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Sunday Services

Note: New meeting place: Mano a Mano, 925 W Pierce Butler Route, St Paul, 55104. Cross street is Milton. Hybrid Services (in person and on Zoom) 1st, 2nd, 4th of the month and on Zoom the 3rd Sunday of the month.

December Services

December 4, 10:00 A.M.

Loving Kindness

Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom)

Presenter: Lois Hamilton

Moderator: Rose Dorer



Last February, Patrice Koelsch led a service on Mindfulness and Loving Kindness at Groveland UU Fellowship. Her inspirational and insightful presentation led Lois Hamilton to start studying a book

suggested by Patrice, called Loving Kindness, The Revolutionary Art of Happiness, by Sharon Salzberg.

Lois is now a great believer and eager student of the practice of Loving Kindness and wants to encourage others to explore its possibilities.

Lois is a long-time member of Groveland UU Fellowship.

December 11, 10:00 A.M.

Recent Promising Solutions to Climate Issues

Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom)

Presenter: Huron Smith

Moderator: Ceile Hartleib



After two years of study, Project Drawdown released in late summer 2022 an update of its 82 climate solutions and added analyses of 11 additional technologies and

practices with the proven ability to reduce greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere.

But the analysis is changing rapidly. Although new technologies are rapidly expanding, people in many nations are working diligently to update what can be done not just with the new technologies but with existing technologies using new political organization and cooperation. The presentation will deal with the technological component and the cooperation component. Our presenter, Huron Smith, MS MBA, is committed to work to support the habitability for all of us of our home planet, earth. He is also a member of the Groveland UU Fellowship Executive Committee.

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**December 18, 10:00 A.M.
Solstice Service
Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom)**

Presenters: Abby Struck and Ceile Hartleib



Abby Struck and Ceile Hartleib, longtime Groveland Fellowship members will present this traditional Solstice

Service. We will begin by cleansing the space, then casting the circle by calling the spirits of the East/Air, South/Fire, West/Water and North/Earth, into the circle. Readings, prayers, casting off of old habits that don't work for us and wishes for abundance will be part of the celebration.

A potluck will follow. Please bring a dish to share.

**No Services - December 25
and January 1
Happy Holidays!!**

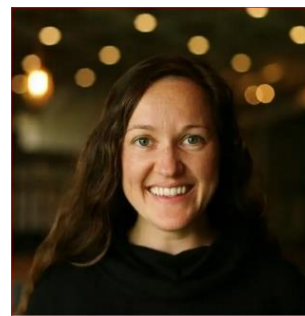
Looking Ahead

**January 8, 10:00 A.M.
"Full Community" Approach to Homelessness
Hybrid Service
Presenter: Gabrielle Clowdus
Moderator: Leticia Smith**

The standard approach to homelessness is called Housing First: "providing four walls and a roof" and offering professional services. This approach falls short because

the problem of homelessness is not a lack of housing and professional help alone, but just as critically, a lack of integration into a supportive and nurturing community. Gabrielle Clowdus will present a research-based, "Full Community" approach which is an alternative that focuses not only on providing shelter but on meeting relational and social needs in a holistic way. She will walk us through the five key elements of this model with examples from the supportive communities she has helped to develop.

Gabrielle Clowdus is the CEO and co-founder of Settled, which activates and equips faith communities to pursue home with the



homeless through sustainable housing, purposeful work, and supportive community. She is also a research fellow and PhD candidate at the University of Minnesota studying housing and

homelessness. Gabrielle holds a Bachelor's and Master's in Architecture and is at the end of a 5-year Ph.D. program in Housing Studies where she brought a "Full Community" approach to homelessness to the academic community for the first time, comparing it with the prevailing "Housing First" model.

Other Groveland Events

**Groveland Book Group
Wednesday, December 21
6:30-8:00 pm – On Zoom**



On December 21, 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.

Book Group, continued

Please email Sara at leiste@yahoo.com if you need Zoom help.

Books discussed at the November Book Group Meeting:

Hitler's American Friends - Bradley Hart
This Time Tomorrow - Emma Straub
Inherited Silence: Listening to the Land, Healing the Colonizer Mind - Louise Dunlap
What You Should Know About Politics but Don't - Jessamyn Conrad
Strapless: John Singer Sargent and the Fall of Madame X - Deborah Davis

Other UU News – Camp Unistar

Camp UniStar, the Unitarian Universalist summer camp on Star Island in Cass Lake MN is seeking staff for this summer. They need a new camp director who will bring excellent skills in problem-solving, communication, leadership, and community-building. He or she will embrace a growth mindset and flex with the changing needs of a rustic island camp, and will bring to life the vision of Camp UniStar: *Belonging at camp; Cherishing the island; Inspiring action in the world.*

Other camp employment opportunities include jobs in the areas of food service, waterfront, naturalist, generalist, and more. Please apply at www.campunistar.org. Please reach out to personnel@campunistar.org with any questions.



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday and many more to:

Martha and Jerry!

Message from Our Treasurer

When you're not shoveling, spare a moment to donate to Groveland. We always need help for rent and presentations.

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.



Sara Leiste at the **Prison Ministry** service on November 13. This is our annual service where we get together to write seasonal greetings to incarcerated men and women.



Left to Right: Larry, Huron, Sara, Rose and Leticia writing messages to prisoners on Sept. 13

Past Solstice Services



Kari Tauring leading our **2008** Solstice Service at our Summit Ave. meeting place.



2013 Solstice at Ceile's: Left to Right: Alan, Lynn, Larry, guest: Mary Jo, Jerry, Lois and Alison.



Solstice - 2009: Left to Right: Sara, Larry, Lois and Abby all decked out as the spirits of the East, West, North and South. At Summit Ave. meeting place.



2018 - Kari Tauring was with us again at Ceile's house. Also in photo are Alan, Danielle and Leah.



2014 - at Ceile's: Left to Right: Karen, Lynn, Nia, Alan, Sara, Larry and Abby (in background)

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