

Announcements

Faith Development for Children on Zoom today.

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

1:15 pm: Fireflies (Ages 3-5) and 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 religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.

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, May 3rd 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 youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

Annual Prosperity Drive Update!

Rita Cherubini and Kathy Jens-Rochow, Co-Chairs

Annual Prosperity Drive 2020-2021

Today the one-month Annual Prosperity Drive comes to a close. And it has been an amazing reach for all Members and Friends who, during this pandemic, have shown just what River of Grass means to them by pledging during uncertain times.

Remember, you are cherished for all the gifts you bring to The River!

There is still time to go to the [Stewardship web page](#) and scroll down to the pledge card. Fill it out and it's on its way directly to the Office! No standing in line at the post office. The 2020-2021 digital pledge card is always available to you [online](#).

We thank each and every one for your generosity!

Thanks to our Stewards for their amazing ministry!

Next week, we will have the final numbers to share with you!

Be well, be safe, and see you on Sunday at virtual worship!

Flowing River Sangha – We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, May 5th 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.

Children's Bedtime Story: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm - Come meet Dakota and listen to a meaningful bedtime story via Zoom on **Wednesday evenings, May 6th at 6:00 pm**. Look for an email from Karen or reach out to her at religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org 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, May 7th at 6:00 pm** on <https://zoom.us/j/551319571>.

Note: This is not a class, just a time to pause and notice, and share with others. Drop in any week. Contact: Carolyn@insightinstitutellc.com or Scott@Insightinstitutellc.com.

River of Grass Men's Group is open to all men. The Men's Group meets via Zoom every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. **Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 pm we will meet on Zoom.** For more info or to obtain the Zoom link, please contact Kip Barkley or Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

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 9th at 10:00 am.** Look for an email from Karen Gonzalez religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.

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 bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org in order to get an invitation.

June: Red, White and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

LifeNet4Families Donations needed - As you may know LifeNet4Families has suspended their volunteer program until further notice. The staff continues to hand out about 300 hot to-go meals a day, Monday-Friday, as well as providing showers, food boxes and bags.

If you would like to help, LifeNet has provided a list of items they are in need of. The items can be dropped off outside the gate at LifeNet from 8:00am to noon, Monday-Friday. There are security guards at the gate. Let the security guards know that you have a donation and then leave it outside the gate (or security can get a staff member to come out).

Here's the list of items needed at LifeNet4Families:

- Drop off hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, soap/shower gel, razors, shaving cream, lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Drop off specific menswear (t-shirts, shorts, belts, underwear, socks, sneakers)
- Drop off masks for clients (homemade or store bought)

Another option! If you would like to support them with a financial donation there is a fundraiser to provide housing assistance for LifeNet clients. Please contact Scott May at scottmayrog@gmail.com for more information.

Location and Directions:

Lifenet4Families, 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

On Broward Blvd. just east of 441 on the north side of the road.

Landmark: there is a Mobil gas station at the corner of 33rd Terrace and Broward Blvd.

Stay safe! Any questions about LifeNet4Families please contact Judi Oltmans, SSJGT@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Welcoming Congregation Opportunity - The Welcoming Congregation Renewal Team announces an opportunity to take your knowledge to the next level in terms of trans identity and learn to be more fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity.

“Transgender Inclusion in Congregations” by Transforming Hearts is a UUA approved 6-session online course which is now available to our members and friends at River of Grass. Over the six sessions you will deeply explore the intersection of trans identity, spirituality and faith community, and gain the grounding context and skills to transform yourself and our beloved community. The course is available immediately and can be taken at your own speed. We will provide an opportunity to share our experiences at the end of May.

We will be voting to approve our application to renew our Welcoming Congregation status with the UUA at the Annual Meeting May 31.

For more info and to be provided the necessary link please contact Kathy at Welcoming@RiverofGgrassUU.org.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Use reusable water bottles, rather than disposable plastic bottles or cups. Simply refill a reusable water bottle from your faucet or a water fountain. It's easy, it helps keep you hydrated, and it's green.