



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 18, 6pm Zoom Mindfulness for Today's World
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, December 18, 7pm Zoom+A-9 Men's Group Ken Bresnahan
Topic: Spirals, Cycles & Circles

Thursday, December 18, 7pm Zoom bUUKies Woman with a Purple
Heart Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Saturday, December 20, 1pm Zoom Monthly Board Meeting Leana
Bresnahan

Sunday, December 21, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom Flowing River Sangha Gary
Gonzalez

Sunday, December 21, 10:30am A-9 Children's Faith Development
Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, December 21, 10:30am A-9+ YouTube Livestream Finding
Wholeness in a Broken World Kathy Jens-Rochow Guest Minister Rev.
Diane Diachrist

Wednesday, December 24, 5:30p A-9 Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25, 6pm Zoom Mindfulness for Today's World
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, December 28, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom Flowing River Sangha Gary
Gonzalez

Sunday, December 28, 10:30am A-9+ YouTube Livestream Worship
Service Empathy Robert Smith

Sunday, December 28, 10:30am A-9 Children's Faith Development
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, January 1, 6pm Zoom Mindfulness for Today's World
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, January 1, 7pm Zoom+A-9 Men's Group Ken Bresnahan



River of Grass

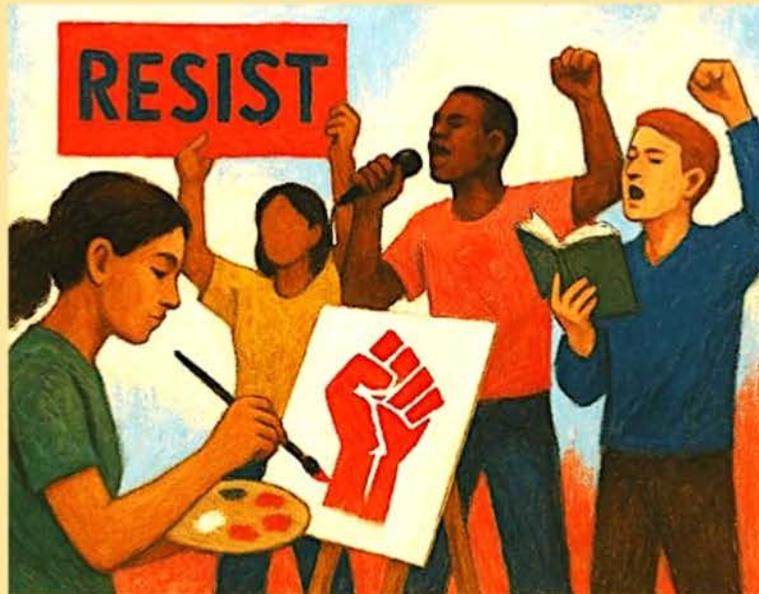
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

Welcome to our River of Grass Family
Welcome to our Love; **Welcome** Home

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Sunday Service January 11, 2026
Monthly Worship Theme: Practicing Resistance



Lift Every Voice!

Kathy Jens-Rochow

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

Hans Christian Anderson

“A great three-minute protest song can be more effective than a 400-page textbook: immediate and replicable, portable and efficient, wrapped in music, easy to understand by ordinary people.”

Buffy Saint Marie

Our Mission

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either
in-person in Davie: 11850 W SR 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325
or **virtually on YouTube LiveStream** (link below).

Childcare provided

Flowing River Sangha with Gary Gonzalez
Sunday in A-9; Zoom below. Gather 8:30, start 8:45

We come together to lament with, celebrate with,
& care for one another in our community & our world.



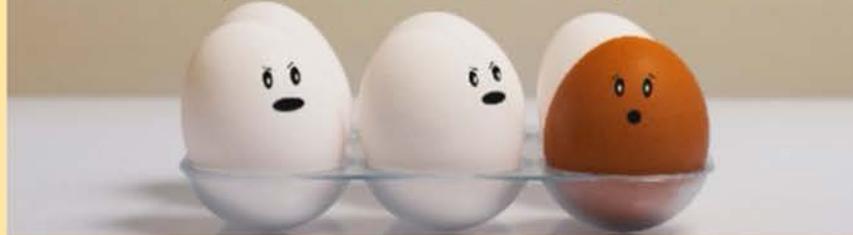
Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am

white supremacy culture

What is it?

What are the antidotes?

-a Faith Development
exploration on January 11th



Our youth are beginning their anti-racism lessons this Sunday.

In this series, they will learn the meaning of
white supremacy culture and how to distinguish
between cultural appropriation and appreciation,
understand the history and present-day impact of colonialism,
explore power and democracy,
and how we can create healthy boundaries
in beloved community.

*For more information about our FD program for kids,
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at
religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2gtemp.riverofgrassuu.orgFlowing%20River%20Sangha:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaZnJQNW5T0t6UW1kRlFLTVcyZz09#success>

River of Grass



Our Mid-Year Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25, after worship (12-2:30)

Lunch will be served!

Contact Leana if you did not receive the draft agenda.

Be on the lookout for a follow-up email in the coming week with the final agenda and information on the Board approved by-law change we will be voting on that day.

We need a quorum of 40% of members to be able to take a vote.

Please plan to be there.
Zoom will be available as well.

Leana Bresnahan, Board President
president@riverofgrassuu.org

Hospitality

Everyone's Help is need!

Time to sign up to bring



something savory



or



something sweet



for hospitality hour

Sign-up sheet is on the wall in
hospitality

Or see Elly

WE HAVE A BOOTH!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP OUT

3 DAYS: January 30, Saturday January 31, and February 1



**Our goal is to share with this community all
ROG has to offer**

Our Values, our Active Social Justice, and Café Musicians

Sign up to join to help at the booth. See Andy B or Peter F for more information. The sign-up sheet will be at the Membership area. Experience three days of live music, creative workshops, jam sessions, and community energy

Set up is on Friday.



Second LOVE & LAUGHTER Karaoke Night
Saturday, January 24, 2026
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Doors open at 6

**\$25 (Chilli, salad, dessert are included.
Wine and beer for a nominal fee)**

Held At the River

**Tickets are still available contact Elly at auction@riverofgrassuu.org
Everyone had such an enjoyable time last year we are differing it again. Come sing your heart out or just listen to an evening of karaoke.
We want to listen to YOU sing again this time. Share your voice, good, bad, ugly- It is a fun time for all ages whether you sing or just listen. We have a massive song list
We cannot wait to hear you sing again!**



Save the Date

MLK PARADE
JANUARY 19TH



JANUARY
2026

Update your anti-racist identity with a new workshop by our UUA - MOSAIC, fostering belonging and liberation in UU Congregations and Communities.

Participants will gain an understanding about how UU values support police abolition.

They'll explore histories and present-day expressions of colonization, indigenous erasure and anti-Blackness.

They'll learn how to confront white entitlement and advocate for reparations while gaining a deeper Unitarian Universalist theology.

Signups begin this Sunday.

Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development

Faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org

Friday, January 16, 7pm, A-9

Drum out the stresses of the days behind
and find new rhythms for upcoming days.

Tap into the rhythms that are the
heartbeat of life.

Bring your own drum or
we have extras.

Contact Andy Bunce or Linda Lathroum
andrewbunce@att.net



Maite Parsi, Linda Lathroum, Jane Garside-Foy,
Andy Bunce, Theo Lucas, Natalie Murphy, Vivian Gimon,
Sheila Klein



Let's
Laugh &
Play with
Friends

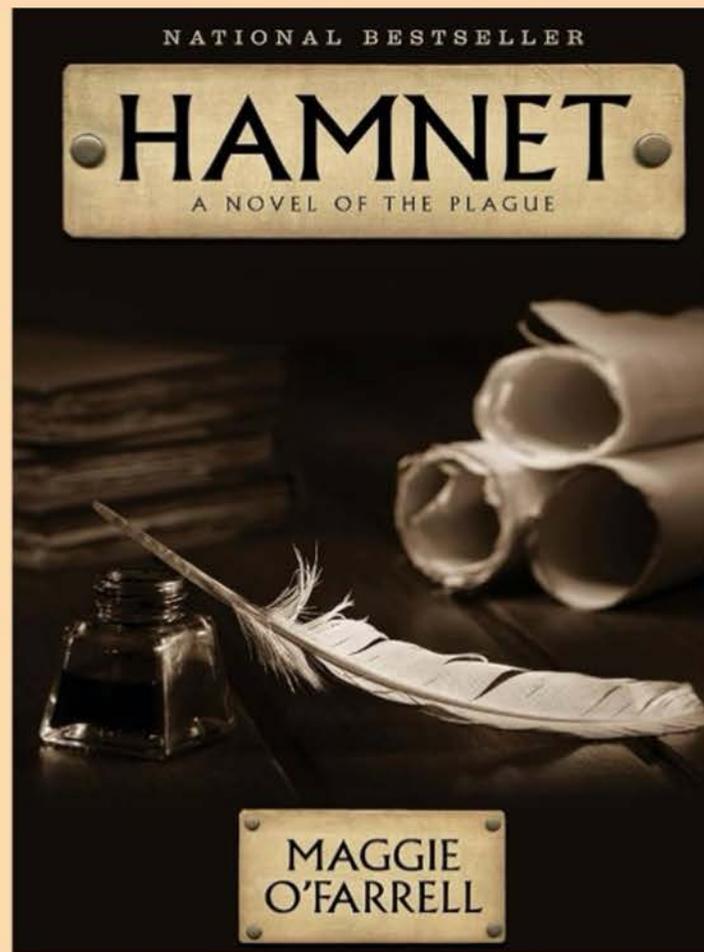
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EAT, PLAY,
LOVE
GAME NIGHT

Friday, Jan 9, 6 – 9pm

Community Potluck, Games and Fun
Bring Your Friends

Karen Gonzalez uugonzo1@gmail.com



bUUKies Discussion of

HAMNET

Wednesday, January 28, 7p Zoom

A novel of the plague.

In the 1580s a young couple living in Stratford, England, had three children.

Hamnet, the youngest, died in 1596, aged eleven.

Four or so years later, his father wrote a play called *Hamlet*.

“Hamnet’ is an exploration of marriage and grief written about a life that is both extremely famous but profoundly obscure, brimming with love and passion.”



mUUVies will discuss

MUD

Thursday, January 8, 7p Zoom

An amazing coming of age story.

Two adolescent boys, Ellis and Neckbone, encounter Mud, a fugitive hiding on a small island in the Mississippi.

Mud tells tall tales about lost love, crimes of passion and bounty hunters; miraculously heartwarming, while also filled with sorrow.

Ellis and Neckbone go on an incredible journey of maturation and discovery of the complexities of life.

Steve or Kathy Jens-Rochow for the Zoom link
Stevejensrochow@gmail.com



Calling all River Creatives

Exhibit your artwork at Spiritual Art's

Second Annual Art Exhibition

Sundays, January 18 and 25

Any flat work: poetry, paint, any media.

Installation: Saturday, January 17 at 2pm

Bring your artwork then or leave in the
church office.

Please let me know before Saturday the title,
media and date so I can make labels.

Steve Jens-Rochow
stevejensrochow@gmail.com



**Big Cypress National Preserve
Interfaith Prayer Vigil
To Shut Down Alligator Alcatraz**

Every Sunday 4-5pm

We will meet at ROG at 2:15 to carpool and
depart by 2:30.

Please contact Andy Bunce or Susan
Skach-Bejarano for carpooling details:
andrewbunce@att.net

**Rev Mary Katherine Morn, President of
the UUSC, will be with our Justice
Seekers as we co-lead the vigil on Jan 11
with Rev. Tony Fisher, UU Congregation
of Greater Naples.**

**We will come together in unity to care for
the earth and all her creatures,
and to shut down Alligator Alcatraz**



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Thursday, January 8, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies MUD** Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Friday, January 9, 6pm A-9 Eat, **Play Love Potluck** Karen Gonzalez

Saturday, January 10, 1pm A-9 **Leadership Roundtable** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, January 11, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, January 11, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** What is White Supremacy Culture? Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, January 11, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service Lift Every Voice** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, January 15, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, January 15, 7pm, Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Friday, January 16, 7pm A-9 **Drum Circle** Andy Bunce

Saturday, January 17, 2pm A-9 **Spiritual Art exhibition** installation Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, January 18, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, January 18, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service Carrying Each Other Through the Resistance** Karen Gonzalez.

Monday, January 19, 9:30am **MLK Parade** Karen Gonzalez

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

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Worship Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

Gary Gonzalez Sangha <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?>

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Men's Group

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Kathy Jens-Rochow. worship@riverofgrassuu.org

Elly Keane auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service January 11, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing

#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are, Words: adapt Rumi; Music: Lynn Adair Unga

#361 Enter, Rejoice and Come In, Words & Music: Louise Ruspini

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

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude #155 Circle 'round for Freedom, Words and Music: Linda Hirschor

Welcome

Call to Worship Music Arises by Arlen Goff

Chalice Lighting

'Tis set in the lamp of our history. We inherit this free faith

from the brave and gentle, fierce and outspoken

hearts and minds that have come before us.

Let us be worthy inheritors of this faith

and through our good works, pass it boldly to a new generation.

Opening Music #149 Lift Every Voice and Sing, Words: James Johnson; Mu

J Rosamond Johnson

Covenant

English: 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.

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.

Wisdom Story

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory Building a New Way, Words and Music: Margaret Sand

River of Grass choir

Deepening Music Go Down Moses African American Spiritual

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response #371, #381; Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Words: Isaac W.

Heritage and Hope

Heritage - Pete Seeger; Hope - Emma's Revolution

Message Lift Every Voice Kathy Jens-Rochow

Songs: Where Have All the Flowers Gone? by Pete Seeger & Joe Hickers

Blowin' in the Wind by Pete Seeger

#206 Amazing Grace by John Newton 1772

Closing Music Imagine by John Lennon

Closing Words by Michelle Collins

Announcements



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please contact the office and
you will be removed.

*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly
congregation-wide newsletter should be received
by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life
and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or
events occurring within two weeks.*

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

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