



Celebrating 27 Years

Jon Kitner/Spiritual Art

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome Home**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Sunday Service March 29, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Paying Attention

Passover: From Narrow Places to Freedom

Pam Kelner, Peter Fox and Andrew Meit



La Boite

“There's a reason the Passover story has inspired so many Americans. It's a narrative of hope.” Bruce Feiler

A UU Passover Celebration.

The story of Passover has been told for thousands of years. It is a story about moving from a narrow place to a place of freedom.

It is a source of inspiration for people fighting against their own oppression.

At River of Grass, we do not just tell this story, we bring it to life.

Our Mission

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either
in-person in Davie: 11850 W SR 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325
or **virtually on YouTube LiveStream** (link below).

Childcare provided

Flowing River Sangha with Gary Gonzalez
Sunday in A-9; Zoom below. Gather 8:15, start 8:30

We come together to lament with, celebrate with,
& care for one another in our community & our world.



Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am



*For more information about our FD program for kids,
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at
religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

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Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09#success>

River of Grass Annual Pledge Drive



*You are the Power that keeps
The River going!*

Please, fill out your pledge card online
by clicking on the link below or by scanning
the QR code below.

If you'd like a paper card,
they are available Sunday and
in a mailing.

See Ken and Rita or
email stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org

<https://riverofgrassuu.org/2026-2027-pledge-card.html>

River of Grass Annual Pledge Drive



PLEDGES FOR 2026-2027 ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE (APD) - 19 MAR

											\$	%	FROM
1	\$35,000	21	\$1,500	41	\$500	61		81					
2	\$25,000	22	\$1,500	42	\$480	62		82					
3	\$25,000	23	\$1,500	43	\$400	63		83			90%	100	
4	\$21,600	24	\$1,275	44	\$400	64		84					
5	\$14,400	25	\$1,250	45	\$360	65		85					
6	\$8,400	26	\$1,250	46	\$310	66		86					
7	\$8,000	27	\$1,200	47	\$300	67		87				75	
8	\$8,000	28	\$1,200	48	\$300	68		88					
9	\$7,200	29	\$1,200	49	\$250	69		89					
10	\$6,600	30	\$1,200	50	\$120	70		90					55%
11	\$5,000	31	\$1,000	51	\$100	71		91					
12	\$4,200	32	\$1,000	52	\$100	72		92					
13	\$4,200	33	\$1,000	53	\$40	73		93				50	
14	\$3,300	34	\$960	54		74		94					
15	\$3,300	35	\$840	55		75		95					
16	\$2,940	36	\$720	56		76		96					
17	\$2,500	37	\$600	57		77						25	
18	\$2,292	38	\$600	58		78							
19	\$2,000	39	\$600	59		79							
20	\$1,500	40	\$500	60		80							
Pledged \$		\$214,987		of \$240,000									
Pledge Units		53		of 96									
OVER TARGET AVG (\$2,500)													
FRIENDS		4											



You are the Power that keeps the River going!
email stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org

River of Grass Masquerade Ball and Auction April 18, 2026, 5-9

Long Key Nature Center 3501 SW 130 Ave, Davie



Discover a world of possibility
at the River of Grass
Masquerade Ball and Auction.

We like to party - enjoy an Elegant Dinner,
Dancing to a live jazz trio
and a Silent Auction.

Bring your friends and neighbors.

Masks and Flowers are encouraged.

Formal to cocktail attire.

QR codes for 3 tiers of tickets below.



Elly auction@riverofgrassuu.org

QR codes to purchase tickets are below:

ROG 2025/2026 Auction -
Suggested Price



Suggest price \$50

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/5M69RBS5SHEXG>

2025/2026 Auction Ticket -
Pay it Forward



Pay it forward \$80

I can afford to help others who can't afford to buy a ticket at the suggested price.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/6Z5NRPZSSPB88>

2025/2026 Auction Ticket -
Economy



Economy \$30

Finances are tight, but I can afford the economy price.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/TSSZ5DJV32RYS>

River of Grass Masquerade Ball and Auction

***No auction can happen without
items to auction.***

There is a busy team reaching out to local restaurants
and businesses for donations.

Yet we know many of you patronize your
own favorite place.

The team is asking if you can reach
out to them for a donation.

Donation letters are attached at the
end of the newsletter
and in the hall.

Please take one with you.

Restaurant and Business Donations

Need to be returned to Elly
by **Wednesday, April 8th**.

Individual Donations and Baskets:

Please return to Elly by **Monday, April 6th**
with a picture if possible.

Elly auction@riverofgrassuu.org





NO KINGS RALLY

Saturday, March 28, 9-12

University Dr. & Sample Rd, Coral Springs

When our families are under attack and costs are pushing people to the brink, silence is not an option.

We will defend ourselves against this administration's unjust and cruel acts of violence, and a war started on the whim of one man who thinks his word is law.

America does not belong to strongmen, greedy billionaires, or those who rule through fear.

It belongs to us, the people.
Let's make our UU voices heard.

Wear your ROG goldenrod shirts as No Kings has claimed yellow as its movement color, Let's get out the message:

NO KINGS!

mUUVies presents

A Special Viewing at River of Grass

Thursday, April 9, 7pm, A-9; Also on Zoom

GOOD MEN

AN HONEST LOOK AT THE HEART OF MASCULINITY.



An Honest Look at the Heart of Masculinity

Inspired by the birth of his grandson, filmmaker Bobby Roth gathered 50 friends – including Peter Coyote, Henry Winkler, and Michelle Satter – to take stock of their lives, loves, mistakes, and regrets in this wonderfully candid examination of the journeys these men have taken.

Produced by Monica Valdez,
A member of River of Grass

Monica will host a Question and Answer after the viewing.

Zoom Link: stevejensrochow@gmail.com



Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop

Saturday, April 4, 1-5 pm, A-9

\$60 for a 4 hour experience. Light snacks.

A few spots are available.

Hosted by Andy Bunce.

Elly: auction@riverofgrassuu.org



Big Cypress National Preserve Interfaith Prayer Vigil To Shut Down Alligator Alcatraz

Every Sunday 4-5pm

When we have a group to carpool, we meet at the River at 2:15 and depart by 2:30.

Please contact Andy Bunce or Susan Skach-Bejarano for carpool details: andrewbunce@att.net

HELP WANTED!

Do You Enjoy Our Birthday Videos?

Then we need help to create them

Have you ever wondered how our monthly birthday video comes together? Our Membership Team sends out emails and texts asking members and friends which photo you would like us to include in the video.

For years, Marpessa DeMoraes and Barbara Ratchford have collected the photos, along with Aaron Stang who makes the video. Thank you to them all!

Now our beloved River needs some help to create them. Please contact me if you can serve in this way.

Leana Bresnahan

membership@riverofgrassuu.org

\$\$ CASH COW JOBS \$\$



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 26, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, March 29, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, March 29, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service - Passover Seder** Peter Fox, Pam Kelner, Bennett Lorman; Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, March 29, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, April 2, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, April 2, 7pm Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Thursday, April 2, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, April 5, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, April 5, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service - Easter** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, April 5, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, April 9, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, April 9, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies Special Showing: Good Men** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Friday, April 9, 6pm A-9 **Drum Circle** Linda Lathroum and Andy Bunce



Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvb
nRXRC9qRIJPQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvb
nRXRC9qRIJPQT09)

Worship Service:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe
2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe
2g)

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6U
W1kRIFLTVcyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6U
W1kRIFLTVcyZz09)

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Men's Group

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vcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2Y
vcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09)

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Order of Service for March 29, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing

#114 Forward thru the Ages; Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan

#212 Dancing Sarah's Circle; Words: Carole A Etzler, Music: Af Amer Spiritual Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude Feelin' Good by Nina Simons

Welcome

Opening Words Message Part A

Opening Hymn #354 We Laugh, We Cry; Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

Chalice Lighting by Erik Walker Wikstrom

When we light our chalice everyone focuses on the flame.

Yet it is the paraffin of the candle,

the cotton of the wick,

the potassium chlorate and sulfur of the match,

and the oxygen in the air around us

that makes that flame possible.

As leaders we are not called to be

a lone beacon on a hill.

Rather, we are meant to work together

so that we might, together, shine.

Covenant

***English:** Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

***Spanish:** El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación y el servicio su ley principa Esta es nuestra gran promesa: vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor, y ayudarnos mutuamente.*

Message Part B

Hymn #104 When Israel was in Egypt Land; Words&Music: Af Amer Spiritual

Offering/Offertory

Deepening Music; #212 We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response; Sung Response

Message Part C

Hymn #168 One More Step; Words and Music: Joyce Foley

Message Part D

Closing Reflection

Closing Hymn #1051 We Are; Words and Music: Ysaye Barnwell

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements; Invite to Hospitality

Sending - Shine On; Music Reprise



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please contact the office and
you will be removed.

*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly
congregation-wide newsletter should be received
by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life
and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or
events occurring within two weeks.*

*Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this
vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must
have the approval of the President.*

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