

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 13, 2024

Homily to Those who are Fathers

We sometimes ignore our Menfolk, whatever gender they are. My Message is to honor them the same way we honor our mothers. So come as you are, from whatever space you find yourself in and there will be about 10 minutes set aside in the sermon to just get up and say something you love about that special man in your life. ***For Father's Day, congregants are encouraged to share a story or something special about their father(s) or a special man/person who took on that role in their lives. Those on Zoom can leave a message in the chat to be shared.***

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 16, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “Homily to Those who are Fathers” - Andy Perez

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

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 ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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.

SUUSI - Registration and Staff Update

SUUSI is extending the Early Bird Registration discount to **June 15** in the hope that they can increase the number of SUUSI attendees this year. That new deadline is coming up fast! Please make sure you have completed your registration by the end of Saturday to qualify for a \$50/person discount.

If you're having trouble affording SUUSI, while we have distributed all of our SUUSIship funds, several of our programs are still looking for staff. Youth, Middlers, Teens, and Services (Move In/Move Out) still require a few staff people. [Apply today!](#)



SUUSI 2024

July 21-27
Radford University
Radford, Virginia

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/>

Volunteer at Stonewall Pride in Wilton Manors! Show your support for Equality Florida and the Yes on 4! campaign by volunteering at Stonewall Pride in Wilton Manors **this Saturday, June 15th**!

Here's the [registration link](#) for those interested in joining Karen and Gary Gonzalez at this event. We'll be engaging with folks in attendance and asking them to commit to voting Yes on 4, receiving our EQFL Voter Guide, and encouraging them to register to vote by mail!

Where: 2435 N Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Time: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Gary and Karen are taking the 6:00 - 7:00 pm shift)

Tickets: We will be purchasing tickets for all of our volunteers. Someone will be reaching out to confirm everyone's attendance and will provide ticket details afterward.

All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.



Unitarian Universalism

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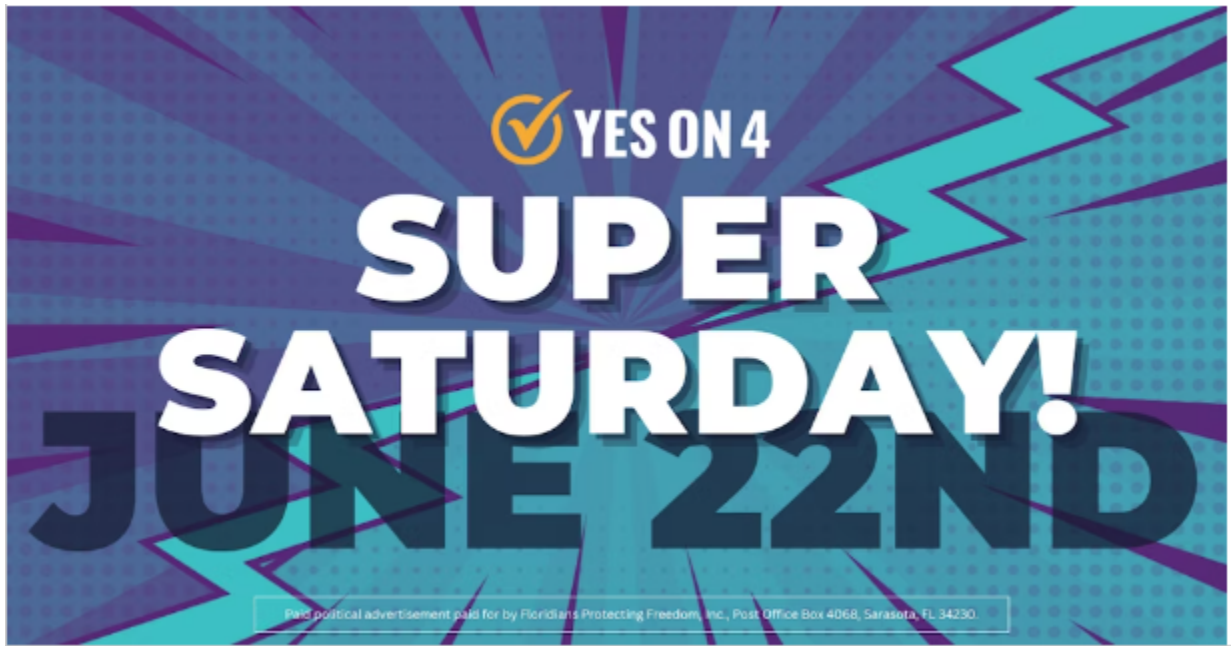
Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.

RoG Men's Group – We will meet next Thursday, Jun 20th. 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](#). 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.

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*.

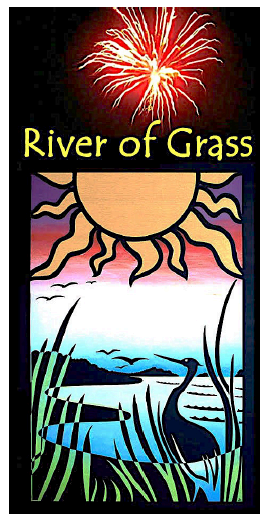
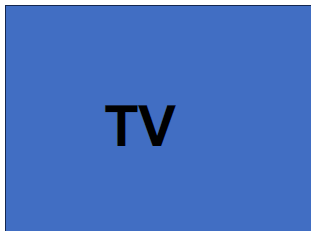
On June 22nd, we will need hospitality and childcare volunteers as well as people participating in the outreach training, which runs from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Sign up by contacting Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org or on the clipboard during hospitality time on Sunday.

*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]



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 22, Jul 13, and Jul 27.



SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Irrigate during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speeds are the lowest. This reduces water loss through evaporation. Also, position sprinklers to put all the water on your lawn and landscape, not onto paved areas nearby. This weekend: Please take a few minutes, check your sprinkler system timing and positioning...and live our 7th principle.

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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