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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, September 3, 2026

Sunday Service September 6, 2026

Monthly Theme: Interdependence

Every New Beginning Rev Nick Sanchez



New Beginning II Leon Devenice

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.” Dan Wilson

Beginnings and endings happen all around us,
at every moment.

There is an excitement, an eagerness, an energy
that accompanies beginnings. What marks one
thing’s end and another’s beginning?

Where is the line from end to beginning?

Beginnings emerge from everything that has come
before, carrying pieces of the past with them as
we step into what comes next.

As we begin our ministry together, let us consider
the possibilities and uncertainties
that come with every new beginning.

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.

A-9 + Zoom; link below;
Gather 8:15, start 8:30
Gary Gonzalez

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



Dreamstime.com

This Sunday, as we begin to begin a new year of
developing our faith, our children and youth will
create autobiography posters to discover and share
who they are, where they are right now.

We'll dive into our new curriculum series on the
20th, with a new bevy of blessed teachers.

For more information about our Faith Development
Program for children and youth, reach out to our
Director, Karen Gonzalez at
ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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

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Flowing River Sangha:

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



New Beginnings TreesArtPrint

September Worship
Monthly Theme:
Beginnings / Interdependence

September 6 – Every New Beginning -
RevNick

September 13 – Take Me to the River /
Water Communion / Multi Generation -
RevNick

September 20 – Interfaith/Interdependent
Rabbi Miryam Wolfson

September 27 – Bricks and Mortar -
RevNick



Fall Potluck Picnic!

**Sunday, October 4, 2026
1 – 4 pm**

**at the Home of
Liz and John Perez in Plantation**

River of Grass members, family, and friends,
you are INVITED!

We will share good food and great
conversation while the
children play and swim.

Please let us know if you can bring food to
share, and if so, what will you bring.
(Sign-up sheet at worship service.)

Your presence is the best gift.

To RSVP or for more info, email
[membership@ riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)

or call/text 954-258-6315



River of Grass' Spiritual Artists

Will start painting this image on
2 A-Frame signs starting
Saturday, September, 5,
2-4pm at A-9.

When finished, Sunday mornings they
will be at the turnoff from SR 84
and in front of A-9.

Information: stevejensrochow@gmail.com

[River of Grass and the Sun will be painted on the
blue tint on the right, not the rose color.]



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, September 3, 7pm Zoom + A-9; **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan Topic: A Political Space to Sit.

Saturday, September 5, 2-4, A-9; **Spiritual Art Sign Painting** Steve Jens-Rochow

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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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Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

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Order of Service for September 6, 2026

Morning Sing

Come Sing a Song with Me #346; Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

We Give Thanks #1010; Words & Music: Wendy Luella Perkins
Building A New Way #1017; Words and Music: Martha Sandefer

Welcome

Prelude New Beginnings by Tracy Chapman (Solo) Peter Meerwarth, Piano

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship Thresholds by Arlen Goff

Opening Music Morning Has Broken #38; Words: Eleanor Farjeon, Music: Gaelic Melody

Chalice Lighting The End Is the Beginning by Katie Sivani Gelfand

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.

Wisdom Story The North Star by Peter H. Reynolds

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory Imagine by John Lennon; Peter Meerwarth

Deepening Music I Know This Rose Will Open #396; Music and
Words: Mary E Grigeola

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection Rise Up O Flame #362; Words:
Anonymous, Music: Christoph Praetorius

Pastoral Response

Musical Response Spirit of Life #123; Words and Music by
Carolyn McDade

Message Every New Beginning RevNick Sanchez

Closing Music Building a New Way #1017; Words and Music:
Martha Sandefer

Closing Words Our Work Has Just Begun by Emily Richards

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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