



**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 23, 2025

Sunday, January 26, 2025 Service

STAY AWAKE for TEAMWORK

Bending the Arc 2

All of us need all of us to survive.

- *Rev. Teresa I. Soto*

We look around us at a world on fire, literally and spiritually, and ask what in the name of all that is holy can we hope to do?

The answer? First, we stay together. We work together.

We join with others laboring for love and justice with their very lives. We learn the values and techniques of teamwork.

It will take all of us – and all means ALL – to handle all that comes next, from here in our own house,
to our community, our nation,
our planet and the world of humanity that is our earthly family.

-- All of us need all of us to survive.

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:

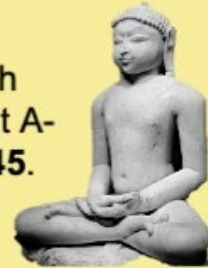
This Sunday, in our Faith Development program, our younger class will be learning about Moses, who will make an appearance, himself! Our older kiddos will also be diving deeper into Judaism with the story of Moses and the role of prophets in Jewish thought and history. For more information about our Religious Education program, contact Karen at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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?
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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

Meditation:

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River of Grass

Congregational Mid Year Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 12pm

**We have crucial changes happening right now;
it is very important that you attend.**

- Lunch
- Childcare
- Music
- Virtual too; use Sunday Service Zoom, below

Share your thoughts; ask questions

Mid Year Meeting

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River of Grass Connection Circles

For information about Rev. Amy's Connection Circles contact her at minister@riverofgrassuu.org Or speak with her after Service.

Feb 4, 7pm, Tuesday **Good Grief Bereavement Group** A-9 + Zoom Gather with this circle of sojourners of all kinds as we navigate life after loss, using Francis Weller's "The Wild Edge of Sorrow" as our guide.

Feb 9, Sunday 12:15pm **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.

Feb 18, Tues. 7pm, **What Dreams May Come: Dream Reflection Group** A9 and zoom (drumming just doesn't do well on zoom) (Monthly, 1st 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!

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Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

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Meeting ID: 828 1683 7657

Passcode: 565945

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,

*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

Thursday, Jan 23, 7pm Zoom The Verdant Springs
- Reform(ation)

Wednesday, Jan 29, 7pm Zoom God's Gonna
Trouble the Waters – Martyrs

Register by email to Karen Gonzalez at
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

Register by email to religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org

All Sessions Start at 7pm



Calling All River Creatives:

Spiritual Art is having an Art Exhibition on
Sundays, February 2 and 9
On the Back Wall of the Sanctuary,

Come Exhibit With Us.

Contact Steve Jens-Rochow after Service
Or at spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org



FRICION FARM Concert

at
River of Grass

Café

Saturday, February 8, 7pm

\$30 at the door

\$25 advance

Tickets and info: café@riverofgrassuu.org
tickets: Riverofgraassuu.org; Events; Friction Farm

Modern-folk duo Friction Farm is a husband-and-wife team of traveling troubadours. Aidan Quinn and Christine Stay combine storytelling, social commentary and humor to create songs of everyday life, local heroes, and quirky observations. Their lyrically rich, harmony-driven songs are inspired by the collision of strong political polarity with personal kindness.

<https://frictionfarm.com>

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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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 or go to 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.



LifeNet4Families



Needs Donations of

- Personal and Feminine Hygiene Products, New Underwear, Socks, Combs and Brushes
- Circle of Friends Celebration for their Clients: Red & Pink Balloons, Candles, Colored Paper, Chocolate and Vanilla Cupcakes, Glue Sticks, Markers and Colored Pencils, Straws, Ribbon
- Gardening Tools and Supplies, Trash Bags
 - As well as food and clothes

Info: speak to Rachel Malca after service
ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org



The
River of Grass Choir
practices every Sunday Morning at 10am.
If you would like to join the Choir, and all are
welcome, then see Peter Meersworth, Choir Director.
Or talk to Gary or Theo.
music@riverofgrassuu.org

The Choir practices at a member's home on the
Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 7pm.
For location talk to Peter, Gary, Theo or Rachel.



SIDE WITH LOVE

30 DAYS OF LOVE

January 20 to February 14

**Bringing our dreams of justice
and liberation to life.**

Our power is grounded in our
values that proclaim the
transformative power of love and
harness the enduring power of
community.



This year, 30 Days of Love's theme is
Inhabiting Our Freedom Dreams

First week theme: *We are home*

Brought to us by the UUA's sidewithlove.org





Ticket Prices vary by day and time,
and if you are a folk club member.

*All pre-event discount ticket sales will end on Sunday,
Jan 26, at 6pm.*

Tickets: sffolk.org/general-information/festival-tickets/

Tickets@sffolk.org

HEADLINERS

Friday Night David Roth

Saturday Joe Jencks

Sunday Kiya Heartwood

sffolk.org/general-information/festival-tickets/

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
Or during Sunday Hospitality.**

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

Chinese Lunar New Year
Wednesday, January 29
The Year of the Snake



January 29 marks the start of the New Year based
on lunar calendars.
The Lunar New Year
is associated with the animals of the Chinese zodiac,



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, Jan 23, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, Jan 23, 7pm **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan A-9 + Zoom
Discussion topic is **Friendship as a Grown-up**

Thursday, Jan 23, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, Jan 26, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom

Flowing River Sangha at A-9 Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, Jan 26, 10:30am **Sunday Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, Jan 26, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, Jan 26, 12:00pm **Congregational Mid-Year Meeting**

Leana Bresnahan, President

Wednesday, Feb, 29, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, Jan 30, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Friday, Jan 31, 7pm A-9 **Drum Circle** RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, Feb 1, 2pm **Spiritual Art Open Studio** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, Feb 2, 8:30am

Flowing River Sangha at A-9 + Zoom Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, Feb 2, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Worship Service**

RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, Feb 2, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, Feb 2, 7pm **Women's Group** A-9 + Zoom Kathy Jens-Rochow

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

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

Worship Zoom

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Steve Jens-Rochow. spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org

Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

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Order of Service for Sunday, January 26, 2025

Theme Hymn: Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round

GATHERING

Morning Sing "Oh Let Us Gather" Words and Music RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes Katelyn Coker

Prelude

Welcome "Everything is Still on Fire" (Teresa I. Soto)

Theme Hymn "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round".

Chalice Lighting

*We light this flame to remember
the sacred bond that calls us
to listen beyond debate
to love beyond difference
to live beyond desire
That we may not merely dream
But do all that must be done
Shoulder to shoulder
soul to soul. (Webb)*

CONNECTING

Covenant

DEEPENING

Deepening Music – #123

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response (Music #371, text #381)

Wisdom Story "Desmond Gets Free" by Matt Meyer;

Singing Youth to Class

Heritage and Hope

Offering / Offertory #402, From You I Receive

Message – STAY AWAKE for TEAMWORK

SENDING

Closing Music – #168, One More Step

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise

Green Tip of the Week



Running your dishwasher and using air dry when it has a full load actually uses less energy than washing those same dishes by hand.



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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