

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie, FL 33325

WELCOME TO OUR RIVER OF GRASS FAMILY. WELCOME TO OUR WARMTH. WELCOME HOME!

River of Grass Weekly Update – April 11, 2024

One Planet One People One Peace

Gather with us as we continue April's theme of Beauty this Sunday at 10:30! – either in person at our new location, 11850 W State Road 84, #A9, or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service... then stay for coffee and conversation after. See you then!

In person at:

- **11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325** ([Click for Directions](#))
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our [Facebook page](#).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/ab3E9JRtb9>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, April 14, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “One Planet One People One Peace” - Leana Bresnahan and Susan Skach-Bejarano <https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday, in our Faith Development program for kids and youth, we'll be enjoying our new spaces in the following ways:

- The Nursery is open for all kids under 6 from 10:15 until noon. If no babies are joining us, then older kids may enjoy some UU Fun in that special space.
- Our 4th-6th graders will be engaging in the third and fourth OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education) lessons, with a lunch/hospitality break in between. Their sessions run from 10:30 until 1:30. This week's topics are Body Image and Changes of Puberty.
- New this week! Our Multipurpose space will be the place for all other youth and kiddos for a session of Popcorn Theology - Exploring Issues of Theology and Ethics Through Film. After viewing a clip from the movie, "Back to the Future", they will examine how the choices we make affect our lives and the lives of others.

For more information about our Religious Education programs, contact our Director, Ms. Karen at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Flowing River Sangha meditation on Sunday Mornings

The Flowing River Sangha meets on Sunday mornings at **8:30 AM via Zoom**. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator. Gary Gonzalez has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. Join us via Zoom at the following link: [Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link](#). We look forward to seeing you there. Peace.

April 12 is National Day of Silence – when millions of people stay silent to highlight the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth.

A national, historically student-led, day of action to call attention to the silencing and harassment of LGBTQ students.

The first Day of Silence was organized in 1996 by then-student Maria Pulzetti and her classmates at the University of Virginia, for a class project on non-violent protests. That April, over 150 LGBTQ students and allies stood quietly together to call attention to the silencing and harassment of LGBTQ students. The movement went national the next year. Over a hundred other universities across the country participated, gathering huge press attention for their deliberate silence. GLSEN (formerly the Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network), the national educational organization that works to end discrimination, harassment, and bullying and advocates for full LGBTQ inclusion in schools, officially sponsored it in 2001.

Source: [Glaad.org](#)



SUUSI - 2024 Catalog Available Now!

Music and Workshops and Nature Trips, oh my!

The 2024 SUUSI Catalog is now live on the SUUSI website! Use [this link](#) to take a look at this year's amazing offerings as SUUSI returns to Radford University July 21-27.

Take this week to plan your SUUSI experience because registration is opening on Monday, April 15! You will want to register early for the best selection of nature trips and workshops, plus you don't want to miss out on the Early Bird Discount which ends May 1.

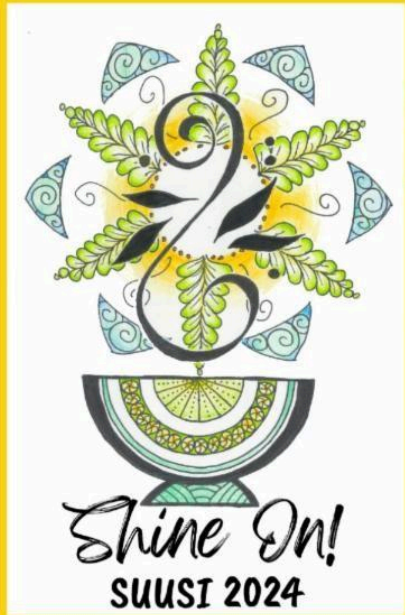
Again, here's the scoop:

SUUSI Catalog Live -- **NOW**

SUUSI Registration Opens -- **Monday, April 15**

Early Bird Discount Ends -- **Wednesday, May 1**

We hope to see you this year at SUUSI! Shine on!



SUUSI 2024

July 21-27
Radford University
Radford, Virginia

Other Events:

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

Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, [zoom link for Thursday at 6 pm](#)

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

RoG Men's Group - We will meet on the third Thursday in April - April 18th. We will continue to meet in person at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce: The official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325 (GPS will get you to the 4-building complex. We're in the 1st Building, middle suite.) Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at Lester's Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323. We'll meet there at 5:30 pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify as male are invited to join us! **Our next meeting is on Apr 18th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). If you're joining us for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator so that he can coordinate space.) The Zoom Meeting Room will open at 7:00 pm— For questions: contact Ken; at mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

BUUKies April Read - "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah. We will meet next Wednesday, Apr 17th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUuk. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

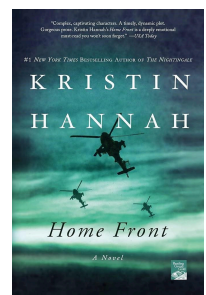
In this powerhouse of a novel, Kristin Hannah explores the intimate landscape of a troubled marriage with this provocative and timely portrait of a husband and wife, in love and at war. All marriages have a breaking point. All families have wounds.

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BUUKies will discuss "Home Front" on Wednesday, Apr 17th at 7:00 pm.

Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.



Abortion Protection Ballot - Thank you to everyone who helped get signatures for the abortion protection ballot measure in Florida. But the battle for basic healthcare is just beginning. In less than 30 days, Florida's six-week abortion ban goes into effect. This is not just a concern for the people of Florida, abortion access for thousands of

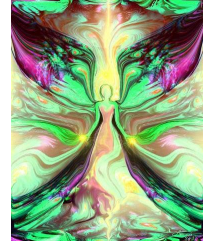
people across the region is now that much more limited. Please join the UU the Vote effort to secure this basic right by attending an online and in-person **Community Gathering on Thursday, Apr 18th** at 7:00 pm as we talk through some of the first steps to make a plan.

To join the meeting with your River of Grass cohort, reach out to Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Spiritual Art Rises Again

The Spiritual Art Group, after being dormant for several years, will meet at our new location: 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325 on **Saturday, Apr 20th, at 2:00 pm**. We will discuss things we could do, such as:

- An open studio
- Ideas for wall art above the chancel at A-9
- We could also study the book, "The Artist's Way; A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity."
- Or we could do a short course offered at SUUSI; "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain; a course to enhance creativity and artistic confidence."
- Or ...



The meeting will also be on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85499417289?pwd=bms1eWlqSkd5WU5EeG0vdi9XQ1FMZz09>

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For more information contact Steve Jens-Rochow spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org.

Stop Funding Fossil Fuels Rally

On Earth Day, **Apr 22nd**, come to the demonstration in front of CitiBank. We are asking them to stop funding fossil fuels. From 2016 to 2022 CitiBank invested \$333 Billion in Fossil Fuel Companies. The rally will be at the CitiBank at 8400 West Broward Blvd. at noon; we will gather at the SW corner of W 84 Ave and Broward Blvd. Speakers; bring signs and energy as we rally and chant to stop fossil fuels.

For more information; Steve Jens-Rochow SSJGT@riverofgrassuu.org



LifeNet4Families – Volunteer Events: Come One, Come All - LifeNet4families needs you for two upcoming dates. **Saturday, Apr 27th from 8:30 am - 11:30 am** for our usual kitchen or warehouse assistance. Also, we have the annual **Postal Food drive on Saturday, May 11th** (shifts TBA). For more information and to RSVP please contact Linda Morgan Crain at SSJGT@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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.

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html. **River of Grass UU Congregation** is on [Facebook](#) (LIKE us) and [Twitter](#) (FOLLOW Us). For more information, please contact communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org.

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Announcements wishing to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org by noon Wednesday. All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of the e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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