

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 27, 2025

Sunday, March 2, 2025 Service

GIVE TILL IT HELPS:

Generosity, Capitalism & Community in Our New World
River of Grass' Annual Giving Sunday

AND

New Member's Sunday

With Such Big Things ahead for River of Grass' ministries, we
kick off March's theme of
"Generosity" with a good look at what giving means in
Beloved Community and for the
new era we are birthing as faithful religious progressives and
stalwart citizens of a world
desperate for the kind of love and hope and fight for justice that
we live into every day.

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:



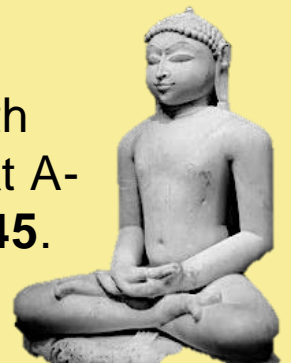
For more information about our Religious Education program for children and teens contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

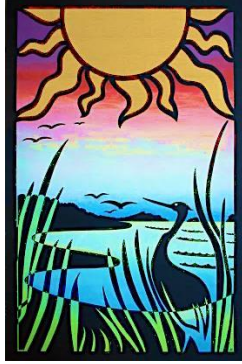
<https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>

Director of Faith Development

ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09#success>



River of Grass
Annual Pledge Drive
Love at the Center!
Give Love to Feel Love

March 2-23, 2025

Stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org



Kickoff Sunday, March 2, 2025
Pot Luck

Bring a Dish to Share

Ministerial Outreach Calls for Cottage Group Hosts; AND Kickoff Cottage Group in Plantation Sunday



- We are organizing cottage groups to gather members' opinions on the past, present, and future of River of Grass
- This is your primary way to influence the interview and selection process for our future Contract Minister
- This week we need volunteer hosts for cottage groups: One-time afternoon/evening commitment between 3/8 and 3/23 In person or Zoom, hoping for 6-8 attendees per group
- Your responsibilities:
 - Provide a physical or Zoom location for the meeting
 - Provide snacks for the meeting if in-person
 - Provide member's feedback to Ministerial Outreach
- KICKOFF Cottage Group this Sunday 3/2 2-4pm at Andy Perez' home
Please email Andrew Bunce or Theo Lucas for more info
- If you want to volunteer, please email so we can get scheduling in place
- To host a meeting email Theo your name and address
- Deadline to sign up to host: end of day Thursday 3/6
office@riverofgrassuu.org



The Full Moon Daughters
will head to South Miami on
Saturday Morning, March 8, for a
**Homestead Plant and
Orchid Ramble**

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 28, Friday, 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.

Sunday, March 9, 12pm, A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday**

Tuesday, March 18, 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!

Thursday, March 20, 7pm **Welcome Table Communion** A-9 + Zoom Join us for a Unitarian Universalist communion ritual remembering the life of Jesus of Nazareth and his teachings for our own lives in the 21st century

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 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



The Women's Group will be meeting this
Sunday, March 2, at 7:00 PM.

We will be meeting virtually.

Our topic will be "Heroes".

Who is your favorite female hero?

Historic or current? And why?

A hero is someone who has recognized a need, counted the potential cost, and decided to act in spite of what might happen to them personally because here is a cause that justifies that action.

Being a genuine hero means doing it because you have a moral obligation.

You never stop no matter what.

Our definition of Women is expansive and includes anyone who feels that they belong in this space, including those who identify as nonbinary.

The purpose of this group is to deepen our personal connections through shared discussions.

Listening to each person's experience.

For more information or the link, contact
Kathy Jens-Rochow at womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.



The Deadline for next week's edition of the River of Grass Weekly Newsletter will be Monday, March 3 at 6pm. The Newsletter will be distributed at about 6pm on Tuesday, March 4

Spiritual Art Open Studio
Saturday, March 1, 2pm, A-9



Come paint



Or bring your own art supplies.

Please reply if you are coming
spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org

February 28, 2025



From the River's emerging Justice Seekers:
**Join Us in a Day of Unity and Purpose –
February 28th Economic Blackout**

On **Friday, February 28th**, we have an opportunity to stand together in unity for the well-being of our communities and future generations. This Spending Blackout sends a message to big corporations about economic power in the US. As people of faith, we are called to be good stewards of our resources and to advocate for fairness and justice.

We invite you to join a
24-HOUR SPENDING BLACKOUT
by pausing non-essential spending
both online and in stores

& refraining from using credit or debit cards for the day.

If buying is necessary, we encourage supporting small, local businesses **using cash** for essential purchases only.

This effort is a peaceful and powerful way to bring awareness to the need for economic fairness and accountability.

Let's come together in faith, prayer, & action to make a difference. **One day, one voice, one movement—
united for a better future.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, Feb 27, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

Saturday, March 1, 2pm A-9 **Spiritual Art Open Studio** Steve Jens-Rochow

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

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Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, March 2, 12pm A-9 **Annual Pledge Drive Kickoff Potluck**

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

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

Wednesday, March 5, Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, March 6, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

Saturday, March 8, 9am Full Moon Daughters **Homestead Plant and Orchid Ramble** Diane Lade

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

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Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, March 9, 12:15pm A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday** RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, March 9, 7pm **Choir Rehearsal** Peter Meerswarth

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

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Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

Kathy Jens-Rochow. womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Diane Lade fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org

Peter Meerswarth Music@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, March 2, 2025
Annual Budget Drive Sunday. GIVE TILL IT HELPS:
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Morning Sing

#396 "I Know this Rose Will Open" Words and Music by Mary Grigolia

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

"Oh, Let Us Gather" by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes Xander Horton-Tavera

Prelude

Welcome

Theme Hymn #1027 "Cuando el Pobre" Words by José Antonio Oliver [Spanish].

Marti A. Seltz [English]; Music by José Antonio Oliver and Miguel Manzano

Chalice Lighting

Each morning we must hold out

The Chalice of our being to receive, to carry,

And give back. (Dag Hammarskold)

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.

Deepening Music #1013 "Open My Heart" Words and Music by Henry S. Flurry

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story - "Three Cups"

Singing Youth to Class

Heritage and Hope

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

Why We Give

Message GIVE TILL IT HELPS: Generosity, Capitalism & Community in the
New Era

Closing Music #1017, Building a New Way Words and Music by Martha Sandefer

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise



Green Tip: Grounded Green Vacations

Traveling by rail or by sea gives you the opportunity to sit back and enjoy your surroundings. Train travel emits 20 times less carbon than flying, and ship cruising emits almost 200 times less emissions than flying.

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.

Unsubscribe - If you do not wish to receive this weekly email, please send an email to our office [email below] and we will remove you from the mailing list.

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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the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are poor has increased from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion.

There are a number of reasons why the number of people in the world who are poor has increased. One reason is that the world's population has grown rapidly. Another reason is that the world's resources are being used up.

There are a number of things that we can do to help reduce the number of people in the world who are poor. One thing we can do is to help the world's poor people get better access to education and health care.

Another thing we can do is to help the world's poor people get better access to clean water and electricity. These are basic needs that many poor people do not have.

Finally, we can help the world's poor people get better access to jobs and income. This is the most important thing we can do to help reduce poverty.

There are a number of things that we can do to help the world's poor people get better access to jobs and income. One thing we can do is to help them start their own businesses.

Another thing we can do is to help them get better access to training and education. This will help them get better jobs and higher incomes.

Finally, we can help them get better access to credit. This will help them start their own businesses and get better jobs and higher incomes.

There are a number of things that we can do to help the world's poor people get better access to credit. One thing we can do is to help them get better access to microfinance.

Another thing we can do is to help them get better access to savings and loan associations. These organizations can help them get better access to credit and start their own businesses.

Finally, we can help them get better access to government support. This can help them get better access to credit and start their own businesses.

There are a number of things that we can do to help the world's poor people get better access to government support. One thing we can do is to help them get better access to social safety nets.

Another thing we can do is to help them get better access to public works programs. These programs can help them get better access to credit and start their own businesses.

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