

Announcements

Young Adults are meeting every Sunday at 6:30 pm virtually on Zoom – Millennials, Gen Xers, and Gen Zs, are welcome to tune in to the YUUnG Adult Virtual Coffee Hour on **Sunday, May 31st at 6:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Please email youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

Flowing River Sangha – We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Jun 2nd 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.

Thursday Mindfulness Drop-in 6:00 pm – How are you doing, and are you tending to any felt anxiety or stress? Are you taking time to pause and check-in with your heart, body and mind? Consider joining tonight's community mindfulness Zoom session every Thursday at 6:00 pm. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, Jun 4th at 6:00 pm** on <https://zoom.us/j/551319571>. **Note:** This is not a class, just a time to pause and notice, and share with others. Drop in any week. Contact: Carolyn@insightinstitutellc.com or Scott@Insightinstitutellc.com.

Faith Development – Parents Having Coffee Online - Parents will join together to share their woes, joys and ahas in a Zoom Room on **Saturday morning, Jun 6th at 10:00 am**. Look for an email from Karen Gonzalez religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.

Faith Forward Inquirers Series is back! The Faith Forward Inquirers Series meets on Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Zoom. It 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 also 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 Jun 3rd and is FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults. For more information, please email Zena Tucker, membership@riverofgrassuu.org. Zoom link for each is: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

Date	Time	Event
6/3/20	6:30 - 7:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
6/10/20	6:30 - 7:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
6/17/20	6:30 - 7:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
7/1/20	6:30 - 7:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
7/8/20	6:30 - 7:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
7/15/20	6:30 - 7:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources

River of Grass New Member Sunday - Our next celebration for new members will be Sunday Jun 7th, during service. If you are interested in becoming a member of River of Grass, please

message us or email membership@riverofgrassuu.org

River of Grass Cafe' Virtually Presents Kiya Heartwood on Saturday, Jun 20th at 8:00 pm.

Kiya Heartwood is an award-winning roots rock and folk singer-songwriter. She has just returned from touring her one woman show, Song Tales from the American Edge in Ireland and the UK. The UK's Broadway Baby describes Kiya Heartwood (Stealin Horses, Wishing Chair) as "an award-winning American singer-songwriter who writes smart, funny and poignant songs about the famous and not-so-famous legends of America. Kiya's music serves up a lively batch of original songs that follow on to two of the oldest traditions of folk music: storytelling and political broadside." Tickets are \$15 per person. ([Purchase using this link and using the BUY NOW button.](#)) Please purchase a ticket for each person attending the virtual concert. More than ever, artists are depending on us during this time of social distancing. You will receive a link to the ZOOM concert before the scheduled date/time. **(Please note: Ticket sales close at 4:00 pm on the day of the concert.)**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) ONLINE JUNE 24-28 Want to participate in GA? This is the year! Our UU faithful will hold GA online this year, so this is a great opportunity to be part of it. GA (General Assembly) is the annual meeting of our faith through the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association). Attending GA can be a very uplifting and moving experience, as it's an opportunity to witness the broad impact of our faith. There is money in our budget for several folks to register and participate in GA online. If interested, please reach out to Scott May at president@riverofgrassuu.org.

Children's Summer Fellowship - Through the summer months, our River of Grass children will be exploring our National Zoo, virtually, with games and activities - making connections to our 7th Principle which calls us to value Earth's web of life. **If you'd like to be a part of this adventure by hosting a Sunday or two, contact Diane Lade, FD Committee Chair, faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org.**

Welcoming Congregation Opportunity – Have you started it yet? “Transgender Inclusion in Congregations” course, of course

River of Grass UU congregation has made a commitment to be welcoming to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We became a UUA recognized Welcoming Congregation June 4, 2002. Throughout this past congregational year, the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Team has taken intentional steps to renew our commitment to welcoming and inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

We are now offering “Transgender Inclusion in Congregations.” This module is a very important one for all of us.

This course is for congregations who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and learn how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity. Over 6 session you will deeply explore the intersection of trans identity, spirituality and faith community and gain the grounding, context and skills to transform yourself and our congregation.

This module can be very deeply moving, with personal reflection. Many people may need to process what they learned. We will also talk about how the River can incorporate changes to become more naturally welcoming. We will be scheduling some Zoom sessions for anyone who wishes to participate.

Yes, we are already pretty welcoming, but awareness of the multi-layers of identity can make critical subtle changes to improve our welcome to all.

Please take advantage of this “stay at home” time to take this course. You can view the sessions at your own pace. For more information and the link to connect to the sessions, contact Kathy at Welcoming@riverofgrassuu.org.

Clothing, Masks and Hygiene Products Needed at LifeNet4Families - LifeNet4Families has suspended their volunteer program but the staff continues to hand out about 300 hot to-go meals a day, Monday-Friday, as well as providing showers, food boxes and bags.

If you would like to help, LifeNet has provided a list of items they need. The items can be dropped off **outside** the gate at LifeNet from 8:00am to noon, Monday-Friday. Let the security guards at the gate know that you have a donation and then leave it outside the gate (or security can get a staff member to come out). LifeNet4Families is in need of:

- Hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, soap/shower gel, razors, shave cream, lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Specific menswear (t-shirts, shorts, belts, underwear, socks, sneakers)
- Masks for clients (homemade or store bought)

Location and Directions:

Lifenet4Families, 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

On Broward Blvd. just east of 441 on the north side of the road.

Landmark: there is a Mobil gas station at the corner of 33rd Terrace and Broward Blvd.

Stay safe! Any questions about LifeNet4Families please contact Judi Oltmans, SSJGT@RiverofGrassUU.org.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Stop paper billing statements! Simply go online and set up your bills and investments to send electronic statements, via email. It only takes a couple of minutes, and you will have less paper to deal with and will save trees!