



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 13, 2025

Sunday, February 16, 2025 Service

STAY AWAKE FOR MOTHER EARTH: Water Is Life
Bending the Arc 5

Love is the water that wears the down the rock.

- Pat Wictor

Join us for the fifth Sunday of our 2025 Bending the Arc series as we

STAY AWAKE FOR MOTHER EARTH, considering,

in both the original Lakota and translated English, *Mní Wičóni*

(Water is life) that transforms ourselves and our communities

when we honor water not just as a resource for life

but as the *source* of life – not a commodity, but our relative as

we navigate the rivers of our lives.

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 kiddos will be developing their faith in worship with us all. Our theme is Equity, with a focus on the impact of climate change on our Earth home, especially her waters. There'll be some movement and special music, so it should be an inspirational experience for everyone.

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

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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.



New to River of Grass?

Loving what you see and feel so far?

Feeling like Unitarian Universalism and River of Grass
may be your new spiritual home?

This **Sunday, February 16th**, grab your coffee and
gather with RevAmy to learn more about
life and activities at The River and

**how you can become a member of this vibrant
Beloved Community.**

Drop-ins are welcome,

but please email membership@riverofgrassuu.org
if you know you plan to attend or need more information.



UUA Joins Multifaith Lawsuit Asserting that ICE Policy Violates the First Amendment and the Safety of our Sanctuaries.

The UUA is proud to announce we are a plaintiff in the sensitive locations policy lawsuit.

We join a multifaith coalition to challenge the ending of ICE's policy, and oppose any interpretation of law which would allow immigration raids in houses of worship and religious ceremonies.

"Our sacred spaces must continue to offer sanctuary to those who face oppression, violence, or alienation, including immigrant communities." UUA Ex VP Carey McDonald





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 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 20, Thursday, 7pm **Welcome Table Communion** Join us for our Unitarian Universalist communion ritual.

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.

Feb 28, Friday, 7pm **Drum Circle** A-9 RevAmy Carol Webb. (ng 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.

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 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



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.

February is



Famous Unitarian Universalists in Black History

Rev James Reeb was a UU Minister from Boston who answered Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call to come to Selma and march. Rev Reeb, and two other UU ministers, marched with Dr. King across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 11, 1965. James Reeb was murdered by white supremacists that evening.

Viola Riuzzo was a Detroit activist who helped with logistics for the successful Selma to Montgomery March. She was murdered by members of the KKK on March 25, 1965.

Famous Black Unitarian Universalists

Francis Ellen Watkins Harper 1825-1911 Author, Abolitionist, Suffragist. She defied racial and gender-based expectations of her day. She was one of the first US published Black women.

Fannie Barrier Williams 1856-1944 educator, civil rights, and woman's rights activist. She got black people officially represented on the Board of the Columbia Exposition in 1893.

Egbert Ethelred Brown 1875-1956 He founded a Unitarian church in Harlem, and became a leading voice in promoting the independence of Caribbean nations and liberal religion during the Harlem Renaissance.



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, Feb 13, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, Feb 13, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies for Change** *The Piano Lesson*

Saturday, Feb 15, **Spiritual Art** A-9 4pm take down exhibition

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

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Order of Service for Sunday, February 16, 2025

BENDING THE ARC 5; Stay Awake for Mother Earth: Water is Life

Morning Sing

##188, Come, Come, Whoever You Are

#207, Earth Was Given as a Garden

Oh, Let Us Gather by Amy Carol Web

Ringing of the Chimes Eleanor Enright

Prelude

Welcome "The Peace of Wild Things" by Wendell Berry

Theme Hymn "Building Bridges"

Chalice Lighting *We light this sacred flame today*

That by its light

We may see the paths before us

And live the Way of Love

Unfolding through us. RevAmy Carol Webb

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Deepening Music #1001, Breaths, Words and Music by Jason Shelton

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story - "I Am One" by Susan Verde illustrated by Peter A Reynolds

Heritage and Hope

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

MESSAGE STAY AWAKE FOR MOTHER EARTH: Water Is Life

Closing Music – ##207, Earth Was Given as a Garden

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

Reduce your Carbon Footprint by giving a gift of a restaurant visit, a trip to a spa or beauty parlor, or a concert or show.



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.

