

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 – October 5, 2023

Circling, Spiraling, Sacred: First Nations Day

We are circling, circling together. We are singing, singing our heart song.

This is family, this is unity, this is celebration.

This is sacred.

– Buffy Sainte-Marie

Amidst the circles and spirals of life, the places all our circles interjoin, the places our moment in history spirals with all other moments in history, join us as we gather this Sunday to honor the First Nations of the world and of our land – in music, in verse, in ritual ... in beauty.

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Auditorium or virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- Our Sunday morning rental space is located at the Old Davie Schoolhouse
- 6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL 33314 ([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, October 8, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Circling, Spiraling, Sacred: First Nations Day – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth

This Sunday, in our Small Group for Kids, we'll pay homage to Indigenous People's Day. As Unitarian Universalists, we recognize that healing comes from acknowledging all of our history and making the invisible, visible. We do this in our search for justice and to facilitate our own transformation. We'll learn about the people who made Southeast

Florida their home for thousands of years before the arrival of colonists, and the tribe that came here out of a determination to survive capture. We'll hear stories and play games to get to know them better. For more information about our programs for children and youth, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org. Please remind your child to wear their nametags on Sunday - a first step in being welcoming to all!



A new school year of
Faith Development
for our children and
youth has begun!

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 Men’s Group - 2 BIG changes to this week’s meeting... 1. We have WiFi up-and-running in our new home, so our **In-person meeting will be at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce:** official address is 11850 State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325 (GPS will get you to the 4-building complex. We're in the 1st Building, middle suite). 2. With our being back to our old neighborhood, let's have our pre-meeting dinner at our own **Lester's Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323.** We'll meet there at 5:15pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. **Tonight’s topic: Vulnerability.** All who identify male are invited to join us! Our next meeting is **tonight, October 5th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM,** in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). If you're joining for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so he can coordinate space.) The Zoom Meeting Room will open at 7:00 pm. Questions: contact Ken; mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

NAMI Walk – River of Grass will be joining a team led by Allen and Gayle Giese: TsuNAMI! NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. We walk on **Saturday, Oct 7th from 8am - 12pm at Nova Southeastern.** Please consider walking and joining [Team TsuNAMI!](#) If you want to help out the team with a donation one of our members, Linda Lathroum, has requested that others can donate to her page and has offered to help out if anyone needs assistance or has any questions. “THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of all of us who benefit from mental health support and life changing programs like those provided by NAMI Broward.” Please sign up!!! <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=59136>

MUUVies for Change October viewing is "Mississippi Burning" Directed by Alan Parker

Alan Parker won an Oscar nomination, as well as nominations for Gene Hackman and Frances McDormand. Willem Dafoe also stars. The film explores the FBI's investigation of the murders of 3 civil rights workers in 1964: James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner. The film nails the insidiousness of southern small town racism.

MUUVies for Change will discuss "Mississippi Burning" on **Wednesday, October 11th 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/84418593114>.

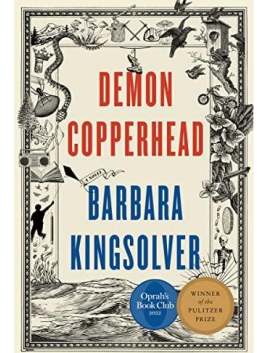


BUUKies OctoberRead - "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver [UU]. We will meet on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm to discuss this bUuk. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

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"Demon Copperhead" is set in the mountains of southern Appalachia. It's the story of a boy born to a teenage single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. The story exposes the systemic failures of American institutions but celebrates the resiliency of the individual spirit. Kingsolver bases her novel on Charles Dickens's David Copperfield (1850) to connect the present to the past, to combine cultures, and to adapt Dickens's mission of using literature to hold a mirror up to society.



Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org.

Growing Congregations in the Digital World; Nov 4. The Sunshine Cluster's Annual Meeting, keynote, and workshop with Peter Bowden will feature simple strategies for growing congregations in a complex digital world.

The internet has transformed how people research, explore, and make decisions. This includes how people connect with congregations. Peter's keynote will share how the internet has changed human behavior and why this calls on us to change how we approach outreach, hospitality, and membership development. After our Annual Meeting Peter will lead a one-hour program sharing specific strategies for supporting newcomers and growing our congregations today.



The **Sunshine Cluster's Annual Meeting and Program will be on Saturday, November 4, at 1pm via Zoom**. Free. [Click here to Register](#). From simple communication and website changes to harnessing the power of online video, this program is for people of all abilities. If you have any questions please contact Steve Jens-Rochow at SEUUcluster@gmail.com.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: *Be green with creative wrapping paper. Reuse items you have when wrapping gifts. From boxes to newspapers... be creative! It will reduce the landfill, save you money, and help Mother Earth!*

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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