

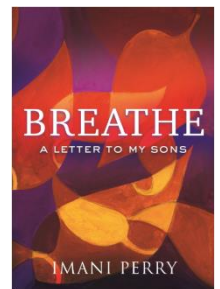
# Announcements

## **Faith Development: Family Vespers 5:00pm** [Zoom link here](#)

Our Unitarian Universalist faith asks us to be ready for growing and changing in ways big and small. For many people, the start of a new year is a good time to look for ways to grow and change so that we may become happier and healthier – in a sense, to renew our spirits. We wonder what we will become and are open to the unfolding mystery. That is why our theme this month is Imagination. Our Unitarian Universalist faith tells us that who we become is only limited by our imaginations. Join us for story, song and spirit as we ring in **A New Year for a New You!** Contact Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org) for more information about our Faith Development Program.

## ***bUUKies Announce UUA Common Read Discussion***

Every year the UUA selects a book to be shared by all UU congregations. A "Common Read" invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. The River of Grass conversation will be on a date to be announced later.



This year's Common Read is *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry. The UUA says:

“Emotionally raw and deeply reflective, Imani Perry issues a challenge to society to see Black children as deserving of humanity. She admits fear and frustration for her African American sons in a society that is increasingly racist and at times seems irredeemable. However, as a mother, feminist, writer, and intellectual, Perry offers an unfettered expression of love—finding beauty and possibility in life—and she exhorts her children and their peers to find the courage to chart their own paths and find steady footing and inspiration in Black tradition. The New York Times calls *Breathe* “an elixir of history, ancestry and compassion, which, together, become instruction...a parent’s unflinching demand, born of inherited trauma and love, for her children’s right simply to be possible.”

This book may be purchased in hardcover from [inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop](#). The e-book and audio book (CD or MP3) are available from [Bookshop.org](#). Hardback, audio and e-books are also available at [Amazon.com](#).

**River of Grass New Mailing Address** - We have our post office box and are forwarding all of our mail there now. Our new mailing address is listed on our website as a footer on each page and in the [contact us page](#) if you need to look it up.

**River of Grass UU Congregation, 3225 N Hiatus Rd, Unit 452485, Sunrise, Florida 33345**

**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Styrofoam lasts forever, and is not biodegradable. Avoid Styrofoam whenever possible. Please bring any Styrofoam to Publix for recycling. It's easy. Just set aside a bag or box to keep your rinsed

Styrofoam. Then drop the Styrofoam in the green bins in front of any Publix. Your efforts will reduce the harmful environmental impact of Styrofoam, and support our 7<sup>th</sup> UU principle.

**Auction 2020-2021: Pick 'N Click River Givers Virtual Auction:**



**It's beginning to look a lot like auction! "Pick N Click" River Givers Virtual Auction**

Saturday Jan 16th beginning at 7:00 pm EST.

Plan on joining us for a lively entertainment, raffle, and extraordinary live auction, it is a family event! We are not constrained by our 4 walls, and you can participate whether you are in Davie, Maine, Arizona, or Paris.

- Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of January.
- Free online bidding will start on Sunday, Jan 17 and continue through Jan 31. And of course, you can bid from your smartphone, too!
- Bidders will get notifications when there is a higher bid, so they can adjust their bid.

But... it takes a whole bunch of people to make this happen seamlessly. We have had many wonderful donations; beautiful jewelry, socially distanced dining, Tarot readings, Life Coaching, business building workshop, and more. We are gratefully more accepting donations – parties, baskets, gift cards and certificates for service. Ask your favorite restaurant, your hair stylist, your masseuse to donate something, and. If applicable, be sure to get details about current social distancing procedures etc. We are also looking for a few big-ticket items, like a vacation stay at a condo or cabin, or a long weekend stay at a timeshare, for our live auction.

Email the details of your donation and a contact # to [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org).

Thank you for your support by attending the auction and, of course, with your generous donations of items and services. We are so looking forward to an exciting evening with you! More to come as this event unfolds before our eyes!

**Guest At Your Table 2020 - The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee advances human**



rights worldwide through collaboration with grassroots organizations. Let's help build our movement for systemic change with partners around the world by giving online to our annual Guest at Your Table program. Just put [UUSC.org](http://UUSC.org) in your browser. Gifts of \$150 or more are doubled. Or go to <https://www.uusc.org/>. **River of Grass's Congregation ID**

**is 3019.**

**Flowing River Sangha** - We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> via zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/201911385>. We will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This is an open-ended, drop-in group for all levels of meditation experience. Gary Gonzalez [meditation@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:meditation@riverofgrassuu.org).

**LinkedIn Free Webinar available for ROG congregation by member Sheryl Cattell on Friday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm ET** - With more than 30 years in digital marketing, Sheryl Cattell, MBA, CSM, MCLC is the founder of the South Florida Interactive Marketing ([sfima.com](http://sfima.com)), a digital marketing coach for the BizHack Academy and a Master Certified Life Coach. The topics that will be covered include:

1. Tips on profile enhancements you will want to make
2. Get your social selling score and compare with others in your industry and network
3. Tips on growing your network
4. How to get more mileage from your posts (from hundreds to thousands of views)

Registration is free and open to all River of Grass members and friends: [Click here to register](#), this event is sponsored by The Resort Trades Magazine. I hope you can join us. - Sheryl Cattell

**Young Adults** are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 7:30 pm virtually on Zoom – Millennials, Gen Xers, and Gen Zs, are welcome to tune in to the YUUnG Adult Virtual Coffee Hour on **Sunday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Please email [youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org) if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

### **Mind/Body Skills Group:**

Scott May and Kallie LeFever will be teaching a free mindfulness program called Mind/Body Skills. For additional details please contact Kallie or Scott directly.

### **MIND/BODY SKILLS GROUP**

- Free 8-Week Live Online Program
  - Learn evidence-based skills of self-awareness, self-care, and self-expression enabling you to be more balanced and resilient to meet life's challenges. The program was created by the Center for Mind Body Medicine.
- **Wednesdays January 13<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-6pm**

For more information and registration contact: [Ktrs.Lefever@gmail.com](mailto:Ktrs.Lefever@gmail.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com).

**Have you heard about our Faith Forward Inquirers Series?** We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 pm on Zoom, see the schedule below! Faith Forward Inquirers Series is a rotation of seven conversations about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. The series is designed for visitors and newcomers who are looking for a general introduction, and yet the



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Free Introductory Workshop  
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Free Mind/Body Skills Group (8 Weeks)  
Wednesdays January 13<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-6pm Eastern

Contact: [Ktrs.Lefever@gmail.com](mailto:Ktrs.Lefever@gmail.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com)

sessions are appealing to veteran members who want more information about our beloved community. New members and inquirers are encouraged to attend. Classes are not mandatory for membership but are highly recommended! Our next class is scheduled for **Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and is FF Inquirers #7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups**. For more information, email Zena Tucker, [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org). Zoom link for our session is: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

Date	Time	Event
1/6/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
1/13/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
1/27/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
2/3/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
2/10/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources
2/24/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
3/3/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
3/24/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
3/31/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
4/7/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
4/28/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
5/5/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
5/12/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
5/26/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
6/2/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
6/9/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life

### **Capital Campaign Contributions**

We have set up several methods for you to make your pledges/contributions to the Capital Campaign. The table below details the various methods, including charges that the River accrues when this payment method is used. We are here to help with any questions you may have. Feel free to contact our office administrator, Sandy Blair Chibnick, via email at [office@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:office@riverofgrassuu.org).

<b>Monetary Donations</b>		
<b>Method</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Processing fees paid by River of Grass</b>
Check	Write CC on memo line Mail to River of Grass: 3225 N Hiatus Rd, Unit 452485 Sunrise, FL 33345	\$0
Checking account via Vanco	Set up payment on our <a href="#">Donations page</a> . Designate on the Capital Campaign line	\$0.45 per transaction plus processing fee 1%



Credit Card via Vanco	Set up payment on our <a href="#">Donations page</a> . Designate amount on the Capital Campaign line.	\$0.45 per transaction plus credit card processing fee: American Express: 3.5% Visa/MasterCard: 2.75%
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Zelle	Use your bank to set up \$ transfer. Send Zelle payment to <a href="mailto:CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org">CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org</a> .	\$0
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