

Reflections

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION
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YOUR ONE WILD AND PRECIOUS 2012

By Marjie Loring, Board President

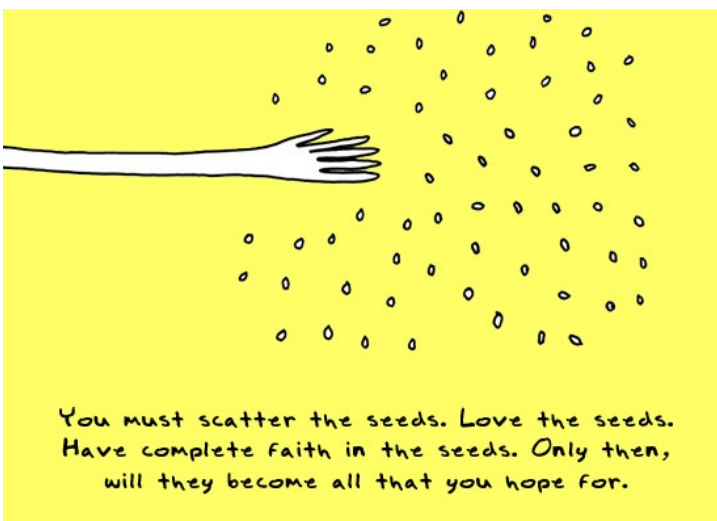


As the new year rolls around, resolutions abound: organize the garage, get in shape, spend more quality time with the kids, find a more rewarding job, find ways to reduce stress ... and on and on the list goes. This is the time of year when, typically, we reflect on those things in our lives that we wish to change or improve upon because with the New Year comes the proverbial clean

slate. So, what WILL you do with your one wild and precious year 2012?

Here's a challenge. How about resolving to do three things: something for your personal health and well-being, something for the health and well-being of others, and something for the health and well-being of your River of Grass community?

I can hear some of you now. "THREE things? Are you serious? I will be lucky to accomplish ONE!" I am not trying to encourage you to be overachievers. In fact, it is just the opposite. This year I want you to think small. I want you to think attainable. Trying to plant a full-grown oak tree when all you have is a spoon will only wear you down. This is why so many New Year's resolutions fail.



Instead, plant seeds - three small seeds - and help them slowly take on a life of their own. Choose your seeds wisely and set your sights on nurturing them throughout 2012. If you do this they will grow, and you will grow with them. Write them down and carry them in your wallet or purse, or put them on a mirror that you look at every day.

Most importantly, choose seeds that will grow into something you can fully embrace and from

which you, and others, can draw nourishment. In the words of Emma's Revolution, "Take the seed that you have and plant it here. Give it water and time for a day, or a year. Take the seed that you have and plant it here. Give it love, give it love."

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By Leana Bresnahan, Membership Chair

On December 11th, River of Grass celebrated New Member Sunday with a ceremony during the worship service, followed by a potluck New Member Lunch attended by many members of the congregation. We joyfully welcomed seven new adult members along with their children:

- ◆ **Rosi Alberti-Gimeno** and **Fernando Gimeno**, with their children, **Sebastian** and **Gabriel**
- ◆ **Grant Enright** (married to **Erin Robinson-Enright**, father of **Emma**)
- ◆ **David Henkel** and **Elyse Brunt**
- ◆ **Dan and Steven Scanlon**, with their children, **Ava** and **Daniel**

On that day, we also bid a fond farewell to the **Dickson-French** family. **Karen, Dan, Olga** and **Luda** are moving to Michigan, and will be sorely missed. If you wish to sign their River of Grass memory book, please look for it before or after any worship service in January.

The Membership Committee will hold the next Pathway to Membership classes in January 2012, open to all who are considering joining River of Grass on our next New Member Sunday on February 19th, 2012. Please watch your weekly congregational e-mails for the dates, and sign up at worship service or e-mail Membership@riverofgrass.org if you are interested.

The next Membership Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th after worship service.



SERVICES

- Jan. 1 "Reverence for Life," by Rev. Steve Maier, delivered by Steve Jens-Rochow
- Jan. 8 "The More You Know," by Rev. Amy Carol Webb
- Jan. 15 "Signs Along the Way," by Rev. Jeff Briere
- Jan. 22 TBD, with David Roth
- Jan. 29 TBD, with Johnnie Peck & Kip Barkley

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OUR PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

OUR SUNDAY LOCATION

11850 W. State Road 84, Suite 1, Davie, FL 33325

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Service: 10:30 to 11:30am. **Hospitality Hour:** 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Faith Development Classes: 10:45 to 11:45am

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

There is plenty of parking outside the sanctuary, but please leave the closer parking spaces for our guests and physically challenged worshippers.

All meetings are held at 11850 W State Road 84, Suite 1 in Davie unless otherwise noted.

AUCTION MAKES OVER 13 GRAND (AND THERE'S STILL MORE PARTIES FOR SALE)

By Esther Sampol and Audrey Stang, Auction Co-Chairs

Our first River of Grass Annual Auction event in our new home was a wonderful success! Attendees wined, dined, danced and shopped, raising a total of \$13,372. We continued the River of Grass tradition of donating 10% of this to LifeNet4Families, sharing our abundance with those less fortunate. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this a magical evening!

Many of you have expressed an interest in having another opportunity to sign up for a River of Grass Auction Party. Perhaps you were not able to attend the auction – or you forgot to sign up for one. Some events still have openings.

If you would like to attend one of these fun parties, please send an email to Auction@riverofgrass.org, indicate which party (or parties) you wish to attend (along with the number of people attending), and we will contact you to make the arrangements.

We hope to see you at one (or more) of these wonderful, community events!

Saturday, February 4, 2012 - 6:30pm

A Masquerade Ball - Get out those fancy prom dresses or Nehru suits (thrift stores, here we come!), don a fancy mask, and have fun dancing and dining to tunes from your favorite decade (or decades). This party will feature music from all eras! Wear an outfit from your favorite decade – it doesn't even have to be your own! Hmmm. Will we know who you are? (Donation: \$25)

Friday, January 20, 2012 - 7:00pm

Mask Design Workshop - This is not a party - BUT if you want an original mask for the Masquerade Ball, this is the place to be! Want to wear something eye-catching? The Spiritual Arts Group is sponsoring a workshop to get you ready for the Ball! How much fun is that? The Spiritual Arts team will provide the supplies, expertise, guidance and artistic direction. (If you'd like, you can bring a few crafty items to share with the group, but this is not required! You can just show up and make a marvelous mask!) Don't miss this opportunity to have the MOST ORIGINAL MASK for the Ball! (Donation: \$10)

Sunday, February 5, 2012 - 12:00pm

Super Bowl Party - Be where the fun is for the Super Bowl at **Sam and Karrie Jacks'** home. Giant HD TV, fabulous food, including caviar pizza, and liberal libations. Come root for your favorite team or come for the food and fun! You're guaranteed to have a good time! (Donation: \$35)

Saturday, March 3, 2012 - 6:30pm

Beatles Blast - Re-live the Beatles era with a fantastic Beatles concert and sing-along featuring our very own River of Grass Musicians. Come for the music, come for the food and wine, and come just for the FUN of it! (Donation: \$25)

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 6:30pm

Greek OPA Dancing Party - Come learn the steps and then spend the evening showing off your new moves! OPA! Food and drinks will be provided as you dance the night away! Guaranteed to be a memorable event with your River of Grass friends! (Donation: \$35)

Saturday, June 2, 2012 - 6:30pm

River of Gas Saloon Murder Mystery Party - Now that Marshall T. Pott has cleaned up the town, what could go wrong? As he makes his way to the Chili Cook Off party being thrown at the "River of Gas Saloon", everyone is ready to celebrate when, suddenly, shots ring out and Marshall falls to his death from the balcony. Will you be the guest who solves the mystery? Sign up for this special Board of Trustee's Dinner Party and get ready for an evening of fun and laughter. (Wild West costumes are optional, but will definitely add to the fun!) The Board will be offering five varieties of Chili and all the fixin's for omnivores and vegans alike. This is one Wild West auction adventure you will never forget! (Donation: \$35)

Saturday, October 6, 2012 - 7:00pm

Latin Potluck Fiesta - Enjoy a wonderful evening of food, music, and fellowship with a Latin flair. In exchange for bringing your favorite Latin appetizer, dish, or dessert, the **Bresnahans** will provide the place, the music, and the drinks! (If you wish, **Leana** will provide you with a recipe gathered from her travels in Latin America.) In addition, the Bresnahans will match each \$20 donation, up to a total of \$500. This is truly a win-win for all! (Donation: \$20)

FAITH DEVELOPMENT NEWS

By Diane Lade, Faith Development Co-Chair

The new year is a time when Unitarian Universalists, along with those of many faiths, count their blessings. We, who are guiding our River of Grass children as they grow and explore, can be grateful for so many gifts of the heart and spirit in our new home.

We started December with our first holiday gathering in many years, featuring crafts, treats, caroling and even a surprise visit from St. Nick himself! Thanks to the many volunteers who made this happen and especially to **Monica Dyer** and **Laura Secord**, the coordinators.

Then another seasonal favorite made a comeback: the holiday play, once a River of Grass tradition. This year, we had an intergenerational cast and choir perform *Would You Like to Hold the Baby?*, a retelling of the Nativity story with an emphasis on UU values: respect, being inclusive and extending hospitality. Our



kids even received a standing ovation. We appreciate the support from our many volun-

teers, parents and the congregation.

For parents of children age 13 and older: There will be two important programs coming up in early 2012: Our Whole Lives (OWL) I, and Affirmation. OWL I is an in-depth look at youth sexuality, ethical decision making and values formation. Affirmation is a UU “coming of age” class where teens discuss spiritual questions and develop their personal belief statements. Parents will be receiving more information about these programs in January and also are invited to contact Faith Development at: FaithDevelopment@riverofgrass.org. There will be alternate religious education classes for youth who do not want to participate in these programs.

Here is the latest in continuing updates on what our children are learning on Sunday mornings. This one is from the middle-school teachers: **Judi Oltmans**, **Marilisa Lawless**

and **Rob Giblin-Davis**.

Judi, Marilisa and Rob are continuing the “Gospel According to the Simpsons” curriculum with the middle schoolers. We just finished the tenth episode of the Simpsons’ Bible stories, and are moving forward with additional episodes that focus on spiritual topics that the Simpsons confront.

We have already watched episodes where Bart sells his soul, allowing us the opportunity to define and discuss the possible existence of a soul. We also have looked into the ephemeral nature of life as Homer thinks he has ingested a lethal dose of puffer fish toxin after a night at a sushi bar. This provided a chance to discuss the stages of dying and a listing of personal life priorities, or a “bucket list.” The existence of angels, the temptations of sin, the power of prayer, are recent topics.

Future topics include the power of faith healing versus chicanery as Bart discovers an unknown “gift,” Lisa’s experiment with Buddhism, Maggie and the Catholics, forgiveness, the cost of greed, everything in moderation, and missionary impossible. The Simpsons make studying spirituality fun!

Some of you also may have noticed that our childcare worker, Yolanda Algarin, is no longer with us. Yolanda needed to resign due to an unexpected personal situation that conflicted with her schedule. We wish her well and appreciate the care she gave our children. Stephanie Hernandez has been hired to temporarily fill this position and we invite you to say hello. Stephanie joins us on Sundays with her de-

A NEW YEAR FOR FORGIVENESS

By Kathy Jens-Rochow, Women’s Group Facilitator

The topic for the Women’s Group Discussion will be “forgiveness.” As we enter the New Year, it is a good time to look at forgiveness and moving on. Les Brown tells us two important things about forgiveness:

“Forgive those who have hurt you.”

“Forgive yourself your faults and your mistakes and move on.”

The River of Grass Women’s Group meets the fourth Monday of the month to discuss topics which are important to women. The group is open to all River of Grass women and their women friends. January’s meeting will be Monday, January 23 at 7:30pm.

For more information, please contact **Kathy Jens-Rochow** at WomensGroup@riverofgrass.org.



BOARD MATTERS

By Susan Juncosa, Secretary

The Board met a week early in December due to a scheduling conflict. You would think that would mean fewer events and less to report, but NO! Somehow the congregation made a campout, a concert, Thanksgiving, all the usual meetings and an AUCTION happen in four short weeks. Sometimes you people make me tired!

The Treasurer reported on how the Finance Committee is handling the concert donations for Acts, Inc. collected in the Café "Tip Jar." The collection for UNICEF's Trick or Treat was \$500 – double that of last year. The month of November showed a positive gain.

The Policy Team presented a draft of the new Memorial Services policy. (See sidebar on this page.) Members of the worship, hospitality and pastoral-care teams were involved with the crafting of this policy. Suggested revisions were made by the board to be consistent in family-definition language when referring to building usage, and the minister's responsibility.

It was the Faith Development Committee's turn to shine as they presented the Holiday Gathering and the Christmas Play. But these committee members don't get to rest, as they will usher in the New Year with Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes. Other local congregations will be invited to participate. Our Beacon youth group will host a CON in April. And check out the nursery and teen room to see the wall paintings (complete or in progress). Unfortunately, our new Sunday childcare worker had to resign. Stephanie Hernandez has started in her place on a temporary basis.

With great joy, the Membership Committee planned the welcome of new members on December 11. With equal sorrow, they sponsored a good-bye event for the **Dickson-French** family upon their departure for the frozen tundra of Michigan. They will be greatly missed. This Committee is also dividing the new member orientation into two parts. The first part is an orientation to River of Grass itself. All prospective new members would take this class. The second part is an orientation to Unitarian Universalism. Part Two will be required for all who are new to the faith, but not for people who are transferring their membership from another UU congregation or who grew up with significant exposure to Unitarian Universalism.

The Service and Social Justice Committee is working on congregational education about a constitutional amendment, referred to as the People's Rights Resolution, that would overturn a 2010 court decision giving corporations the same rights as people. (See article on page 6.) And the Worship Committee is filling the final openings in the Sunday service schedule as well as continuing to improve the audio and light system. Finally, it should be noted that construction and installation of sound panels will resume in January.

In other items of business, the Board voted to place the Christmas Eve offering in the River of Grass Benevolence Fund. The pastoral care team will be responsible for distribution. **Ken Bresnahan** and **Tom Robinson** have been nominated for the Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE). The Board will host a Congregational meeting on February 5th to present board goals, the shared vision, draft budgets from the finance committee and a recap of our ministerial options for 2012-2013. The Board will have a special meeting in January to plan this event. Please talk to any Board member if there are questions about any of these items.

PROPOSED NEW POLICY – MEMORIAL SERVICES

By Kathy Jens-Rochow and Janet Schwartz

At the December 2011 Board of Trustees meeting, the board received the following proposed policy on memorial services. The proposed policy was crafted by members associated with the worship, hospitality, and pastoral care teams and is now being shared with the membership at River of Grass.

The policy team (Policies@riverofgrass.org) welcomes your comments or concerns, and will present them to the board at their January meeting.

A. Memorial Services

1. The River of Grass minister will preside at the memorial service for a member, member's spouse/partner, or child(ren) at no cost to the member's family. In the absence of a minister, a member of the River of Grass Pastoral Care Team will be available to preside over a lay led memorial service, or River of Grass will provide a local, ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, if requested by the family. Family members would be asked to offer an honorarium to the minister if the service is for a family member not listed in this section.
2. The congregational facility will be available at no charge for the memorial service of a member, or a member's immediate family. Immediate family includes spouse/partner, child(ren), parent and siblings. Scheduling, usage, clean-up, etc. will be in accordance with the facility usage policy.
3. The congregational calendar must be considered when scheduling the service to avoid conflicts. Delivery of floral arrangements or food items shall be scheduled during the posted office hours, or coordinated with a member of the facilities team.
4. The minister, or a member of the pastoral care team, will work with the member or member's family to coordinate the service. When requested, members of the River of Grass worship committee, caring committee and facilities team will be available to assist with the service, audio/visual support and hospitality before and after the service.
5. The family shall be responsible for expenses such as musician(s), special audio/visual effects, flower arrangements, order of service copies, guest book, refreshments, and other items not specifically men-

AND SERVICE IS OUR LAW

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SSJC) ISSUE 2012: OVERTURNING SUPREME COURT CITIZENS UNITED DECISION

By Alan Meerow and Judi Oltmans, SSJC Co-Chairs

The 2010 5-4 decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) vs. Citizens United held that corporations have a First Amendment right to spend unlimited amounts to influence election outcomes. It effectively invited corporations to spend wildly on campaigns. The Citizens United decision essentially unraveled 100 years of legal precedent limiting corporate influence in elections. It reversed prior Supreme Court decisions, repealed key portions of the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, and weakened various state laws limiting corporate campaign expenditures. The ruling stated that there is virtually no distinction between the First Amendment rights of people and of corporations, and that independent campaign expenditures by corporations do not contribute to corruption or the appearance of corruption.

On Nov. 1, [seven senators](#) — Tom Udall (NM), Michael Bennett (CO), Tom Harkin (IA), Dick Durbin (IL), Chuck Schumer (NY), Sheldon Whitehouse (RI), and Jeff Merkley (OR) — introduced a constitutional amendment that would effectively overturn the Citizens United case and restore the ability of Congress to properly regulate the campaign finance system. The [amendment as filed](#) resolves that both Congress and individual states shall have the power to regulate both the amount of contributions made directly to candidates for elected office and “the amount of expenditures that may be made by, in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.”

On November 10, Congressman Jim McGovern of Massachusetts introduced [a constitutional amendment bill](#) to overturn the Supreme Court’s January 2010 ruling in Citizens United v. FEC and to make clear that corporations are not people with rights under the U.S. Constitution. The introduction of the bill – the “People’s Rights Amendment” – marks a major breakthrough in the growing movement across the country to end corporate personhood and restore democracy to the people. On November 18, [U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch](#) (Florida) introduced an [amendment](#) that would go even further in rolling back the ability of corporate funding to influence the electoral process.

Passing this amendment or any other amendment to the Constitution is an arduous process. There are two ways to propose a constitutional amendment. Either two-thirds of Congress can agree to an amendment or there can be a constitutional amendment called by two-thirds of state legislatures (this path has never been taken). In order to ratify an amendment, three-quarters of state legislatures must agree or three-quarters of states must have individual constitutional conventions that agree.

At the 2011 General Assembly the [Unitarian Universalist Association \(UUA\) adopted an action of immediate witness](#) in opposition to this Supreme Court decision.

At our September meeting, the River of Grass SSJC voted to make this a justice issue for River of Grass this year, and placed a proposal before the Board at their October meeting. The board voted to allow the SSJC to present educational workshops on this topic to the members of our congregation.

The SSJC is asking our congregation to stand with the UUA in actively supporting a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision. The SSJC program will start at service on January 8, when SSJC subcommittee members will staff an information table during hospitality time. A one-page FAQ on the issue will be available at that time.

For the next three Sundays, the SSJC Justice subcommittee will sponsor a letter writing campaign to legislators to support congressional efforts for constitutional amendment to overturn the Supremes’ decision. SSJC will provide paper, stamps, envelopes, sample letter, and lists of congressional reps by zip code of River of Grass members, as well as our two senators. We will encourage members to HAND write letters right then and there. We will also encourage letters be written to the House and Senate supporters of the amendment legislation.

On February 5, during the scheduled congregational meeting, River of Grass members will be asked to vote on whether a letter of resolution signed by our congregational President should be sent to our congressional representative (Debbie Wasserman-Schultz) and possibly to the house and Senate sponsors of the congressional amendment.

The SSJC sincerely hopes that the congregation at large will stand with our SSJC and the UUA on this issue!

Guest At Your Table (GAYT) update. The Final Sunday for contributions is **January 8, 2012**. The preferred way to



contribute: check made out to “River of Grass UU” with “GAYT” written on the memo line. Giving rates qualifying for UUSC membership: \$40.00 General, \$75.00 General (dual), \$10.00 Student/Youth, \$20.00 Student/Youth (dual), \$20.00 Senior, \$40.00 Senior (dual). Send or give contributions to the River of Grass office, or hand to Alan or Judi, SSJC co-chairs, at service.

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SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Thank you to all who gave generously to the **Angel Tree** drive benefiting underprivileged children through the “Adopt A Wish” program of ChildNet. We had 100% participation this year which meant that every child had their holiday wishes come true because of you.



Fruits of the Angel Tree drive



The next River of Grass Saturday **Volunteer Day** at LifeNet4Families is on **January 7**. Volunteers work in the LifeNet4Families pantry, stocking shelves, and preparing boxes for the needy families in the community. Some may be asked to work in the dining area, serving a meal to the homeless. This is a great way to give back to your community and put our covenant words “...service is its law” into action!

Someone from the Service and Social Justice committee is usually there to help. Upcoming dates for LifeNet4Families Saturday Volunteer Days are: March 10th, May 12th, and July 7th. We have a donation basket for LifeNet4Families at the SSJC corner in the hospital area on Sundays for canned food, dry goods and especially peanut butter. You can also deposit clothing items for LifeNet4Families in the same basket used for the food donations.

SPECIAL GUEST MINISTER: JEFF BRIERE

By Kathy Jen-Rochow, Worship Chair

The Rev. Jeff Briere will be in our pulpit on Sunday, January 15. The title of his sermon is “Signs Along the Way.” Rev. Jeff is inspired to preach about living life on purpose after he sees an image macro. Image macro? What’s that? Come to the service January 15th and find out. The following is a brief biography :

I grew up in Indianapolis, where I enjoyed catching crawdads along the banks of Fall Creek, which drifted by my house. As for church, I called myself a Teflon Catholic – nothing stuck to me, even after eight years of Catholic grade school and six years of Jesuit higher education.

You might say I was unchurched for many years, but I often say that I attended church in the theatre. For more than forty years, in theatres around the world, I have found close-knit groups of creative people working together and dedicated to something larger than themselves. Sounds like church, right?

I learned to love the community I found in the theatre. I learned that when we work together we could make magic.

I soldiered for eight years and after that, sold clothing, sold maps, and sold used cars. Went back to college twice. I spent thirteen years announcing and producing music programs for National Public Radio. All of which was good training for the ministry, but it wasn’t magic.

To learn more about the magic of community, I entered Meadville Lombard Theological School in 1998 at the age of 50. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga is my first settlement and I am scared, excited and proud all at once.

I’m not a magician, but I’d like to be around when it happens—when a congregation finds its power, when it becomes what it’s supposed to be. Margaret Mead said that we should “never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world.”

Indeed. All it takes is magic.



RIVER OF GRASS CAFÉ AND COFFEEHOUSE

By the Music Team

The River of Grass Concerts team continues to bring you great live music, food, and fun! **Maria Rivas** and her band were fantastic in November! Special thanks to the **Bresnahans** for introducing us to Maria! Thank you for supporting the congregation through our concert series. Bringing friends to our concerts is a great way to introduce them to River of Grass and to have a FUN night out.

On Friday, January 27th, we are very excited to present **Al Petteway and Amy White**. Coming to us from their mountain home in Asheville, North Carolina, we are honored to have these Grammy and Indie award-winning masters of acoustic music. It's balmy in South Florida, but Amy and Al will bring some winter Appalachian beauty to our home. Check out their music and award-winning photography at alandamy.com or any of these great videos at YouTube: [Winter in the Blue Ridge Mountains](#); [Sligo Creek](#); [Al and Amy Video Sampler](#).

Doors open at 7:30pm. Music starts at 8pm.

Tickets: \$15.00 Advance Purchase (\$20.00 at the door)

You can pay in advance at the River of Grass website (www.riverofgrass.org; go to **Events**) or click here: [Buy Tickets Now](#).

Come hungry!

Our talented River of Grass chefs are preparing some fine cuisine for sale.



Check out our River of Grass Café [Facebook](#) fan page for all the latest news!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING RIVER OF GRASS CAFÉ SHOWS!

- February 17: Ronny Cox
March 16: Tim Farrell
April 20: Paul Zisholtz, Aaron Stang and Gary Gonzalez

IT'S NOT A YARD SALE PARTY

By Kathy Jens-Rochow

For the last six years, we have held a yard sale the last weekend of January. This has been our second biggest fund raiser, raising over \$1,000 each year.

For at least two weeks before, members and friends brought their donations to **Kathy & Steve's** house. Their home looked like an indoor yard sale for weeks before, and the setup outside for the day of the sale was quite an event. The day of the sale, people started at 6:00am to bring everything to the front yard. Throughout the day, various teams helped with the sale and cleanup. Some even stayed all day!

So, here it is. That time again.

But wait, what's this? Kathy & Steve have remodeled their home and would rather have a party to show everyone what their house really looks like. **Without all of the stuff**. So this year,

“IT'S NOT A YARD SALE PARTY.”

Saturday, January 28, 2012

6:30pm to whenever

hosted by

Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

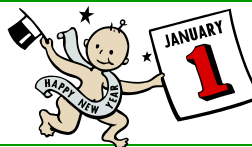
1420 SW 13 Street

Fort Lauderdale, FL

For \$20 and a dish to share, you can enjoy an evening with friends and raise some money for our congregation. Wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

For those who have been saving for the yard sale, we will have a small “Yard Sale in a Box.” You can bring a box or two of **pre-priced** items and we will set up a table or two of “stuff” for sale. So come and let's have an “It's Not a Yard Sale Party”. Look for a signup sheet in the hospitality area after services.

JANUARY 2012



Sun.	1st	10:30-11:30am 11:30am-12:30pm	New Year's Day Sunday Service Hospitality Hour
Tue.	3rd	9:00am-12:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental)
Wed.	4th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:00-6:45pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Vespers
Thu.	5th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Yoga Class (Facility Rental)
Sat.	7th	8:00am-12:00pm 8:45-11:30am 10:00-11:30am	Congregational Workday Volunteer Day at LifeNet4Families Wildpine Covenant Group
Sun.	8th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 11:30am-1:30pm	Sunday Service Sunday Classes Hospitality Hour Membership Committee
Mon.	9th	7:00-9:00pm	Finance Committee
Tue.	10th	9:00am-12:00pm 4:00-7:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) River of GREENS
Wed.	11th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:00-6:45pm 7:00-10:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Vespers Board Meeting
Thu.	12th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:30-8:00pm 7:00-9:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Yoga Class (Facility Rental) Men's Group
Sat.	14th	6:00-10:00pm	ContraDance (Facility Rental)
Sun.	15th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 11:45am-12:15pm 12:30-3:00pm	Newsletter Deadline Sunday Service Sunday Classes Hospitality Hour Board Report Back Swamp Rose Covenant Group
Tue.	17th	9:00am-12:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental)
Wed.	18th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:00-6:45pm 7:15-9:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Vespers bUUKies Book Group

Thu.	19th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Yoga Class (Facility Rental)
Fri.	20th	7:00-9:00pm	Mask Design Class (Auction Event) / Spiritual Arts Group
Sun.	22nd	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday Service Sunday Classes Hospitality Hour
Mon.	23rd	7:30-9:00pm	Women's Group
Tue.	24th	9:00am-12:00pm 4:00-7:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) River of GREENS
Wed.	25th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:00-6:45pm 7:00-9:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Vespers Worship Committee
Thu.	26th	9:00am-12:00pm 6:30-8:00pm 7:00-9:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental) Yoga Class (Facility Rental) Men's Group
Fri.	27th	7:30-11:00pm	Al Petteway and Amy White in Concert
Sat.	28th	6:30pm	"It's NOT a Yard Sale" Party
Sun.	29th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday Service Sunday Classes Hospitality Hour
Tue.	31st	9:00am-12:00pm	Cooperative Preschool (Facility Rental)

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Sat.	4th	Masquerade Ball (Auction event)
Sun.	5th	Child Dedication Congregational Meeting Super Bowl Party (Auction event)
Sun.	12th	Secret Pals Party
Fri.	17th	Ronnie Cox in Concert
Sat.	18th	Full Moon Daughters Camping Trip dUUdes Camping Trip
Tue.	21st	River of Grass 13th Anniversary
Sun.	26th	Charter Sunday / New Member Sunday