

River of Grass



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, April 2, 2026

Sunday Service April 5, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Embracing Possibility

Easter Amy Horton Tavera

“There are two kinds of stones, as everyone knows,
one of which rolls.” *Amelia Earhart*



Premium Vector

When some people think of Easter, they think of a bunny rabbit.

Others would point to other fertility symbols and signs of Spring, springing forth out of the ordinary, the plain, the seemingly dead: butterflies, flowers, and the like.

Christians might think of the empty cross, or of a cross with flowers on it: the instrument of shameful death, transformed into something else.

But in the midst of all those other things, think about the stone—not as a symbol of the resurrection itself, but as a means of reminding us to open ourselves to the journey, to persevere with the understanding and knowing and embracing that life-changing, world-shifting, reality-jolting event.

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



A-9 2019

*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 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



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

River of Grass Café Concert Series

Join us for an evening
with singer, songwriter,
instrumentalist.

Billy Jonas



Saturday, April 25, 2026, A-9, 7pm
Doors open 6pm
\$30 advance; \$35 at the door
Food & Beverages available for donation





London Drum Institute

Beating Hearts Drum Circle

Friday, April 17, 7pm, A-9

Drum out the stresses of the days behind and find new rhythms for upcoming days.

Tap into the rhythms that are the heartbeat of life.

Bring your own drum or we have extras.

Contact Andy Bunce or Linda Lathroum
andrewbunce@att.net



NO KINGS RALLY

Saturday
March 27

Coral Springs



River of Grass was also in Hollywood at Young circle



Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop

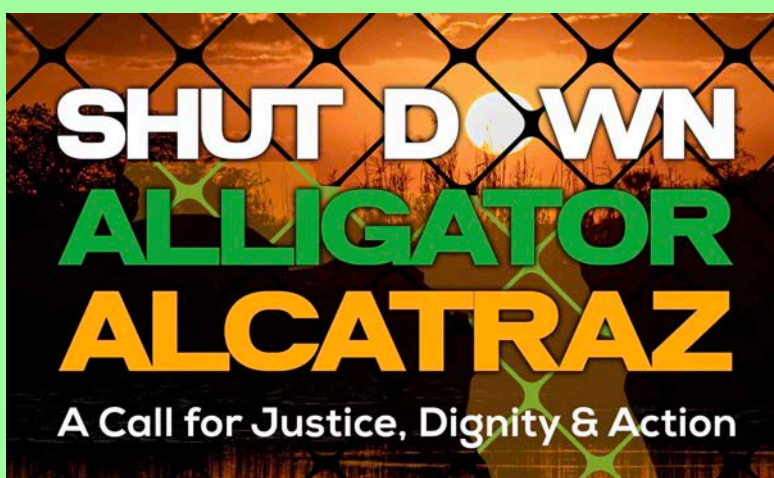
Saturday, April 4, 1-5 pm, A-9

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

A few spots are available.

Hosted by Andy Bunce.

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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 \$\$



**International
Transgender
day of
Visibility**

March 31 is
**International Transgender
Day of Visibility.**

Celebrated to bring awareness to
transgender people and their
identities as well as recognize those
that helped fight
for rights for Trans People.





July 19-25, 2025, Radford, VA

SUUSI is the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute, a walloping week-long summer camp for the young and the Young-At-Heart, a meet-up of Unitarian Universalist community, bringing together old friends and new.

In 2025, we will gather in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at **Radford University**, SUUSI is an intentional week to grow, relax, play, share and connect with others, a week you'll remember for years to come.

SUUSI catalogue available; link below.

Registration starts April 15; Use link below.



Catalogue

<https://suusi.org/workshops/>

Registration

<https://solis.suusi.org/pages/home>



The State of Florida purges Vote-By-Mail registrations after each election cycle. So, you must go online or in person and register again. Link below.

Election information: [Browardvotes.gov](https://www.browardvotes.gov)



<https://browardvotes.gov/voters/vote-mail-information>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, April 4, 1-4pm **Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop** Andy
Bunce

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** Amy Horton Tavera

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 10, 6pm A-9 **Eat, Play, Love** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, April 12, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, April 12 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship
Service -The Factory of Dreams** Robert Smith

Sunday, April 12, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, April 16, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, April 16, 7pm Zoom+A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Friday, April 17, 6pm A-9 **Drum Circle** Linda Lathroum and Andy
Bunce

Saturday, April 18, 6pm A-9 Masquerade & Auction
Elly Keane

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNjRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

Worship Service:

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

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09>

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Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

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Order of Service for April 5, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing #128 For All That Is Our Life; Words: Bruce Findlow, Music Patric L Rickey

#360 Here We Have Gathered; Words: Alicia S Carpenter, Music: Genevan Psalter

Oh, Let Us Gather Words and Music: RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude #38 Morning Has Broken; Words: Eleanor Farjean, Music Gaelic Melody

Welcome / Opening Words

Opening Music #112 Do You Hear? Words: Emily L Thorn, Music: William Caldwell's Union Harmony 1837

Chalice Lighting by Scott Taylor

We light this flame in a world where so much has grown dark.

May it remind us that sparks can always be struck,

and very little is inevitable.

Most of it is mystery and magnificent surprise.

Which means new and yet-to-be imagined worlds always await.

Which means a door has already swung wide,

with possibility waiting on the threshold ready to pull us through

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 principal. Esta es nuestra gran promesa:

vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor,

y ayudarnos mutuamente.

Birthday Video

Wisdom Story "Maybe" by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Gabriella Barouch

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory

Deepening Music #6 Just As Long As I Have Breath; Words: Alicia S Carpenter,

Music: Johana G Ebeling

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response

Heritage and Hope

Message "A Tomb is No Place to Stay " Written by Lisa Fishbeck; Shared by

Amy Horton Tavera

Closing Music Climb Every Mountain by Rodgers & Hammerstein

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Invite to Hospitality

Sending; Shine On / Music Reprise



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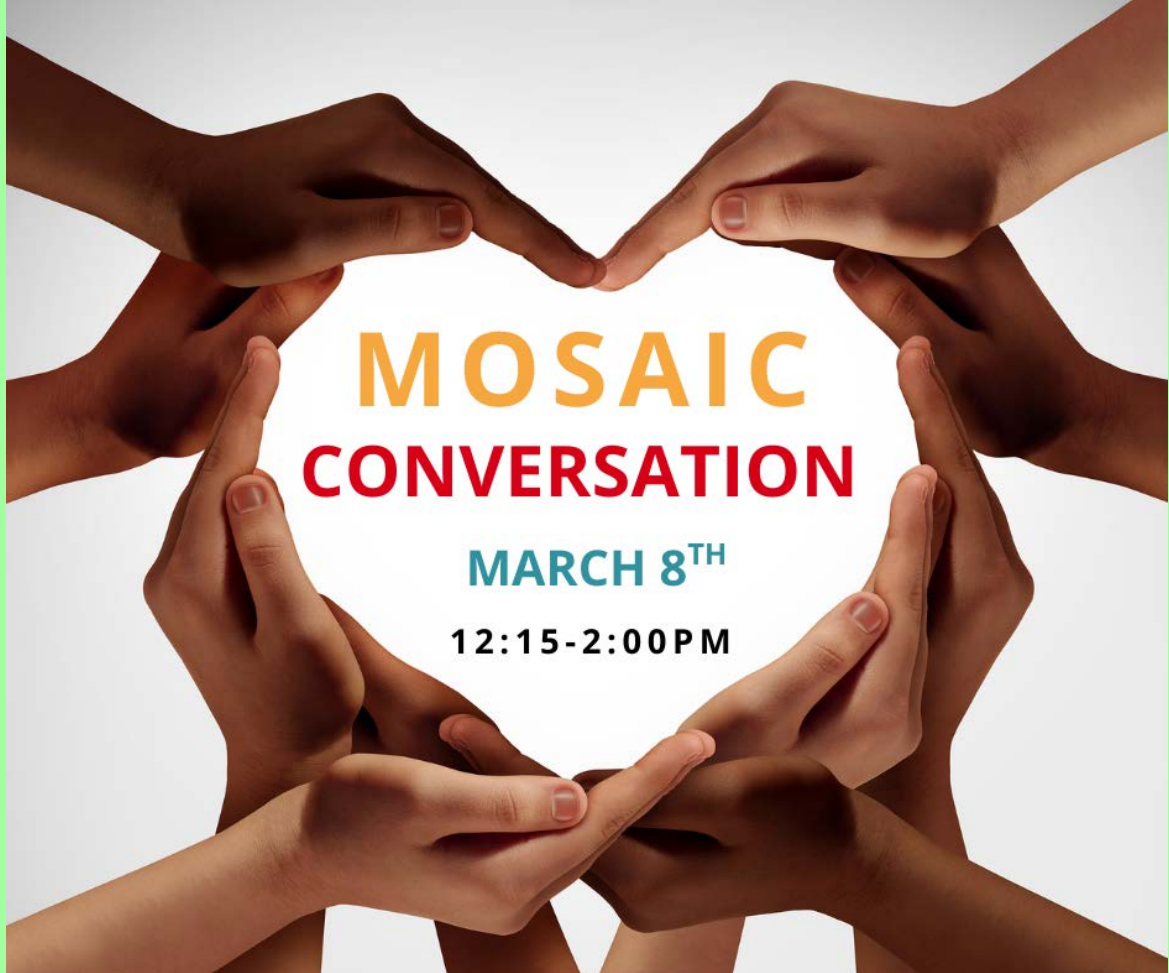
*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly
congregation-wide newsletter should be received
by noon Wednesday.*

*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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Update your anti-racist identity with this new UUA workshop fostering belonging and liberation in UU Congregations and Communities.

Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development
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