

# Announcements

**Faith Development: 12:30: Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup> graders; 1:30 pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders; 3:00 pm: teens**

As a covenantal religion, our faith places relationships and our promises to each other at the center of our faith. Since we're human, we sometimes break those promises and hurt those relationships. This makes renewal and repair necessary and sacred work. One of the ways our faith guides us into becoming a people of renewal is by asking us to get comfortable with giving and receiving apologies in order to begin again. This Sunday, our kiddos will practice this act of humility and in so doing, learn a bit of what the Jewish High Holy Days are all about. Contact Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org) for more information.

**Did you know that Faith Development at River of Grass has its own Facebook page? [Like us here](#)** to receive updates and helpful tools for families, including our Wisdom Tale recordings and other fun videos to inspire faith development at home.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:meditation@riverofgrassuu.org).

**Proposed Change in Policies and Procedures** - The Board reviewed and approved a proposed change in our Policies & Procedures, adding the following paragraph. In accordance with our Policy on Policies, we need to have a congregational review before making the change.

**Proposed Change in red and articles following this change will be renumbered.**

## 9. Membership

- A. The Minister is the only person authorized to sign up new members in the membership book except for person(s) specifically authorized by the Minister, or in the absence of the Minister, the Board President.
- B. In the absence of the Minister for a prolonged period, the President or Vice-president will have the responsibility of signing up new members.
- C. **A signed new member document, approved by the Minister, is a suitable substitute for signing the membership book. Name(s) and date of membership will be annotated in the membership book as the date the form was received by the Office**

## **Administrator.**

Please review and send any recommendations for change to [Board@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:Board@riverofgrassuu.org) by Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **FUTURE HOME CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2020-2023!** Sep 27<sup>th</sup> - Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 Capital Campaign Pledge Drive - The Capital Campaign to fund our Future Home is kicking off this Sunday!! **\$310,000 Capital Campaign Goal**

You will be receiving a packet in the mail (maybe it's already come!) which outlines the dreams expressed by this congregation for our Future Home. Please review it and remind yourself how it feels not to have a permanent home to meet in. Even though we chose to leave our State Road 84 Davie location due to the COVID-19 pandemic, doesn't mean we don't miss having our memories expressed in what could be now available when this pandemic is behind us. Where would you like to be; how do you see our space together; can you visualize a new location with room to spare and outside space to share with kids and families? We hope that dream is alive and well in your thoughts.

Please know we can't make this happen without you. During these times you may feel unable to make as generous a gift to this Campaign; but, you can be part of it in any way that is financially comfortable. Remember, this is a three year financial plan in addition to your Annual Pledge. Your assigned Stewards, your friends at River of Grass, will be contacting you in the coming days. Please be open to their calls. Your wishes will be accepted in any amount that feels right. Even if you cannot start payments to the Campaign this year, next year might be your best time to start.

The Capital Foundation which holds our savings is at \$795,558, plus \$440,566 already pledged by Leadership and through Major Gifts. The \$310,000 goal is what we will be reporting on weekly as pledges come in.

### **\$310,000 Capital Campaign Goal**

The Campaign starts with a kick-off this Sunday, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>! Rev. Amy will invite you to not only to be part of the future but to celebrate our history. We hope to see you on Sunday!

Please see our website [riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org) under the tab [Future Home](#) for lots of information. Kathy Jens-Rochow is available for further information and to answer questions, you can call her at 954-531-9540 or you can email her [CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:CapitalCampaign@riverofgrassuu.org).

### **Countdown to Election Day**

The countdown to the November Election has begun. On Sep 24<sup>th</sup>, Florida counties will begin sending out Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots to people who requested them. **Keep an eye on your mailbox!**

If you didn't yet request a VBM ballot, there's still time—do it now by clicking here:

<https://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Vote-By-Mail-Voting>

Early voting in Broward County currently scheduled for Monday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> (7 am–7 pm). (*Early voting dates and times may be subject to change; check back on the Broward*

County Supervisor of Elections website for most up-to-date information.)

And although time is short before Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, there are still plenty of ways to get engaged for safe and fair elections, particularly participating in get-out-the-vote activities, or to signing up as an Election Day poll worker or election monitor. Be involved!

Here are a few important election protection-volunteering options with [Protect the Vote](#):  
**On Election Day**

- **Poll Monitor** [on site]: Be a poll monitor at a specific polling location on Election Day.
- **Roving Poll Monitor** [on site]: Drive or bike between polling places to collect information and report problems on Election Day.

**Before the election and on Election Day**

- **Social Media Monitor** [remote]: Identify misinformation and disinformation online and help voters cast their ballots.
- **Voter Contact** [remote]: Rapidly respond and proactively textbank voters.

For more information, or to participate in one of these volunteering opportunities, click here:

[Protect the Vote](#)

**Volunteers with legal background (attorneys, law students, and paralegals) are particularly needed.** (But volunteers of all backgrounds wanted!) 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](mailto:FairElections-FL@eldersaction.org).

**Light the way for others by facilitating our Inquirers Series!** Make new friends, share your story and enthusiasm for our beloved community. We need UU to shine a light, make a way and support those who want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and River of Grass. The series is on Wednesday evenings. Training is available. See Zena Tucker or email [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org) to sign up.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> and is FF Inquirers #6: Social Action & Community Service**. For more information, email Zena Tucker, [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org). Zoom link for our session is: [ZOOM Link for RoG Inquirers](#).

Date	Time	Event
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

<b>10/28/20</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#1: Q&A with Minister
<b>11/4/20</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#2: Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources
<b>11/11/20</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#4: Faith Development for Children and Adults
<b>12/2/20</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#5: Worship & Liturgical Year
<b>12/9/20</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#6: Social Action & Community Service
<b>1/6/21</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#7: Pastoral Care and Small Groups
<b>1/13/21</b>	7:30 - 8:30 pm	FF Inquirers#8: Membership 101 & Congregational Life

**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Check the air pressure in your car tires -- it just takes a minute! Properly inflated tires will improve fuel economy, using less gas and reducing air pollution. Plus, it will extend tire life, saving you \$\$\$!

**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.

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