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Sunday Services

Groveland Fellowship services are on hiatus for the summer. Services resume on Sunday, September 12 with our Mingling of the Waters Ceremony at 10 a.m. Remember to gather water from your travels this summer.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held June 13, 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be at Ceile's, 2034 Selby Avenue, St. Paul 55104, in her back yard gazebo. There will be a potluck following the meeting. Please RSVP to ceceilehartleib@gmail.com. Call 651-592-1877 for any questions.

Our agenda currently includes election of officers for next year and a financial report. If you have an item to include on the agenda, please email our president, Larry Herbison: Larry.f.herbison@gmail.com.

Groveland Book Group Wednesday, June 16, 6:30-8:00 & July 21, 6:30-8:00

The June Book Group will be held on Zoom, go to our website for the Zoom link.

We will decide about in-person or Zoom meeting for the July book group at the June meeting.

These are the books from our May 19 book group meeting:
Knocking on Heavens Door - Katy Butler
All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
1619 Project - New York Times

Cosmic Queries: Startalk's Guide to Who We Are, How We Got Here, and Where We're Going - James Trefil and Neil deGrasse Tyson
Purple Hibiscus: A Novel. - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
AMORALMAN: A True Story and other Lies - Derek DelGaudio
Ayesha at Last - Uzma Jalaluddin
Hana Khan Carries On - Uzma Jalaluddin

Program Planning Meeting

Our Annual Program Planning Meeting will be in July. We'll send out the date when it's decided.

UUA General Assembly

The 2021 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly will be held virtually June 23-27. General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, to conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and study our mission and principles. Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. Although we give up the face-to-face interaction and hugs that are prevalent when we meet in-person, we retain our dedication to community and make our experience more accessible and more environmentally sustainable.

Registration is **\$200 per person**. Financial support for registration as well as a payment plan are available. General Assembly registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulive, and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (**new!**) GA mobile app. Go to UUA.org to register.

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The theme this year is Circle 'Round for Justice • Healing • Courage. GA is a time to circle 'round in community. We circle 'round in care and healing; for liberation and justice; and for love and courage.

2021 GA Ware Lecture: Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade (Each year since 1922 the GA planning committee has invited a distinguished guest to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer.)

Stacey Abrams is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Our Time Is Now* and *Lead from the Outside*, an entrepreneur and a political leader. She served as Democratic Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives for 7 years prior to running for Governor of Georgia, where she won more votes than any other Democrat in the state's history. She launched [Fair Fight Action](#) after the 2018 gubernatorial election to ensure every American has a voice in our election system, [Fair Count](#) to ensure accuracy in the 2020 Census and the [Southern Economic Advancement Project](#), a public policy initiative to broaden economic power and build equity in the South.

Desmond Meade is a formerly homeless citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually become the President of the [Florida Rights Restoration Coalition](#) (FRRC), Chair of Floridians for a Fair Democracy, a graduate of Florida International University College of Law, and a Ford Global Fellow. He is the author of [Let My People Vote: My Battle to Restore the Rights of Returning Citizens](#), published by Beacon Press in October of 2020. Recognized by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2019, Desmond presently leads efforts to empower and civically re-engage local communities across the state, and to reshape local, state, and national criminal justice policies.

Desmond led the FRRC to a historic victory in 2018 with the successful passage of Amendment 4, a grassroots citizen's

initiative which restored voting rights to over 1.4 million Floridians with past felony convictions. Amendment 4 represented the single largest expansion of voting rights in the United States in half a century and brought an end to 150 years of a Jim Crow-era law in Florida.

Camp UniStar Is Open This Summer

Camp UniStar is a Unitarian Universalist camp for individuals and families and other like-minded people, nestled in the Chippewa National Forest on Star Island, surrounded by the clear waters of Cass Lake in northern Minnesota.

Each year we welcome campers of all ages to this place out of time where the beauty of nature is rich, life is simple, and community is cherished.

Campers arrive on a Saturday and leave the following Friday. Transportation to the island from the Marina in Cass Lake is included in the camp fee.

The camp's rustic facilities include a Lodge, five cabins, and a tenting area with five platforms. Each cabin is equipped with a simple kitchen, family sleeping rooms, common areas, and a shared bathroom with a tub. Shower houses are also available.

For 2021, We are asking campers to register **as a household** (size and composition self-defined), and at this point, we will not put more than three households in any cabin/lodge space/tenting area (and no more than one of those three with anyone unvaccinated). We are also **strongly suggesting** that all campers who are eligible be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Online Registration is now open at:

<http://www.campunistar.org/registration>

There will be two "Helping Hand" sessions to



get the camp ready for the season, the first starting June 19. There will also be nine Camper Weeks beginning July 3.

For more information go to campunistar.org.



June-July Birthdays

Happy birthday to Rose Dorer, Sara Leiste, and Ceile Hartleib!

Groveland Outreach MORE Food Aid



Fridays at 8:00 a.m., volunteers meet at Whole Foods Market at Snelling and Selby Avenues to transport groceries to the Multicultural School for Empowerment (MORE).

Please call for more information or to volunteer.



Pictures from the Flower Communion Service – May 16



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