Announcements

Faith Development for Children on Zoom today.

12:00 noon: Mockingbirds (Grades 3-6)

1:00 pm: Fireflies (Ages 3-5)

1:30 pm: Dragonflies (Grades K-2)

2:30 noon: Teens (Grades 7-12)

Kids are invited to a Faith Development Meetup on Zoom on Sunday. Look for an email from Karen or reach out to her at <u>religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org</u>. These meetups require passwords.

Young Adults are meeting every Sunday at 6:30 pm virtually on Zoom – Millennials, Gen Xers, and Gen Zs, are welcome to tune in to the YUUng Adult Virtual Coffee Hour on **Sunday**, **Apr 26th at 6:30 pm**. We are an intentional community of young adults that uplift and inspire each other. We seek to grow together while enjoying life to the fullest. Please email <u>youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org</u> if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

Sunday, Apr 26th, is Lesbian Visibility Day – It is our opportunity to show our solidarity with every woman in the LGBTQI+ community as well as celebrate lesbians .Lesbian Visibility Day was established in April 2008. It is essential that we are a voice for unity. It has been shown that lesbians are twice as unlikely to be out in their workplace as their gay male co-workers. If you are out in the community this week, wear your gay pride attire to show our support. *From the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Team.*

WEEK THREE OF THE APD CAMPAIGN... and 90% of responses are in! Rita Cherubini and Kathy Jens-Rochow, Co-Chairs

Annual Prosperity Drive 2020-2021

If you haven't received our pledge packet, do let us know. Also, the Brochure is now on the website: <u>Stewardship website</u>.

So, have you been thinking of how you will support River of Grass with your new 2020-2021 pledge? If you are ready to make a pledge, you will find the pledge card right on our website in a digital version! Go to the <u>stewardship website</u> and the scroll down to the pledge card. Fill in the blanks and Click "Send" and it heads out to the appropriate person at The River. Save postage, delay and a trip to the post office!

Remember, Virtual Worship will be available this Sunday at 10:30. Stay tuned on how to connect! Our Caring team is making calls to everyone...you are never alone at The River!

Thank you for your generosity. You are our beloveds!

Flowing River Sangha – We **meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Apr 28th via zoom**. <u>https://zoom.us/j/201911385</u>. 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 <u>meditation@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

Children's Bedtime Story: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm - Come meet Dakota and listen to a meaningful bedtime story via Zoom on **Wednesday evenings, Apr 29th at 6:00 pm**. Look for an email from Karen or reach out to her at <u>religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org</u> for more information.

Thursday Mindfulness Drop-in 6:00 pm – How are you doing, and are you tending to any felt anxiety or stress? Are you taking time to pause and check-in with your heart, body and mind? Consider joining tonight's community mindfulness Zoom session every Thursday at 6:00 pm. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, Apr 30th at 6:00 pm on** <u>https://zoom.us/j/551319571</u>. **Note:** This is not a class, just a time to pause and notice, and share with others. Drop in any week. Contact: <u>Carolyn@insightinstitutellc.com</u> or <u>Scott@Insightinstitutellc.com</u>.

River of Grass Men's Group is open to all men. The Men's Group Men's Group meets via Zoom every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Men's Group will also have "checks in" via zoom on 2nd, 4th and those months that have a 5th Thursday. **Thursday**, **Apr 30th at 7:00 pm we will meet on Zoom for a Check-In**. For more info or to obtain the Zoom link, please contact Kip Barkley or Ken Bresnahan <u>mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

Faith Development – Parents Having Coffee Online - Parents will join together to share their woes, joys and ahas in a Zoom Room on **Saturday morning, May 2nd at 10:00 am**. Look for an email from Karen Gonzalez <u>religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

bUUkies – *Blowout* by Rachel Maddow (non-fiction). Next meeting Wednesday May 13th at 7:15 pm. The bUUkies have tackled some serious reading this year but May's selection is in a class of its own. Rachel Maddow's "Blowout" tackles the fossil fuel industry and the role it has in the world's politics. I particularly look forward to this in light of the historical low price of oil (as of this writing) of NEGATIVE \$37 per barrel. The world has truly turned upside down. bUUkies meet on the second Wednesday evenings of each month. Our May meeting is May 13th at 7:00 pm, and at this time it appears that it will be an on-line Zoom meeting. If you are not on the regular mailing list, please contact us at <u>bUUkies@riverofgrassuu.org</u> in order to get an invitation.

June: Red, White and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) ONLINE JUNE 24-28 - Wanna participate in GA? This is the year! Our UU faith will hold GA online this year, so this is a great opportunity to be part of it. GA (General Assembly) is the annual meeting of our faith through the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association). Attending GA can be a very uplifting and moving experience, as it's an opportunity to witness the broad impact of our faith. There is money in our budget for several folks to register and participate in GA. If interested, please reach out to Scott May at president@riverofgrassuu.org.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: If you have unneeded furniture or home goods, donate it. Simply call Faith Farm (or other charity) and they will come and pick it up! No effort, tax deduction, and less in the landfill!