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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, August 27, 2026

Sunday Service August 30, 2026

Theme: Meet the Moment

Before We Begin – A Preface

The First Sunday Service of RevNick Sanchez



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"Before we begin, I would just like to say..."

Before we begin, I would like to add a
Preface to this ministry.

A preface reminds us that beginnings are rarely as
simple as they appear.

So, won't you join me, before we begin,
to pause, to breathe, to add some context to our
story, to lay the groundwork,
and to better understand one another?

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.



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

On Zoom only; link below;
Gather 8:15, start 8:30

In person River meditation will resume on Aug 30.

Mark Kmetzko will be the Zoom guide for August.

UU Kids are having fun all summer long!
While our regular Sunday Faith Development
program is on recess until September,
we are having crafts and activities
available for children and youth every Sunday.



Growing Family

For more information about our religious education
programs: faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org.

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

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Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRiFLTVcyZz09>



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**September Worship
Monthly Theme:
Beginnings / Interdependence**

**September 6 – Every New Beginning -
RevNick**

**September 13 – Bricks and Mortar -
RevNick**

**September 20 – Take Me to the River /
Water Communion / Multi Generation -
RevNick**

**September 27 – Interfaith; Interpersonal;
Interdependent**

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RIVER'S GOT TALENT ANNUAL AUCTION

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5
6pm**

Sunrise Lakes
Ballroom
10102 Sunrise Lakes
Blvd., Sunrise

Live &
Silent Auction
Parties
Food, Dancing

Contact Kathy: auction@riverofgrassuu.org



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RIVER'S GOT TALENT ANNUAL AUCTION

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5**

**CALL FOR
RIVER TALENT!**

Donate your
creations:
books, artwork,
poems, crafts,
jewelry.
Or almost
anything else.

Contact Kathy: auction@riverofgrassuu.org





LifeNet4Families

Needs

Deodorant, small hand sanitizers, mini shampoos and conditioner, lotion, bar soaps any size, small body washes, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Other items needed are plastic raincoats and ponchos, men's belts and clothing, socks for men and women, underwear for men and women, T-shirts for men, skull caps, flip-flops, shoes, toilet paper, small Kleenex packets, diapers and wipes.

And, as always, non perishable food.

Please place your donations in the basket in the hallway. Thanks.

CRAFTSMAN FILMS PRESENTS
In association with the Florida Immigrant Coalition
[FLIC] and UU Miami.



Before *Brotherhood: A Cinematic Musical* reaches theaters, its creators and stars are coming to Miami for a live presentation.

It will highlight storytelling, live music, segments from the film, and guided conversations.

Two neighbors: a lifelong US citizen and a Mexican immigrant who has been waiting more than a decade for asylum. As the two men and their families navigate a divided 2026 America, they are awakened to a new sense of their shared humanity and what it really means to love your neighbor.

Registration and tickets at link below.

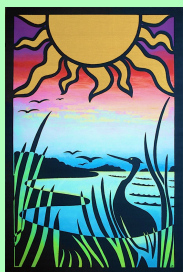
<https://brotherhoodmovie.com/tour#dates>



August 28, 1963

March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom,
the largest demonstration in the history
of the nation's capital.

Rev Dr Martin Luther King "I have a dream that my
four little children will one day live in a nation where
they will not be judged by the color of their skin,
but by the content of their character."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 27, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, August 29, 9-4 A-9 **Board Retreat** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, August 30, 8:15am Zoom Only **Flowing River Sangha**

Sunday, August 30, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream, **Sunday Service; Before We Begin; A Preface; RevNick's First Service**

Sunday, August 30, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development**

Thursday, September 3, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 3, 6pm Zoom + A-9; **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, September 6, 8:15am Zoom + A-9, Gary Gonzalez **Flowing River Sangha**

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream, **Sunday Service – Bricks and Mortar - RevNick**

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Sheila Klein with Santa, Christmas Eve 2023



Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1>

Worship Service:

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

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

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Order of Service for August 30, 2026

Morning Sing Enter, Rejoyce, and Come In #361; Words and Music: Louise Ruspini

Come, Come, Whoever You Are #188; Words adapted from Rumi, Music: Lynn Adar Ungar

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

Welcome

Ring of the Chimes

Prelude Walk Away Renee by the Four Tops (instrumental)

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship Many Hopes in Our Hearts by Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage

Opening Music Love Will Guide Us #131; Words: Sally Rogers, Music: Traditional

Chalice Lighting We Honor This Moment by RevNick
Covenant

English: Love is the spirit of this congregation&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.

Birthday Video September

Wisdom Story Thoreau in the Woods by Kate Coombs, illustrations by Seth Lucas

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory I Will Always Love You by Dolly Parton

Deepening Music Spirit of Life #123; Words and Music: Carolyn McDade

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection Time After Time by Cyndi Lauper

Pastoral Response

Musical Response

Message Before We Begin RevNick Sanchez

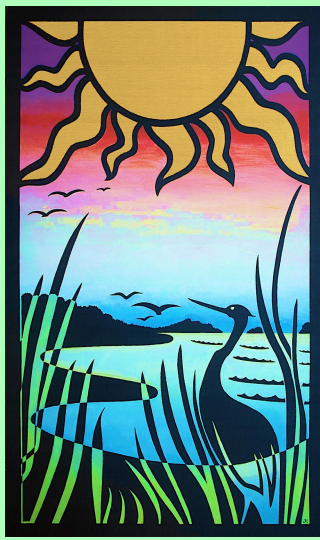
Closing Music Blue Boat Home #1064; Words; Peter Meyer, Music: Roland Hugh Pritchard

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise



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*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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