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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, September 24, 2026

Sunday Service September 27, 2026

Monthly Theme: Interdependence

Bricks & Mortar RevNick Sanchez



Mounirh Khalfouf

“A brick without mortar is just a rock with ambitions. And mortar without bricks is just... really expensive mud. But together, they build with a strength neither has alone.”

Bricks give a wall its shape. Mortar gives it the strength to hold together. Neither is the wall by itself.

This Sunday, we'll explore what this simple relationship might teach us about interdependence, about our own identities, our connections with one another, and the possibility that being “in between” can be its own kind of strength.

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.



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

Flowing River Sangha
With Gary Gonzalez
A-9 + Zoom; link below;
Gather 8:15, start 8:30

October Worship **Monthly Theme: Cultivating Compassion**

Oct 4th: Who/What/Where/When/Why/How is the Sacred? - Rev. Nick

Oct 11th: Question Everything (Including This Sermon) - Rev. Nick

Oct 18th: The Creator's Workshop [All Ages Service] - River Rowers

Oct 25th: What Remains? [Remembrance Ceremony] - Rev. Nick

Interdependence

An illustration featuring a stylized globe with green continents and blue oceans, held gently in the palms of two hands. The scene is adorned with delicate green leaves and two small, colorful butterflies, one in the upper right and one in the middle right.

We covenant to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation. We will create and nurture sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality and justice. We will work to repair harm and damaged relationships.

This week in our Faith Development program for children and youth, we'll continue with the theme of Interdependence.

Our youngers will create a class covenant and learn about young Universalist preacher, James Luther Adams.

Middlers will learn about Mary Moody Emerson, aunt of Ralph Waldo Emerson and mother of the Transcendentalist movement within Unitarianism.

For more information about our Faith Development Program for children and youth, see our website or Facebook group or reach out to our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Remember to register your children for the new year at
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDgt8XSMUPXKhCdgbGjU4eNLQeJlrXnq84GnHR26wU0CAquQ/viewform?usp=header>

Worship Service:

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

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Flowing River Sangha:

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

River of Grass ANNUAL AUCTION

RIVER'S GOT TALENT
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5 6pm

Sunrise Lakes Phase IV
Ballroom
10102 Sunrise Lakes Blvd.,
Sunrise

Live & Silent Auction
Parties, Food, Dancing

**CALL FOR
DONATIONS**

**Donation Forms are
in the Hallway**

Donate your creations:
books, artwork, poems,
crafts, jewelry.

And Parties!

Or almost
anything else.

Contact Kathy: auction@riverofgrassuu.org



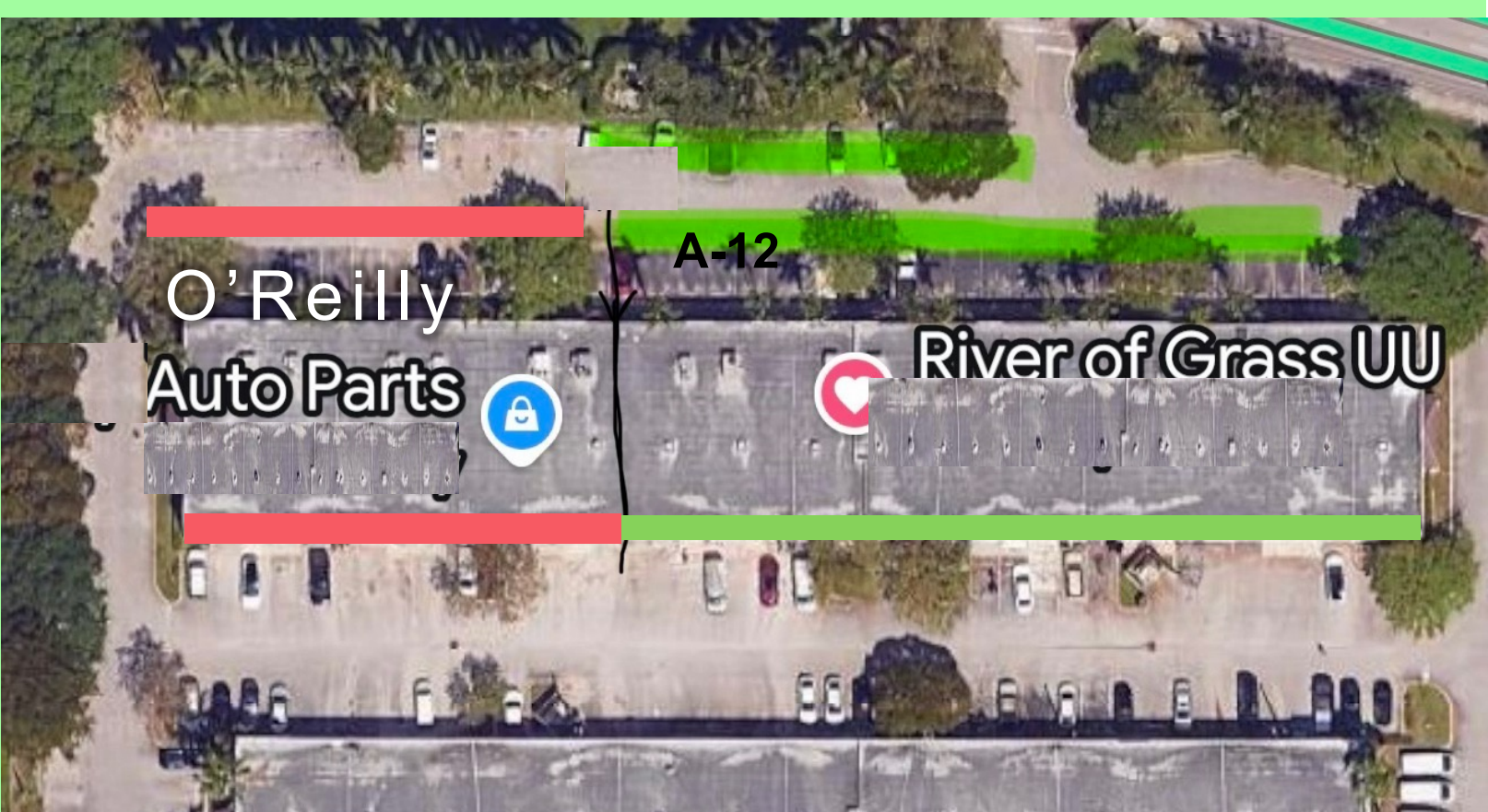


TALKBACK

Our Board of Trustees will have a
TALKBACK this Sunday,
right after the worship service.

Hosted by Leana Bresnahan,
Board President.

The goal is to report directly to
congregation members who are
interested in the
Board meeting,
which will take place on this
Saturday, September 26.



We have received a request from our neighbor, the management of O'Reilly Auto Parts, Suites A13-15, to please not park in front of their store on Sunday mornings, when they are open for business.

We have verified that no other businesses in our strip are open on Sunday mornings.

In the spirit of being a good neighbor, please take care to park only in front of Suites A1 - A12 on Sunday mornings (marked in green in the photo above).

**Thank you, dear friends,
Ken Bresnahan, Facilities Co-Chair**



Fall Potluck Picnic!

**Sunday, October 4, 2026
1 – 4 pm**

**at the Home of
Liz and John Perez in Plantation**

Buddy, beloved canine member of the Perez family,
requests that you please not bring pets.

River of Grass members, family, and friends,
you are INVITED!

We will share good food and great
conversation while the
children play and swim.

Please let us know if you can bring food to
share, and if so, what will you bring.
(Sign-up sheet at worship service.)

Your presence is the best gift.

To RSVP or for more info, email
[membership@ riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)
or call/text 954-258-6315

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**Leana
Bresnahan**

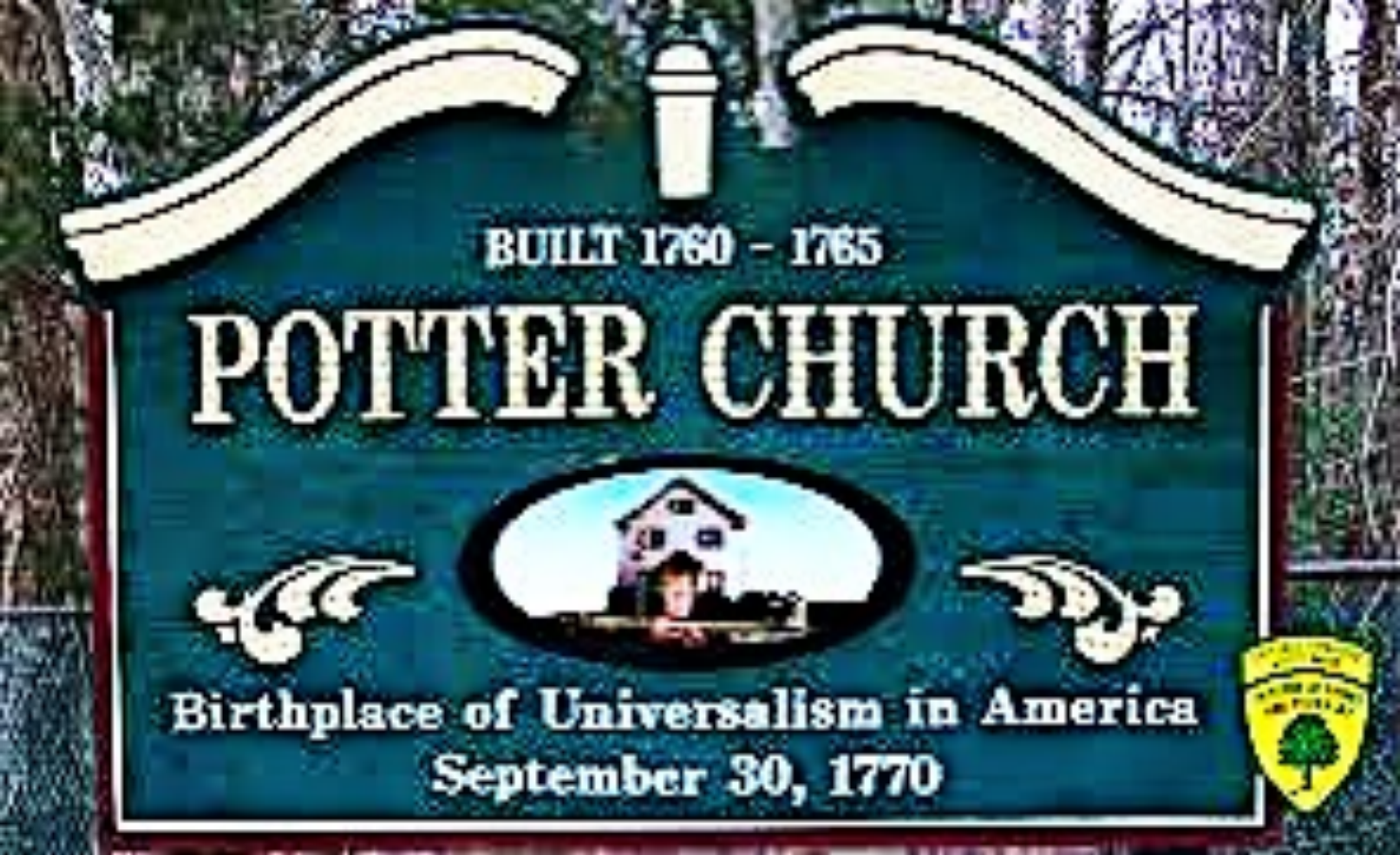
The Membership Committee,
based on a recommendation by Ed Lewis,
has produced member name tags in a
new format.

First names will now appear in a
large, bold font, to make them
much easier to read.

Thank you, Ed, for this great idea!

The new name tags are now available at
the Welcome Table.

Please stop by to pick yours up!



September 30 is Universalism Day

John Murray preached his first sermon as a
Universalist Minister
in Good Luck, New Jersey on Sept. 30, 1770.

After John Murray's ship became stranded
upon a sandbar in Good Luck, Murray went
ashore, and met Thomas Potter.

Potter had just built a chapel and was looking
for a minister to preach in its pulpit.

Potter asked Rev Murray to preach on the
coming Sunday.

In defining Universalism John Murray said,
"God the Father, God the Son, and God the
Holy Ghost, are no more than different
exhibitions of the self-same existent,
omnipresent Being."

River of Grass Justice Seekers



NO THRONES. NO CROWNS.

Heads up! Save our Democracy!

Justice Seekers will be organizing & inviting everyone to participate in the next NoKings rally:

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10-12, Location TBD

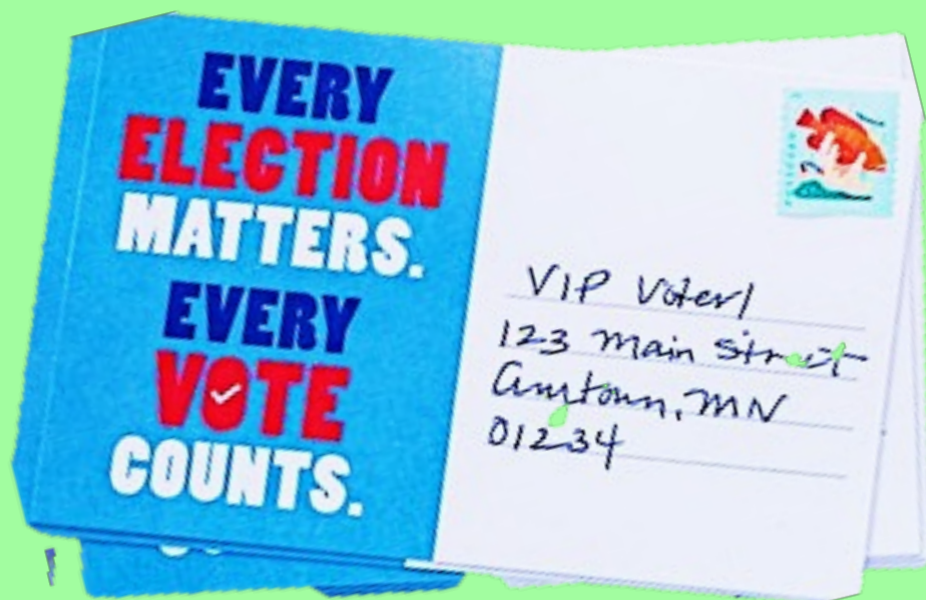


NO KINGS at Young Circle, Hollywood, March 2024



Rev. Nick invites everyone to begin participating with him in **Freedom Vigils** that take place every other Sunday from 5 - 6 p.m. at **the Broward Transitional Center, [3900 N. Powerline Road](#)**, in Pompano Beach, to protect our UU values and to protest the inhumane, illegal detention of immigrants. The next Freedom Vigil is Sept. 27, & then Oct. 11.

Rev Nick recommends you wear your Side with Love t-shirt, if possible (or a yellow shirt if you don't have one) and bring water.



This is something you can do from home! Gary Gonzalez has obtained a stack of **postcards** to be sent out **urging folks to vote** in the November mid-term election to provide affordable health care for all.

Please see Gary to obtain the postcards you can write and mail. Note: you are responsible for purchasing the postage stamps. Postcards and names and addresses of voters are provided.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 24, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Friday, September 25, 7pm, A-9, **Drum Circle** Andy Bunce and Linda Lathroum

Saturday, September 26, Zoom 11am **Board Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, September 27, 8:15am Zoom + A-9, Gary Gonzalez **Flowing River Sangha**

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream, **Sunday Service – Bricks and Mortar** RevNick

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, October 1, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, October 1, 7pm , A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, October 3, 2 - 4pm , A-9, **Spiritual Art Sign Painting**

Sunday, October 4, 8:15am Zoom + A-9, Gary Gonzalez **Flowing River Sangha**

Sunday, October 4, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream, **Sunday Service – Who, What, Where, When, Why, How - is the Sacred?** Robert Smith

Sunday, October 4, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, October 4, 1 pm **Fall Potluck Picnic!** Leana Bresnahan



Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1>

Worship Service:

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

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

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Men's Group

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GATHERING

Morning Sing

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In # 361; Words and Music: Louise Rispini

Building A New Way # 1017; Words and Music: Martha Sandefer

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

Welcome

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude Take Me to the River; Words and Music: Al Green and Mabon "Teenie" Hodges, The River of Grass Band

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship Co-Regulation by Elizabeth Barish Browne

Opening Music Woy Ya Ya # 1020; Words and Music:

Loughy Amoa, Solomon Amarfino, et. al.,

Chalice Lighting The Chalice Lit Among Us is a Beacon by Debra Faulk

CONNECTING

Covenant

Wisdom Story The Knowing by Ani DiFranco, painted by Julia Mathew

Backpack Blessing

Teacher Blessing

Offering/Offertory Instrumental Gayle Giese, Piano

DEEPENING

Deepening Music Meditation on Breathing #1009; Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection Instrumental; Gayle Giese, Piano

Pastoral Response

Message Bricks & Mortar RevNick Sanchez

SENDING

Closing Music Love is the Water by Pat Wictor, Peter Meerwarth, Piano

Closing Words Take This as an Invitation, by Birch Cue

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise



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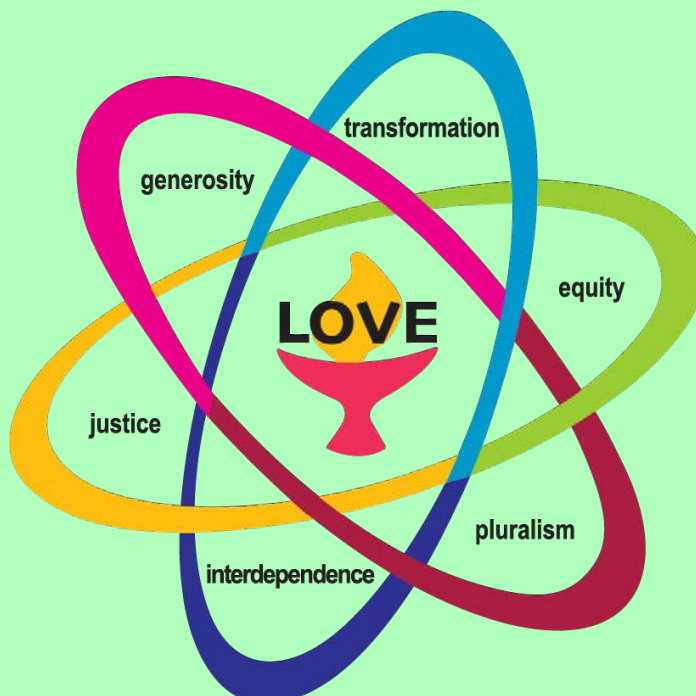
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please contact the office and
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*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly
congregation-wide newsletter should be received
by noon Wednesday.*

*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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WALK WITH TEAM TSUNAMI

FOR MENTAL HEALTH. FOR HOPE. FOR ALL.

NAMIWALKS
BROWARD COUNTY



Saturday, October 10;
Nova Southeastern Univ
Registration 8a, Walk 9:15a

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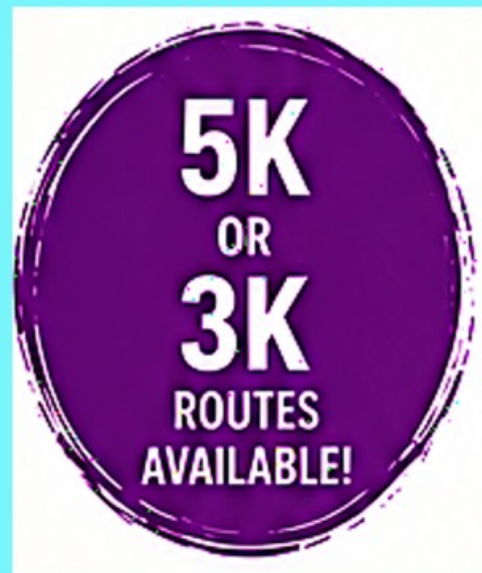
DONATE

HELP LINDA REACH
HER FUNDRAISING GOAL



JOIN US

JOIN TEAM TSUNAMI



Please see Linda, Gayle, or Pam for more
details about signing up to walk or
donate to the team.

Every donation counts as we fundraise for
mental health services here in Broward.

Thank you for your support!

For information Linda lindalath@gmail.com

link for Team TsuNAMI:

<https://www.namiwalks.org/team/83980>



REUUNION



FOOD & FUN WITH YOUR SE FLORIDA UU FAMILY

**Picnic Potluck in the Park next to the
UU Fellowship of Boca Raton**
[just off Glades Road]

A casual community gathering, outdoor games,
and social time for UU congregations in SE FL
to meet our new ministers
Rev. Nicole Jacobson and Rev. Nick Sanchez,
renew old friendships, and plan for future
collaboration in social justice,
shared programming, and regional events.

**Sunday
October
11**

WOODLANDS PARK
AT 2 PM – 4 PM

2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton

Info: Erich Landstrom: tech2@uufbr.org