

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie, FL 33325

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

River of Grass Weekly Update – June 6, 2024

Play is Serious Work – a Faith Development Worship Experience

“It is a happy talent to know how to play.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Let’s take a playful look at a serious subject. Our children and youth have spent the last year learning about the proposed updates to our Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws. If that doesn’t sound like fun to you, then think again! Children learn by playing, so let’s all be a little playful and see what we can learn. American Naturalist, John Muir, said it best, “Surely, all God’s people like to play!”

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning – either in person at our new location in Davie (info below) or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat before the service. We’ll be watching for you!

In person at:

- **11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325** ([Click for Directions](#))
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our [Facebook page](#).

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>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, June 9, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “Play is Serious Work – a Faith Development Worship Experience” - Karen Gonzalez and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday, our children and youth will participate in our Annual Flower Communion worship. There will be no formal classes for kids during worship.

Do you have a special talent, skill, or game that you'd like to share with our kiddos this summer? Sign up to lead a lesson on your Sunday of choice. See Diane Lade (FD Chair) or contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at <https://loc.gov/>.

Flowing River Sangha meditation on Sunday Mornings

The Flowing River Sangha meets on Sunday mornings at **8:30 AM via Zoom**. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator. Gary Gonzalez has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. Join us via Zoom at the following link: [Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link](#). We look forward to seeing you there. Peace.

Happy PRIDE!

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, and concerts, and LGBTQIA+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. Source: Library of Congress [loc.gov](#)



June 12 - Pulse Remembrance Day

On a summer night in 2016, an unspeakable tragedy struck the city of Orlando, Florida. Pulse nightclub, a vibrant hub for the LGBTQ+ community, was the scene of a horrifying act of violence that forever marked it in the annals of American history. Forty-nine lives were ruthlessly snuffed out, their absence creating an abyss of grief that echoed through countless lives left behind. This catastrophic event disrupted countless lives and ignited an enduring conversation about hate, love, and resilience that stretches far beyond the borders of the Sunshine State.

Every year, we collectively observe the Pulse Night of Remembrance. This solemn act of communal memory is a tribute to the lives lost and a testament to the resilience and strength of a community that refuses to be silenced by hate. More than just an annual ritual, it is a moment of reflection within the larger sociopolitical context of ongoing struggles for LGBTQ+ rights and a much-needed overhaul of gun control policies.

Source: [clayreessoms.com](#)



Other Events:

Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions:

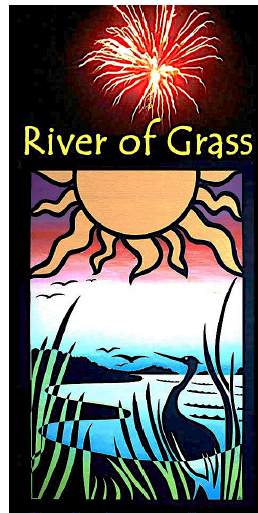
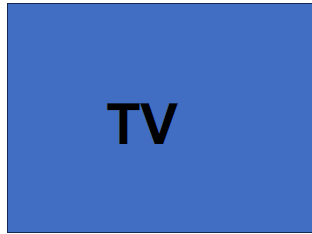
Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, [zoom link for Thursday at 6 pm](#)

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

RoG Men’s Group – We will meet tonight, Thursday, Jun 6th. We are meeting **in person or via Zoom at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce:** The official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325. Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at **Lester’s Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323.** We’ll meet there at 5:30 pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify as male are invited to join us! **Our next meeting is on Jun 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM,** in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). **Our topic tonight is: “The Art of Imperfection: WABI-SABI”.** If you’re joining us for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so that he can coordinate space.) For questions: contact Ken; at mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

Spiritual Art is Creating Banners for the Sanctuary

River of Grass Spiritual Art group meets on the **second and fourth Saturdays at 2:00 pm in our space, 11850 W State Rd 84 Ste A9** for an open studio. We have been designing Banners for the Chancel wall. There will be six banners, three on either side of the large TV. They will be spread across the wall. Three feet wide by about 6-8 feet high. The banners can be changed easily, perhaps seasonally. The 6-color Pride Flag was created in 1977 by artist and gay activist Gilbert Baker. He was tasked by Harvey Milk, the first openly gay member of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, who was assassinated in 1978. Baker was inspired by the classic song “Over the Rainbow” from the 1939 movie “The Wizard of Oz”. As the LGBTQ+ community has grown over the years a current version of the flag now includes 4 additional colors: the baby pink and blue represents the Trans community. The black and brown stripes are for black and brown LGBTQ+ people; people of color. Join us at our space, 11850 W State Rd 84 Ste A9 on the second and fourth Saturdays from 2:00 - 4:00 pm as we create the banners. If coming, please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow SpiritualArt@riverofgrassuu.org. Upcoming meeting dates are Jun 8, Jun 22, Jul 13, and Jul 27.



MUUies – Junel title is "Killer of the Flower Moon". Co-written, produced, and directed by Martin Scorsese. **We will meet on Wednesday, Jun 12th at 7:00 pm to discuss this mUUVie.** [River MUUVies Zoom Link](#)

The Film is a 2023 American epic Western crime drama film starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert DeNiro, and Lily Gladstone, it is set in 1920s Oklahoma. It focuses on a series of murders of Osage members and relations in the Osage Nation after oil was discovered on tribal land. The tribal members had retained mineral rights on their reservation, but a corrupt local political boss sought to steal the wealth.



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Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow at mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.

BUUKies June Read – "Yellowface" by R. F. Kuang. **We will meet on Wednesday, Jun 19th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUUK.** [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

The BUUK is a satire of racial diversity in the publishing industry as well as a metafiction about social media, particularly Twitter. June Hayward, an unsuccessful young author, finds herself the only witness to the death of her former classmate and friend, Athena Liu, a Chinese-American author who is an industry darling. She decides to position herself as the best friend of the author and begins to edit and re-write Athena's manuscript. As she changes more and more of the draft, June begins to feel ownership over the novel and decides to publish it as her original work.



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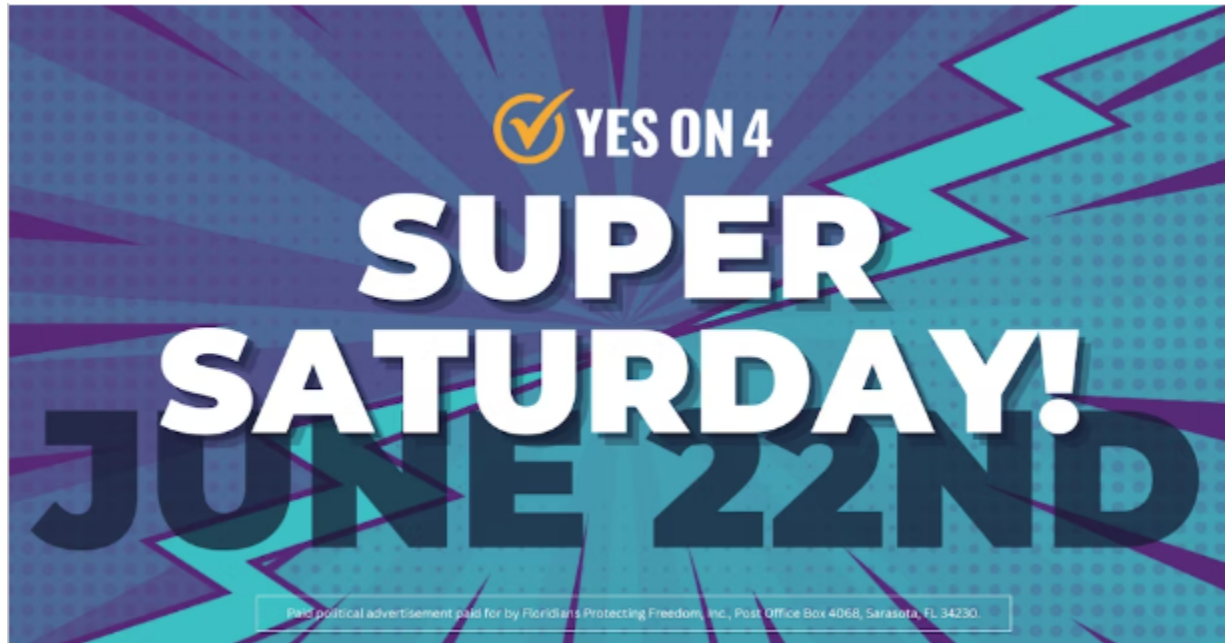
BUUKies will discuss "Home Front" on Wednesday, Jun 19th at 7:00 pm.

Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.

Yes on 4! Social Justice Action – River of Grass has signed up to be a host site for monthly trainings and gatherings in support of restoring the rights of pregnant people in Florida by passing Amendment 4*.

On June 22nd, we will need hospitality and childcare volunteers as well as people participating in the outreach training, which runs from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Sign up by contacting Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org or on the clipboard during hospitality time on Sunday.

*The following language would be added to the state constitution: "Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider." [1]



SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Check your attic insulation. Over time insulation can compress and redistribute, limiting its effectiveness. A quick inspection may identify spots where a radiant barrier and/or additional insulation is needed. The small inspection fee may easily be offset by reduced electric bills, and you are helping our planet.

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

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