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Sunday Services

Our church year begins September 10 at 10:00 a.m. We meet at Mano a Mano, 925 Pierce Butler Route, at Milton St., St Paul, 55104. On the third Sunday of each month, services will only be on Zoom. All other services will be in person and simultaneously on Zoom (hybrid).

Sunday, Sept 10, 10:00 am Mingling of Waters Hybrid (In-person and Zoom) Led by Ceile Hartleib

We begin our church year with our annual Mingling of Waters Ceremony. Please remember to bring water from your summer travels, from the Mississippi, or from your home tap to this service of reunion and communion. We will each pour our water into a communal bowl to represent our gathering together again, and to begin our new church year. We will share stories of our summer travels and adventures. We will also reaffirm our UU Principles at this service.



Ceile is a long-time member of Groveland Fellowship and is currently serving as president.

Sunday, Sept 17, 10:00 am How to Get Your Brain in Focus (TED talk – Zoom only) Speaker: Chris Bailey Moderator: Larry Herbison



The latest research is clear: the state of our attention determines the state of our lives. So how do we harness our attention to focus more deeply, get less distracted and maybe become more creative? Chris Bailey, author of the recent book *Hyperfocus*, talks about how our ability to focus is the key to productivity, creativity, and leading a meaningful life. Besides *Hyperfocus*, he is also the bestselling author of *The Productivity Project*, both of which have been published in sixteen languages.

Chris works with organizations around the globe on how they can become more productive without hating the process.

Sunday, Sept 24, 10:00 am People I Want to Meet and Why Hybrid (In-person and Zoom) Moderator: Lois Hamilton



The idea for this program is to have a group discussion on the topic "People I Want to Meet and Why". We are all encouraged to think about the topic before the service, and share our thoughts and feelings about it during the discussion period.

Lois is a long-time member of Groveland Fellowship.

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Looking Ahead...

Sunday, Oct 1, 10:00 am Status of Legal Protection of Religious Freedom



**Hybrid (In-person and
Zoom)**

**Speaker: Deepinder
Singh Mayell**

**Moderator: Leticia
Smith**

Deepinder Singh Mayell will talk about the current landscape of the free exercise of religion in Minnesota and around the country. He will also talk about ACLU's work to counter efforts to blur the constitutional separation of church and state.

Deepinder, Executive Director of ACLU-MN, brings two decades of legal and advocacy experience supporting innovative strategies to protect the rights and dignity of marginalized communities. He previously served as executive director of the James H. Binger Center for New Americans at the University of Minnesota Law School. There, he worked closely with faculty, staff, law firms and allies to develop the center's programs, including working with ACLU-MN to create legal immigration clinics in rural areas.

A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Deepinder has spent his career working for vulnerable populations. His past research work has included the constitutionality of prolonged detention of prisoners at Guantanamo, and research on labor conditions in apparel factories in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Groveland Book Group Wednesday, September 20 6:30-8:00 pm – On Zoom



On September 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 spoken about at the August meeting:

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln – Doris Kearny Goodwin

The Theft of Sunlight – Intisar Khanani

Evidence that Demands a Verdict: Life-

changing Truth for a Skeptical World – Josh

McDowell and Sean McDowell

The Rise and Fall of Faith: A God-to-Godless

Story for Christians and Atheists – Drew

Bekius

Requiem for a Mezzo – Carola Dunn

Murder on the Flying Scotsman – Carola

Dunn

To Davy Jones Below – Carola Dunn

The Case of the Murdered Muckraker –

Carola Dunn

Molecules of Emotion – Candace Pert

Elsewhere: Stories – Yan Ge

Hang the Moon – Jeannette Wells

All the Lonely People – Mike Gayle

Alas, Babylon – Pat Frank

Doomsday Match – Jeff Wheeler

The Cyanide Canary: A True Story of

Injustice – Joseph Hilldorfer and Robert

Dugoni

The Dutch House – Ann Patchett (read by

Tom Hanks)

My Own Country – Abraham Verghese

Groveland News

Patrick Walker, obituary



On August 7, 2023, Patrick Walker, former member of Groveland Fellowship, passed away from complications of congestive heart failure. His family was by his side.

In recent years Pat lived peacefully by the ocean in North Topsail Beach NC with his wife Lynne and son Jeff. He pursued his love of reading techno thrillers, enjoyment of political news and spending time with his canine companion, Henry Winston Walker the First. Prior to moving to Topsail Island, Pat spent 25 years living in Minnesota. Although he did not miss the snow, he did miss four seasons and his friends at Sound Mind and Body School of Tae Kwon Do and Groveland UU Fellowship.

A celebration of Life will be held later this year. Pat will be interred on a reef off Topsail Island next Spring.

Lynne Biddle Walker was one of the three founders of Groveland Fellowship. She and Pat were members from its founding in 1992 until 2010 when they moved to Sneads Ferry, NC.

Message from Our Treasurer

Trying to stay cool? Dry the ink on your donation check by waving it in front of your face. We always need help for rent and presentations. When dry, please send your check to Groveland UU Fellowship, P.O. Box 40011, Saint Paul, MN. Thank you!

Photo from our picnic on August 20th



And a good time was had by all!

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September Birthdays

Happy Birthday

**to Huron, Leticia, Alan
and Karla!**