

# 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, February 12, 2026

Sunday Service February 15, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Embodying Resilience

### **The Power of Love**

Karen Gonzalez



“How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment,  
we can start now, start slowly changing the world!

“How lovely that everyone, great and small, can  
make their contribution toward  
introducing justice straightaway...  
and you can always, always give something,  
even if it is only kindness!”

Anne Frank

Join us as we consider loving our neighbors to create  
the Beloved Community through acts of kindness.

## ***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 8:15, start 8:30

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



This Sunday, our children and youth will join us in  
worship and have a little surprise for the beautiful  
neighbors in our River of Grass community!



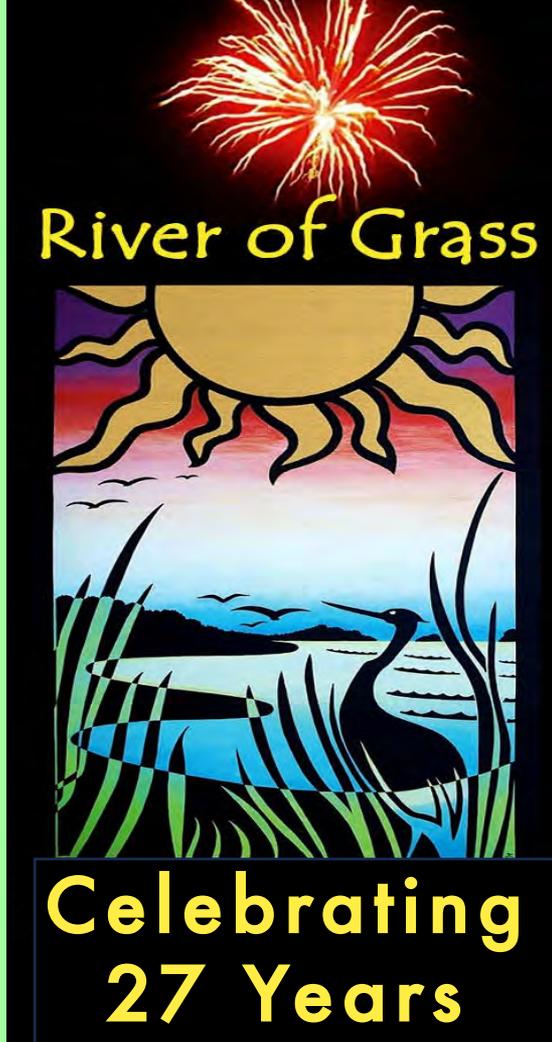
*For more information about our FD program for kids,  
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at  
[religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org).*

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[riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org)

Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09#success>



## Happy 27th Birthday Celebration!

for River of Grass -- potluck dinner; birthday cake; fun activities for the kids; live music; walk down memory lane; a group photo; dreaming together about the future.

This is a bring your own beverage event.

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 5:00, River of Grass, A9**

All members and friends and children are invited. RSVPs are strongly encouraged.

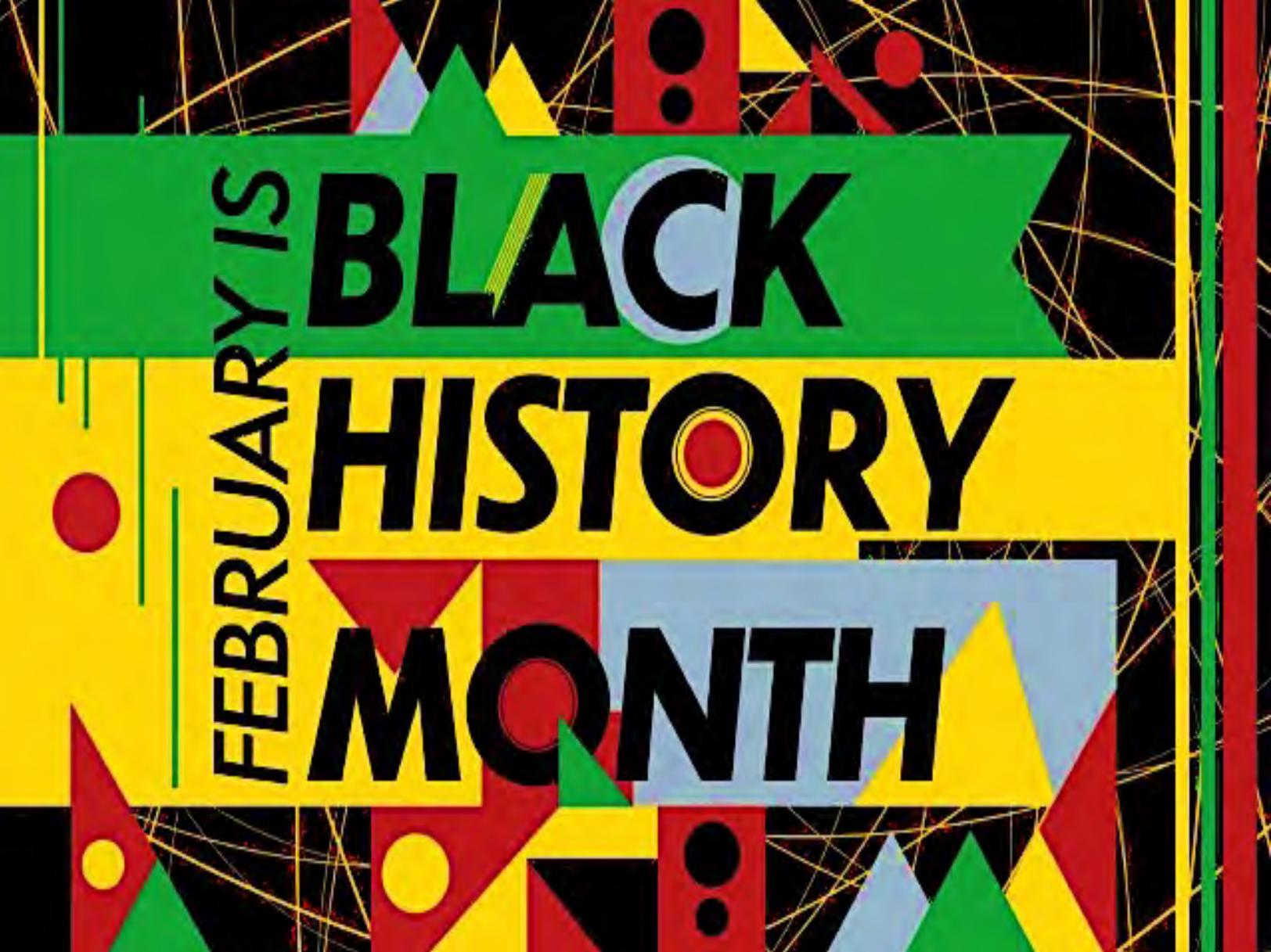
**Sign-up on Sunday, February 15th.**

Or you can

email [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)

to RSVP and/or to offer to help.

To celebrate the course of The River so far, and dream our future course together.

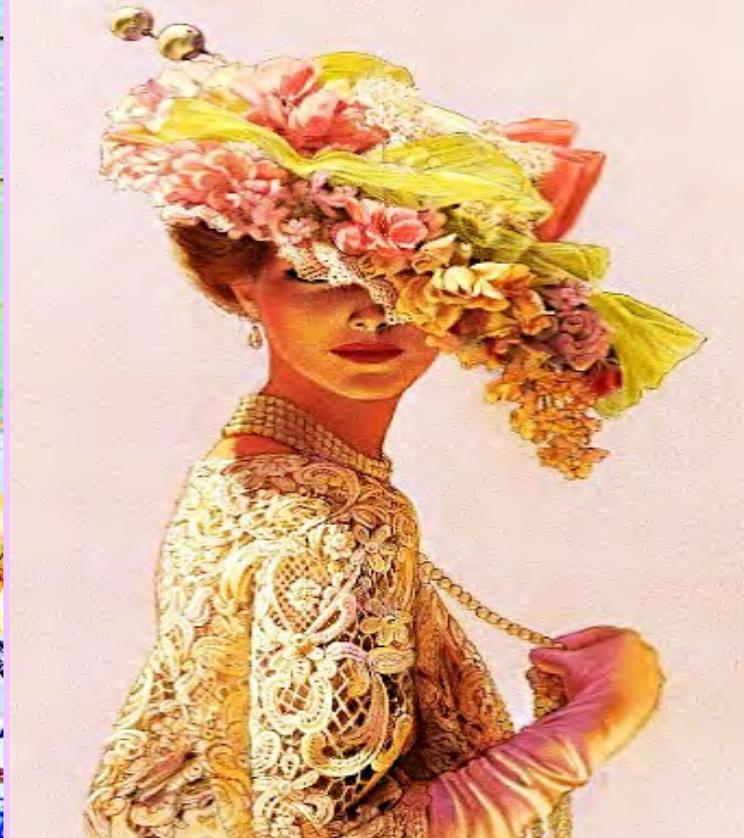


**Big Cypress National Preserve  
Interfaith Prayer Vigil  
To Shut Down Alligator Alcatraz**

**Every Sunday 4-5pm**

When we have a group to carpool, we meet at the River at 2:15 and depart by 2:30.

Please contact Andy Bunce or Susan Skach-Bejarano for carpool details: [andrewbunce@att.net](mailto:andrewbunce@att.net)



# *Victorian Afternoon Tea Party*

Auction Event at A-9

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, 3:30 - 5:00

Only \$30 for an afternoon of  
fun & elegance.

Do you know why they serve small sandwiches and sweets at tea parties? Join new members Trish, Jane, Barbara, and Elly and find out.

Enjoy a cup of tea served in China cups, some trivia questions with prizes, lively conversation, and a Hat contest!

*Yes, we will be wearing our finest hats!*

Contact Elly at  
[auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org) for tickets



Update your anti-racist identity with this new UUA workshop fostering belonging and liberation in UU Congregations and Communities.

Our MOSAIC Anti-racism learning pod for adults continues this Sunday. We'll gather in the sanctuary at 12:15 to explore the history of racism and anti-blackness in Unitarian Universalism.

Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development  
[Faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:Faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org)



## **Beating Hearts Drum Circle**

Friday, February 20, 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](mailto:andrewbunce@att.net)

# *Eat, Play, Love*



**Potluck & Games for all ages!**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup> - Games of Chance**  
**11850 State Road 84 suite A9**  
**6:00pm-9:00pm**

This month's theme at our monthly potluck/game night known as **Eat, Play, Love**, is

## *Games of Chance*

Think; Yatzee, Bingo, Poker, Craps – bring what you've got and test your luck on this Friday the 13th!





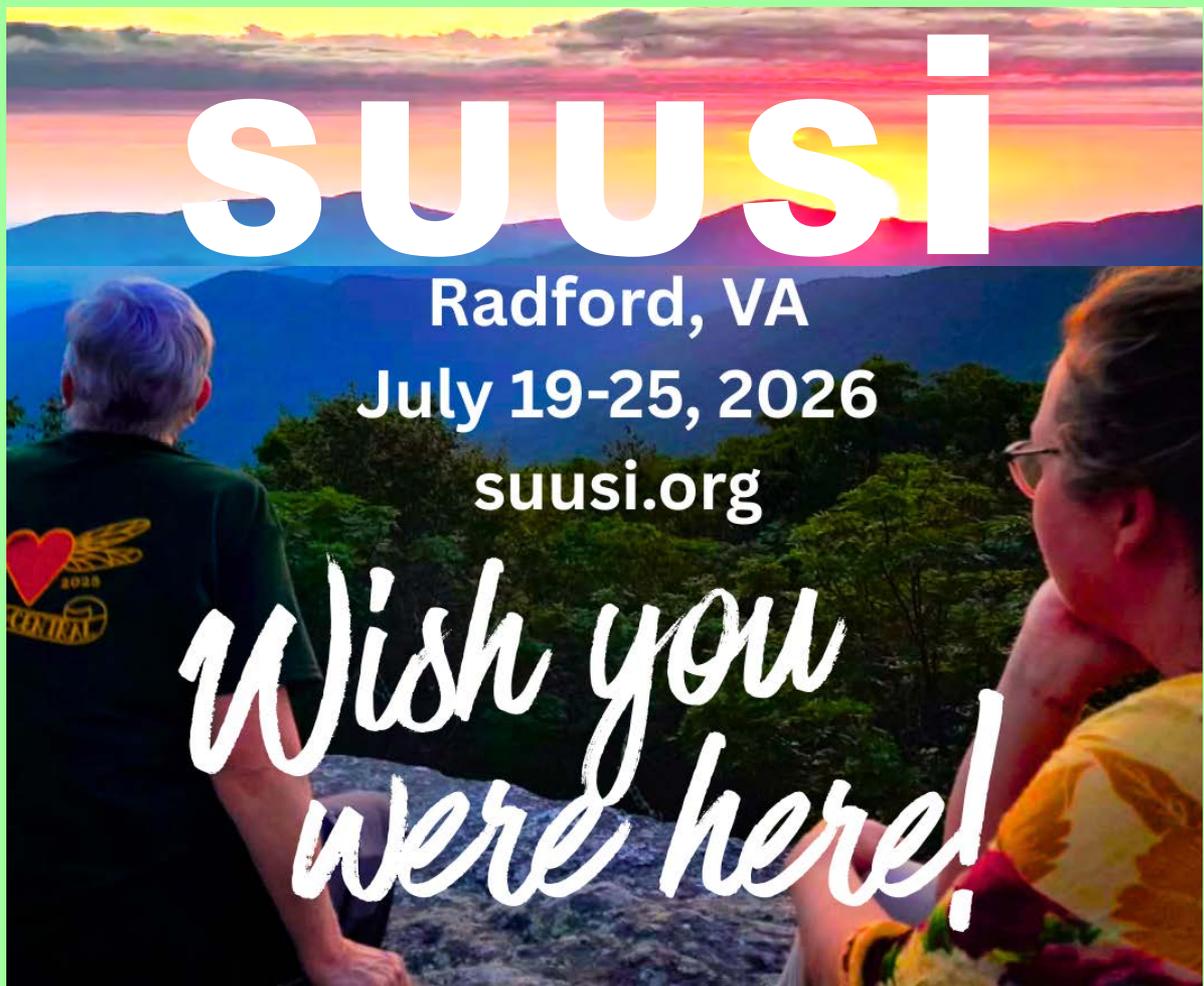
Ushers of the Church by Leroy Campbell

## **WE NEED SUNDAY MORNING USHERS!**

Join the rotation and take a Sunday to help meet visitors, collect the offering, and count collected funds at the end of the service.

Just once every four weeks or so will help!

See Rita Cherubini or write to [caring@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:caring@riverofgrassuu.org)



Looking for UU community fun this summer?

## **SUUSI**

the Southeast UU Summer Institute;  
a weeklong adventure with an intentional  
community of UUs and kindred spirits,  
is a good place to start!

This queer friendly and loving summer camp  
welcomes all ages, races, singles, family groups,  
and spiritual paths to meet other like-minded folks,  
and build a week that lets you find joy through a  
variety of activities; from hiking to board games  
to nightlife to art to worship.

*\$50 discounts:*

- If you haven't been to SUUSI.
- If you haven't come back since the pandemic.
- If you are a regular and you bring someone new.

Reach out to Karen or Gary Gonzalez for a SUUSI  
hug and lots of good intel –  
they've been attending for over 30 years!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 12, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, February 12, 7pm Zoom **mUUvies Double Indemnity** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Friday, Feb 13, 6-8pm A-9 **Eat, Play Love; Games of Chance** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, February 15, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, February 15 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream  
**Worship Service The Power of Love** All Generations Service  
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, February 19, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, February 19, 7pm Zoom+A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, Feb. 21, 5pm A-9 **River of Grass 27th Birthday Party** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, February 22, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, February 22, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream  
**Worship Service; Embodying Resilience: the Dao of Rocky Balboa** Rev Arthur Jones UU Congregation Ft.Myers

Sunday, February 22, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Wednesday, February 25, 7pm, Zoom only **bUUkies Atmosphere** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Saturday, February 28, 11am A-9 + Zoom **Monthly Board Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

Saturday, February 28, 3 pm A-9 **Auction Victorian Afternoon Tea Party** Elly Keane

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May  
Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRRC9qRIJPQT09>

Worship Service:

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

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09>

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Men's Group

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# Order of Service for February 15, 2026

**Morning Sing;** #1018 Come and Go with Me; Words&Music: Af Am Spiritual  
#30 Over My Head (verses 1 & 2) Words and Music: African American Spiritual  
Oh, Let us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

## **Ringling of the Chimes**

**Prelude** Won't You Be My Neighbor? Words&Music by Fred Rogers,  
arrangement by Lady Gaga **Welcome**

**Call to Worship** We Gather in Community to... by Rev Paul H L'Herrou

**Opening Hymn** #118 This Little Light of Mine; Words and Music: African  
American Spiritual

**Chalice Lighting** Little Flame by Kathryn Estey

Little flame,

Light the tender kindling of our souls...

And soon a roaring blaze shall be

Of warmth and love and community.

From this little spark

May a fire of passion spread from heart to heart,

And light our way, sweet spirit.

And light our way.

## **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.*

**Offering/Offertory** #402 From You I Receive;

## **Candles of Community**

## **Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response** Prayer for Resilience Through Connections by Michelle  
Collins

**Sung Response** 371, #381; Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Words: Isaac Watts  
1674-1748

**Heritage** Side With Love

**Hope** Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

**Deepening Hymn** #18 What Wondrous Love; Words: American Folk Hymn;  
Music: Southern Harmony 1835

**Wisdom Tale** Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli

**Message** The Power of Love by Karen Gonzalez

**Closing Hymn** The Power of Kindness; Words and Music by MaMuse

**Closing Words** May Resilience Cascade... by Rev Rebekah Savage

## **Extinguishing the Chalice**

## **Announcements**

## **Invite to Hospitality**

## **Shine On /Music Reprise**



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*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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