

Announcements

Summer Children's Virtual Fellowship at 12:30 pm – Children and parents: Come join us at 12:30 pm this Sunday, Jul 5th, for the Summer Fun at the Zoo virtual children's fellowship. . This week: Explore Beyond Your Door. So far, we've been spending our Summer Fun time together at the National Zoo in Washington D.C. But this week, nature experts Rob and Deb Giblin-Davis are going to show us the wild life around us every day! Rob and Deb will take us on a virtual nature walk in their backyard, revealing hidden creatures and their habitats. And they'll show kids how to fill out their own field guide, so they can track the things they discover. Faith Development's Summer Fun at the Zoo celebrates our 7th Unitarian Universalist Principle: to respect and protect all living things and our earth. Faith Development's Summer Fun at the Zoo

The program is offered every Sunday through Jul 26th via Zoom, and requires a password. Look for an email from Diane Lade, Summer Fellowship Coordinator, or reach out to her at FaithDevelopment@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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, Jul 5th at 6:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Please email youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

We are updating the Member Photo Directory – LAST CALL – Dare I say it? We've all grown older. No, that didn't happen. But maybe we've changed a bit since the last issue. Please send your recent photos to Kathy at membership@riverofgrassuu.org. Please advise if you wish to include your pronouns (he/him, she/her, they/them).

Additional Mindfulness Offerings for the Summer:

Free "Mindfulness for Families and Children" weekly online sessions:

- Thursdays 5:00 - 5:15 pm for families & children of all ages;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83796621727>

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

- Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults; <https://zoom.us/j/551319571>

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

Learn more about being a Welcoming Congregation - River of Grass UU congregation has made a commitment to opening its doors to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We have arranged for individuals in our congregation to complete a 6-session module "Transgender Inclusion in Congregations." This course is for individuals, groups and congregations who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity. Over 6 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 congregation. The course is deeply moving. There will be discussion groups to process what came up for you while you took the course. The more information and the link to register for the class is on our [Members Only page](#) at our website. Questions? contact Kathy at Welcoming@riverofgrassuu.org.

Our next chapter begins - Members and Friends, The landlord and River of Grass have both signed the lease termination agreement effective July 31, 2020. Gratitude to the team who gave many hours for this endeavor. A great chapter closes, as a new chapter begins. While I'm relieved about no longer paying for space we cannot use, I am also melancholy about leaving a home we loved. The Moving Storage Team, led by Janet Schwartz and Ken Bresnahan, are actively progressing. They are developing a schedule for packing and other tasks over the next 2 weeks, and facility patching, painting and clean up the following week. Volunteers will be needed, so please contact Move@riverofgrassuu.org. They will distribute a copy of the schedule as it evolves, along with instructions for scheduling time to help out. During this period of transition, feel free to reach out in any way that supports you. We are blessed to have an amazing Minister and a beloved community. We will transition successfully, together. In service, Scott May, on behalf of the River of Grass Board of Trustees

Move team update - Our volunteers do so much at River of Grass! While you were helping out did you bring any items home that belong to River of Grass? **Did you take home linens or towels to clean? Did you borrow a table or any folding chairs?** Please try to make arrangements to drop them off at River of Grass. You can leave laundered items at the front door and Janet or Ken will bring them inside for you. Contact-less drop off! Or if it is larger items like tables or chairs, coordinate a time and they can leave the back door propped open for you to bring them in by the storage room and they will keep distance from the area for safety. Send them an email at Move@riverofgrassuu.org to work out all the details. Make sure to have your facemask with you if you plan to enter the building. Thank you for helping to have all of our items together so the movers can take everything to storage.

Vote Forward - The UUA's UU the Vote is a nationwide effort to get out the vote this November and in earlier primaries. With COVID-19 surging a good way to do activism from the comfort and safety of your home is Vote Forward. <https://votefwd.org/> They focus on writing brief letters to progressive leaning infrequent voters in swing states. This is proven and effective; in multiple randomized trials, voters who received a handwritten letter were significantly more likely to vote. After you sign up with Vote Forward you will receive names and addresses of infrequent, progressive voters in swing states. After printing out a simple letter you will write in the person's name, write a sentence or two about why it is important to vote, and sign the letter. Then you write the person's name and address on an envelope, and write your name and a return PO box provided by Vote Forward. After stamping the letter you hold on to it, and mail it about 2 weeks before the election. Sending a Vote Forward letter is one of the easiest things you can do to increase turnout. It takes about four minutes and one stamp, and meaningfully increases the odds that the recipient will vote. This is a concrete action you can take, no matter

where you live, to get unlikely-to-vote fellow citizens to the polls.

“I have written 10 letters.” - Steve Jens-Rochow SSJGT@riverofgrassuu.org

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

Faith Forward Inquirers Series is back! The Faith Forward Inquirers Series meets on Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Zoom. Starting in September we will start meeting at 7:30 pm, see the updated 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 sessions are also 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 **Jul 8th and is FF Inquirers #7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups**. For more information, email Zena Tucker, membership@riverofgrassuu.org. Zoom link for our July sessions are: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 7/8/20 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life |
| 7/15/20 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources |
| 9/2/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister |
| 9/9/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources |
| 9/16/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults |
| 9/23/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year |
| 9/30/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service |
| 10/7/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups |
| 10/14/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life |
| 10/21/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister |
| 10/28/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources |
| 11/4/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults |
| 11/11/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year |
| 11/18/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service |
| 12/2/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups |
| 12/9/20 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life |

Faith Development – Parents Having Coffee Online - Parents will join together to share their woes, joys and ahas in a Zoom Room on **Saturday morning, Jul 11th at 10:00 am**. Look for an email from Karen Gonzalez religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.

August Book Discussion - Join us each Saturday in August for a discussion on the book *White Fragility - why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism* by Robin Diangelo. The book will be available through the [UUA bookstore, Inspirit](#) on June 24th, and you may also be able to get it at the library (I believe there is a long wait). We'll meet beginning Aug 1st at 3:00 pm and cover as many chapters as we can each time. Contact Karen Gonzalez at uugonzo1@gmail.com to sign up for the Zoom link (or sign up in our [Facebook event](#)).

Electronic Recycling: River of Grass is no longer accepting electronic items for recycling. Please continue to dispose of your printers, monitors, cables, spent batteries and other electronic items properly through your neighborhood or county recycling program. For Broward County locations and times, Click [Here](#).

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Irrigate during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speeds are the lowest. This reduces water loss through evaporation. Also position sprinklers to put all the water on your lawn and landscape, not onto paved areas nearby. This weekend: Please take a few minutes, check your sprinkler system timing and positioning...and live our 7th principle.