

Celebrating  
25 Years

# River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Welcome** to our River of Grass Family  
**Welcome** to our Love; **Welcome Home**

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Sunday, January 19, 2025 Service

### **STAY AWAKE:**

**Bending the Arc Through Challenge and Change**

**MLK Sunday**

*“There is nothing more tragic than to sleep through a revolution.”*

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1966, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered the Ware Lecture at our Unitarian Universalist General Assembly charging UUs around the world:

*“Don’t Sleep Through the Revolution!”*

More than a half-century later, how does his charge call to us today?

Join us to explore together in this Sunday’s all-generation service.

## Our Mission

Nurture our spirits; love intentionally; create a just & sustainable world.

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either **in-person in Davie** (info below) or **virtually on Zoom or Facebook** (links below).

Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. Come to:

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325
- Children's & youth's Faith Development at 10:30. Childcare provided.

### Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday, our children and youth will develop their faith in worship with the congregation, as we look to honor the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. and heed his request to continue the ongoing work for justice.

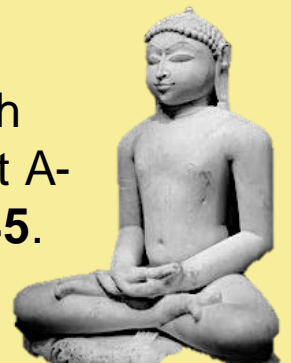
For questions contact Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development.

### Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation on Sunday AM

Good news! We have returned to in-person meditation with Gary Gonzalez every Sunday morning at River of Grass at A-9. We will gather at **8:30 am and begin meditating at 8:45.**

The meditation is also available via Zoom link below.

"I look forward to sitting with you in person or remotely."



## Our Covenant

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.

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.

Worship Service:

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

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

<https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>

Director of Faith Development

[ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org)

Meditation:

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



Join the **Full Moon Daughters** for a visit with  
South Florida's most beautiful "snow" birds!

We are headed to the

## **Green Cay Nature Center**

in western Boynton Beach,  
where migratory birds meet up each winter,  
on **Saturday morning, Jan. 18.**

Boardwalks lead you through marshlands and nesting areas,  
giving you a

closeup view of nature conservation at its best.

Full Moon Daughters is an outdoors and nature group  
open to women and girls,  
and welcomes all whose identity includes female.

For more information and carpooling availability,  
email [fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org).

# FAITH LIKE A RIVER

## EXPLORING THE DYNAMIC COURSE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST HISTORY

A conjoined Zoom gathering with members of the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, hosted by our Religious Educators, beginning in January 2025.

***What lessons do the stories of our history teach that can help us live more faithfully in the present?  
What lessons do they offer to be lived into the future?***

### Freedom of Belief

January 23 The Verdant Springs – Reform(ation)

January 29 God's Gonna Trouble the Waters –  
Martyrs

Register by email to

[religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org)

All Sessions Start at 7pm

## Prophets and Social Justice

February 5 I've Got Tears Like the Raindrops — Freedom

February 13 Mirages and Oases — Idealism and Utopianism

February 27 Ripples in the Water — The Evangelists

## Diverse Community

March 5 Shall We Gather at the River? — Religious Tolerance

March 12 The Seven Seas — Globalization

March 19 The Water Is Wide — Multiculturalism

## Institutionalism

March 26 Rise in the Sea — Unitarianism

April 2 Rise in the Sea — Universalism

April 9 As Tranquil Streams that Meet and Merge —Consolidation

## Unitarian Universalist Identity

April 16 Rising Tides — Reason as a Religious Source

April 30 We're All Swimming in the Stream Together — Covenant

## Covenant

May 7 Gently Down the Stream — Polity

May 14 or 22? Karen's Transylvanian Adventure

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## *River of Grass Connection Circles are Back!*

For information about Rev. Amy's Connection Circles contact her at [minister@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:minister@riverofgrassuu.org) Or speak with her after Service.

Jan 16, Thursday, 7pm **Welcome Table Communion A-9 + zoom**  
Amidst this Winter Season, join us for a Unitarian Universalist communion ritual remembering the life of Jesus of Nazareth and its teachings for our own lives in the 21 st century.

Jan 19, Sunday 12pm **Second Helping Sunday: Baby, Bathwater and Bible A-9 + Zoom** Join us to explore the differences between big-T Truth and little-t truth, the uses of metaphor and meaning, and how the historic weaponization of the Bible has built barriers between us and its wisdom – and between us and our neighbors.

Jan 21, Tuesday, 7pm, **What Dreams May Come: Dream Reflection Group A9** and zoom (3rd Tuesdays, 7pm; ongoing, see RoG calendar) Guided by Jungian theory, we'll explore our dreams as gateways to meaning for our lives!

Jan 31, Friday, 7pm, **The Beat Goes On Drum Circle A9 only** (drumming just doesn't do well on zoom) (Monthly, last Friday, 7pm; ongoing, see RoG Calendar) Bring your drum or enjoy one of ours the last Friday of each month to drum out the stresses of the days behind and find new rhythms for ones to come. No drum, no problem - we have plenty. No experience, also no problem – your inner drummer awaits!

Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816837657?pwd=t8scw4ml9h34cv8CU0JWFI3IMQI8F9.1>

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*Come to*

## *Karaoke Night*

Saturday, February 15; 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
At River of Grass A-9

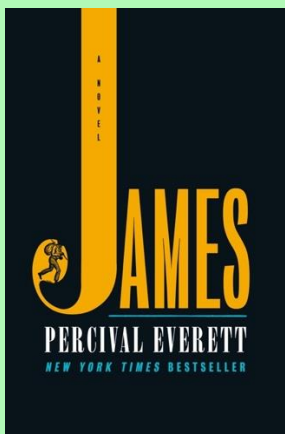
Tickets are \$30. You can contact [Auction@riverofgrass.org](mailto:Auction@riverofgrass.org) or go to [riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org). From the home page go to 'Donate', then Auction. Fill it out mentioning in notes that the payment is for Karaoke Night. Or at the door.

Come sing your heart out or just listen to an evening of karaoke. The choir wants to listen to YOU sing this time.

Share your voice, good, bad, ugly, it's all in good fun and you will have all the support you want on that stage.

There will be food, drink and a MASSIVE song list.

We can't wait to see you. Bring a friend or 2.



**River of Grass bUUKies Discussion.** Wednesday, January 29, 7pm by Zoom

**James** is a radical reworking of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn," telling the story not from Huck's perspective, but from the point of view of the enslaved man who accompanies Huck down the Mississippi River. From James's eyes, we see he is no mere sidekick but rather a thinker and a writer who is code-switching as illiterate & fighting desperately for freedom. James is currently #1 on the NY Times Bestseller list.



## River of Grass Congregational Mid Year Meeting Sunday, Jan 26, 12pm

**River of Grass Spiritual Artists' Open Studio**  
at A-9, Sat., Jan. 18, 2pm

Come and bring your own creative materials. And imagine together with other creatives. Or paint some rocks.

Please RSVP [spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org).

All are welcome.



### Men's Group

The Men's Group meets today, Thur., 16 Jan.

7-8:30pm @ A9 + Zoom. Ken Bresnahan

We will discuss **Friendship as a Grown-up**

We also get together at 5:30 for an optional dinner at Lester's Diner at 1393 NW 136 Ave, Sunrise.

Those not attending in person can still join in via zoom.  
[mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org) RSVP please



## Men's Group

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

## bUUKies

Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92657017488?pwd=VFc2TVByMnJFUGdRQXVZUkt1dVdOQT09>

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**South Florida Folk & Acoustic  
Music Club**

PRESENTS

**South Florida FOLK &  
ACOUSTIC  
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2025**

Bergeron Rodeo Grounds

4201 SW 65th Way, Davie, FL

**SINGER SONGWRITER**

**COMPETITION**

Continuous Performances  
by Florida Musicians  
& National Touring Acts

- Over 40 artists • Two Stages
- Workshops • Jam Area
- Food Trucks • Camping
- Raffle Prizes • Craft Vendors

**[Tickets@sffolk.org](mailto:Tickets@sffolk.org)**

# Hey River Evangelists,

Do you want to spread the good news about  
River of Grass  
at the Folk Festival on  
Friday, Jan. 31 through Sunday, Feb. 2?

Then let's host an  
Information Table at the



Please contact Karen Gonzalez  
at [religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org)  
Or during Sunday Hospitality.

Let's bring awareness of our wonderful  
congregation to other lovers of good music.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*All email addresses or links are below*

Thursday, January 16, 6pm Zoom

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

Discussion topic is **Friendship as a Grown-up**

Thursday, Jan 16, 7pm **Welcome Table Communion** RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, January 18 morning Full Moon Daughters **Green Cay Nature Center**

Diane Lade

Saturday, January 18, 2pm **Open Studio** Spiritual Art - Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, January 19, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom

**Flowing River Sangha** at A-9 Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, January 19, 10:30am **Sunday Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

**Bending the Arc Through Challenge and Change** MLK Sunday

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**Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

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Sunday, January 19, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Worship Service**

RevAmy Carol Webb

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**Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

Gary Gonzalez <https://riverofgrassuu.org/sunday-meditation.html>

Worship Zoom

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

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Order of Service for Sunday, January 19, 2025

## **STAY AWAKE: Bending the Arc Through Challenge and Change**

### GATHERING

#### Morning Sing

#153, "Oh, I Woke Up this Morning" Words and Music: African American Spiritual

#348, "Guide My Feet" Traditional African-American Spiritual

"Oh Let Us Gather" by RevAmy Carol Webb

#### Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude "MLK's Favorites Medley"

Welcome Reading #584, "A Network of Mutuality" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Theme Hymn "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round" by The Freedom Singers

#### Chalice Lighting

We light this candle for strength

for determination

for courage

for faith

that by our own lives

the unwavering flame of justice

shall reach the far corners

of every human heart. Amy Carol Webb

### CONNECTING

#### Covenant

### DEEPENING

Deepening Music #1040, "Hush" Traditional African-American Spiritual

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #371 from a Genevan Psalter, text #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story "Wake Up to Injustice" by Gayle Forsyth-Vail

Music #153, "Oh I Woke Up this Morning" Traditional African-American Spiritual

Heritage and Hope

#### Offering

Offertory #402 "From You I Receive" Words and Music by Joseph and Nathan Segal

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### SENDING

Closing Music #169, "We Shall Overcome" Traditional African-American Spiritual

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Sending/Shine on

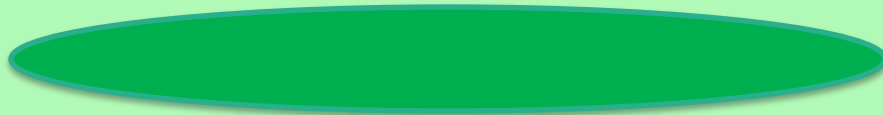
Music Reprise



## Green Tip of the Week

Instead of buying a gift for a present reduce your carbon footprint by creating something that you give;

A cake, a knitted sweater or ceramics. Something that has a lot of meaning for you.



To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website posted on the page below River of Grass UU Congregation is on **FaceBook**. For more information, please contact us at the community awareness email below.

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*Announcements wishing to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide newsletter should be e-mailed to the email below by noon 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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