

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 18, 2024

STONE SOUL PICNIC: An Earthday Celebration

*Circle round for the planet, circle for each soul
For the children of our children, keep the circle whole.*

- Traditional Earth chant

On this Earth Day Sunday, we will consider some of the ways we are made up of the same stuff as our planet – and our planet made up of us – as we celebrate the energies alive within us, between us, and woven through us in this web of life we share on and with our Earth.

Come as you are, in person or on Zoom and Facebook Live this Sunday at 10:30 to continue April's explorations of what it means to be A People of Beauty with a celebration of Earthday!

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 21, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “STONE SOUL PICNIC: An Earthday Celebration” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

The Faith Development of our children and youth will take place during our All-ages Worship this Sunday. Come celebrate the Earth and share in our Stone Communion, together!

Our OWLettes will be continuing the "Our Whole Lives, Sexuality Education" program with lessons 5 and 6. Our focus will be on Gender and Feelings/Attractions. For more information about our Faith Development program for children and youth, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez 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.

The Mountain - April updates:

- **Join our passionate Mountain team** and be part of making a difference for individuals and our wider world! Available positions and application at <https://www.themountainrlc.org/jobs>
- **Summer Camps** are open for registration for youth and adults! <https://www.themountainrlc.org/mountaincamp>
- The Roots & Wings Campaign is a generational investment in The Mountain. Our goal is to raise \$3.2 million for improvements to guest and staff facilities and supporting programs that make a difference for youth and adults across our wider world. **Join us today for this exciting Capital Campaign!** You can find the **pledge form** right here: <http://www.bit.ly/MtnPledge>

Now is the time to lock in your spot for meaningful 2024 programming at The Mountain. We look forward to seeing you soon! themountainrlc.org or 828.526.5838. Connect With Us:

Mountain newsletter: sign-up at the bottom of the home page: <https://www.themountainrlc.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/TheMountainNC/>
<https://www.instagram.com/themountainrlc/>

SUUSI - Registration is now open!

Hopefully, you've had the chance to peruse the [2024 SUUSI catalog](#) and see all the amazing activities planned for this year's Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute at Radford University, July 21-27.

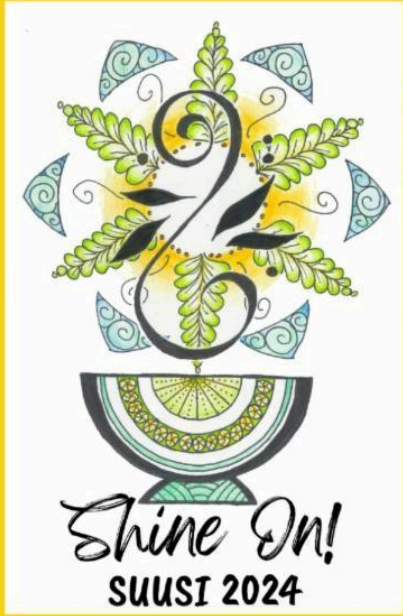
Now you can log in to [SOLIS](#) to register for SUUSI and grab that Early Bird Discount before it's gone on May 1. Registering early gives you the best choice of workshops and nature trips, and it helps SUUSI with our down payment to Radford University in early May, win-win!

Key dates:

SUUSI 2024: July 21-27, 2024

Registration Open: NOW!

Early Bird Registration closes: May 1, 2024



SUUSI 2024

July 21-27

Radford University
Radford, Virginia

Other Events:

Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions:

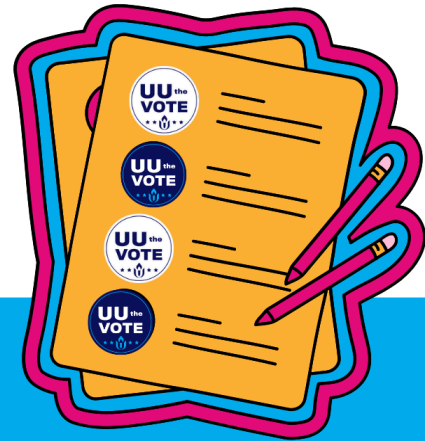
Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, [zoom link for Thursday at 6 pm](#)

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 today, Thursday, April 18th. This week we are combining our ROG Men's Group meeting with our River of Grass UU the Vote meeting. 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! **You need to register in advance for the UU the Vote. The link to register is: [UU The Vote Registration](#).** If you're joining us for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator so that he can coordinate space.) For questions: contact Ken; at mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

COMMUNITY GATHERING

getting started with **UU THE VOTE**



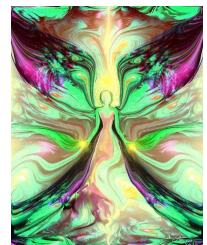
April 18 at 4pm PT • 7pm ET

UU the VOTE – We will gather at River of Grass (A9, Park of Commerce) on **Thursday evening, Apr 18th** to kick off our good work to restore healthcare rights to women in Florida and throughout the Southeast. Please join us at 6:30 for a brief ingathering before the Zoom meeting begins at 7:00 pm. If you'd like to get some tea and cookies before settling in, please arrive early. Following the meeting, we will discuss how we'd like to do our work. Leana Bresnahan and Karen Gonzalez are hoping we can meet the criteria for a "Good Trouble" congregation. If you'd rather watch from home, [click here](#). Once registered, you can request to be sent the recording, if that works better for you. However you choose to take part, please let us know how you can contribute to the cause going forward.

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>

One tap mobile: +13052241968,,85499417289# US

Meeting ID: 854 9941 7289; Passcode: 183219

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.

Think pink and join the Full Moon Daughters at Flamingo Gardens on Saturday morning, 9:30 am to noonish, Saturday, Apr 27th. Come wander through this beautiful botanical garden and wildlife sanctuary that also features a photography exhibit this month. Flamingo Gardens is located at 3750 S. Flamingo Road in Davie. Phone: 954-473-2955. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$17 for children 3 to 11 years old, and can be purchased at the gardens or in advance online. For more info: flamingogrdens.org. Please register for this trip so you can receive details on exactly where to meet and what we will do. Email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

***SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Use reusable food storage containers made of glass instead of single-use plastic baggies or plastic wrap. It's cheaper, and it's healthier to reheat food in glass in the microwave.*

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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