

River of Grass Weekly Newsletter May 08, 2025

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Thu, May 8, 2025 at 2:02 PM

	<p>River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation 11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325 Riverofgrassuu.org 954-723-7877 Office@riverofgrassuu.org</p>
<p>Celebrating 26 Years</p>	<p>WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Welcome to our River of Grass Family Welcome to our Love; Welcome Home</p>
<p>Thursday, May 8, 2025</p>	
<p>Sunday, May 11, 2025</p> <p>MAMA KARMA – AGAIN: aka, Mother's Day – It's Complicated</p> <p>We seek the mothering spirit in us, among us and with us – to open ourselves to the compassion waiting to nurture and nourish us in this place and time, to be people who nurture and nourish one another in this beloved community, to share our joys and our sorrows, to rest and to mend.</p> <p>-From "A Mother's Day Prayer" RevAmy Carol Webb</p> <p>In this month of Imagination at River of Grass, we re-imagine Mother's Day – the real one from its origins as Julia Ward Howe's proclamation of peace, rather than the hearts-and-flowers one it became, and consider our responsibility is to take its teachings into ourselves and our world in its present state.</p> <p>Join us in reflection, revolution, and healing.</p>	

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 & Youth:



This Sunday, our Bibleodeon class will have the opportunity to focus on women in the Hebrew Bible. We'll nominate some of these women for outstanding awards and wonder together why there are so few of these stories about women.

For more information about our FD program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation Sundays A-9+Zoom
With Gary Gonzalez. We will gather at 8:30 am and begin meditating at 8:45. Link is below.



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>

Leana's



Letter

Hello from Cary, NC, where I have been caring for our young grandsons since our daughter's maternity leave ended. Looking forward to seeing you all on May 18th!

We have two very important dates coming up!

MAY 18 -- Annual Meeting following worship service. We will elect our new Board and approve our budget. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Attendance via Zoom will also be possible.

June 8 – RevAmy's final worship service before her retirement and a fun and fond farewell party for her that evening!

You should have received emails about each of these events. Contact me at president@riverofgrassuu.org if you need more information.

With great love and gratitude, Leana



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

May 8, 2025

The **Capital Campaign Drive Repository** will formally stop accepting donations on May 15, 2025.

A new repository, the **Building Fund**, has been created to take its place and will start accepting donations on May 15, 2025.

Members and Friends may make contributions designated for capital expenses, including the purpose of obtaining property to the **Building Fund** at any time.

As established at the beginning of the Capital Campaign on March 31, 2023, donors, who so designated at the time of their donation, have the option to receive, upon request, a refund of their Capital Campaign donations should a home (or equivalent or via a partnership) not be purchased within 4 years of the beginning of the Capital Campaign or on March 31, 2027.

Please ensure that any donations for our future home are designated for the "**Building Fund**."

Kathy Jens-Rochow and Rita Cherubini
Capital Campaign Co-chairs



Elly invites you to join this year's Auction Committee.

Believe it or not it is already time to think and plan this year's auction in the fall.

Elly has offered to head up the Auction again this year.
BUT she cannot do it alone. She needs a co-chair.

She needs people to start working on getting donations from the many local museums, attractions and hotels that are in the area. Even up to the Orlando area.

This involves contacting these organizations now to get donations.

Are YOU willing to contact a few and follow up?

Many hands helping means less work for everyone.

Contact Elly at Auction@riverofgrassuu.org



Two of Us Concert

Some of the most beloved Jazz Ballads,
Bossa Novas, Boleros, Tangos, and Choros.

Following up the well received concerts of 2022 & 2023, the husband & wife duo "The 2 of Us" visits, through song and storytelling, some of the most beloved American Jazz Ballads, Brazilian Bossa Novas and Boleros in English, Portuguese and Spanish, now with new repertoire.

Marpessa De Moraes - Vocals, classical guitar (Craviola)
and percussion.

Renato De Moraes - Flute and woodwind instruments.

Saturday, May 17, 7pm at the River

\$30 advance, \$35 at the door

Cash and electronic payments accepted at the door
There will be drinks and snacks.

To purchase your tickets go to our ROG webpage. Click on
Events; click on More events. Or contact the Auction
committee to get your tickets: auction@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.

Sunday, May 11, 12:15pm Zoom + A-9 **Second Helping Sunday**

Thursday, May 15, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Welcome Table Communion**
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.

Tuesday, May 20, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **What Dreams May Come: Dream Reflection Group** Guided by Jungian theory, we'll explore our dreams as gateways to meaning for our lives!

Sunday, May 25, 12:15pm, A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday. Baby, Bathwater and the Bible** 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.

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, beginning in

*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?*

May 14, 7pm

Karen's Epic Transylvanian Adventure

Register by email to
religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org

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Sunshine Cluster's Climate Justice

Revival

Reimagine Together
From An Extractive
Age To A New Era



Sat, May 31, 1-3, Free; Zoom

Open to everyone; to register email your name and group
or congregation to sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com

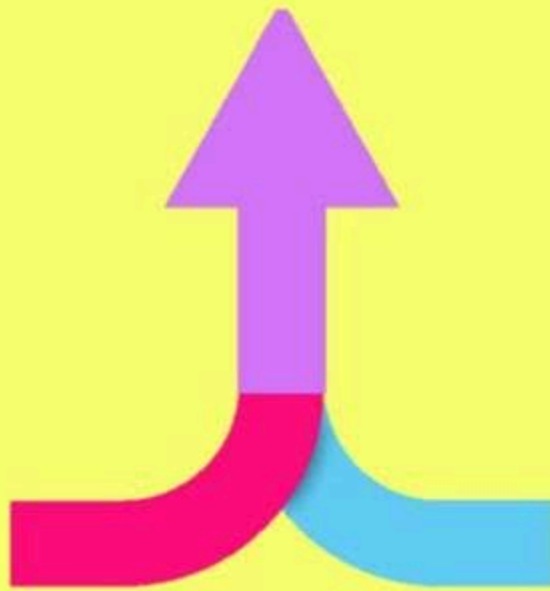
In the midst of overlapping climate crises & mounting social injustice,
we are in a time of great change and profound anxiety.

The Climate Justice Revival is a time to come together and commit
to a vision for a flourishing future for Planet Earth,
with actions we can take to make that vision a reality!

This interactive Revival will equip you to enter into a new era
of climate justice.



Facilitated by RevAmy Carol Webb



MERGER!

May 12, 1961

The American Unitarian Association and
the Universalist Church of America
finally merged in Boston on May 12, 1961.
A grand total of 141,685 members in 895
congregations became one.

SUUSI 2025

THE SOUTHEAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SUMMER INSTITUTE

★ **JOIN US THIS
SUMMER!**

**FOR A JOY-FILLED
WEEK**

AT A SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL AGES

**RADFORD
UNIVERSITY
JULY 20
-26**



**SIGN UP FOR UPDATES:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/MF4KEC96](https://tinyurl.com/MF4KEC96)**

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INFORMATION**





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A retreat, camp, and learning center that
celebrates Unitarian Universalist principles,
inspires people of all ages, transforms lives,
builds community and
creates a more
compassionate and sustainable world.

To register go to themountainric.org

May 14-18 Spring UUWomenSpirit Gathering and Institute

June 5-8 Improvisational Theatre

June 8-20 MountainCamp – Senior High

June 19-22 "I Shine" Inner Fire Retreat

June 22-27 MountainCamp - Beginner 6-8 year old

June 22-July 4 Outdoor Skills & Adventure

June 22-July 4 MountainCamp – Elementary [9-11]

July 6-19 MountainCamp – Intermediate [12-14]

July 20 - 25 Intergenerational Camp



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, May 8, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbnRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

Worship Zoom

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Rev. Amy Carol Webb minister@riverofgrassuu.org

Karen Gonzalez faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org

Leana Bresnahan president@riverofgrassuu.org

Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

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

Diane Lade fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org

Elly Keane auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, May 11, 2025

MAMA KARMA – AGAIN: aka, Mother's Day – It's Complicated

Morning Sing

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

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

Oh, Let Us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ring of the Chimes

Prelude "Mama Told Me Not to Come" Words and Music by Randy Newman

Welcome

Call to Worship "Mothers' Day" by Rev. Becky Brooks

Theme Hymn "Keep on Movin' Forward" by Emma's Revolution

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.

Spanish: 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.

Deepening Music #155, Circle Round for Freedom Words and Music by Linda Hirschhorn

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 "Emma's Poem" by Linda Glaser Paintings by Claire A. Nivola

Singing Youth to Classes

Heritage: Iowa Sisterhood

Hope: UU Entrepreneurial Ministries Consortium

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

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Closing Music #34, Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire Words by Hal Hopson

Music: Traditional English 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



Strike a Match

Instead of spraying something next time there is an offensive odor strike a match and let it burn for a couple of seconds. It is amazing how the flame burns up offensive hydrocarbons quickly!

From the Church Bulletin

These messages actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. To be read with suitable reverence:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

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 this e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the President.

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Steve Jens-Rochow, Editor newsletter@riverofgrassuu.org



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