

# Announcements

**Faith Development: There are no classes this Sunday in order to allow parents to be present at the Congregational meeting.** In keeping with the spirit of imagination, this is a good afternoon to decorate the white masks that were in this month's Family Faith-at-Home bags. You can use T-shirt paint, permanent markers, needlework - let your imagination run wild. Then bring them to class on the 24<sup>th</sup> to share and show. Contact Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org) for information about our programming for children and youth.

**Sunday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm – Reminder for our Mid-Year Congregational Meeting:** At River of Grass, we have traditionally had a mid-year congregational meeting to update members on what is happening within our beloved community. It could conceivably be called “State of the Congregation.” In accordance with our Bylaws, this notification provides all members with the subjects addressed at the Mid-Year Meeting of the River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation, which will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021, virtually via Zoom from 12:15 - 2:30 pm.

Below is a preliminary agenda for this meeting. At this point, there is nothing on the agenda that will need a congregational vote. If there are additions to the agenda, a final agenda will be sent two weeks prior to the meeting per our Bylaws. If any business that needs congregational vote is added, we are required to have a quorum of 40% of the voting membership. - Kathy Jens-Rochow, President [president@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:president@riverofgrassuu.org)

## **Agenda for Congregational Mid-Year Meeting on Sunday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, Location: Zoom**

- 12:15 pm Welcome (Kathy)
- Invocation/Chalice Lighting (Rev. Amy)
- Today's Agenda (Kathy)
- 12:25 pm President's Report
- 12:30 pm Minister – Sabbatical plans
- 12:45 pm Team Update: Annual Pledge Drive
- Team Update: Future Home Search Team (Steve)
- Team Update: Music (Gary)
- Team Update: COVID Recovery Team
- Team Update: Team on Ministry
- Team Update: Small Group Ministry (Janet/Diane L)
- Team Update: Communications (Zena)
- Team Update: SSJGT (Steve)
- 1:30 pm Committee Update: Membership (Zena)
- Committee Update: Worship (Rita)
- Committee Update: Finance (Brit)

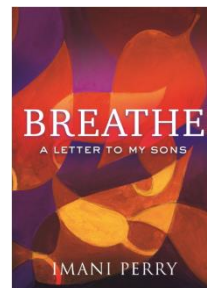
Committee Update: Faith Development (Diane L)

2:25 pm Capital Foundation (Ed/Kip)

2:30 pm Q&A (Kathy/Rob)

### ***bUUKies Announce UUA Common Read Discussion***

Every year the UUA selects a book to be shared by all UU congregations. A "Common Read" invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. The River of Grass conversation will be on a date to be announced later.



This year's Common Read is *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry. The UUA says:

“Emotionally raw and deeply reflective, Imani Perry issues a challenge to society to see Black children as deserving of humanity. She admits fear and frustration for her African American sons in a society that is increasingly racist and at times seems irredeemable. However, as a mother, feminist, writer, and intellectual, Perry offers an unfettered expression of love—finding beauty and possibility in life—and she exhorts her children and their peers to find the courage to chart their own paths and find steady footing and inspiration in Black tradition. The New York Times calls *Breathe* “an elixir of history, ancestry and compassion, which, together, become instruction...a parent’s unflinching demand, born of inherited trauma and love, for her children’s right simply to be possible.”

This book may be purchased in hardcover from [inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop](#). The e-book and audio book (CD or MP3) are available from [Bookshop.org](#). Hardback, audio and e-books are also available at [Amazon.com](#).

***How well do you know your UUs - Viola Fauver Liuzzo*** was a housewife and mother of five. In March 1965, Liuzzo heeded the call of Martin Luther King, Jr. and traveled from Detroit, Michigan, to Selma, Alabama, in the wake of the Bloody Sunday attempt at marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Liuzzo participated in the successful Selma to Montgomery marches and helped with coordination and logistics. At the age of 39, while driving back from a trip shuttling fellow activists to the Montgomery airport, she was murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan and FBI infiltrator Gary Thomas Rowe.



After Liuzzo's murder, the FBI immediately began a smear campaign and leaked disinformation to politicians and the press about Liuzzo. The FBI attempted to downplay their role in Liuzzo's murder by discrediting her through planting misinformation that she was a member of the Communist Party, was a heroin addict, and included sexual disinformation that Liuzzo had abandoned her children to have sexual relationships with African-Americans involved in the Civil Rights Movement. All of the rumors were entirely false and were wholly

fabricated by the FBI.

In addition to other honors, Liuzzo's name is today inscribed on the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama, created by Maya Lin. Liuzzo frequently told her family and friends that the Civil Rights struggle "was everybody's fight." (Source [Wikipedia](#))

**Flowing River Sangha** - We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Jan 19<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).

**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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

**Young Adults** are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th 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, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Our next meeting, **Colby and Tosh will be hosting a virtual group game called "One Night Ultimate Werewolf"**. This is a fast-paced game where everyone gets to play a different role. In the course of only one "night" and the following "morning", the players will determine who among them is a werewolf... hopefully. Each game lasts about 10 minutes and encourages debating and bluffing to be successful. It can be played with 3 - 21 players, but we find that 6 or more is best! Please email [youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org) if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

**Full Moon Daughters** are heading back to the great outdoors. All women and girls are invited to join our group for a camping weekend at **Collier-Seminole State Park, near Naples, on the weekend of Feb 19<sup>th</sup> through Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will kayak, take nature hikes and explore the beautiful ecosystem of the western Everglades. Full Moon Daughters is an outdoors spirituality group dedicated to honoring our 7<sup>th</sup> UU Principle, respecting the interdependent web of life. If you are interested in the Collier-Seminole trip, please email Diane Lade and Deb Giblin-Davis at [fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org). Space is limited and all attendees must follow our COVID protocols.

**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**  
**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Purchase green products, such as green cleaners, green laundry detergent, products made from recycled

materials, low-energy appliances, fuel-efficient cars, and compact fluorescent or led light bulbs. Use your buying power to be green! Help the environment with your wallet!

**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 27<sup>th</sup> and is FF Inquirers #6: Social Action & Community Service**. 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
1/27/21	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>
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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>	