

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 25, 2024

It Would Be Enough: A Passover Telling

Let's bring Dayenu into the present.

*We are grateful, and yet what miracles and accomplishments
would be sufficient (Dayenu) in today's world
for us to be truly satisfied?*

- From Rabbi Debbie Reichmann's Supplemental Haggadah 2024

In this season of liberation and renewal, we come into our Telling of the Passover wisdom as a story of hope that calls us to face down the bonds that enslave us in body and spirit – around us and within us – as we contemplate what would be “enough” in our own time.

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning – either in person at our new location in Davie (info below) or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. We'll be watching for you!

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/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “It Would Be Enough: A Passover Telling” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

Our Faith Development program for youth this Sunday includes 2 new sessions of *Our Whole Lives, Sexuality Education* for our 4th - 6th graders, along with a movie discussion from *Popcorn Theology* for all other children and

youth. OWL's focus this week will be on Reproduction and Staying Healthy. The other group will watch a clip from *Star Trek: Generations* and discuss Happiness and the Hindu concept of Santosha. For more information about our Faith Development program, contact our Director 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.

Lesbian Visibility Day is April 26:

Recognized since 2008 as a way of acknowledging the perceived erasure of lesbian spaces and the need to preserve and celebrate lesbian culture, distinct as it is from other gay, bi, trans, and queer experiences.

This day celebrates lesbians and shows solidarity with all LGBTQI women and non-binary people in our community. We believe in unity and lifting those who are most marginalized. It is essential that Lesbian Visibility Day is a voice for unity and lifts up ALL women, especially those who come from marginalized communities," the site continues. "Recent research (Pride Matters survey, conducted by Pride In London 2018) has shown that gay women are almost twice as unlikely to be out in the workplace as gay male colleagues."

It is meant as a time for lesbians to be seen, heard, and celebrated. Just like any other week to commemorate different groups in the LGBTQ+ community, Lesbian Visibility Week is a great time to reflect on how lesbians are treated within the LGBTQ+ community and in everyday life.

Sources: advocate.org & parade.com



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/>

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: flamingogardens.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.

RoG Men's Group – We will meet next Thursday, May 2nd. 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! 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.

Full Moon Daughters – Greet the new day with the Full Moon Daughters on **Saturday morning, May 4**, at the end of Commercial Boulevard. We will have a Sunrise Salutation celebration, watching the sun rise with song and chanting. Optional breakfast afterward. Plan to arrive about **6:15 - 6:30 am**. All women, girls, and those who are non-binary or identify as female are welcome. To sign up email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

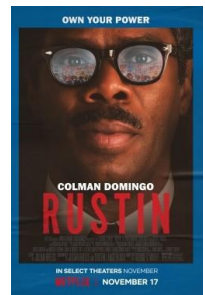
MUUies – May title is "Rustin". It was directed by George C. Wolfe and starring Coleman Domingo. **We will meet on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm to discuss this mUUVie.** [River MUUVies Zoom Link](#)

"Rustin" is about Bayard Rustin, an advisor to Martin Luther King Jr., who dedicated his life to the quest for racial equality, human rights, and worldwide democracy. However, as an openly gay Black man, he is all but erased from the civil rights movement he helped build. Rustin organized the 1963 March on Washington where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous speech "I Have a Dream."

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



BUUKies May Read – "Stay Cool; Why dark comedy matters in the fight against Climate Change" by Aaron Sachs. We will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUUK. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

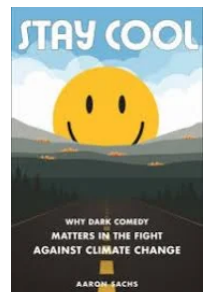
This short book shows how gallows humor can bolster us to confront global warming. We've all seen the headlines: oceans rising, historic heat waves, mass extinctions, climate refugees. It feels overwhelming. Stay Cool tells us to laugh our way forward. Human beings have used comedy to cope with difficult realities since the beginning of recorded time—the more dismal the news, the darker the humor. Using this rich tradition of dark comedy to investigate climate change, Aaron Sachs makes the case that gallows humor can cultivate endurance, persistence, and solidarity in the face of calamity.

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BUUKies will discuss "Stay Cool" on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm.

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SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Bring your reusable bags to the grocery store. Avoid the disposable plastic bags offered at checkout, as over 5 Billion of them are used each year, often ending up in landfills and waterways...as they are not biodegradable. Be green! :)

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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