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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.

May 2 – Drowning in the Sea of Information: Knowing What to Ignore in the Attention Economy

Presented by Jeff 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 longtime 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.nygarrdnotes.org/.

May 9 – Love Your Neighbor—no Matter their Religion, Color or Political Party

Presented by Dr. Yvette Erasmus

Moderated by Ceile Hartleib

Dr. Erasmus will explore how the principles and practices of nonviolent communication might support us in bringing love into real, tangible action in our relationships with people who hold distinctly divergent



worldviews or lived experiences from our own. She will walk us through practical tools that help us to return to love-based consciousness when we are flooded with fear, fight or

flight energy and wanting new moves to create a world that works better for all people.

Yvette Erasmus is a Doctor of Psychology, a Licensed Psychologist, clinical psychologist, global citizen, 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.

May 16 – Flower Communion

Facilitator: Larry Herbison

Larry Herbison will present our traditional Flower Communion Service, our annual



spring ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity and community. Normally, each member and guest gathering together brings a flower to be placed in a shared vase. Our hope this year

is to hold the service outside at HighlandPark if the weather holds.

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However, in case of a virtual gathering, we ask that everyone bring flower to their computer, ipad or phone to share their beauty with everyone. If possible, please put the flowers where we all can see both you and the flowers. We will notify everyone of our meeting plans as we get closer to May 16.

Larry Herbison is a longtime member of Groveland Fellowship and is currently serving as President.

Following our Flower Communion Service, we will break for the summer. Services will resume on the first Sunday after Labor Day with our traditional Mingling of the Waters. Have a great summer!

Groveland News...

Kate Olson, wife of Charles Buckman-Ellis, died on April 12. Charlie, as we called him, was instrumental in our formation and growth as a fellowship. We grew to love him and also his wife Kate. This is how Charlie describes Kate in her



obituary: "She was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a pediatrician, a gardener, lover and mother of dogs, a bee keeper, a quilter, a needleworker, a master cook, and a crossword puzzle completer. ...The joy she brought me will be a constant resource when times are tough. Again."

Kate was always warm, funny, present. We are sad to say goodbye.

Ceile Hartleib's brother-in-law Robert Harold Kayser has died. He loved the theater, was a maple syrup producer, a storyteller and a Master Gardener. He was devoted to the outdoors



in all seasons.

Groveland Events...

Groveland Book Group Wednesday, May 19 6:30-8:00 pm



On May 19 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 April:

The Overstory – A Novel by Richard Powers
Sisters in Hate: American Women on the Front Lines of White Nationalism – Seyward Darby

Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage – Anne Lamont

The Miracle – Nathan Monk

The Lost City of the Monkey Gods: A True Story – Douglas Preston

The Quantum Guide to Life – Kunal Das

The Cosmic Code: Quantum Physics as the Language of Nature – Heinz Pagels

The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen: Warfare, Constitutions, and the Making of the Modern World – Linda Colley

This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color – Edited by Moraga and Anzaldua

Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny – Kate Manne

On the House: A Washington Memoir – John Boehner

The Next Wife – Kaira Rouda

Message from Our Treasurer

Your financial contribution helps cover our expenses. To donate, please write your check to Groveland UU Fellowship and send it to P.O. Box 40011, Saint Paul, MN 55104-8011. Thank you!

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.

May Birthdays



No May Birthdays

If your birthday is in May, or any other month, let us know! We would love to include you.

Easter Outing!



L-R: Sara Leiste, Huron Smith, Ceile Hartleib, Letitia Smith, Bobbi Baker, Larry Herbison

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:

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St Paul, MN 55105

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