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## Sunday Services

**Note:** New meeting place: **Mano a Mano, 925 W Pierce Butler Rte, St Paul, 55104. Cross street is Milton. Services will be only on Zoom on the third Sunday of the month; all other services will be in person and simultaneously on Zoom (hybrid).**

### January 8, 10:00 a.m. Full Community Approach to Homelessness

**Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom).**

**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 homes for the homeless through sustainable housing, purposeful work, and a supportive community. She is also a research fellow and Ph.D. 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.

### January 15, 10:00 a.m. How Mindful Home Design Fosters Social Connection **Online service – Zoom only**

**Presenter: Tasoula Hadjiyanni**

**Moderator: Sara Leiste**



You may not think very much about how your choice of kitchen table influences the strength of your social connections, but design professor Tasoula Hadjiyanni observes an unexpected relationship between the two. In this talk, she explains how the physical layout of our homes directly affects our ability to lead healthy and connected lives.

A refugee from Cyprus, Tasoula Hadjiyanni, Ph.D. uses her design profession to help create communities where everyone can

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thrive. By researching the ways in which the design of the built environment intersects with culture and identity, she sheds light on how physical, mental, economic and social costs associated with displacement can carry on for generations.

In her most recent book, "The Right to Home", Hadjiyanni uses the stories of Hmong, Somali, Mexican, Ojibwe and African American families in Minnesota to explore how the design of residential interiors can support or suppress peoples' ability to thrive. As the founder of Culturally Enriched Communities, Hadjiyanni advocates for built environments that help eliminate health, income, and educational disparities. She is an award-winning Professor of Interior Design at the University of Minnesota.

**January 22, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Water Security: Implications for Minnesota**  
**Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom)**  
**Presenter: Larry Herbison**  
**Moderator: Lois Hamilton**



Water is both one of the most common substances on Earth and humanity's most precious resource, yet usable water is becoming scarce. It is easy to blame climate change, for good reasons, but it is a little more complex

than that. Minnesota is not exempt from water scarcity issues. We need to examine what is happening in our state to better prepare long-term and short-term political, educational and community strategies to prevent or at least minimize potential adverse changes.

Larry Herbison is a high school teacher and education technologist, with an education in mathematics and computer science. But in

exploring solutions to the effects of climate change, from which he dreams of someday being acclaimed the earth's savior, he realizes that those solutions will need to be both technological and humanistic.

Larry is a long-time member and past president of Groveland Fellowship.

**January 29, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Aging in Place**  
**Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom)**  
**Presenter: Dawn Zuber**  
**Moderator: Ceile Hartleib**



Thanks to advances in technology and the availability of in-home care providers, many homeowners can stay in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes rather than face a difficult transition to assisted living.

Dawn will discuss some simple ways (and some more significant interventions) to adapt your existing home to meet new needs. As a result, your home can remain a beloved gathering place and setting for many more memories!

Since founding Studio Z Architecture in 1997, Dawn Zuber, FAIA, has worked with more than 100 clients to design and deliver their dream homes. Many clients love her so much that they return years later, wanting her help with new projects. In 2015, Dawn was hired by Scripps Networks to reimagine a home in Ann Arbor's historic Water Hill neighborhood. Dawn's vision resulted in an extensive remodel, and the house became the grand prize for HGTV's Urban Oasis® sweepstakes giveaway in October 2016. In 2018, Dawn was recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for her work and contributions to architecture and society by being named a Fellow of the AIA (FAIA). Dawn is the daughter of Groveland's President, Ceile Hartleib.

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## Looking Ahead...

**February 5, 10:00 a.m.**

### **Update on the Hmong Community in the Twin Cities and Beyond**

**Hybrid Service (In person & on Zoom)**

**Presenter: Txongpao Lee**

**Moderator: Leticia Smith**



According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the metro area of the Twin Cities, had the largest Hmong population in the country with 40,707 people. Some arrived as refugees at the end of the American-sponsored war in

Vietnam, others as family members of those already settled in this country. A growing percentage is American born. Many have succeeded in business, the professions and politics, yet serious challenges to achieving the American dream continue to face many of them. Those challenges, and strategies to deal with them will be explored in this presentation. We will learn about the role that the Hmong Cultural Center plays in the Hmong community, and share ideas on how individuals and organized groups can help in successfully meeting those challenges.

It took nine years for Txongpao Lee to make his way from Laos to Minnesota. Since then he has been the executive director of the Hmong Cultural Center in St. Paul for 20 years. He has led the center's Hmong 101 program in which he has shared with thousands of Minnesotans the culture, history and contributions Hmong Americans make to the United States. Txongpao also serves as a cultural resource for social workers, teachers, lawyers, criminal justice

officials and health care professionals who are working with Hmong clients.

Since the mid 1990's Txongpao Lee has also helped the Hmong and other immigrants earn their US citizenship. In 2021 when the cultural center's store front museum was vandalized with racist graffiti the Twin Cities community responded with more than \$30,000 in museum support as a result of Txongpao Lee's courageous leadership.

## **Groveland Book Group**

**Wednesday, January 18.**

**6:30-8:00 pm – On Zoom**



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

### **Books discussed at the December Book Group Meeting**

*Under Cover* - John Roy Carlson

*Becoming* - Michelle Obama

*Between the World and Me* - Ta-Nehisi Coates

*The Death of Ivan Ilych* - Leo Tolstoy

*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* - Marianna Cronin

*How Jesus Became God* - Bart Ehrman

*The Splendid and the Vile* - Erik Larson

*Rachel Maddow Presents Ultra* (A Podcast)

*Small Game: A Novel* - Blair Braverman

*Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World* - David Epstein

*Ejaculate Responsibly: A Whole New Way to*

*Think About Abortion* - Gabriella Stanley Blair

*The Making of Asian America: A History* - Erika Lee

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## January Birthdays



**Happy Birthday, Judy!**

## About Our Members



Larry Herbison's brother, Bill passed away recently.

***Bill's obituary from the Plum City, Wisconsin, funeral home:***

"With heavy hearts, we announce the death of William J. Herbison of Plum

City, Wisconsin, who passed away on December 15, 2022, at the age of 75.

Bill spent his whole life on the Herbison family farm in rural Plum City, farming with his brother, Bob.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Herbison and Joyce Herbison (Ebensperger), and his sister Diane Fisher. He is survived by his siblings: Rita Dahms of Red Wing, MN; Linda Glampe of Plum City; Dan (Stella) of Silver City, NM; Clare (Peggy) of Prentice; Bob (Rachel) of Plum City; Rodney (Donna) of Tucson, AZ; Leslie of Eau Claire; Larry of Minneapolis, MN; Dave of Red Wing, MN and his brother-in-law, Joe Fisher of Durand. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends."

We, the other members of Groveland Fellowship wish to extend our sympathy to Larry and his remaining brothers and sisters and their families.

## Message from Our Treasurer

Winter is here! Think of us as you are shoveling snow and trying to stay warm. 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.

### **Lois Hamilton,**

Right, speaking at the Loving Kindness service, December 4.

Below: Grovelanders at the same service. We like our new space!



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