Anne Schneider, Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof and Dr. Alan Spector

This is a virtual event, for UUMUAC members, supporters, and potential members and friends—held using Zoom technology. For more information, please go to www.uumuac.org Click on UUMAC Convocation, April 17, 2021.

UUA General Assembly 2021

The annual meeting of the UUA will be held 100% virtually this year on June 23-27, with the theme of "Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!" Anyone may attend. Registration information is on their website: UUA.org More information to follow.

April Birthdays



**Happy Birthday
to
Karen,
Paul,
and Mike!**

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:

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