



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 20, 2025

Sunday, March 23, 2025 Service

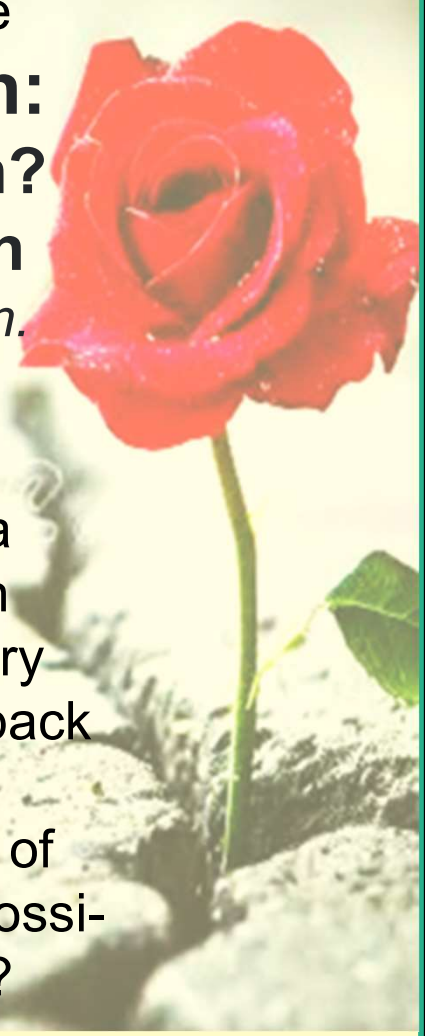
I Know this Rose Will Open: Breakdown or Breakthrough? A Vernal Equinox Celebration

Any breakdown is a breakthrough.

- Marshall McLuhan

Studying both both history and nature, we learn that what appears to us a breakdown is in truth a Breakthrough trying to move through us, through our lives, through our moment in time – as so very often, things must come apart in order to come back together again a new way.

What, then, does the Vernal Equinox, the arrival of Spring have to teach us about opening to new possibilities as the old ways come undone around us?



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 Sunday School program is on a Spring Break. There are no classes for kids at The River for the next two Sundays, but any children in attendance will have activities waiting for them at the Playground table.

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>



From Leana, President, Board of Trustees:

Dear Members, Friends, and Visitors, As many of you know, River of Grass has been in a period of transition over the past few months. We are grateful to Steve Jens-Rochow for springing into action in our time of need to create this wonderful, colorful new version of our weekly email/newsletter. Thank you so much, Steve!

If you were not receiving this weekly email for a time, we are deeply grateful to you for your grace and patience with us. Our entire email distro list is now back in action thanks to our new Office Administrator Nicole Marefka (but updated with our newest members, friends and visitors!). So please enjoy!

Please know, too, that our weekly email is always posted on the main page of our website, <http://riverofgrassuu.org> then scroll down to the section called:

What's New? Weekly Update: March 20, 2025



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 under 60% of our congregation has pledged

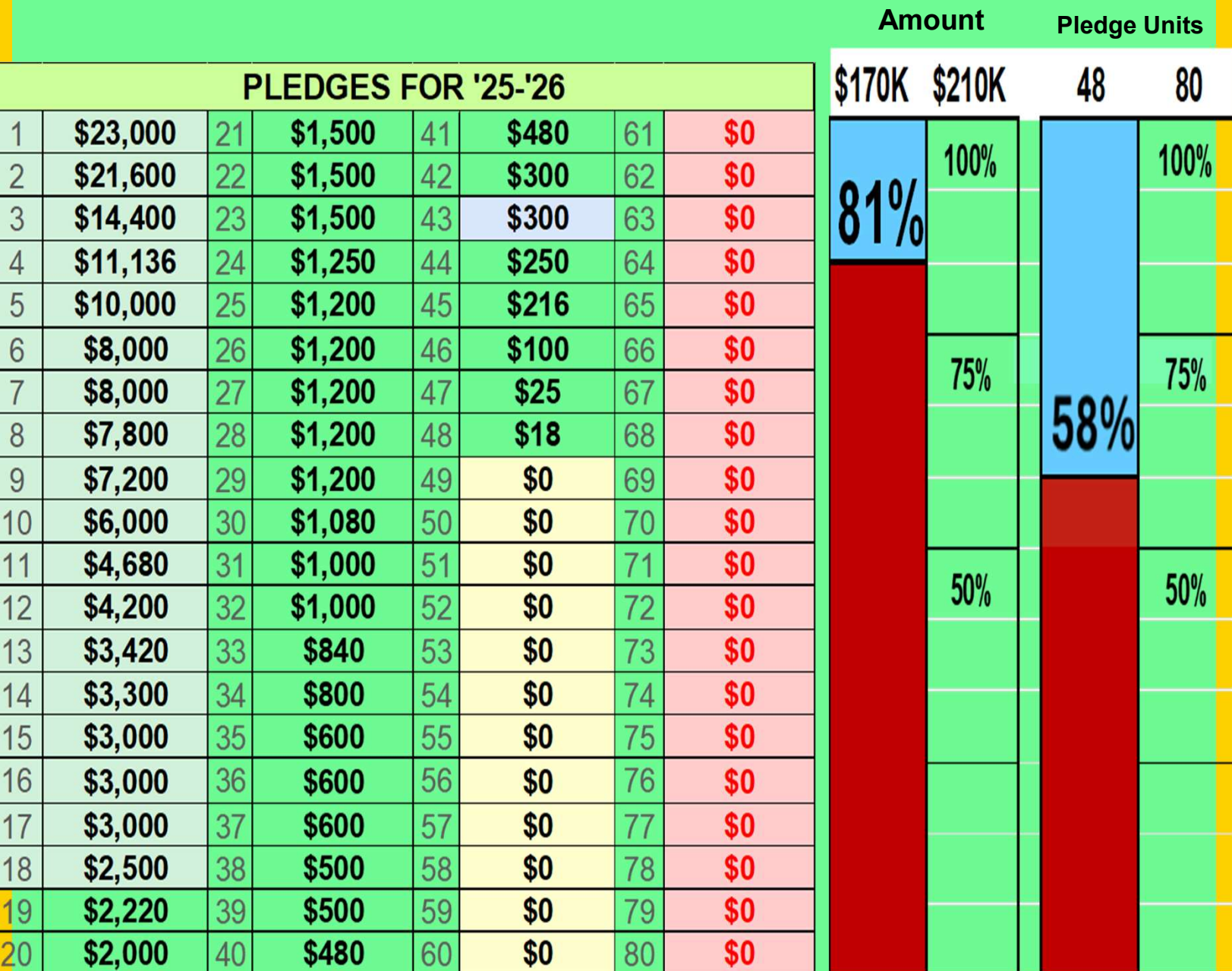
Just over 80% of our \$210K target.

We have received pledges from 48 families/individuals
We still have no pledges from 32 families/individuals

Please submit your pledge online at

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

Questions: Stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org



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Ministerial Outreach Cottage Meetings



SCHEDULE

RSVP to Search@riverofgrassuu.org for more info

Day/Tim	Location	Host
Sat 3/22 3p	Plantation 33322	Andy Perez
Sun 3/23 3p	Davie 33328	Gonzalezes
Wed 3/26 7:30p	Zoom	
Sat 3/29 1p	Davie 33324	Barbara Ratchford

- Purpose: to gather member input on our present status as a congregation, dreams for the future as a community, and hopes for a minister.
- Contact Search@riverofgrassuu.org to RSVP to get the address for each group.



Justice Seekers

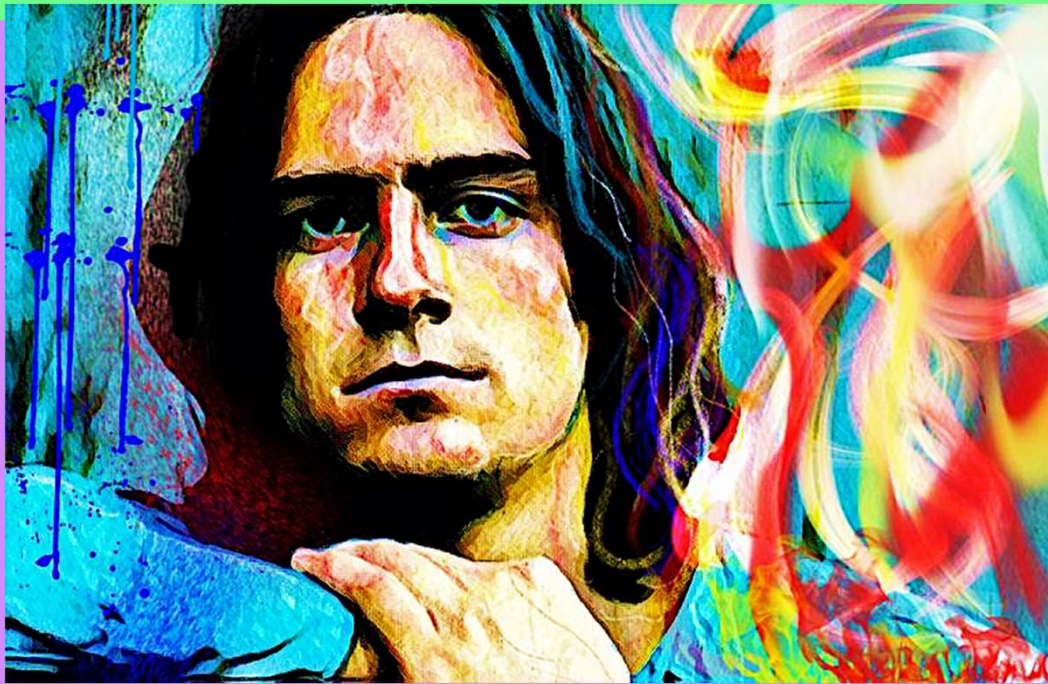
Monday, March 24, 7pm, A-9

*Are You Concerned About The
Rise of Totalitarianism?*

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.

ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org



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

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

Wine, beer and light dinner fare provided.

Saturday, March 22, 2025

7p doors open; 7:30p concert

A-9

\$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 Chakras;
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.

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Needs dining room volunteers on Monday through Friday from 7a-12p.

The shifts could be 2,3,4 or 5 hours.

“We would be thrilled to welcome any regulars who can commit to these times.”

Donations needed: men's clothing, especially socks, underwear, and t-shirts.

And backpacks, and reusable bags.

“We've seen an increase in requests for these items from our clients who are often on the move.”

Please leave your donations in the basket in the hallway.

Rachel Malca
lifenet@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.

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!

Sunday, April 13, 12:15pm A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday**

Tuesday, April 15, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **What Dreams May Come: Dream Reflection Group**

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, 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 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

Unitarian Universalist Identity

April 30 We're All Swimming in the Stream Together –
Covenant

May 7 Gently Down the Stream – Polity

May 14 or 22? Karen's Transylvanian Adventure

Register by email to religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org

March is Women's HISTORY MONTH



We celebrate **Women's History Month**, a time to mark the remarkable achievements and contributions of women both within our spiritual community and across the globe.

This month serves as an invitation to connect, reflect, and uplift the stories of women who have enriched us.

As we gather to honor women, we encourage everyone to honor the transformative women in spirituality and social justice, and everywhere else; reminding us that together, we will create a transformed future.



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 20, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, March 20, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Thursday, March 20, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Welcome Table Communion**

RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, March 22, 7pm **Auction Party James Taylor and Friends**

Karen Gonzalez

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

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

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Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

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Bathwater and Bible RevAmy Carol Webb

Monday, March 24, 7pm, A-9 **Justice Seekers** Kechi Mourner + Susan Skach-

Bejarano

Wednesday, March 26, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, March 27, 6pm Zoom

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Saturday, March 29, 1pm A-9 **An Afternoon With MoCrazy Strong** Elly Keane

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Mindfulness for Today's World

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

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

Worship Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

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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 Meerwarth Music@riverofgrassuu.org

Elly Keane auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, March 23, 2025

Morning Sing RevAmy Carol Webb and Gary Gonzalez

#389, Gathered Here; Words and Music by Phillip A. Porter

#1009, Meditation on Breathing; Words and Music by Sara Dan Jones

Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Web

Ringin' of the Chimes

Prelude #1007, There's a River Flowin' in My Soul; Words and Music by Rose Sanders

Welcome Andy Bunce

Call to Worship "this most amazing day" (e.e. cummings)

Theme Hymn; "Cuando el Pobre" [When the Poor Ones] Hymn #1027 Words [Spanish]:

José Antonio Oliver [English] Martin A. Seltz; Music: José Antonio Oliver & Miguel Manzano

Chalice Lighting

In this season light and darkness dance

as Sun claims Earth once more

we light this flame

for life renewed

for hope reborn

for the return again of Spring. (Webb)

Covenant

Deepening Music #396, I Know This Rose Will Open; Words and Music by Mary E Grigolia

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 "Greta and the Giants" by Zoë Tucker; Illustrations by Zoe Persico

Singing Youth to Class

Heritage and Hope

Growing the Beloved Community (Welcome New Members!)

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

Why We Give Kristine Barkley

How We Give APD Chair/s

Message I Know this Rose Will Open: Breakdown or Breakthrough?

A Vernal Equinox Celebration

Closing Music #38, Morning Has Broken; words: Eleanor Farjeon, music: Gaelic melody

Closing Words

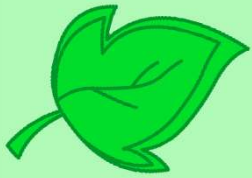
Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week No Jacket Required

Install a Tankless Hot Water Heater and you will save a lot of money because they only come on when you need hot water. This eliminates standby heat loss and they take up a lot less space than a hot water heater with a tank. They come in electric and gas versions.



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