

# Announcements

From the River of Grass Board of Directors:

We like to show appreciation for those who feed and fuel this Beloved Community. There are so many who contribute so much of their time to our congregation. This week we give a big **Thank You to Janet Schwartz & Ken Bresnahan** for organizing and driving our move from the 595 facility. They spent probably every day for the month of July at the campus, organizing, arranging for special items to be stored at member's homes. In addition, scheduling the helpers so that social distancing was possible.

Moreover, all the helpers who did so much - packing, repairing, and cleaning.

David Henkel, Corey Fleming, Rick & Zena Tucker, Reece Chibnick, Lucy Harty, Riley Cothran, T Egan, Sandy Blair Chibnick, GL Franklin, Eva Ainsley, Holden Chibnick, Karen Gonzalez, Karrie Jacks, Kip & Kristine Barkley, Mallory McLaren, Marilisa Lawless, Aaron & Audrey Stang, Brit & Maureen Lundell, Deb Giblin-Davis, Ed Lewis, Diane Lade, Elly Keane, Esther Sampol, Susan Juncosa, Jorge Rodriguez, Steve Jens-Rochow

**You didn't have to do what you did but you did, and we THANK YOU!**

**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**

**Summer Pastoral Care at River of Grass:** Our minister, Rev. Amy Carol Webb is on her summer study leave until Labor Day in September. The care and support of this Beloved Community carries on through Rev. Amy's Summer leave time, with professional counselors and loving lay-leaders on hand should the need arise. For care and support, please contact the River of Grass Pastoral Care Team at [pastoralcare@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:pastoralcare@riverofgrassuu.org).

**Faith Development: 12:30:** Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup> graders; **1:30 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. This Sunday, in their Faith Development classes, our children will revisit the concept of renewal by honoring our First Principle (affirming the inherent worth and dignity of all people) and celebrating their own unique selves. We'll investigate fingerprints and use them to show and share our passions. Join us as we grow our faith by following our bliss! Contact Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org) for more information.

**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, Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org) if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

**Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions** - Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults; [Zoom link for 6pm](#) For more info contact [Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <https://www.insightinstitute.com>.

**Flowing River Sangha – We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Aug 18<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).

**Stamp Out Hunger Virtual Food Drive** - For 20 years River of Grass has participated in the Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to benefit LifeNet4Families by volunteering at a local post office to box up several tons of food that letter carriers brought in from their routes. This year due to COVID-19 the drive is virtual. And this year the need is greater because of increased food insecurity due to the pandemic. Please go to <https://www.lifenet4families.org/portal/> and donate.

**Seeking facilitators for our Inquiries Series** - Our weekly sessions to orient newcomers to our beloved community needs dedicated River members. Facilitating is an excellent way to get to know new people, learn more about the River and serve the congregation. Facilitation guides make it easy! See Zena Tucker or email [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org).

**Seeking Zoom hosts for Sunday Worship** - Zoom Hosts are needed for worship services. Be a part of the behind the scenes team that makes our Sunday Experience so great! Learn new skills in Zoom as a bonus! See Zena Tucker or email [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org).

**Vote by Mail Primary Deadline: Is it too late to use my Vote By Mail (VBM) ballot for the August 18 Primary?** While it’s too late to put your VBM ballot in the mail and be sure it will arrive at its destination in time to be counted (it must be RECEIVED--not just postmarked--by 7 pm on the day of the primary), you can still drop off your VBM ballot at your County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office until 7 pm on August 18 -- [click here to look up the address for your county’s SOE](#). To be involved in promoting safe and fair elections in 2020, contact the Elders Stand for Fair Elections Florida team at [FairElections-FL@eldersaction.org](mailto:FairElections-FL@eldersaction.org).

**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Shade windows with direct light. If you have windows facing east or west consider adding landscaping or an awning. Or consider window tinting, or simply a pull down shade. These options will keep your home cooler and reduce your electric bill, saving money and the environment.