



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, February 6, 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025 Service

RevAmy Carol Webb + Friction Farm

STAY WOKE FOR HOPE

A Message from Special Guests Friction Farm

Bending the Arc 4

*Hope is being able to see that there is light despite
all of the darkness. - Desmond Tutu*

Though we understand we must be aware of injustice
around us, it can wear us down.

But also recognizing those defending justice around us
can fill our well of hope and resilience.

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.

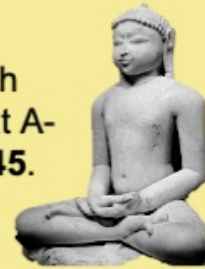
For more information about our Religious Education program, contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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

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

Director of Faith Development

ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Meditation:



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 9, Sunday 12:15pm **Second Helping Sunday 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.

Friday, Feb 28, 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!

March 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.

Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

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

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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?*

Prophets and Social Justice

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



As we celebrate Black History Month, we turn our focus to

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on Feb 7

We commemorate and recognize the progress we've made in HIV prevention, treatment, and care over the last 40 years.

We also highlight that, although we've learned so much and made enormous strides towards ending the HIV and AIDS epidemic, there is still more work to be done, especially in Black communities.

The first NBHAAD was in 1999 and began as a grassroots-education effort to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS prevention, care, and treatment in communities of color.

Annual observances of NBHAAD continue to raise awareness and provide opportunities to combat stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS.

Source: GLAAD Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

<https://glaad.org/>



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BALTIMORE • JUNE 18 - 22, 2025

General Assembly (GA)

<https://www.uua.org/ga>

is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), where participants gather to worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy decisions for the Association through a democratic process.

From June 18–22, 2025, the 64th UUA General Assembly will be a multi-platform event, in Baltimore, Maryland and hundreds more joining on the Whova app.

In addition to the business sessions of the UUA there will be interesting workshops, lectures [including the Ware Lecture], worship, social justice actions and witness opportunities.

River of Grass will be sending 3 delegates;
See Leana Bresnahan president@riverofgrassuu.org

Registration is now open

<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

GA Choir Registration

<https://www.uua.org/ga/program/contribute/choir>



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, Feb 6, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

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

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Saturday, Feb 15, 6:30pm A-9 **Karaoke Party Love and Laughter** Auction Event

Sunday, Feb 16, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom

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Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbnRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

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Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

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Order of Service for Sunday, February 9, 2025

GATHERING

Morning Sing

Rivers of Grace Words and Music by Carla Gates

#1010, We Give Thanks Words and Music by Wendy Luella Perkins

Oh, Let Us Gather Words and Music by Amy Carol Webb

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome "Hope is Not a Bird, Emily" (Caitlin, Seida)

Theme Hymn "Building Bridges" Words: Women of the Greenham Common

Peace Occupation in England, Music: Contemporary English Quaker Round

Chalice Lighting —

WE LIGHT THIS SACRED FLAME

THAT THE SONGS OF HOPE

OF JUSTICE, OF PEACE, OF FAITH

MAY FIND A VOICE IN US. (WEBB)

CONNECTING: Covenant

DEEPENING

Deepening Music – #346, Come Sing a Song with Me by Carolyn McDade

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection -- (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

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

Wisdom Story - "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman

Singing Youth to Class Words and Music by Amy Carol Webb

Heritage and Hope

Offering / Offertory #402, From You I Receive Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal

Message – "STAY WOKE for HOPE" FRICTION FARM

SENDING

Closing Music – #1064, Blue Boat Home Words by Peter Meyer, Music by Roland Hugh Pritchard

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



Be a jean genie.

Three quarters of a pound of fertilizers and pesticides are used to produce one pair of jeans. Stop this by buying organic jeans, or, better still, buy a recycled pair and customize them,



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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