

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

River of Grass Weekly Update – July 28, 2022

This summer we are excited to be offering a way for our members and friends to explore the variety of experiences that our UU faith has to offer and to meet other amazing congregations and ministers that Rev. Amy admires and wants us to get to know. Thanks to technology, we can visit congregations all across the country from our couch! This will also give our own volunteers a much needed break. We have put together a list of congregations that we can join each Sunday that is posted with the links on our website. Find it at <https://riverofgrassuu.org/index.html>. This will run from July 3rd to August 28th. **This Sunday July 31st**, we will journey to UU Congregation of Somerset Hills, NY at 10:30 am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121374673?pwd=aGRsM3RPZ1FlaWw5L3dHZVBtb2FUUT09> - Passcode: WELCOME.

Lughnasadh: The Summer Harvest



Worship led by
members of
the UUCSH CUUPS group
Sunday, 7/31/2022
10:30 am

*This service will take place in
person and online.*

*Link available at
uucsh.org/connect/calendar*

<https://uucsh.org/sunday-worship-order-of-service/> - Order of Service for Sunday, July 31, 2022

After service Kathy Jens-Rochow will host a "**Sunday Noon Zoom Get-together**" from 12:00 to 1:30 so we all can meet, greet and feel connected! Grab your favorite beverage and join us! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96108106093>; Meeting ID: 961 0810 6093.

GIVING

Even as we focus our attention away from our own congregation, on travel and visiting other UU congregations, and just taking a rest, we still need your contributions to sustain and strengthen this beloved community and its mission in our world. Each Sunday half of our undesignated offerings go to LifeNet4Families, which provides hot meals 365 days a year as well as clothing and support here in Broward county. The other half supports the mission and ministry at River of Grass.

To give, please go to: [Our Donation Page](#) or Text to Donate at 844-948-1153

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) on your smartphone, and the key word "plate" to the number above, example: 10.00 plate. Please give generously and joyfully so that we may feed and fortify this congregation and its good work in the world that needs it, now more than ever.

Upcoming Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, July 31, 2022

UU Congregation of Somerset Hills, NY at 10:30 am –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121374673?pwd=aGRsM3RPZ1FlZWw5L3dHZVBtb2FUUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 137 4673; Password: WELCOME

Rev. Amy Summer Vacation & Study Leave

My Beloveds, I have headed out for both my Summer Adventures 2022, as well as my work in service to the greater Unitarian Universalist community with conferences with the UU Ministers Association, General Assembly, SUUSI (Southeast UU Summer Institute), and as the UU minister in residence for week seven at the historic Chautauqua Institute. The business meetings of the UUMA (Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association) and UUA GA (Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly) are already underway. In between I'll have some vacation time and study time to rest, renew, and prepare for this most crucial coming congregational year as we build a new way. I'll see you back in the office in mid-August, and back in the pulpit to launch our 11th year together on the first Sunday in September for Labor Day! If you have a pastoral care emergency that may require professional ministry, please contact the President of the Board, Kathy Jens-Rochow president@riverofgrassuu.org, or our Pastoral Care Team PastoralCare@riverofgrassuu.org.

Celebration of Life - Kip Barkley:

We will have a Celebration of the Life for Kip Barkley on Saturday, July 30th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at [Old Davie School Historical Museum](#). We will have our UU Minister Rev Amy Carol Webb officiate and ask you to tell a story or say a fond goodbye. Kip said this was for the living and so it will be. Refreshments will be served and all are welcomed. Old Davie School, 6650 Griffin Rd, Davie, FL 33314. Kip has designated [Finca](#) for donations. Any questions please call me Kristine Barkley 954-815-6762.

Memorial Service for Pixie Wright:

Please join us to remember the life of our dear Pixie Wright on Sunday, July 31st, at 2:00 pm, at the Old Davie Schoolhouse. You can also join viz zoom or live on our River of Grass facebook page (links below).

Bring a memory or story to share of the threads of life and love Pixie wove through the River of Grass community since its beginning. Old Davie Schoolhouse, 6650 Griffin Rd, Davie, FL. 33314.

Zoom: 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>

Facebook live: <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>.

Other Events:

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

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

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

Interfaith Rally for Abortion Rights and Religious Freedom:

Today, Thursday, Jul 28th, 7-9 pm at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33434; uufbr.org.

In Person or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/94451180606?pwd=ODRpbDJNRGxFanFoZlg3cGJKV1k1Zz09>

- Learn about Rabbi Barry Silver's lawsuit opposing Florida's newly enacted abortion restrictions that deny religious freedom.
- Hear from the growing number of faith leaders joining Rabbi Silver's lawsuit.

"Our support for abortion rights and the right to privacy is rooted in our Principles and reflects a moral commitment to the idea that reproductive care is healthcare and is essential to the well-being of individuals and families." - Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Celebration of Life for Kip Barkley - Saturday July 30 at 2:00 pm

Interim Recommendations from the RoG COVID-19 Re-Emergence Team

Team: Deb Buehler Ely, Karen Gonzalez, Susan Juncosa, Jeanne Masten (COVIDTeam@RiverofGrassUU.org)

Purpose of Team: To review guidelines for congregational and smaller group gatherings in order to provide recommendations to the Board to be used for official River of Grass meetings and events.

These recommendations are:

For: only for official, River of Grass - sponsored outdoor and indoor small group gatherings.

Fluid: new information comes out all the time and the recommendations could change.

Inclusive: all attendees should be able to attend physically or virtually.

Protective: consider first those who are most at risk.

Science-based: follow the directives according to the experts.

Sources:

UUA: <https://www.uua.org/safe/pandemics/covid-19>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

Johns Hopkins: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>

UU Reston Covid-19 Guidelines: <https://www.uureston.org/covid>

MEETINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID

RIVER OF GRASS COVID-19 TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD: Updated May 24, 2022

This is a living document that will be regularly reviewed and updated.

Based upon the updated CDC guidelines and the Broward County risk levels, the following measures are recommended to the Board.

Community Level High: Follow our previous guidelines, listed below.

In person Worship services - inside

- Masks required for all, with possible exception of speakers (see below). Masks should be KN-95 if possible.
- If the Minister and/or other speakers wish to be unmasked, they must take a rapid test the night before the service. They must maintain social distancing at all times while unmasked.
- Singing transmits more aerosols than speaking. At this time, no singing except the Minister. Humming OK!
- Maintain social distancing between household groups while indoors.

- No food or drinks inside.
- All attendees should sign in with current contact information in the event that contact tracing is required.

After service – outside

- Maintain social distancing.

Meetings and Small Groups – inside and outside.

- Group/meeting leader should determine if all attendees are vaccinated and comfortable with disclosing status. This may require some quick private conversations prior to the meeting! If everyone is not comfortable, masking and social distancing should be maintained.
- Food and drinks: up to the group. Be mindful of crowding.
- All attendees should sign in with current contact information in the event that contact tracing is required.

Community Level Medium: Individuals should follow CDC Guidelines for Medium

Community Level Low: Individuals should follow CDC Guidelines for Low

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 to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org by 12 pm 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.