



**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, March 13, 2025

Sunday, March 16, 2025 Service

Celebrating Purim with Aspirations of Breath & Spirit!

Come, Come, Whoever You Are;
clown, princess, super hero, drag
queen, or just yourself in fanciful dress!

Purim is a festive holiday - a time to
celebrate wins and have a good time in
community with others, and in costume -
if your heart is so moved!



Join us for a display of defiant joy –
to lift our spirits and fill our hearts.

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:

Our children and youth will celebrate Purim with us in worship. There are no additional classes for them this Sunday.

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.



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

March 2-23, 2025

Stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org



UPDATE -- ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE '25-'26

Just over 1/2 of our congregation has pledged
3/4ths (\$160K) of our (\$210K) target.

We have received pledges from 42 families/individuals
We still have no pledges from 39 families/individuals

Please submit your pledge online at
<https://riverofgrassuu.org/2025-2026-pledge-card.html>

Questions: Stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org

PLEDGES FOR '25-'26							
	Amount					Pledge Units	
1	\$23,000	21	\$1,500	41	\$250	61	\$0
2	\$21,600	22	\$1,500	42	\$25	62	\$0
3	\$14,400	23	\$1,250	43	\$0	63	\$0
4	\$11,136	24	\$1,200	44	\$0	64	\$0
5	\$10,000	25	\$1,200	45	\$0	65	\$0
6	\$8,000	26	\$1,200	46	\$0	66	\$0
7	\$7,800	27	\$1,200	47	\$0	67	\$0
8	\$7,200	28	\$1,200	48	\$0	68	\$0
9	\$6,000	29	\$1,080	49	\$0	69	\$0
10	\$4,680	30	\$1,000	50	\$0	70	\$0
11	\$4,200	31	\$840	51	\$0	71	\$0
12	\$3,420	32	\$800	52	\$0	72	\$0
13	\$3,300	33	\$600	53	\$0	73	\$0
14	\$3,000	34	\$600	54	\$0	74	\$0
15	\$3,000	35	\$600	55	\$0	75	\$0
16	\$3,000	36	\$500	56	\$0	76	\$0
17	\$2,500	37	\$500	57	\$0	77	\$0
18	\$2,220	38	\$480	58	\$0	78	\$0
19	\$2,000	39	\$480	59	\$0	79	\$0
20	\$1,500	40	\$300	60	\$0	80	\$0
						81	\$0
				\$160,261 of \$210,000	76%		
				Total Pledge Units 42	52%		
				Over the "Average" 17			
				Nothing: 39			
				Friends of ROG TBD			



Ministerial Outreach Cottage Meetings! Starting Tomorrow



- Purpose: to gather member input on our present status as a congregation, dreams for the future as a community, and hopes for a minister. \
- We hope all members can find the time and space to attend one of these Cottage Meetings so we get holistic and well-rounded input.
- Contact Search@riverofgrassuu.org to RSVP and to get the address for each group.
- Please RSVP so we have enough snacks for all! Waste hurts the environment, hunger hurts my soul.

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SCHEDULE

RSVP to Search@riverofgrassuu.org for more info

Day/Time	ZIP Code	Host
Fri 3/14 7P*	Pompano B 33060	Kristine Barkley
Sun 3/16 7P	Sunrise 33322	Jens-Rochows
<i>Sun 3/16 7P</i>	<i>Google Meets</i>	<i>Maite Parsi</i>
Mon 3/17 7P	Weston 33331	Bresnahans
Wed 3/19 7P	Pembroke P 33028	Rachel Malca
Thur 3/22 7P	Plantation 33322	Andy Perez
Sun 3/23 3P	Davie 33328	Gonzalezes
Sat 3/29 1P	Davie 33324	Barbara Ratchford





**James Taylor & More??
Talk about a great evening!**

**Gary Gonzalez and friends provide a
memorable evening of music by
James Taylor and friends.**


This Auction event is a house concert taking
place in a Member's Home.

Wine, beer and light dinner fare provided.

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 7 PM

\$30

For tickets contact Karen Gonzalez at
faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org



The 4C's Covenant Group
invites you to an

Enchanted
Evening of
Poetry
Readings

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 7-9 pm at the River
\$30

You may sign up to attend as a reader or as a
member of the audience.

Bring a poem and share how it has impacted your life.

Either way by the end of the evening, we will
all feel enriched by
each other's stories and by the power of poetry to
connect us all.

Wine and cheese, as well as soft drinks, will be served.

*Volunteer readers are requested to read a poem by a
recognized, published poet.

**Readings and follow-up commentaries are limited to
five minutes per reader.

auction@riverofgrassuu.org



Seven Chakras Magical Tea Party

Saturday, April 19, 1-5pm

At a member's home

\$35

**An introduction to your Seven Chakra;
Tea tasting and journal making.**

A Chakra is an energy vortex that resides in our body.
It is responsible for a particular theme in our life.
The seven chakras all have their own unique meaning.

The goal is to
balance each of them through the chosen
healing modality, leading to
overall enhanced health and alignment.

Each Chakra corresponds to a
particular organ and has a specific meaning.

Auction@riverofgrassuu.org





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. Poetry readers also needed.

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



Spiritual Art Open Studio

Saturday, March 15, 2pm A-9

Come paint rocks

Draw in adult coloring books

Or bring your own art supplies and create

RSVP spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org



**bUUKies March Read is
"Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan**

It is 1985 in a small Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal merchant and family man faces into his busiest season. Early one morning, while delivering an order to the local convent, Bill makes a discovery which forces him to confront both his past and the complicit silences of a town controlled by the church.

**Winner of the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction
One of the New York Times's 100 Best Books
of the 21st Century**

**bUUKies will discuss "Small Things Like These" on
Wednesday, March 26, at 7pm.**

Zoom: bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org



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.

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.

Sunday, March 23, 12:15pm **Second Helping Sunday: Baby, Bathwater, 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, March 28, **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!

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, I

*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?*

Diverse Community

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



An afternoon with #MoCrazy Strong

Saturday, March 29th
@ 1:00 pm

Experience an inspiring film about overcoming challenges.

Support two great causes! 50% of proceeds go to ROG, 50% to the MoCrazy Strong Brain Injury Foundation. Tickets for prepurchase or @www.riverofgrassuu.org

Gather your friends and family for an impactful afternoon!

Spread the word and be part of this amazing event!

Meet Jamie MoCrazy: World-class skier turned brain injury advocate. After a near-fatal crash ended her competitive career, Jamie transformed trauma into purpose. Now, she empowers TBI survivors through MoCrazy Strong Foundation, inspiring resilience and rewriting what's possible.

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Elly Keane is so proud to bring her niece Jamie MoCrazy to South Florida and have the opportunity to share Jamie's documentary with everyone.

Many of you were around when I was asking for prayers after her life-threatening skiing accident back in April 2015.

Membership is providing light refreshments.

After showing the 18 minute award winning documentary, Jamie will give a brief talk and answer questions.

\$15



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

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

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

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Order of Service for Sunday, March 16, 2025

Morning Sing #188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are" Words adapted from Rumi, Music by Lynn Adair Ungar

#1009 "When I Breathe In" Words and Music by Sara Dan Jones
Oh, Let Us Gather" Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude "I Know I Can" Hymn #1015 Words: Dennis Hamilton; Music: Jeannie Gagné

Welcome

Call to Worship

Theme Hymn "Cuando El Pobre" [When the Poor Ones] Hymn #1027 Words
[Spanish]: José Antonio Oliver; [English] Martin A. Seltz; Music: José Antonio Oliver and Miguel Manzano

Chalice Lighting

The torch still burns, and because it does
There remains for all of us a chance
to light up the tomorrows and brighten the future.
... this is the challenge that makes life worthwhile.

(Robert F. Kennedy, Sr.)

Covenant

Deepening Music "For All That Is Our Life" #128 Words: Bruce Findlow; Music:
Patrick L. Rickey

Birthday Video

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

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

Heritage and Hope

Offering

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

Wisdom Tale "A Telling from The Book of Esther"

Message "Celebrating Purim with Aspirations of Breath and Spirit"

Closing Music "Let's Eat" by Dave Nachmanoff

Closing Words

Extinguishing the chalice

Announcements

Invite to Hospitality

Sending / Shine On

Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week Rail versus Road

How many novels can you write, naps take or love letters read can you do while driving? Instead, take a train or bus, create something and arrive refreshed. And save carbon.



To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website posted below..

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For more information, please contact us at the community awareness email below.

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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.

