



# Announcements

## Faith Development: Family Vespers 5:00pm / Pageant Recording 12:30, 1:30, 2:30pm

This Sunday, we will not have regular classes. Faith Development for children and youth will take place that evening at our Family Vespers service, instead. This month's theme is *Stillness*. Rev. Amy and I will share stories of angels, who have helped to bring clarity in many of the stories we tell and who may come to us in times of stillness and need. "Noticing angels" can be a metaphor for hearing an inner voice, urging us perhaps to some change or journey. [Join us at this link.](#)

Children involved in our Holiday Pageant will meet on Sunday afternoon to record the scenes for our virtual pageant. Scene One at 12:30pm, Scene Two at 1:30pm and Scene Three at 2:30 pm.

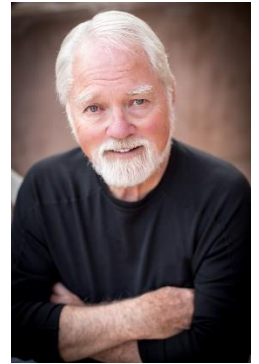
**Chalica - Monday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Chalica, our own UU holiday** that is gaining a lot of traction this year as we find ourselves spending more time in our homes. This is a week to honor and celebrate our seven Principles by spending some time each day reflecting on how we can embrace and embody them. A helpful guide is found below or come up with your own rituals. Share photos of your Chalica celebrations on our [River of Grass Facebook page](#) to inspire us all! You can find additional information on the [UUA's website](#) or any of these links: [Huffington Post article](#); [Chalica Facebook page](#); [UU World article](#).

	Chalice Lighting	Faith in Action	Benediction
	We light our chalice for people everywhere, whose inherent worth and dignity we acknowledge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a meal that includes everyone's favorite foods.</li> <li>• Play a cooperative game where everyone wins.</li> <li>• Give everyone in your family a compliment.</li> </ul>	<p>May the love which overcomes all differences, which heals all wounds, which puts to flight all fears, which reconciles all who are separated, be in us and among us now and always.</p> <p>~Frederick E. Gillis</p>
	We light our chalice to remind us that all people deserve justice, equity and compassion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a meal kit for a busy neighbor.</li> <li>• Write your teacher a thank you note.</li> <li>• Search your room for toys and clothes you no longer need, and donate them.</li> </ul>	<p>In the end it won't matter how much we have, but how generously we have given. It won't matter how much we know, but rather how well we live. And it won't matter how much we believe, but how deeply we love.</p> <p>~John C. Morgan</p>

	<p>We light our chalice to remind us to have open minds and to respect the paths of others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try a new food.</li> <li>• Ask a friend to tell you all about their family's holiday.</li> <li>• Play a new game as a family.</li> </ul>	<p>If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury, but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. ~Hosea Ballou</p>
	<p>We light our chalice to remind us that we are responsible for our own spiritual growth and are free to follow our own path.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat foods from a different religious celebration.</li> <li>• Create a new family holiday tradition.</li> <li>• Try a new spiritual practice, like yoga or walking meditation.</li> </ul>	<p>Be ye lamps unto yourselves; be your own confidence. Hold to the truth within yourselves as to the only lamp. ~Buddha</p>
	<p>We light our chalice to celebrate the right to use our minds and our voices to better our communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote on the night's dinner plan.</li> <li>• Watch a kid news show and discuss it with your family.</li> <li>• Hold a family meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, and brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown. ~Sara Moores Campbell</p>
	<p>We light our chalice to remind us to work toward our goal of world peace with liberty and justice for all.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have leftovers to remind us not to be wasteful.</li> <li>• Play the alphabet game with a world map – find a country for every letter.</li> <li>• Create your Guest At Your Table box and make a plan to fill it.</li> </ul>	<p>Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers. Those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, Being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. ~James 1</p>
	<p>We light our chalice to show respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat a vegetarian meal.</li> <li>• Take a walk and play "I Spy".</li> <li>• Brainstorm "green" ways to wrap presents.</li> </ul>	<p>Take courage friends. The way is often hard, the path is never clear, and the stakes are very high. Take courage. For deep down, there is another truth: <i>you are not alone.</i> ~Wayne B. Arnason</p>

### ***How well do you know your UUs:***

Robert Fulghum grew up in Waco, Texas and in 1961 and was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Fulghum served the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship in Bellingham, Washington from 1960–1964, and the Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church in Edmonds, Washington where he is currently Minister Emeritus.



Fulghum came to prominence in the United States when his first collection of writings, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* (1988), stayed on *The New York Times* bestseller lists for nearly two years. The collection of essays is subtitled "Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things." A 25th anniversary edition of *Kindergarten* has been published – updating and revising the original text, with the addition of 25 new stories.

There are currently more than 17 million copies of his books in print, published in 27 languages in 103 countries.

“These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten):

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.”

— Robert Fulghum, “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”

### ***Project Angel Tree supporting ChildNet:***

We have pushed back the date to get your gifts to Marilisa by 1 week. **Please deliver these items to her home by Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.** We extended this deadline to help make sure all

of the children were able to be selected. This year, River of Grass has adopted 75 foster care kids for this holiday season. We are trying to stay safe and yet still be generous and loving with our most vulnerable population. Please email Sandy, [office@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:office@riverofgrassuu.org), for Marilisa's address. They can be mailed or delivered. She has a covered porch and they can be left out front whether she is home or not. We are asking that these are at her home by **Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for always stepping up for River of Grass!

To find out more about ChildNet please check out their website: <https://www.childnet.us/> ChildNet has been chosen by the Florida Department of Children & Families to serve as the Community Based Care (CBC) lead agency in both Broward and Palm Beach Counties. As such, it is the single private non-profit entity responsible for managing the local system of services and supports for the communities' most vulnerable children. Their system of care was developed with extensive input from local stakeholders and its effective implementation depends upon their continued support.

### ***The Auction Alternative - Date Change***

The Auction Alternative has been rescheduled to January 16.

**SAVE/CHANGE THE DATE - AUCTION 2020-2021: Pick 'N Click - January 16, 2021**

We are still working on it, just taking the time to make it a stellar occasion.

Your Auction Team, [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org).

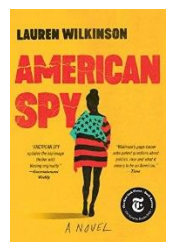


**Flowing River Sangha** – We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> via zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/201911385>. We will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This is an open-ended, drop-in group for all levels of meditation experience. Gary Gonzalez [meditation@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:meditation@riverofgrassuu.org).

**bUUKies finish up our political fall books with "American Spy" by Lauren Wilkinson** – We'll be Zooming on Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. [The Broward library](https://www.browardlibrary.org/) has e-book and audio books available!

### **What if your sense of duty required you to betray the man you love?**

It's 1986, the heart of the Cold War, and Marie Mitchell is an intelligence officer with the FBI. She's brilliant, but she's also a young black woman working in an old boys' club. Her career has stalled out, she's overlooked for every high-profile squad, and her days are filled with monotonous paperwork. So when she's given the opportunity to join a shadowy task force aimed at undermining Thomas Sankara, the



charismatic revolutionary president of Burkina Faso whose Communist ideology has made him a target for American intervention, she says yes. Yes, even though she secretly admires the work Sankara is doing for his country. Yes, even though she is still grieving the mysterious death of her sister, whose example led Marie to this career path in the first place. Yes, even though a furious part of her suspects she's being offered the job because of her appearance and not her talent.

In the year that follows, Marie will observe Sankara, seduce him, and ultimately have a hand in the coup that will bring him down. But doing so will change everything she believes about what it means to be a spy, a lover, a sister, and a good American.

Inspired by true events—Thomas Sankara is known as “Africa’s Che Guevara”—*American Spy* knits together a gripping spy thriller, a heartbreaking family drama, and a passionate romance. This is a face of the Cold War you’ve never seen before, and it introduces a powerful new literary voice.

**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.insightinstitutellc.com>.

**Young Adults are now meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, at 7:30 pm virtually on Zoom** – Millennials, Gen Xers, and Gen Zs, are welcome to tune in to the YUUnG Adult Virtual Coffee Hour on **Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Please e-mail [youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org) if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Visit [OptoutPrescreen.com](http://OptoutPrescreen.com) to stop unsolicited credit card offers. This website is run by the 3 credit agencies (Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion) and is supported by the Federal Trade Commission. In just 3 minutes, you can stop this junk mail, saving you hassle and reducing landfill waste.

**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**

**Have you heard about our Faith Forward Inquirers Series?** We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 pm on Zoom, see the 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 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 **Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and is FF Inquirers #7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups**. For more information, email Zena Tucker,

[membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org). Zoom link for our session is: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

Date	Time	Event
1/6/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
1/13/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
1/27/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
2/3/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
2/10/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources
2/24/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
3/3/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
3/24/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
3/31/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
4/7/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
4/28/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
5/5/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
5/12/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
5/26/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
6/2/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
6/9/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life

### ***Capital Campaign Contributions***

We have set up several methods for you to make your pledges/contributions to the Capital Campaign. The table below details the various methods, including charges that the River accrues when this payment method is used. We are here to help with any questions you may have. Feel free to contact our office administrator, Sandy Blair Chibnick, via email at [office@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:office@riverofgrassuu.org).

<b>Monetary Donations</b>		
<b>Method</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Processing fees paid by River of Grass</b>
Check	Write CC on memo line Mail to River of Grass: 3225 N Hiatus Rd, Unit 452485 Sunrise, FL 33345	\$0
Checking account via Vanco	Set up payment on our <a href="#">Donations page</a> . Designate on the Capital Campaign line	\$0.45 per transaction plus processing fee 1%
Credit Card via Vanco	Set up payment on our <a href="#">Donations page</a> . Designate amount on the Capital Campaign line.	\$0.45 per transaction plus credit card processing fee: American Express: 3.5% Visa/MasterCard: 2.75%

PayPal	<a href="https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/my/profile">https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/my/profile</a> In the notes write "Capital Campaign"	Varies based on method of payment
Zelle	Use your bank to set up \$ transfer. Send Zelle payment to <a href="mailto:CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org">CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org</a> .	\$0
Securities	<p>Any questions contact Northstar Financial Planners:  <i>Allen Giese, Steve Tepper, or Stacy Saavedra at (954) 693-0030</i></p> <p>Securities should be transferred per instructions from the donor's brokerage or advisor using the following DTC and A/C numbers as the destination</p> <p><b>#0188 - TD Ameritrade Institutional</b>  <b>A/C #944110334</b></p> <p><b>RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION, INC.</b></p> <p>The donor should notify the CC Team and the Office Administrator of the details of the donation by emailing <a href="mailto:CapitalCapaign@riverofgrassuu.org">CapitalCapaign@riverofgrassuu.org</a>.</p>	