

River of Grass



Celebrating 27 Years

Jon Kitner/Spiritual Art

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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, May 7, 2026

Sunday Service May 10, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Awakening Curiosity



Spiritual Nexus: The Rooted Awakening Dreamstime.com

Two Stories for Mother's Day

“Mothers and children are human beings, and they will sometimes do the wrong thing.”

Maurice Sendak

If you were to take a poll of members of the clergy in America, cutting clear across denominational and theological lines, and ask what is the sermon topic you most prefer to avoid, the winner, in all likelihood, would be a sermon about mothers on Mothers' Day. Why this is so may not seem all that apparent at first. How can you go wrong talking about mothers? Well, let me count the ways.

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, our Faith Development kids will be looking back on a year of learning and growing, and creating ways to share that growth with the congregation in our upcoming Faith Development Worship Service on the 31st.

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

Flowing River Sangha:

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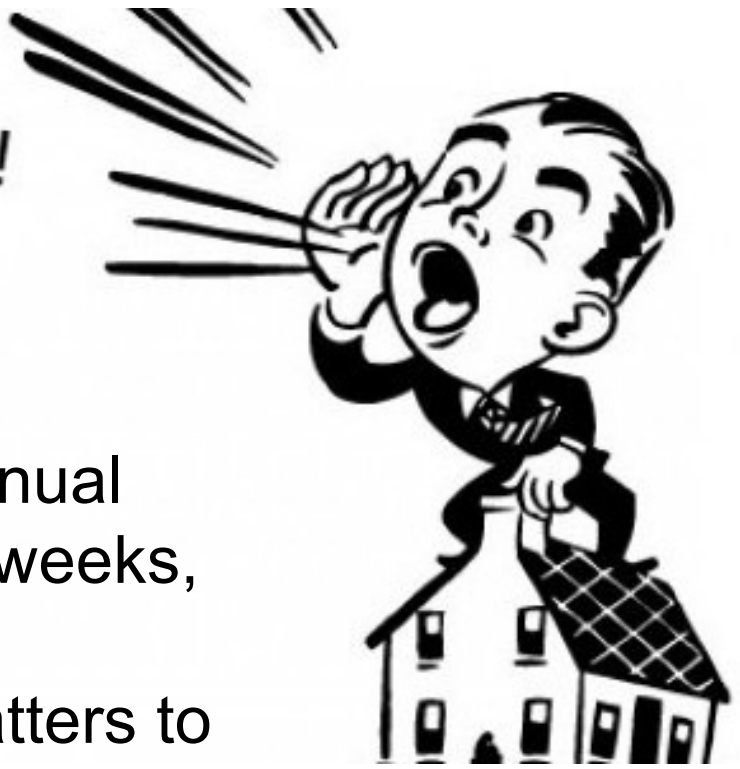
We are excited to welcome

*Reverend
Nick Sanchez*

*As our new minister,
Beginning in August 2026.*

*He will start preaching
in September.*

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



The Patterson Foundation

Our congregation's Annual Meeting will be in two weeks, May 17, after service.

We have important matters to discuss, including election of officers and voting on next year's budget.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



The Patterson Foundation

We will also vote on granting the Minister Emerit title to Rev. Amy. Please plan to attend an informal meeting to discuss her nomination.

- Sat, 5/9, 11 am, RoG
- Wed, 5/13, 7pm, Zoom
- Contact Leana Bresnahan at president@riverofgrassuuu.org for more information.
- Zoom link will be provided via email.



FOSTERING BELONGING AND LIBERATION

In Unitarian Universalist Congregations
and Communities

Join our MOSAIC Community as we look
forward to becoming a certified Anti-racist
MOSAIC Congregation with the UUA.

Reach out to Karen Gonzalez or sign up on
Sunday if you want to be a part
of the process.

FaitHdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org

Our first team gathering will be after service
on June 7th, in the sanctuary.

Eat, Play, Love



**Potluck + Game Night
Friday, May 8, 7pm**

Open to the Community
& all ages –
bring a friend
Share a dish, play a game,
and soak in the fun!

Karen Gonzalez
faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org



mUUVies

Thursday, May 14, 7pm

Zoom link below

Chocolat

on Amazon

A mysterious woman and her spirited daughter arrive in a conservative French village rooted in tradition in 1959 during Lent and open a small, unusual chocolaterie that changes the villagers' lives.

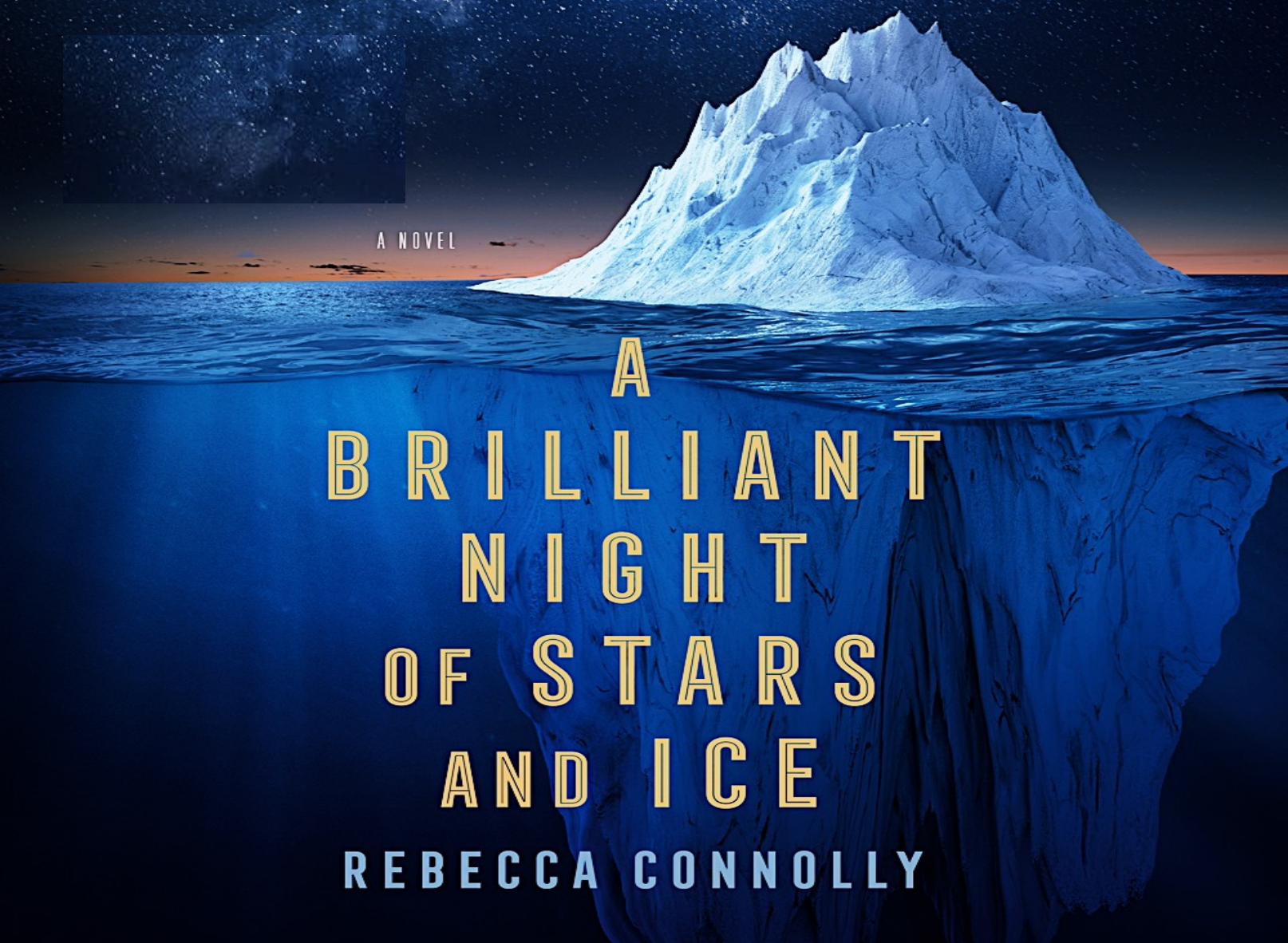
Her ability to perceive her customers' desires and satisfy them with just the right confection, coaxes the villagers to abandon themselves to temptation, much to the dismay of the rigid mayor.

Directed by Lasse Hallstrøm and starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp and Leslie Caron

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A NOVEL

A
BRILLIANT
NIGHT
OF STARS
AND ICE

REBECCA CONNOLLY

bUUkies – Wednesday, May 27, 7pm

*True story of the only ship that
answered the distress call
of the sinking Titanic.*

Shortly after midnight on April 15, 1912, the captain of the Carpathia, Arthur Rostron, is awakened by a distress signal from the RMS *Titanic*.

Captain Rostron leaps into action and steams toward the Titanic, 4 hours away.

The story follows two survivors, one from third class and one from first class.

Zoom below

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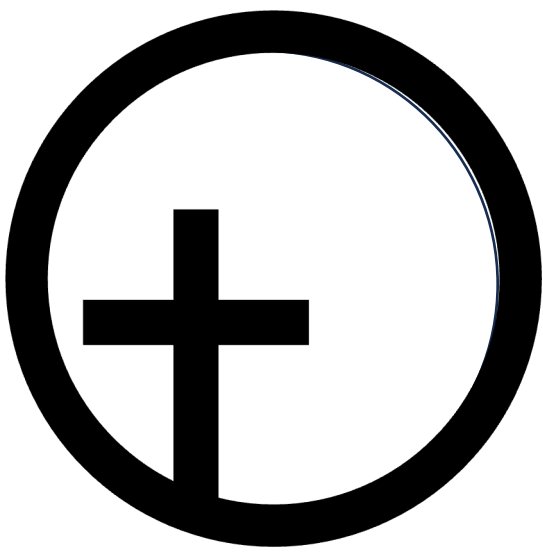
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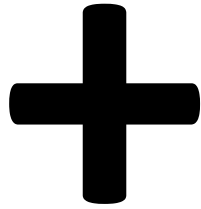


**First Gay Wedding in the
United States
May 17, 2004**

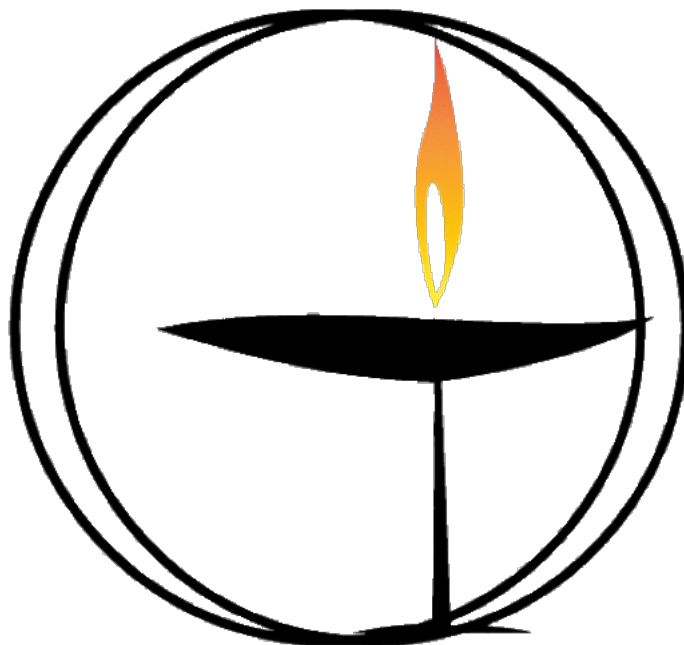
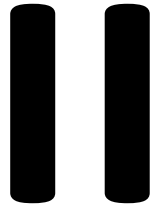
Hillary and June Goodridge
were married by the UUA President
Rev. William G Sinkford
in the chapel of the
Unitarian Universalist
Association's headquarters at
25 Beacon Street, Boston.
Their daughter was the ring bearer.



Universalist Church
of America



American Unitarian
Association



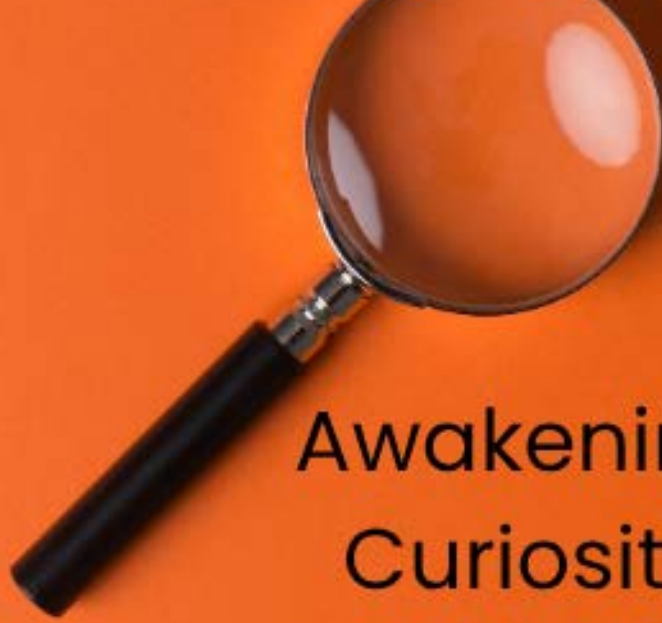
Unitarian Universalist
Association

Celebrating 65 years!

May 12, 1961

American Unitarian Association and the
Universalist Church of America
merged

for a grand total of 141,685 members
of 895 congregations



Awakening Curiosity

May Worship Services

May 3rd - "Curiosity Empowers Creativity"

with Steve Jens-Rochow

May 10th - "Two Stories for Mother's Day"

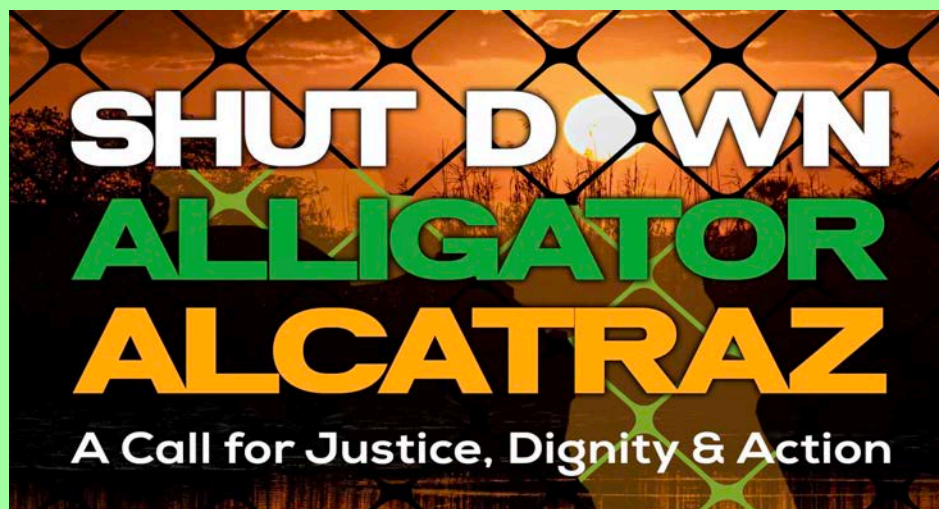
a borrowed sermon by Rev. Steve Edington

May 17th - "The Marvel of Us!" with Leana Bresnahan

May 24th - "Thinking for Ourselves"

with visiting speaker, Dr. Jeffrey Nall

May 31st - "With Open Minds and Open Hearts", a Faith Development Service with Karen Gonzalez and Friends



UU Miami

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



SUNSHINE CLUSTER

And the



Southern Region

Present

**MEET THE
MOMENT**

**Are you alarmed about the rise of
Totalitarianism?**

Meet the Moment is a UU framework of shared practices. Together, we will discern and explore how we can take bold, courageous action; grounded in our shared values and centered in Love.

Faced with immense political polarization, and grounded in our Values, how can we act with brave deeds that Meet the Moment?

Facilitated by

Cameron Young, Lead, Southern Region, and
Rev Samatha Powers, Southern Region Field Staff

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 1pm, Zoom, Free

To register and receive the Zoom Link,
send your name and congregation to
sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 7, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 7, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group Topic: Beliefs and How We Came to Them** Ken Bresnahan

Friday, May 8, 7pm A-9 **Eat, Play, Love; Potluck and Games**
Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, May 10, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 10, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service Curiosity – Where Does It take You?** Peter Fox

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Sunday, May 17, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, May 17, 12pm A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Annual Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

Thursday, May 21, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 21, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group Topic:** Ken Bresnahan

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

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Worship Service:

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Gary Gonzalez Sangha

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Men's Group

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Elly Keane elly.keane19@gmail.com

Order of Service for May 10, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing

#301 Touch the Earth; words and Music: Grace Lewis-McLaren

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

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude I Carus by Tony Ann

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Words

Opening Music #338 I Seek the Spirit of a Child; Words: Carl Seaburg, Music: Traditional English Melody

Chalice Lighting by Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world

and the answers to our hearts' deep questions.

As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth, of wisdom,

and welcoming of multiple truths

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 "Curiosity by Markus Hokum"

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory

Deepening Music #1003 Where Do We Come From? Words: Paul Gaugin 1848-1903, Music Brian Tate

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response

Heritage Julia Ward Howe & R. Buckminster Fuller

Hope Sir Timothy Berners-Lee

Message Curiosity-Where Does It Take You? Peter Fox

Closing Music #123 Spirit of Life; Words and Music by Carolyn McDade; English and Spanish

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Sending Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise



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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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