



**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 30, 2025

Sunday, February 2, 2025 Service RevAmy Carol Webb

"What's in a Name" Bending the Arc 3

STAY AWAKE for RAINBOWS: LGBTQ+ Equity

Words have power. That's why making them is called "spelling."
And then names have exponentially more power as they carry the
very elements and deeper meanings of our very all being --
how we perceive, portray, receive, and
respect ourselves and one another.

How much more then, do we embrace our LGBTQ+ beloveds
and neighbors? By the way, nobody's "inventing"
gender identities and sexual orientations.

We're only coming out from under the oppression and shame
that tried to bury us for so long.

Join us this Sunday to STAY AWAKE for RAINBOWS -- the ones
right here in our midst, in our communities, nation, and the wider
world that need our solidarity, advocacy, and courage
more than ever right now.

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 younger Faith Development class will continue their exploration of the Hebrew story, with a session on Passover.

Our older kiddos will explore the role of Hebrew prophets and laws regarding food before joining the younger class for an experience with a Passover seder.

For more information about our Religious Education program, contact Karen Gonzalez 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?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

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

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

Director of Faith Development: ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRlRlTVcyZz09#success>



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.

Friday, Jan 31, 7pm **Drum Circle** A-9 RevAmy Carol Webb. (drumming just doesn't do well on zoom) Bring your drum or enjoy one of ours on 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!

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. Guided by Jungian theory, we'll explore our dreams as gateways to meaning for our lives!

Feb 23, 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.

Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

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

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?*

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

Register by email to religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org



River Art Exhibition

Sundays, February 2 and 9

On the Back Wall of the Sanctuary

Wine and Cheese Reception Feb 2, 11:45

Presented by Spiritual Art

Exhibiting Artists:

Theo Lucas

Natalie Murphy

Steve Jens-Rochow

Elyse Brunt

Peter Fox

Andrew Meit

Dora Font

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>

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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.



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

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

Tickets@sffolk.org

HEADLINERS

Friday Night David Roth

Saturday Joe Jencks

Sunday Kiya Heartwood



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, Jan 30, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

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

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Children and Youth Faith Development

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

Tuesday, Feb 4, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Good Grief Bereavement Group**
RevAmy Carol Webb

Wednesday, Feb 5, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, Feb 6, 6pm Zoom

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Thursday Feb 6, 7pm **Men's Group** A-9 + Zoom Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, Feb 8, 7pm **Friction Farm Concert** A-9

Sunday, Feb 9, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom

Flowing River Sangha at A-9 Gary Gonzalez

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