

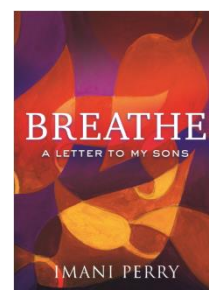
Announcements

Faith Development: 12:30: Pre-K - 1st graders; **1:30 pm:** 2nd - 6th graders; **3:00pm:** Teens
In keeping with our monthly theme of Imagination, this Sunday in our Faith Development program for children and youth, we'll be imagining a better world without racism. We'll revisit the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and assess what progress has been made in fulfilling that dream. We'll consider the roles we must play in continuing his work and developing our own dreams for the country. For links to join a class or for more information about our Faith Development program, contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Young Adults are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 7:30 pm virtually on Zoom – Millennials, Gen Xers, and Gen Zs, are welcome to tune in to the YUUnG Adult Virtual Coffee Hour on **Sunday, Jan 10th at 7:30 pm**. Our purpose is to foster an inclusive, diverse and intentional community that inspires spiritual growth and connection. Our next meeting, **Jan 24th Colby and Tosh will be hosting a virtual group game called “One Night Ultimate Werewolf”**. This is a fast-paced game where everyone gets to play a different role. In the course of only one "night" and the following "morning", the players will determine who among them is a werewolf... hopefully. Each game lasts about 10 minutes and encourages debating and bluffing to be successful. It can be played with 3 - 21 players, but we find that 6 or more is best! Please email youngadults@riverofgrassuu.org if you have any questions and to obtain the zoom details.

bUUkies Announce UUA Common Read Discussion

Every year the UUA selects a book to be shared by all UU congregations. A "Common Read" invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. The River of Grass conversation will be on a date to be announced later.



This year's Common Read is *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry. The UUA says:

“Emotionally raw and deeply reflective, Imani Perry issues a challenge to society to see Black children as deserving of humanity. She admits fear and frustration for her African American sons in a society that is increasingly racist and at times seems irredeemable. However, as a mother, feminist, writer, and intellectual, Perry offers an unfettered expression of love—finding beauty and possibility in life—and she exhorts her children and their peers to find the courage to chart their own paths and find steady footing and inspiration in Black tradition. The New York Times calls *Breathe* “an elixir of history, ancestry and compassion, which, together, become instruction...a parent’s unflinching demand, born of inherited trauma and love, for her children’s right simply to be possible.”

This book may be purchased in hardcover from [inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop](#). The e-book and audio book (CD or MP3) are available from [Bookshop.org](#). Hardback, audio and e-books are also available at [Amazon.com](#).

Auction 2020-2021: Pick 'N Click River Givers Virtual Auction:



GET YOUR TICKETS!!! "Pick N Click" River Givers Virtual Auction

Saturday Jan 16th beginning at 7:00 pm ET.

We are not constrained by our 4 walls, and you can participate whether you are in Davie, Maine, Arizona, or Paris. So plan on joining us for a lively entertainment, raffle, and extraordinary live auction. It is a **family event!**

- For just \$10 per family (one screen), you can enjoy an evening of live auction, music and "Meet the River" interviews with some of our members and friends who have been so important to the life of the River. You will also have an exclusive evening of bidding on these auction items.
- Tickets on sale now: [for desktop](#) and [for mobile](#)
- Once you register as a bidder, click at the bottom of the registration form to purchase your ticket and raffle tickets.
- If you don't attend the kickoff, free online bidding for remaining open items will start on Sunday, Jan 17th and continue through Jan 31st. And of course, you can bid from your smartphone, too! Link will be available Jan 17th.

We are still gratefully accepting donations.

Please send a description of your donation to auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Here are some of the wonderful donations we have received;

- one of the live auction items is a week in a cabin in Breckenridge! Thanks Scott & Carolyn
- beautiful jewelry from Audrey Stang
- socially distanced dining
- Tarot readings by Sheryl Cattell
- business building workshop
- mandala creation workshop by Lily Mazurek
- massages
- Sheryl Cattell's Life Coaching
- and more

More donations needed – parties, baskets, gift cards and certificates for service. Ask your

favorite restaurant, your hair stylist, your masseuse to donate something, and. If applicable, be sure to get details about current social distancing procedures etc. We are also looking for a few more big-ticket items, like a vacation stay at a condo or cabin or a long weekend stay at a hotel, for our live auction. Email the details of your donation and a contact # to auction@riverofgrassuu.org.

Thank you for your support by attending the auction and, of course, with your generous donations of items and services. We are so looking forward to an exciting evening with you! More to come as this event unfolds before our eyes!

How well do you know your UUs - Rod Serling was an American screenwriter, playwright, television producer, and narrator known for his live television dramas of the 1950s and his science-fiction anthology television series, *The Twilight Zone*. Serling was active in politics, both on and off the screen, and helped form television industry standards.



He was known as the "angry young man" of Hollywood, clashing with television executives and sponsors over a wide range of issues including censorship, racism, and war. Serling's experiences as a soldier left him with strong opinions about the use of military force. He was an outspoken anti war activist, especially during the Vietnam War. He supported anti war politicians, notably Eugene McCarthy in his presidential campaign in 1968. Mr. Serling incorporated his protest against prejudice in vivid dialogue and sound situations. His play *A Town Has Turned to Dust* is just one of the examples. He made his point that hate for a fellow being leads only to the ultimate destruction of the bigoted.

"The ultimate obscenity is not caring, not doing something about what you feel, not feeling! Just drawing back and drawing in, becoming narcissistic" (Source: [Wikipedia](#))

Flowing River Sangha - We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Jan 12th 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.

Free "Mindfulness for Today's World" weekly online sessions:

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

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

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

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Turn off printers and computers when not in use as they continue to use electricity. Shutting them off saves you money and uses less natural resources.

Mind/Body Skills Group:

Scott May and Kallie LeFever will be teaching a free mindfulness program called Mind/Body Skills. For additional details please contact Kallie or Scott directly.

MIND/BODY SKILLS GROUP

- Free 8-Week Live Online Program
 - Learn evidence-based skills of self-awareness, self-care, and self-expression enabling you to be more balanced and resilient to meet life’s challenges. The program was created by the Center for Mind Body Medicine.
- **Wednesdays January 13th - March 3rd, 4-6pm**



For more information and registration contact: Ktrs.Lefever@gmail.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com.

Have you heard about our Faith Forward Inquirers Series? We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 pm on Zoom, see the 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 **Jan 13th and is FF Inquirers #8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life**. For more information, email Zena Tucker, membership@riverofgrassuu.org. Zoom link for our session is: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

Date	Time	Event
1/13/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
1/27/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
2/3/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
2/10/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources
2/24/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
3/3/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
3/24/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
3/31/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
4/7/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life
4/28/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
5/5/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year

5/12/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
5/26/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
6/2/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
6/9/21	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life

Capital Campaign Contributions

We have set up several methods for you to make your pledges/contributions to the Capital Campaign. The table below details the various methods, including charges that the River accrues when this payment method is used. We are here to help with any questions you may have. Feel free to contact our office administrator, Sandy Blair Chibnick, via email at office@riverofgrassuu.org.

Monetary Donations		
Method	How	Processing fees paid by River of Grass
Check	Write CC on memo line Mail to River of Grass: 3225 N Hiatus Rd, Unit 452485 Sunrise, FL 33345	\$0
Checking account via Vanco	Set up payment on our Donations page . Designate on the Capital Campaign line	\$0.45 per transaction plus processing fee 1%
Credit Card via Vanco	Set up payment on our Donations page . Designate amount on the Capital Campaign line.	\$0.45 per transaction plus credit card processing fee: American Express: 3.5% Visa/MasterCard: 2.75%
PayPal	https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/my/profile In the notes write "Capital Campaign"	Varies based on method of payment
Zelle	Use your bank to set up \$ transfer. Send Zelle payment to CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org .	\$0
Securities	<p>Any questions contact Northstar Financial Planners: <i>Allen Giese, Steve Tepper, or Stacy Saavedra at (954) 693-0030</i></p> <p>Securities should be transferred per instructions from the donor's brokerage or advisor using the following DTC and A/C numbers as the destination</p> <p>#0188 - TD Ameritrade Institutional A/C #944110334</p> <p>RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION, INC.</p> <p>The donor should notify the CC Team and the Office Administrator of the details of the donation by emailing CapitalCapaign@riverofgrassuu.org.</p>	