

## Sunday Services

**In-person services at new location -  
Macalester College in the Theater  
Arts Building, St. Paul  
Zoom services every other week**

**This church year our Sunday services  
will be in-person alternating every other  
week with Zoom services.**

Our first service, September 12, will be an in-person service. We will be meeting in **Room 205** of the Theater Arts building on the Macalester College campus. This building is located at 130 Macalester Street, Saint Paul, (it is part of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center). This building can be accessed best from St. Clair Ave. Macalester Street is one block west of Snelling.

For all our in-person services we will go with the UUA recommendations: maintain social distance of 6 feet; wear masks, no food or drink and no singing. We are insisting that all members and guests be fully vaccinated.

Click on the linked map, [Macalester Campus Map](#) **Parking Lot West 1** in **grid A2** is the parking for the Theater Arts building. The building access is at the northeast corner of the parking lot. There will be someone at the door to let you in.

**Public Transit:**  
**The A Line bus stops at the corner of  
Snelling and Grand and also at Snelling  
and St. Clair. The route 63 bus stops at  
Grand and Snelling.**

Our second service, September 19, will be on Zoom only. We will continue alternating in-person and Zoom services.

If you need help with Zoom, please contact Sara Leiste at [leiste@yahoo.com](mailto:leiste@yahoo.com)

**September 12, 10 a.m.**  
**(in-person service, Macalester College)**  
**Mingling of Waters**  
**Presenter: Larry Herbison**



Our first service of the church year begins with our annual mingling of waters ceremony. Larry Herbison, Groveland's president, will lead our service in which each person brings water from a vacation, weekend away, from the Mississippi or just from the home tap. We will comingle our water in a large bowl while we talk about and re-live our summer adventures.

**September 19, 10 a.m.**  
**(Zoom service – online only)**  
**Deep Ecology: Returning to Our  
Ancient Roots**  
**Presenter: Nia To Go There, Ph.D**  
**Moderator: Sara Leiste**



When a person sees himself/herself as integral to the landscape, to the movements of the wind and to the cyclical gestures of Nature, a sense of personal identity emerges. As Thomas Berry notes: "We must invent, or reinvent a sustainable human by a descent into our pre-rational, our instinctive integrity. What is needed is not transcendence but 'inscendence,' not to the brain but the gene."

Nia To Go There is a former member of Groveland Fellowship who ponders issues

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related to the significance of what it means to be fully human. She is an enrolled member of the Cree tribe. She reflects daily on what it means to "Embrace the Tiger. Return to the Mountain." It must be Tao. To not know is to know. Hmm.

**September 26, 10 a.m.  
(in-person service, Macalester College)**

**Pay Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain:  
Understanding the Facts of Critical Race Theory and the Fiction of Politics**

**Presenter: Jonathan Palmer**



Jonathan Palmer will present an exploration about what Critical Race Theory actually is and isn't, and why the political rhetoric illustrates the need for this crucial approach. An opportunity to separate fact from fiction, ask questions and learn

about the history this entails including the Rondo Community.

Jonathan Palmer is the Executive Director for Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc. with 25 years of experience in public and nonprofit management and leadership. He serves on the board of directors of several nonprofit organizations, including MDI, the Summit University Planning Council, Convergence Events, Inc. (President), and the International Clan MacFarlane Society. Jonathan is a graduate of Morehouse College where he received his BA in Psychology with a minor in Theatre and is completing an MA in Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

## Looking ahead:

**October 3, 10 a.m.**

**The Special Relationship Called Church - or Fellowship  
(Zoom service, online only)**

**Presenters: Rev. Laura Thompson, Carla V. Ries and Maria Bavier**

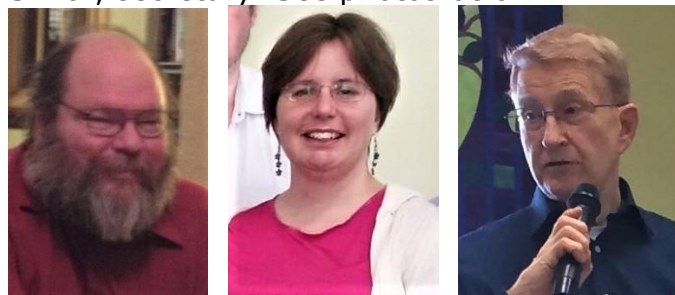
We will meet on Zoom for conversation at 10 a.m. and join Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship (also on Zoom) at 10:30 for their service.

Relationships have many purposes: friendship, support, shared interest and love to name a few. In this day and age we all know about relationship status: "in a relationship," "single," or "it's complicated." Join Rev. Laura Thompson, Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship; Carla V. Ries and Maria Bavier as we explore how these qualities and statuses tie into relationships with our Fellowship.

## Groveland News

### Annual Meeting

Groveland members met on June 13. The agenda included election of officers, establishing a committee to find a new meeting space, reviewing expenditures, approving the annual budget, etc. Officers elected were Larry Herbison, president; Sara Leiste, treasurer and Huron Smith, secretary. See photos below.



### Program Committee

The program committee met at Ceile Hartleib's on July 10. A committee was selected including Ceile as program chair with members: Larry Herbison, Abby Struck, Sara Leiste, Lois Hamilton, Leticia Smith, Huron Smith, Rose Dorer, Mike Luke and Alan Lando.

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## Groveland Events...

### Groveland Book Group Wednesday, September 15 6:30-8:00 pm



On September 15 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](mailto:leiste@yahoo.com) for Zoom help.

#### Books discussed in August:

*The Night Watchman* - Louise Erdrich (novel)  
*Nomadland* - Jessica Bruner  
*The Secret Keeper of Jaipur* - Alka Joshi (novel)  
*The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet* - John Green  
*Last Bus to Wisdom* - Ivan Doig (novel)  
*The Ones We've Been Waiting For* - Charlotte Alter  
*Billy Summers* - Stephen King (novel)  
*The Reckoning: Our Nation's Trauma and Finding a Way to Heal* - Mary Trump  
*While Justice Sleeps* - Stacy Abrams (novel)  
*Intelligence in Nature* - Jeremy Narby  
*Braiding Sweetgrass* - Robin Wall Kimmerer  
*Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* - Cheryl Strayed  
*With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman*  
*What does Justice Look Like? The Struggle for Liberation in Dakota Homeland* - Waziyatawin  
*Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc, by the Sieur Louis de Conte* - Mark Twain (novel)

#### Books discussed in July:

*News of the World: A Novel* - Paulette Jiles  
*Educated* - Tara Westover  
*Braiding Sweet Grass* - Robin Wall Kimmerer  
*I Alone Can Fix It: Donald Trump's Catastrophic Final Year* - Carol Leonnig and Phillip Rucker  
*Nightmare Scenario* - Vasmeen Abutatab

*Frankly, We Did Win this Election* - Michael Bender  
*Landslide* - Michael Wolff  
*Stay* - Catherine Ryan Hyde  
*Brave Girl, Quiet Girl* - Catherine Ryan Hyde  
*The Master and His Emissary* - Iain Mccilcrist  
*Biocentrism: How Life and Consciousness are the Keys to Understanding the True Nature of the Universe* - Bob Bergman and Robert Lanza  
*Blackfoot Physics* - F. David Peat  
*Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing: Essays* - Lauren Hough  
*The Lowland* - Jhumpa Lahiri. (A novel)  
*Unaccustomed Earth* - Jhumpa Lahiri  
*Neither Wolf no Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder* - Kent Nerburn  
*The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts and Shadows* - Kent Nerburn  
*The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo: A child, an Elder & the Light from an Ancient Sky* - Kent Nerburn  
*The Ones We've Been Waiting For: How a New Generation of Leaders Will Transform America* - Charlotte Alter

#### Books discussed in June:

*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

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## 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!

## August & September Birthdays



*Happy Birthday!*

Lois Hamilton (belated - August) and to Alan Lando, Leticia Smith and Huron Smith in September.



Left to Right: Bobbi Baker, Rose Dorer and Alan Lando.



Picnic at Sara's, Left to Right: Sara Leiste, Judy Bonhiver, Ceile Hartleib, Terry Kayser, Leticia Smith, Paul Hjelmstad, 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.



Left to Right: Leticia Smith, Huron Smith, Larry Herbison, Paul Hjelmstad, Sara Leiste.

## Pictures from the Annual Meeting on June 13, and Picnic on July 24



Annual Meeting, Left, president, Larry Herbison presiding. Right, Sara Leiste, Abby Struck, Karen Belling.

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**Services** are at 10:00 am Sundays, September through May. See explanation in first article in this newsletter or below.

### Groveland meeting address:

We are now holding in-person meetings alternating each week with Zoom meetings. Our in-person meetings will be at Macalester College in room 205 in the Theater Building. See more information about our meeting place on our website: [www.grovelanduu.org](http://www.grovelanduu.org)

### Groveland UU Mailing address:

**Donations:** Please address donations to Groveland UU Fellowship, and send them to:  
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