

Announcements

Faith Development: 12:30: Pre-K - 1st graders; **1:30 pm:** 2nd - 6th graders; **3:00pm:** Teens. This exciting week has us dreaming of wonderful opportunities to see our country "build back better". And so, in keeping with our theme of Imagination, the topic of Sunday's class is "Dream of a World without Covid". We'll share our frustrations with a seemingly never-ending time of distancing and dream up ways to use our masks once they are no longer needed for their original purpose. Contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org for links to join a class, or for more information about our Faith Development program.

Young Adults are now meeting only the 2nd Sunday, at 7:30 pm virtually on Zoom – Millennials, Gen Xers, and Gen Zs, are welcome to tune in to the YUng Adult Virtual Coffee Hour on **Sunday, Jan 24th 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 if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

Auction 2020-2021: Pick 'N Click River Givers Virtual Auction:



"Pick N Click" River Givers Virtual Auction

We hope you enjoyed the live auction as much as we did Saturday night! The music was great (as always)! Diane Lade's interviews & quizzes of River of Grass Beloveds "from the beginning" to more recent years, was so fascinating, it was hard to pull away to start bidding! Thanks so much to all of you that have joined in to make this January event successful! If you missed it, you are in luck- the auction continues through Jan 31st! Click into our Auction site to register, to see new items and to sign up for these events still open! [Silent Auction Pro - Click here to register](#)

- If you didn't register for the auction there is still time. Click the link to register and start bidding!

- **We are not constrained by our 4 walls, and you can participate whether you are in Davie, Maine, Arizona, or Paris.**
- Free online bidding will remain open through Jan 31st, and of course, you can bid from your smartphone, too!

Check back regularly as new items keep coming in! AND... you can still contribute items as well! Let us know at auction@riverofgrassuu.org.

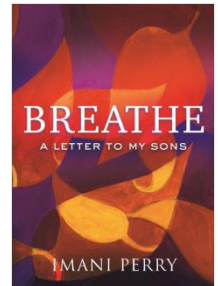
[River of Grass Auction Catalog](#)

Your 2020 Contribution Statement – Has been Delivered to Your Email Inbox!

River of Grass has recognized that printing hardcopy contribution statements and using regular mail to send them is not the most efficient or planet-friendly process. In order to save paper, time, and money, we have now been sending your statements directly to your email inbox. We have emailed the January - December 2020 Contribution Statements to each adult member of a pledging unit for whom we have an email address on Friday, January 15th. Please be on the lookout for your contribution statement in the mail if it was not in your inbox (or junk/spam folder). If you wish to designate just one email address, to update your email contact information, or to opt out, please send an email to office@riverofgrassuu.org at any time.

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](#).

WhaleCoast Alaska 2021

Have you ever wanted to visit Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2021 is for you! 4 Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental and spiritual tour program this summer, when it will be safe to travel again. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and awe-inspiring tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. WhaleCoast Alaska is an inspirational way to visit our beautiful state. Complete info at: www.WhaleCoastAK.org. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won't want to miss!

Additional contact information:

David Frey, WhaleCoast Alaska Tour Director, (907) 322-4966, dfrey@whalecoastak.org
www.WhaleCoastAK.org

Flowing River Sangha - We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Jan 26th 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.

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/>

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 19th through Feb 21st**. 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 7th 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. 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: Report smoking vehicles, as one problem car can pollute more than 100 times a standard car. Call 954-519-1499 or visit Broward.org/air and click "Smoking Vehicles".

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 27th and is FF Inquirers #6: Social Action & Community Service**. For more information, email Zena Tucker, 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.

Monetary Donations		
Method	How	Processing fees paid by River of Grass
Check	Write CC on memo line Mail to River of Grass: 3225 N Hiatus Rd, Unit 452485 Sunrise, FL 33345	\$0
Checking account via Vanco	Set up payment on our Donations page . Designate on the Capital Campaign line	\$0.45 per transaction plus processing fee 1%

Credit Card via Vanco	Set up payment on our Donations page . 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	https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/my/profile In the notes write "Capital Campaign"	Varies based on method of payment
Zelle	Use your bank to set up \$ transfer. Send Zelle payment to CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org .	\$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>#0188 - TD Ameritrade Institutional A/C #944110334</p> <p>RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION, INC.</p> <p>The donor should notify the CC Team and the Office Administrator of the details of the donation by emailing CapitalCapaign@riverofgrassuu.org.</p>	