River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation 11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie, FL 33325

WELCOME TO OUR RIVER OF GRASS FAMILY. WELCOME TO OUR WARMTH. WELCOME HOME!

River of Grass Weekly Update – March 28, 2024

Awake to Rise and Rise Again: An Easter Celebration

Danger and recklessness and cruelty are real and cannot be denied. But hear the whisper – god only knows where it comes from; somewhere deep and always surprising -- "rise again." That is all that faith means, has ever meant; that human willingness to rebuild the shattered world, and knowing what we know now, do better this time. Spring is the sign, and the promise -- "rise again." The rest is up to us.

– Kendyl Gibbons

Y'ALL! It's Easter! And like the story from the Christian tradition of Jesus' conquering death itself in this season of Spring's rebirth and resurrection, we, too, awake to rise again – in our NEW SPACE – for the first time together in a space that will belong to us for a while – after the chaotic and crumbling world threatened everything we know and are and dream and hope.

You'll find all the necessary info below to awaken anew with us!

Come as you are, in person or on Zoom and Facebook Live this Sunday at 10:30 to continue March's theme of "Awakening" with a celebration of Easter!

In person at:

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325 (Click for Directions)
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u>.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09 Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805 Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday: Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – "Awake to Rise and Rise Again: An Easter Celebration" - Rev. Amy Carol Webb <u>https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09</u>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

We're so excited to be worshipping together this Sunday, in our new home! Children will enjoy their new Kid's Corner of the sanctuary with a new variety of quiet activities, and babies will love their new nursery! After worship, we'll share in some Easter fun. For more information about our Faith Development program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at <u>ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org</u>.

Flowing River Sangha meditation on Sunday Mornings

The Flowing River Sangha meets on Sunday mornings at **8:30 AM via Zoom**. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator. Gary Gonzalez has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. Join us via Zoom at the following link: <u>Flowing River</u> <u>Sangha Zoom Link</u>. We look forward to seeing you there. Peace.

ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE - OPENING DOORS TO TOMORROW - March 3 - March 31



We have received pledges from 53 Members and 4 Friends for this Campaign! Way to go! Your talent and your treasure keep The River flowing and we couldn't do it without YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The <u>digital pledge card</u> is the preferred way to let us know your wishes. With a few clicks, you are done! You'll also see on the website the different payment options we have added this year. It's easy, quick, and one of those options will simplify your recurring payments.

All information is on our <u>website's Homepage</u>. If you have questions, we can be reached at <u>stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

Leana Bresnahan and Rita Cherubini, Your 2024-25 APD Co-Chairs

Other Events:

Free "Mindfulness for Today's World" weekly online sessions:

Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, zoom link for Thursday at 6 pm

For more information or to register contact <u>Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com</u> or <u>Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com</u>, or visit <u>http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/</u>

RoG Men's Group – We will meet the first Thursday in April – April 4th. We will continue to meet **in person at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce:** The official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, Fl 33325 (GPS will get you to the 4-building complex. We're in the 1st Building, middle suite.) Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at **Lester's Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323**. We'll meet there at 5:30 pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify as male are invited to join us! <u>Our next</u> **meeting is Apr 4th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via <u>Zoom Meeting</u>. If you're joining us for dinner, please

email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator so that he can coordinate space.) The Zoom Meeting Room will open at 7:00 pm— questions: contact Ken; at <u>mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

"Spring Cleaning" for our overly busy minds:

A FREE 4-Week "Intro to Mindfulness Course" starts **Apr 10th via Zoom and in-person** (West Melbourne, FL). Tap into your inner resources and participate in lively discussions. A variety of meditation practices and mindfulness activities will be shared, such as mindful movement, breath meditation, compassion practice, and more! Register today to hold your spot. Use the QR Code in the image below or email <u>Scott@insightinstitutellc.com</u>. Free to all because we believe it is that important in today's world. Carolyn Sant Angelo and Scott May



SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Install a 'smart' thermostat, then set the temperature by time of day and day of week. There is no need to keep your house chilled when you are at work, or at other recurring events. Adjusting it by 3-5 degrees can make a big difference in your utility bill.

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at <u>riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html</u>. **River of Grass UU Congregation** is on <u>Facebook</u> (LIKE us) and <u>Twitter</u> (FOLLOW Us). For more information, please contact <u>communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

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Announcements wishing to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to <u>WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org</u> by noon Wednesday. All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of the e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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