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Sunday Services

Combination Zoom and in-person services, plus a new location - Macalester College in the Theater Building, St. Paul



In-person: Groveland UU Fellowship is now meeting in **Room 205** in the Theater Arts building on the Macalester College campus. This building is located at 130 Macalester Drive. It is part of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. Enter from St. Clair Ave. onto Macalester

Drive. Park in the West 1 lot. The building access is at the northeast corner of the parking lot. There will be someone at the door from 9:45-10:00 to let you into the building. (Arrow on map shows parking lot to use and the entry to building.)

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.

Zoom services: We will continue alternating in person and Zoom services. The Zoom invitation and reminder will be sent via GUUF-announce. If you need help with Zoom, please contact Sara Leiste at leiste@yahoo.com

April 3, 10:00 A.M.

Mino bimaadiziwin (The Way of a Good Life)

(In-person Service at Macalester)

Presenter: Carol Hernandez

Moderator: Ceile Hartleib



Mino bimaadiziwin is a concept of the Anishinaabe people that guides us on the path towards a good life. Living a good life requires us to make good choices every day. We should strive towards physical, mental, emotional and spiritual balance. We have been given 7 Grandfather teachings: love, respect, bravery,

truth, honesty, humility and wisdom to help us. One is not more important than the other and should be used with each other.

Carol Hernandez is an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. She will share her journey from growing up in the Twin Cities and later moving to the reservation. She is second degree Midewin and will talk about her conversion from Christianity. She will discuss how she strives to apply the 7 Grandfather teachings to her daily life and continues on the path of mino bimaadiziwin.

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April 10, 10:00 A.M.
Rise Again!
(Zoom Service)



In this talk, Dr. Cook will mark the celebration of Easter in Western Christianity with a reflection on the history of the notion of rebirth and resurrection.

Brendan Cook, PhD., is an Associate Teaching Professor in Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

April 17 - No Service
Happy Easter, Happy Spring!



April 24, 10:00 A.M.
The Empire in Our Heads
(In-Person Service at Macalester)
Presenter: Jeff Nygaard



The average person in the U.S. doesn't think about Empire—the rule of one nation or people by other nations or people—too much, at least not consciously. Still, the

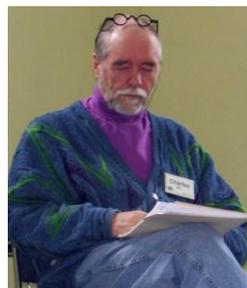
constant propaganda reinforcing the rightness of the Imperial Order is so strong that most USAmericans end up sharing a set of ideas that I call The Imperial Mindset.

What do I mean by The Imperial Mindset, how does it work inside of our heads, and why should we care?

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/.

Note: This program was cancelled last month because of a snowstorm.

Looking Ahead...
May 1, 10:00 A.M.
The Sun and the Moon and the Earth
(Zoom Service)
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Charles
Buckman-Ellis



What might a faith in the true divinities, visible ones, with known and necessary powers look like? How might we create a prayer book with rituals for the phases of the Moon, for the seasons of Mother Earth, for the

glorious life-bringer, Sol? Consider an Ur religion, one that honors that which is visible and without which we cannot live. We'll learn first from an Iroquois Medicine Man I met in 1974 in Detroit. Then from the Great Wheel as it turns to Beltane, May 1, a fire festival, the beginning of the growing season. Not a slap at any religion; I'm proposing something that could unite all of humanity, all of animal kind, and all of plant kind. After you learn to honor the lifegivers, worship whomever and however you wish.

Rev. Buckman-Ellis stayed in school far too long. He worked as a Presbyterian minister for a while, then, with Groveland Fellowship's help and support transferred his ordination to the Unitarian-Universalist Association. He has never served as a parish minister. His work focused on community organizing, economic Justice and environmental issues.

Groveland Events...

Groveland Book Group

Wednesday, April 20

6:30-8:00 pm – On Zoom



On April 20 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 discussed at the March meeting:

Maus: A Survivors Tale – Art Spiegelman

The Sum of Us – Heather McGhee

Dakota Diaspora – Sophie Trupin

Black Elk Speaks – as told through John G. Neihardt

Teaching as a Subversive Activity – Neil Postman

Becoming Animal: An Earthly Cosmology – David Abram

Patterning Instinct: A Cultural History of Humanity's Search for Meaning – Jeremy Lent

The Dog Who Came in from the Cold – Alexander McCall Smith

Bird by Bird - Anne Lamott

Loving Kindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness – Sharon Salzberg

A Russian Diary – Anna Politkovskaya

Democracy for the Few – Michael Parenti

Kennedy and Roosevelt – Michael Beschloss

All Things Bright and Beautiful – James Herriot

Code to Joy: The Four-Step Solution to Unlocking Your Natural State of Happiness – George Pratt, John David Mann, and Peter Lambrusco

Brother of Huron Smith Passed Away



Jeffery Quincy Adams Smith ("Jeff"), the younger brother of Huron Smith, Groveland's secretary, died of cancer on March 17 at a hospital close to his home in Innisfil, Canada.

Born in Norfolk, Massachusetts where he spent his boyhood days until he and his family – his mother, Geraldine, a registered nurse, brother Huron, and his widowed grandmother Myrtie Kelly, left for La Paz, Bolivia to join his father Huron Sr., a youth development specialist with the USAID there.

He learned to speak and sing in Spanish in Bolivia, and also in Colombia where he next lived when his father was transferred to Bogota. He returned to the U.S. to eventually earn a B.A. in Business Administration from Michigan State University while working in a noisy foundry. By this time, his parents were in the Philippines.

Returning from the Philippines during the Vietnam war, he passed through Vietnam, interviewing locals to find out for himself what they thought of the war. Convinced that the war was not justified, he left the U.S. to avoid having to participate in that war and emigrated to Canada. Armed with an MBA from the University of Toronto, he established himself as a financial adviser, a role that earned him a lot of staunch friends till his death.

His love for singing and guitar playing, along with his readiness to entertain with jokes and food, and his generosity with his time and resources are fondly remembered by the many people whose lives he touched. He is survived by his wife Jacquelyn ("Jackie") daughters Lonie and Bronwyn, son Adam, sons-in-law Brian and Julien, six grandchildren, and by his only sibling Huron.

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Message from Our Treasurer

Financial contributions to help cover our expenses are always welcome! To donate, please write your check to Groveland UU Fellowship and send it to .O. Box 40011, Saint Paul, MN 55104-8011. Thank you!

MidAmerica UUA News

**April 30, 9:00 A.M.
Regional Assembly**

The MidAmerica Regional Assembly scheduled for Saturday, April 30 will be virtual. The keynote speaker is CB Beal (They, Them, Their). CB will present their keynote address. The keynote topic will be "The Glass is Refillable: Pandemic Exhaustion, Lifelong Faith Formation, and Preemptive Radical Inclusion."

We will hold worship, conduct our Annual Business Meeting, and there will also be time for breakout rooms for connection and conversation.

For information about registering, go to UUA.org and look for MidAmerica UUA.

Host Families Sought

Host families for LGBTQ exchange students are being sought by non-profit Greenheart. They are looking for open-minded host families for 3 different LGBTQ exchange students arriving in late August and staying through early June 2023. These students are openly LGBTQ, so Greenheart is seeking host families who are comfortable with that, and can provide a supportive environment for them. These students are from Estonia, Spain, and Poland, can speak English, have medical insurance and their own spending money. Host families would provide a room, meals, and a caring environment for their student. Greenheart will provide group orientations and enhancement activities.

They accept applications from a wide variety of host family compositions, and do not discriminate. Host families are matched using common backgrounds and interests. Students will attend the local public high school or charter school, and go to school by bus or walking. Host families must be over the age of 26, pass criminal background checks, and complete an online application and in-home interview with the Local Coordinator, Mary Armstrong. For more information about the program, please connect with Mary Armstrong at 952-657-3406 or www.greenheart.org or Armstrong.mary@mac.com.

April Birthdays



Happy Birthday to

Paul, Karen and Mike!

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Services are at 10:00 am Sundays, September through May (Currently alternating between Zoom and in-person)

Groveland meeting address:

We are now alternating between Zoom from home and in-person meetings in the Theater Arts Building at Macalester College in St. Paul:
Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center
Room 205
130 Macalester St
Saint 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

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