

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Service

Wild & Precious Sunday

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?

~Mary Oliver

This Sunday will be our Annual
Wild & Precious Life service.

Members of our congregation, from different generations, will share their one wild and precious life: stories from their past and hopes for the future.

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:

This Sunday, in our Faith Development program for children, our Primary group will begin a series of lessons on Jesus. In this first lesson, they'll focus on what the world knows about Jesus and consider our limited knowledge of his life. Our Secondary group will return to Christianity with a focus on Martin Luther and the launching of the Protestant Reformation.

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>



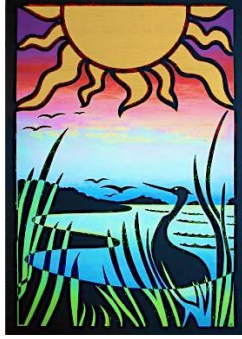
Attention ROG Poetry Lovers: Poetry submissions needed for Poetry Service April 27

Sheila and Milton will share a taste of your favorite poems with our Beloved community, preferably one you've written.

We look forward to seeing and hearing your creative offerings as soon as you can send them.

Many thanks dear ones,
Sheila & Milton

Please send a copy to
worship@riverofgrassuu.org for inclusion.



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

March 2-23, 2025
Stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org





ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE (APD) '25-26

If you were unable to attend last Sunday's APD Pot Luck, or you just still haven't found that Round Tuit, ***please get'er done.***

Find your pledge card at the link below. You can find our information brochure to help you determine your pledge amount on our website. Click on Donations, hover over Pledge information, and click on this year's pledge card.

Our goal is 100% participation and total pledges of \$210K.

All pledges are vitally important and very appreciated; please give generously.

Questions, contact co-chairs
Ken Bresnahan or Rita Cherubini at
stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org

<https://riverofgrassuu.org/2025-2026-pledge-card.html>

Ministerial Outreach Call for Cottage Group Hosts



We are organizing cottage groups to gather members' opinions on the past, present, & future of River of Grass

- This is your primary way to influence the interview and selection process for our future Contract Minister

- **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 Search Team

- **To host a Cottage Group Meeting click on the Doodle Poll link below and fill in your choice of meeting date.**

- Deadline to sign up to host: end of day Thursday 3/6

- If you are volunteering to be a Host please email your email address to Theo Lucas or Andy Bunce at office@riverofgrassuu.org

<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/eg8g4MGa>



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.

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

March 5 Ripples in the Water— the Evangelists

Diverse Community

March 12 Shall We Gather at the River? — Religious
Tolerance

March 19 The Seven Seas — Globalization

March 26 The Water Is Wide — Multiculturalism

Institutionalism

April 2 Rise in the Sea — Unitarianism

April 9 Rise in the Sea – Universalism

April 16 As Tranquil Streams that Meet and Merge —
Consolidation

Register by email to religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org



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.



Since her sister's disappearance, Jax has cared for her niece, Roki, by scraping by on the Seneca-Cayuga reservation in Oklahoma.

Every spare minute goes into finding her missing sister while also helping Roki prepare for an upcoming powwow.

They defy the law and hit the road on a journey to the Grand Nation Powwow in Oklahoma City in hopes of keeping what is left of their family intact.

Available on Apple TV+.

mUUvies, the River film group, will discuss **Fancy Dance** on Thursday, March 13 at 7pm via Zoom.

mUUvies@riverofgrassuu.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

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

Wednesday, March 5, 7pm 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 Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

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

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

Sunday, March 9, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Worship Service** Wild & Precious Life

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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

Wednesday, March 12, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, March 13, 6pm Zoom
Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, March 13, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies "Fancy Dance"** Steve & Kathy Jens-Rochow

Saturday, March 15, A-9 **Spiritual Art Open Studio** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, March 16, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, March 16, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

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Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

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>

Worship Zoom

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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 9, 2025

Morning Sing

#1020 Woyaya Words and Music by Loughy Amoa et al

#38 Morning Has Broken Words by Eleanor Music: Gaelic Melody

Oh, Let Us Gather words and music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words – A Sumer Day

Hymn #1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place Words & Music: Joyce Poley

Chalice Lighting

Covenant

English: Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.

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to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

Song #338 I Seek The Spirit of a Child Words: Carl Seaburg. Music: Traditional English melody

Message Part 1

My Wild & Precious Life – Ali Diaz

My Wild & Precious Life - Diane Diaz

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

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

Wisdom Story - “May You Love & Be Loved” by Cleo Wade

Singing Youth to Class

APD Testimonial – Susan Skach-Bejarano

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

Message Part 2

My Wild & Precious Life – Amy Horton Tavera

My Wild & Precious Life – Kechi Mouer

Closing Music #1051 “We Are” Words & Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

Closing Words Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

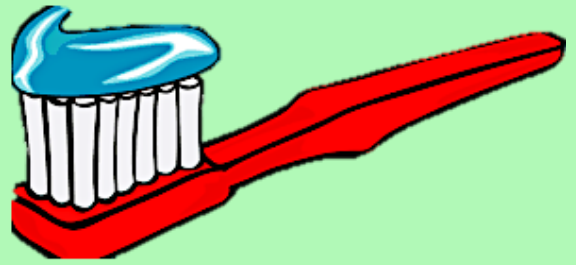
Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week

Dental Arithmetic:

Turn the water off while brushing will likely save 2 ½ gallons of water. That's over 125,00 gallons during your lifetime!



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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