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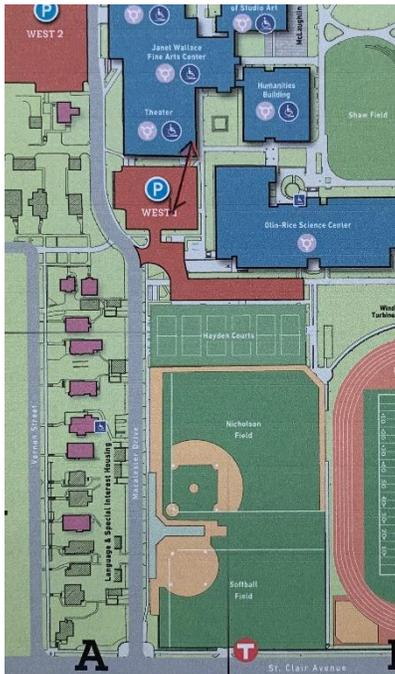
Sunday Services

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

May 1, 10:00 A.M.

The Sun and the Moon and the Earth (Zoom Service)

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Charles Buckman-Ellis



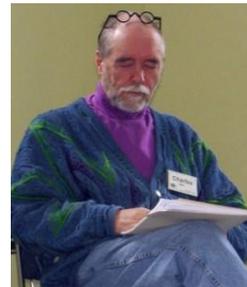
In-person: Groveland UU Fellowship will be meeting in **Room 205** in the Theater Arts building on the Macalester College campus. This building is located at 130 Macalester Drive. It is part of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. Enter from St. Clair Ave. onto Macalester

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



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.

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May 8, 10:00 A.M.
Truth and Reparations Initiative
(In-person Service)
Presented by Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri



Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri (pronounced go jiri) will share how the Minnesota Council of Churches Truth and Reparations Initiative came about with a focus on truth-telling, education and reparations

in addressing the historic harm to African American and Native American communities here in Minnesota.

Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri is a transplant to Minnesota by way of Texas, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and Portland, Oregon. Her family moved around as the military dictated.

Ngunjiri received her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education, a Master of Theological Studies and a Master of Social Work. She is currently writing her dissertation to complete the requirements for the Doctor of Ministry in Church Leadership, with an emphasis on Global and Contextual Leadership, at Bethel University.

She is currently employed as a Co-Director of Racial Justice at the Minnesota Council of Churches. Previously, she has worked as a Social Worker for Hennepin County, and as a One-on-One Client Facilitator for Chemically Dependent Women at a small community agency in St. Paul, where she also taught Anger Management and Parenting classes. Employment has also included working as a Family Support Services Manager at a small non-profit agency, Adjunct Associate Professor of Social Work and Liaison/Mentor to Adults returning to or attending college for the first time.

Ngunjiri is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the AME Church.

May 15, 10:00 A.M.
Discovering My Agender Identity
(Zoom Service)
Presented by Pey Carter
Moderated by Abby Struck



Join guest speaker Pey Carter (She/They/He) as they share their journey discovering their Agender identity and making the choice to have gender-affirming surgery. They will also reflect on how it affected their self-love and thoughts of self-worth.

Pey Carter is in candidate status with the UUA and will be graduating this June with an M.Div., along with a concentration in Social Justice and Ethics. They will be starting the D.Min. in Social Transformation program at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities this fall. Pey's focus in ministry is storytelling and narrative justice and prophetic leadership, particularly around the topics of disabilities, mental health, sexual trauma, and queer liberation.

May 22, 10:00 A.M.
Flower Communion
(In-person Service)
Facilitated by Larry Herbison



Larry Herbison will facilitate our traditional Flower Communion Service, an annual spring ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Each

participant is asked to bring a flower to the service, where it is placed in a communal vase. During the service, each person is encouraged to take a different flower from the vase to take home.

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The Flower Communion service was created by Czech minister Norbert Capek (1870-1942) as a symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together. Dr. Capek's wife, Maja Capek brought the service to the United States in 1940.

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!

Looking Ahead...

The Groveland Annual Meeting will be held in early June, and later followed by the annual Program meeting. Look for details in the June e-wire.

Groveland Events...

**Groveland Book Group
Wednesday, May 18
6:30-8:00 pm – On Zoom**



On May 18 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 April meeting:

It Can't Happen Here – Sinclair Lewis
The Secret History – Donna Tartt
Here Right Matters – Alexander Vindman
Grass Roots – Paul Gruchow
Middlemarch – George Elliot
The Elegance of the Hedgehog – Muriel Barbery

The Republic of Love – Carol Shields
Susan Hunter "Dangerous" novel series
John Lescroart mystery series

Message from Our Treasurer

Thank you to all for your financial help this church year. Our need, however, does not go away over the summer! 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!

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.

May Birthdays



**No May Birthdays
Bake a cake and enjoy
the coming of spring!**

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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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