

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 12, 2023

Call Me by My Name

It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.

— E.E. Cummings

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 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Call Me by My Name – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth

Children, youth and adults will worship together this Sunday, as we grow our faith in community. There will be no separate small group for young ones downstairs. For information about our Faith Development programs, 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!

Membership Team News:

1. We will joyously celebrate the first New Member Ceremony of this congregational year during worship service this Sunday! Please plan to attend in person if at all possible in order to welcome our new members in person! There will be cake!
2. Our Annual Fall Picnic will take place on Sunday, November 5th, from 1 to 4 p.m. Members John and Liz Perez have again generously offered to open their home in Plantation. There is a pool for kids, small and large, to cool off in! It will be a Potluck picnic again this year. Please plan to attend and be on the lookout for an invite next week!

Join us at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center, a Magical UU Place and Experience near Highlands, NC

- Register today for Youth CONferences! Gather with youth from around the southeast. <https://www.themountainrlc.org/cons>
 - Peer Advocate Leaders (PAL) training Oct 20-22, Age 16+ apply today!
 - Elementary CON – Nov 3-5
 - Intermediate CON – Nov 17-19
 - High School CON – Dec 1-3
- Personal Retreats -- Join us in the cool mountain air, combine a personal retreat with a farm or other event and local explorations.
- Registration is open for Grateful Gathering - Thanksgiving weekend, Wednesday, November 22 - Sunday, November 26. Gather with friends and family for community, learning, and explorations.
- Join a passionate Mountain team and be part of making a difference for individuals and our wider world! Available positions and application at <https://www.themountainrlc.org/jobs> - competitive compensation, including medical insurance and retirement.

For information about more programs at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center: themountainrlc.org or 828.526.5838

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](#)

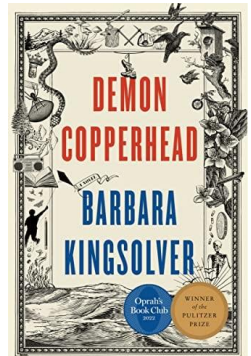
For more information or to register contact Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com, or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

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

Meeting ID: 926 5701 7488; Passcode: 746613

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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.

Full Moon Daughters Outing on Saturday Oct 21st, morning/afternoon: BUTTERFLY FLY-IN. Explore Butterfly World in Tradewinds Park. You can stroll through indoor and outdoor aviaries surrounded by stunning butterflies.

There even is an indoor rainforest. Other details to come, contact fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.
Sponsors: Mindy Lawless Coker and Jane Garside

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: *Light your way to green. Replace 3 frequently used bulbs with LEDs. Much less heat, much less electricity. Through their life this could save 1,660 pounds of CO2. It's that simple. Do it today.*

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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