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 – December 21, 2023

Ready for Joy

I wanna be ready, when Joy comes

- Ruthie Foster

Join us this Christmas eve morning with a different kind of Sunday morning service where we'll gather with our favorite morning beverages and pastries to share stories of meaningful moments of our lives, sing songs of the season, as we make our hearts ready for joy once more.

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Auditorium or virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- Our Sunday morning rental space is located at the Old Davie Schoolhouse
- 6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL 33314 (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/ab3E9]Rtb9

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation - Ready for Joy- Rev. Amy Carol Webb

https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - 5:30 PM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Christmas Eve "And Still, Joy" – Rev. Amy Carol Webb https://zoom.us/i/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THVi0T09



Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

There will be no classes for the next two Sundays, resuming on Jan 7th. For more information about our programing for children and youth, contact Karen Gonzalez at <u>ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org</u>.

Flowing River Sangha:

The Flowing River Sangha is back! We'll meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 am under the Old Davie Schoolhouse pavilion while our new space is being renovated. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator, Gary Gonzalez, who has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. There will be cool air provided by a portable misting fan. It's a BYOC event (bring your own cushion or chair) every Sunday morning at 8:30. You are also welcome to join via Zoom at the following link: Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link.

Membership Matters:

CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY – Did you know that River of Grass will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in February 2024? We are planning a big multi-day inspirational and celebratory bash that focuses on where we have been (heritage) and where we will go next (hope). We will include our annual auction as part of the celebration, live music by our fabulous musicians, AND an envisioning meeting to chart the future course of The River together. **Please put Feb 16th (Friday). Feb 17th (Saturday) and Feb 18th (Sunday) on your calendars!** Many more details will follow and there are many ways to get involved. Please email Leana at membership@riverofgrassuu.org or call 954-258-6315 if you would like to be part of the planning team.

Message from our Treasurer, Ahysa Boutron:

As we strive to create a thriving community at the River of Grass, we kindly request each member to take a moment and review their pledge promise. Your prompt attention to bringing your pledges up to date is invaluable in sustaining the vital programs and services that define our shared spiritual journey. For any assistance or inquiries regarding your pledge, please reach out to Rita Cherubini at (781) 856-2335 or rcherubini12@gmail.com.

Project Angel Tree supporting ChildNet: Wow, look at the generosity of River of Grass!



Other Events:

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

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

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

RoG Men's Group – We will continue to meet in person at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce: 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 our own Lester's Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323. We'll meet there at 5:30pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. Next week's topic: *TBD*. All who identify male are invited to join us! We are not meeting this week, but WILL meet next Thursday, Dec 28th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, in person or via Zoom Meeting. If you're joining for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so he can coordinate space.) The Zoom Meeting Room will open at 7:00 pm. Questions: contact Ken; mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Report smoking vehicles, as one problem car can pollute more than 1 times a standard car. Call 954-519-1499 or visit Broward.org/air and click "Smoking Vehicles".

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 to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org by 12 pm 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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