

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

River of Grass Weekly Update – August 24, 2023

August 27, 2023 | 8:00 pm

Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

To join the NWUUC service online, please [click here](#).

This Sunday August 27th, we will journey to the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) at 8:00 pm. The CLF gathers via Zoom. You can participate from your favorite web browser or on any platform (Mac, PC, iOS, Android) using a free app that you download. Visit [Zoom Downloads](#) and find Zoom Client for Meetings to download the app for your computer. If you are on a portable device, find the Mobile app link on that same page. If you participate via a screen reader, you can find [Zoom for Screen Reader](#) as well.

SUNDAYS

8 PM Eastern Standard Time-US / 5 PM Pacific Standard Time-US

[RSVP FOR SUNDAY](#)

MONDAYS

1 PM Eastern Standard Time-US / 10 AM Pacific Standard Time-US

[RSVP FOR MONDAY](#)

We gather each week to worship live together. Join us Sundays or Mondays about 15 minutes prior to the start of the service to settle in and listen to some music. After the Sunday worship service, join us for [Small Group Reflection live via Zoom](#) for a chance to connect with other worship attendees for deeper conversation. If you are asked for a Meeting ID, use: 302 469 091. [RSVP to receive connection info](#) and reminders directly to you via email.

GIVING

Even as we focus our attention away from our own congregation, on travel and visiting other UU congregations, and just taking a rest, we still need your contributions to sustain and strengthen this beloved community and its mission in our world. Each Sunday half of our undesignated offerings go to LifeNet4Families, which provides hot meals 365 days a year as well as clothing and support here in Broward county. The other half supports the mission and ministry at River of Grass.

To give, please go to: [Our Donation Page](#)

or Text to Donate at 844-948-1153

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) on your smartphone, and the key word "plate" to the number above, example: 10.00 plate. Please give generously and joyfully so that we may feed and fortify this congregation and its good work in the world that needs it, now more than ever.

Upcoming Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86263587460>

Rev. Amy Summer Vacation & Study Leave

My Beloveds, as of June 16, I have headed out for Summer Adventures 2023, as well as my work in service to the greater Unitarian Universalist community; with conferences with the UU Ministers Association, General Assembly, and SUUSI (Southeast UU Summer Institute) as the 2023 Director. In between, I'll have some vacation and study time to rest, renew, and prepare for the coming congregational year as we make new maps for the way ahead. I will also be on hand for our New Home and New Rental Teams as we find our next threshold there as well. Meanwhile, know that I'll see you back in the office in mid-August, and back in the pulpit to launch our 12th year together on the first Sunday in September for Labor Day! If you have a pastoral care emergency that may require professional ministry, please contact the President of the Board, Kathy Jens-Rochow president@riverofgrassuu.org, or our Pastoral Care Team PastoralCare@riverofgrassuu.org.

2023 Summer Sundays:

This summer we are excited to be offering a way for our members and friends to explore the variety of experiences that our UU faith has to offer and to meet other amazing congregations and ministers that Rev. Amy admires and wants us to get to know. Thanks to technology, we can visit congregations all across the country from our couch! This also will give our own volunteers a much needed break. We have put together a list of congregations that we can join each Sunday that is posted with the links on our website. Find it at <https://riverofgrassuu.org/index.html>. This will run from July 2nd to August 27th.

Any Sunday		Church of the Larger Fellowship Zoom Link
8/27/23	8:00 pm	Church of the Larger Fellowship Zoom Link

Meet Me at the River – Virtually!

During the month of August, we will be visiting other UU congregations virtually. But what is missing is the connections we make after service at our own virtual hospitality time.



We miss seeing you! Whether you attended the Sunday service or not, join us at the new River Community Time from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm on Sundays for the month of August.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83709553690?pwd=K3FGODBsM1pMRDdUUzFVZ1RibEFFdz09>
Meeting ID: 837 0955 3690; Passcode: 982456; One tap mobile: +13052241968,,83709553690# US

Other Events:

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/>

ROG FALL FUNDRAISER: The 2 of Us presents Bossa-Novas, Boleros & Ballads “second edition”.

Following the well received concert of 2022, the duo “The 2 of Us” visits, through song and storytelling, some of the most beloved American Jazz Ballads, Brazilian Bossa Novas, Boleros, and Tangoes.

Check out the Youtube channel: <https://youtube.com/@the2ofusmusic>

When: Saturday, **September 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Where: Weston Community Center - 20200 Saddle Club Rd (free parking).

Cost: There will be drinks and snacks. Seating is limited to the first 40 who sign up at \$30 per seat.

Buy your tickets at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5VP/campaign/C-10TY2>

Please write THE 2 OF US on the "Note (optional)" field.



MUUVies for Change June viewing is "The Green Book" Director: [Peter Farrelly](#)

It is a drama set in the 1960s about a racist Italian American man ([Viggo Mortensen](#)) who takes a temporary job chauffeuring an acclaimed black pianist ([Mahershala Ali](#)) during his concert tour of the Midwest and Deep South. It explores how the two men had to abide by the titular Green Book, a "traveling while black" guide to restaurants and accommodations that showed blacks in the '60s where they could go. The film's messages about empathy and the danger of prejudice and stereotypes are important and thought-provoking. And the story is a timely reminder of how, just a few decades ago, there were whole parts of the country where segregation kept African Americans from fully participating in civic life. Available on [Amazon](#).

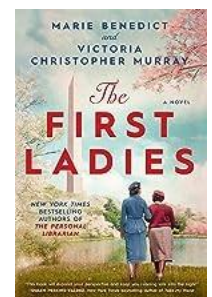


MUUVies for Change will discuss "The Green Book" on **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM**. Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow muuvies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion. Join our Zoom Meeting at 7:00 PM: [Zoom Link](#). Meeting ID: 844 1859 3114; Passcode: 537288; One tap mobile: +16465588656,,84418593114# US (New York); Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kvL0D418Y>.

BUUKies September Read – "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. **We will meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 7pm to discuss this BUUK.** [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 926 5701 7488; Passcode: 746613

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The authors have a knack for introducing readers to undersung ambitious women in history. They shine a light on the extraordinary friendship between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, white, privileged, and a Democrat, and Mary McLeod Bethune, a Black Republican woman who was born of formerly enslaved parents. Over the years, Eleanor and Mary forge an unshakeable bond, supporting each other through personal struggles with marital infidelity, illness, loss, and love. This novel is a brilliant illustration of the strength of two trailblazing women who cross race and class and hold hands through tragedy and triumph.

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SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Be informed about our impact on Mother Earth. Watch "Before the Flood" documentary on climate change. It's 90 minutes and free on YouTube. It takes you around the world for first-hand up-close impact. Be informed.

COVID-19: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency at the end of the day on May 11,2023. River of Grass UU has over 3 years experience during the COVID pandemic keeping our members safe and will always look to do so as we make the transition to congregational life free from guidelines. The members of our COVID Team have the thanks of the entire congregation for all their good work taking care of us all. We honor and respect anyone's choice to wear a mask and ask all attending our Worship Services and events to consider their own health when choosing whether or not to mask. If you have any questions please reach out to our team at COVIDteam@riverofgrassuu.org.

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 to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org by 12 pm 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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