

Announcements

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

Faith Development: Back-to-School Devices Blessing Children, parents, teachers, bring your back-to-school devices to worship on Sunday morning to receive blessings from your River of Grass community. Your blessing tags are being delivered to doorsteps this weekend.

Teacher Blessing We'll also share a blessing for our Faith Development teachers as they begin this year's FD journeys with our kiddos.

Family Vespers Service: Sunday, 5:00 pm This Sunday, in lieu of class time, Rev. Amy and Ms. Karen will be leading a Family Vespers service at 5:00 pm. We're excited to have all of our families gathered in one place (virtually) to share in story, song and spirit. Contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org for more information.

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, Sep 6th 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.

Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions - Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults; [Zoom link for 6pm](#) For more info contact Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com, or visit <https://www.insightinstitutellc.com>.

Flowing River Sangha – We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Sep 8th 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.

MAKE A VOTING PLAN The Nov 3rd election is two months away, but in an election year like no other, it's critical to have a personal Voting Plan. To help you make your plan, answer these three key questions:

- **How are you going to vote?** Besides voting in person on Election Day, you have the option to vote on one of your county's Early Voting days in late October, giving you a wider choice of days; alternatively Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots may be mailed in or dropped in secure drop boxes at FL Supervisor of Elections' main and branch offices and Early Voting sites. **Using VBM dropboxes bypasses Post Office delays – if you choose to mail in your VBM ballot, fill it out and mail it back right after receiving it. VBM ballots must arrive by the deadline of 7 pm on Election Day.**
- **When and where are you going to vote?** Pick a date, mark it on your calendar, and line up a ride if you need one. Note: Early Voting dates, as currently listed on the Broward County

SOE website, are: Monday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Nov. 1 (7 am–7 pm) (Verify early voting dates and locations closer to the election on your SOE website.) (If you're planning to use a VBM ballot and haven't requested it yet, do it now by visiting: <https://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Vote-By-Mail-Voting>)

- **Who are you going to vote for?** Obvious, but key! Don't forget about local races—take some time to look at who will be on your ballot on the League of Women Voters online ballot guide: www.vote411.org/ballot or ask people you know who are well-informed and share your voting values.

Note: Voter information above is extracted from the Broward Supervisor of Elections (SOE) website (<https://www.browardsoe.org/>). Some information may not be final and/or subject to change; voters should verify all voting information on their county's SOE website. To be involved in promoting safe and fair elections in 2020, contact the Elders Stand for Fair Elections Florida team at FairElections-FL@eldersaction.org.

bUUKies Are “Loving Eleanor” The September read for the bUUKies is “Loving Eleanor” by Susan Wittig Albert. This account tells of the affair and enduring friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and AP reporter Lorena Hickok, beginning in 1928 and ending with both women's deaths in the 1960s. It's based on thousands of letters kept by Lorena Hickok which were sealed until the 1970s.

“*Loving Eleanor* is Hick's personal story, revealing Eleanor as a complex, contradictory, and entirely human woman who is pulled in many directions by her obligations to her husband and family and her role as the nation's First Lady, as well as by a compelling need to care and be cared for. For her part, Hick is revealed as an accomplished journalist, who, at the pinnacle of her career, gives it all up for the woman she loves. Then, as Eleanor is transformed into Eleanor Everywhere, First Lady of the World, Hick must create her own independent, productive life.” The Fall 2020 bUUKies selections are all political! Our remaining selections for the fall are:

“Rodham” by Curtis Sittenfeld – what if Hillary had not married Bill?

“American Spy” by Lauren Wilkinson – a black woman CIA agent and American adventurism in the 1980s? Oh, yes.

“The Plague” by Albert Camus – the classic novel which bears too many parallels to our modern times.

Buukies meet by Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm, so the next meeting is Wednesday, Sep 9th. A link will be sent to the regular buukies. If not on our list, e-mail bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org and a link will be sent!

Faith Forward Inquirers Series is back! The Faith Forward Inquirers Series meets on Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm on Zoom, see the updated 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 **Sep 9th and is FF Inquirers #2: UU History, Principles, and Sources**. For more information, email Zena Tucker, membership@riverofgrassuu.org. Zoom link for our session is: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

Date	Time	Event
9/9/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles, and Sources
9/16/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
9/23/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
9/30/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
10/7/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
10/14/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
10/21/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
10/28/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources
11/4/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
11/11/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
11/18/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
12/2/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
12/9/20	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: AVOID BEEF! Avoiding beef is most likely the #1 thing each of us can do to help the environment. Compared to other meats, beef generates 5 times the greenhouse gases, uses 11 times the water, and 28 times the land, according to the National Academy of Sciences. Skip the beef, save the planet.