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 the members of the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees** for being there for the River and so effectively solving issues and the transparency as they communicated to the congregation.

Scott May, Susan Juncosa, Linda Lathroum, Brit Lundel, Marilisa Lawless, Riley Cothran, Rick Tucker, Linda Morgan Crain, and youth member Marina DeMoraes.

And a second big **Thank You** to the members of the Board who are continuing to serve on the Board. Susan Juncosa, Linda Lathroum, Riley Cothran, Linda Morgan Crain, Rick Tucker.

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 <u>contact us page</u> 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 last week of summer study leave and will be back next Sunday, Sep 6! 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 <u>pastoralcare@riverofgrassuu.org</u>.

Faith Development: 12:30: Pre-K - 1st graders; **1:30 pm:** 2nd - 6th graders; **3:00 pm**: teens. This Sunday, in their Faith Development classes, our children will learn and articulate what it means to be compassionate - toward others and toward ourselves. We'll turn that compassion into action as we begin our compassion projects and work together to make our corner of the world a happier place. Contact Karen Gonzalez at <u>ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org</u> 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 30th at 6:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Please email <u>youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org</u> 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; <u>Zoom link for 6pm</u> For more info contact <u>Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com</u> or <u>Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com</u>, or visit <u>https://www.insightinstitute.com</u>.

Flowing River Sangha – We **meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Sep 1st 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>.

Auction - For over 15 years, the River has raised funds to support our work in the community with a fun and fabulous themed event. Luau's, Oscar's, and more! Your 2020 auction team is trying to determine if we should continue our annual tradition in a new way... Like everything else, there is an online option! Before we invest in this service, we would like to get your input on donations that you could provide. Parties, art, jewelry, timeshares, services, etc. It's time to think outside the box! Please contact the team at auction@RiverofGrassUU.org and let us know how you can contribute!

MOVED TO / WITHIN FLORIDA? Did you or someone you know move to Florida in the past two years? If you've moved to Florida since the last election and haven't had a chance to register to vote in Florida yet, please make time to do it today! Make sure you can have your say about who represents you. You can register online here: <u>registertovoteflorida.gov</u>. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming election is October 5, 2020.

If you've moved *within* Florida since the last election, it's also very important to update the address on your voter registration. If you've moved and aren't sure whether you updated your voter registration address, please take a moment to go online and check / update it at <u>registertovoteflorida.gov</u> so you can vote in your local election in November.

Help spread the word to others – if you know someone who has recently moved to or within Florida, please share this voter registration link with them, and make it possible for them to exercise their right to vote in Florida in the November election.

To be involved in promoting safe and fair elections in 2020, contact the Elders Stand for Fair Elections Florida team at <u>FairElections-FL@eldersaction.org</u>.

Faith Forward Inquirers Series is back! The Faith Forward Inquirers Series meets on Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm on Zoom, 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 **Sep 2nd and is FF Inquirers #1: Q&A with Rev. Amy.** For more information, email Zena Tucker, membership@riverofgrassuu.org. Zoom link for our session is: ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers.

Date	Time	Event
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

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Skip the bottled water when grocery shopping. Resist the urge, and instead refill bottles at home. You save money, you help the environment, and you send a message that reuse is the way to go. Be green!