



Celebrating 27 Years

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# 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 26, 2026

Sunday Service March 1, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Paying Attention



Spotify

“Which is more important,” asked Big Panda,  
“the journey or the destination?”

“The company.” said Tiny Dragon.

Big Panda and Little Dragon by James Norbury

March 1 to 31 is the Giving Month at The River.

Why are you here?

What does this congregation and its mission mean to you,  
and how do you support all that we have here?

Join us to answer all those questions, have a hearty lunch,  
and fill out your pledge card for the upcoming

Annual Pledge Drive after service.

Lots of love to give and receive! Welcome in....

## ***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).

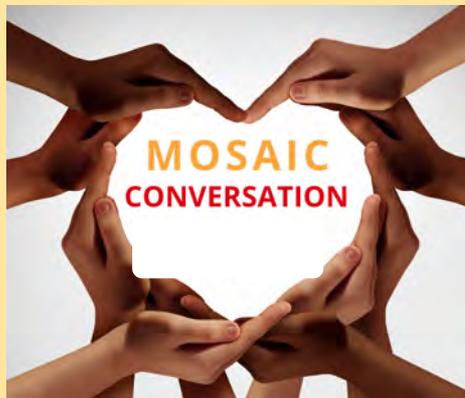
Childcare provided

**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.



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



This Sunday, in our Faith Development program  
for kids and youth,  
we'll be continuing our journey to  
becoming anti-racists.

Our Littles will be naming and expressing their  
feelings in situations of injustice,  
being inspired by the book,

*Something Terrible Happened in Our Town.*

Middlers will explore what happens when  
someone embodies some identities that are  
privileged and some that are marginalized, and  
consider that

some cultures have more power than others.

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

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

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

Flowing River Sangha:

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

# River of Grass Annual Pledge Drive



**Kickoff Sunday, March 1**

*You are the Power that keeps  
The River going!*

After Worship Service and a



lunch, join your Friends,  
find the dollar number that  
suits your budget.

Fill out your pledge cards  
with some digital helpers and you are done!

See Ken and Rita  
at [stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org)

**River of Grass Auction  
Offers  
TWO TICKETS FOR**



**The Best of Whitney, Patti, Gladys,  
Tina, & More**

**Rose and Alfred Miniaci**

**Performing Arts Center**

**Nova Southeastern University**

**March 13, 2026, 8:00pm**

**Value 2x\$41.20;**

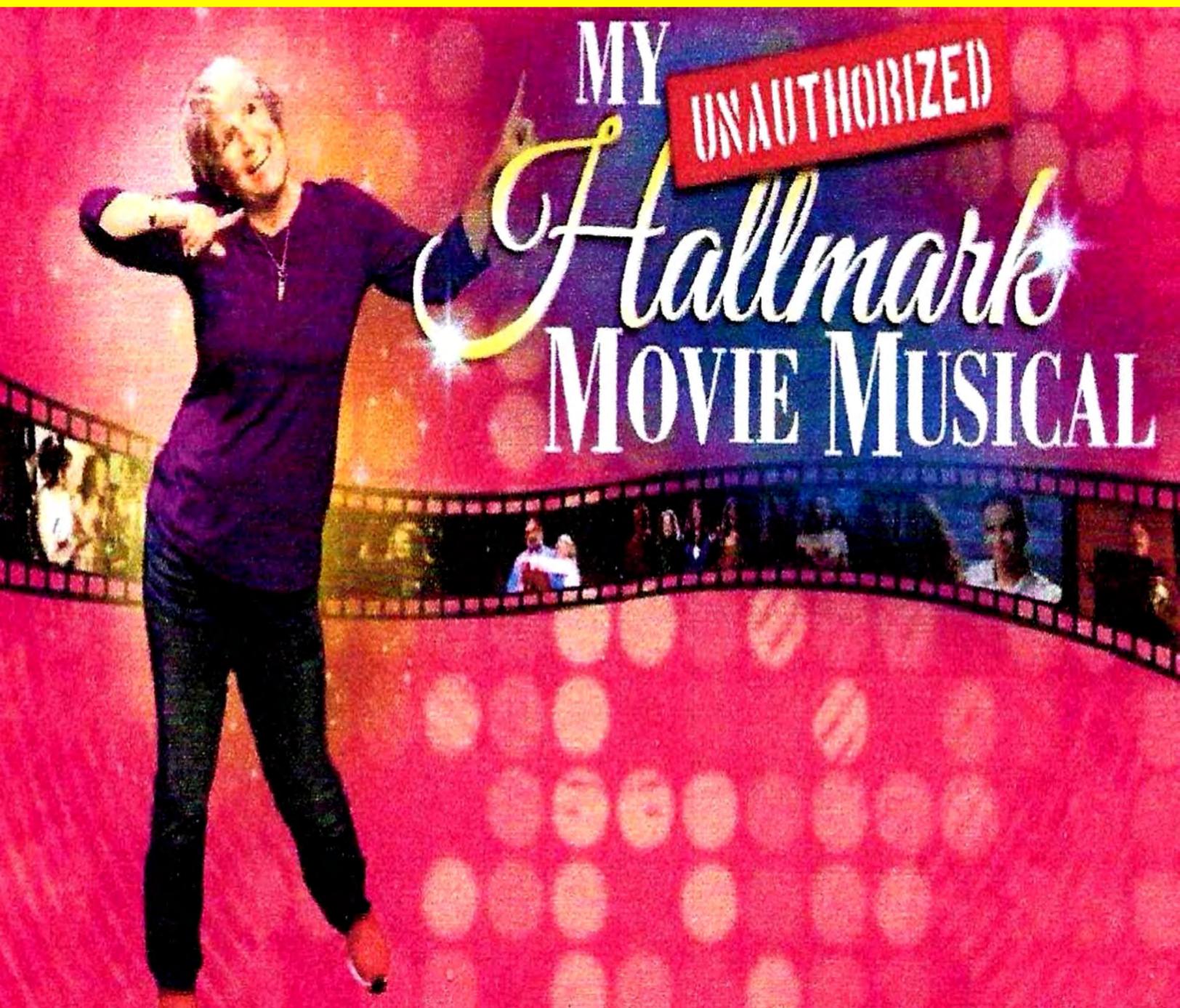
**sacrifice at \$60**

**See Elly for tickets;**

**[auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)**



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offers  
**TWO TICKETS FOR**



**Rose and Alfred Miniaci**  
**Performing Arts Center**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
**March 7, 2026, 7:30pm**

**Value 2x\$47.20;**  
**sacrifice at \$70**

**See Elly for tickets;**  
**[auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)**





**APRIL 18, 5-9**

**Long Key Nature Center**

3501 SW 130th Ave, Davie

**River of Grass**

**In Person Silent Auction**

*Our River:*

*Flowing, Growing, our Inspiration*

Committee forming: Help is needed:

- Getting Donations
- Catalogue
- Decoration, Baskets
- Food; Setup and Cleanup
- Music

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# *Paying Attention*

## **March Worship**

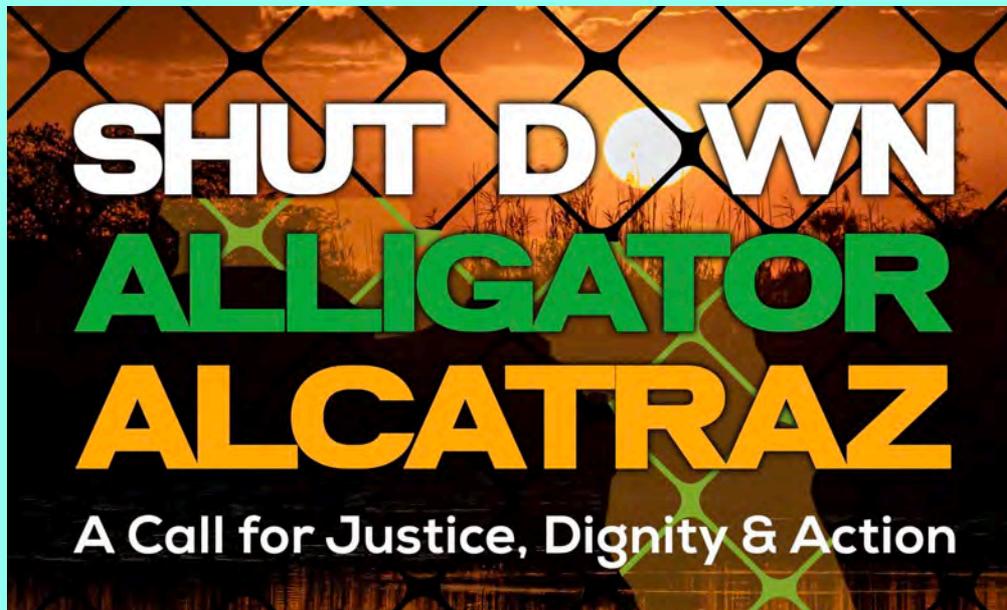
**1<sup>st</sup>** - Love is the Water that Wears Down the Rock - *Annual Pledge Drive Kickoff*

**8<sup>th</sup>** - Mindful Attention

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Miraculous Mindfulness

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - Time Will Tell *with Tret Fure*

**29<sup>th</sup>** - Being Present at Passover



**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)



16 people from the River, UUFBR and non UUs  
were at the  
Beating Hearts Drum Circle  
On Friday, February 20, 7pm, A-9

For the next Drum Circle contact Andy Bunce or  
Linda Lathroum [andrewbunce@att.net](mailto:andrewbunce@att.net)



Share your dreams, your hopes and  
your inspiration for our River.  
On the Banner on the back wall.

Inviting members and friends alike to  
bring to light our personal dreams and hopes for  
River of Grass as a congregation  
by writing them on our  
Dreams Wall at the back of the sanctuary.

We will use what is shared as together we begin the  
process of re-imagining our Mission Statement  
and our Grand Aspiration (Vision) for River of Grass



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 26, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

Sunday, March 1, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, March 1, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service; Love is the Water that wears down the rock... APD Kickoff** Ken Bresnahan and Rita Cherubini

Sunday, March 1, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, March 1, 12 noon A-9 **Mosaic Anti Racism** Karen Gonzalez

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

Thursday, March 6, 7pm Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, March 7, 11am A-9 + Zoom **Monthly Board Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

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

Thursday, March 12, 7pm Zoom mUUVies **On the Basis of Sex** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

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 March 1, 2026

## **Morning Sing**

#361 Enter Rejoice and Come In; Words and Music by Louise Respini

#396 I Know This Rose; Words and Music by Mary Grigolia

Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

## **Welcome**

**Prelude:** Sounds of Silence; Art Garfinkle and Paul Simon

## **Welcome Cont.**

**Call to Worship** Call to Presence by Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon

**Opening Music** #123 Spirit of Life; Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

**Chalice Lighting** by Heather K. Janules

*Our prophets died for the freedom of faith;*

*We are here in their spirit.*

*We are here to practice and sustain our living tradition;*

*To light a chalice, Claiming for justice*

*The heat and power of fire.*

*In our free faith,*

*We are here,*

*Seeking freedom from despair,*

*The freedom to be loved as ourselves,*

*And the freedom to grow beyond imagination. We are here,*

*Gathered in the name of all that we find holy.*

*Let us give thanks for the gift of gathering here. Amen*

## **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** "What is Given from the Heart" by Patricia C. McKissack

**Singing the Children to Classes**

**Offering/Offertory** instrumental

**Deepening Music** I have Decided by Dave Rowe

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response**

**Heritage and Hope Together**

**Message** Love is the Power Rita Cherubini

**Closing Music** Love is the Water by Brother Sun

**Closing Words** Luminous Heart by Jan Richardson

**Extinguishing the Chalice** The Art of Truly Noticing by Rev. Michelle Collin

**Announcements/Invite to Hospitality**

**Shine On /Music Reprise**



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and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or  
events occurring within two weeks.*

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