



**Celebrating
26 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 20, 2025

Sunday, February 23, 2025 Service

ARE WE THERE YET?

The Arc of the Universe is Looooooooong

It's Charter Sunday!

Bending the Arc 6

You are not obligated to finish the work.

Neither are you free to abandon it.

- From the Pirkei Avot

On this 6th Sunday of our 2025 Bending the Arc series as we consider how we are called to keep working to bend the arc of the Universe toward Justice in our time, and what kinds of strategies of resistance, compassion, and courage we must cultivate to make it through this truly treacherous time together.

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 A-9, Davie, FL 33325
- Children's & youth's Faith Development at 10:30. Childcare provided.

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

On Sunday, in our primary class, children will learn about King Solomon and will act out a classic Solomon story. Learn about proverbs and talk about just what it means to become wise.

In our secondary class, we'll continue our learning about Islam by focusing on the history and contemporary status of Muslim women.

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.



Charter Sunday, February 21, 1999

Celebrating our Charter Members who are still with us helping our River grow and flow:

Ken and Leana Bresnahan
Monica Dyer
Karen and Gary Gonzalez
Diane Lade
Scott May

Linda Morgan Crane
Gayle and Allen Giese
Peter Heinz and Ann Prescott
Marilisa Lawless
Mike and Patty Miller

**Charter Members who are official Friends of the
Congregation:**

Lou DeSantis

Marjorie Loring

Judi Oltmans



**The Full Moon Daughters
will head to South Miami on
Saturday, March 8, for a
Homestead Adventure**

**We will spend the day exploring this lush area
home to orchid farms, fruit groves and
beautiful gardens.**

To sign-up or for more details, please email:

fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

**Full Moon Daughters,
an outdoors group that celebrates nature,
is open to all
women, girls and those who identify as female.**



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 20, Thursday, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **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

River of Grass'

Justice Seekers

Re-launch of our Service, Social Justice and Green Team



*We are excited to announce the re-launch of our SSJGT
with a proposed new name:*

Justice Seekers!

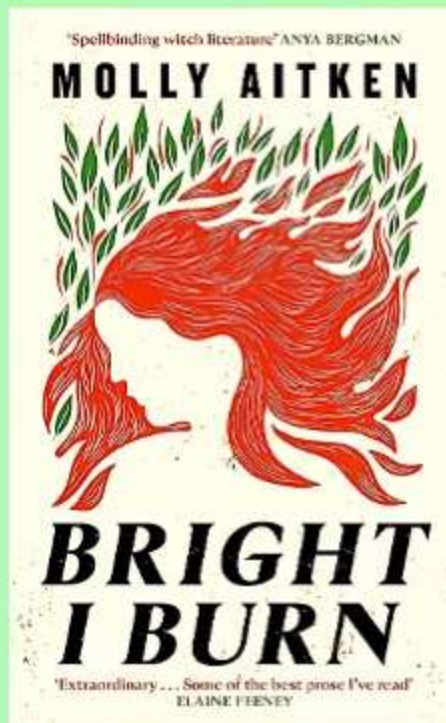
**Our first meeting will be held on
Monday, Feb 24th, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.**

This gathering will be an opportunity to create a space of love and support within our community, where we can share personal concerns and gain strength for inspired action.

All are welcome to join as we come together in faith and purpose.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Information: president@riverofgrassuu.org



The River book group, bUUKies,
will discuss **“Bright I Burn”**
on Wednesday, Feb 26, at 7pm on Zoom.

“Bright I Burn” is a fierce, electrifying novel inspired
by the true story of the first woman to be
condemned as a witch in Ireland.

In thirteenth-century Ireland, a woman with power
is a woman to be feared.

A breathtaking act of imagination, “Bright I
Burn” gives voice to a woman lost to history,
who dared to carve a space of her own
in a man’s world.

bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, Feb 20, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, Feb 20, 7pm Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan Topic is Friendship as a Grown-up

Thursday, Feb 20, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Welcome Table Communion**
RevAmy Carol Webb

Friday, Feb 21, RIVER OF GRASS 26TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, Feb 23, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, Feb 23, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

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Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, Feb 23, 12pm A-9 + Zoom **Board Talkback: Charting the Course of the River**

Sunday, Feb 23, 12:30pm A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday: Baby, Bathwater, Bible** RevAmy Carol Webb

Wednesday, Feb 26, 7pm Zoom **bUUKies "Bright I Burn"** by Molly Aitken

Thursday, Feb 27, 6pm Zoom

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Thursday, Feb 27, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

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

Sunday, March 2, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

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

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

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

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

Order of Service for Sunday, February 23, 2025

Morning Sing

#389, Gathered Here Words and Music: Phillip A Porter

Oh, Let Us Gather by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude Lean on Me by Bill Withers

Welcome Connecting Underground by Naima Penniman

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

Peace Occupation in England, Music: Contemporary English Quaker Round

Chalice Lighting

May this flame

Be A beacon of the faith we uphold

A torch for the truth we unfold

A light of A love so bold

In the work of our hearts and hands

This, and every, day. (Webb)

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Deepening Music #108, My Life Flows On in Endless Song Words: Early

Quaker song Music: American Gospel Tune

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370: Genevan Psalter, Words #38: Isaac Watt

Heritage and Hope

Offering+Offertory #402 From You I Receive Words&Music:Joseph & Nathan Segal

Wisdom Story "I Am We" (Verde & Reynolds)

Message ARE WE THERE YET?: The Arc of the Universe is L o o o o o o o n g

It's Charter Sunday!

Closing Music I am Willing by Holly Near

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

Declare War on Packaging.

Designed to make our lives more convenient, multilayered packaging, or even worse, individual packaging, produces a lot more carbon in manufacturing, and clogs up our landfills. Instead, buy stuff in bulk, or at least, buy stuff in packaging that has multiple servings



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.

