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River of Grass

Celebrating 27 Years

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

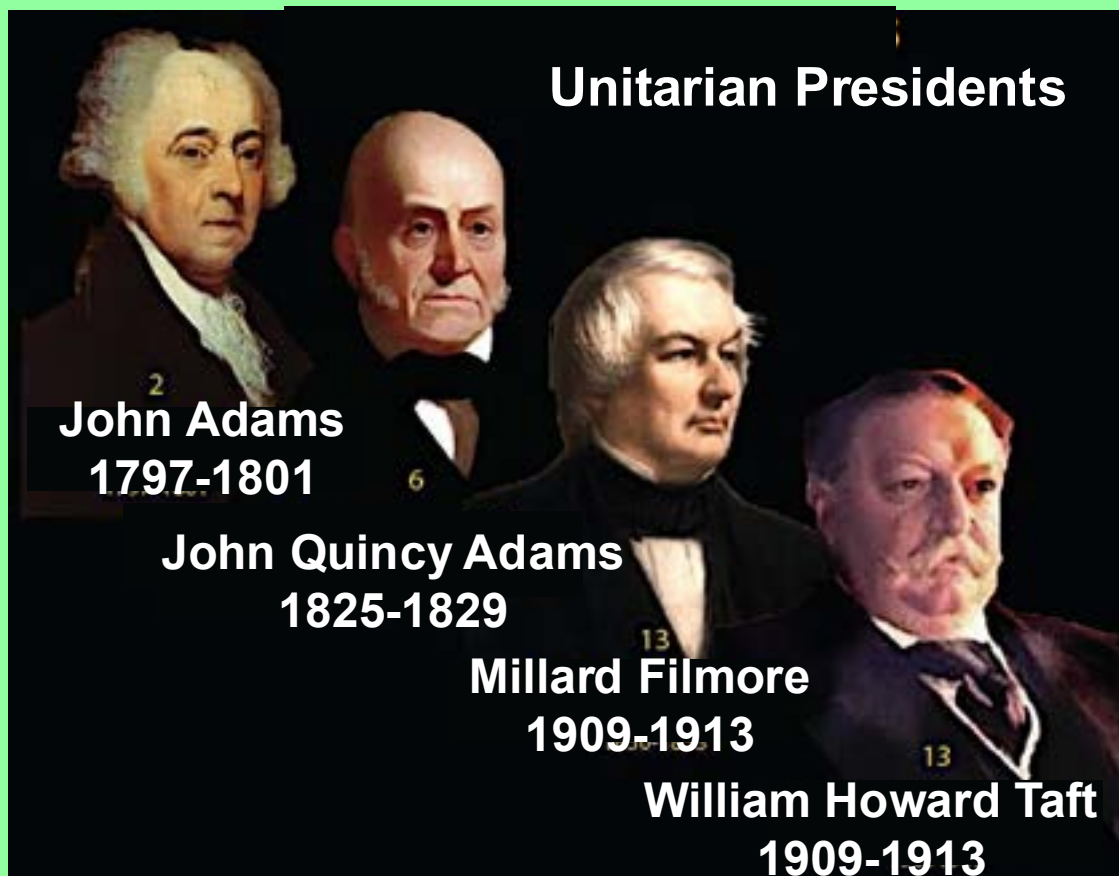
Thursday, October 8, 2026

Sunday Service October 11, 2026

Monthly Theme: Living the Questions

History of Heretics (A UU History Sermon)

Message by RevNick , Robert Smith Worship Leader



“As Unitarian Universalists, we inherit a long and storied history of thinkers, of believers, of do-ers, of justice seekers, of those considered rebels and heretics for daring to Seek the Truth in Love.”

This sermon, written by RevNick and presented by Robert Smith, explores the question of “What does it mean to be a heretic” and what meaning does the courage of our religious forbears have for us today?

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, or **virtually on YouTube** (link below). Childcare provided.



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

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



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October Worship

Theme: Living the Questions

Oct. 11: History of Heretics (A UU History Sermon) RevNick, Robert Smith Worship Leader

Oct. 18: The Creator's Workshop (All Ages Service) Karen Gonzalez

Oct. 25; The Gospel According to Love Island
Ron Roth, Jr.

Worship Service:

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

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Flowing River Sangha:

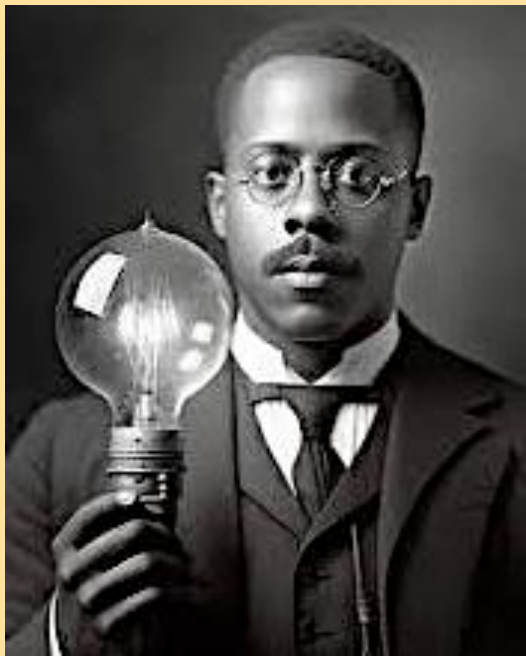
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Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am



SidneyRosene

This Sunday, our Young'uns will be exploring mystery and wonder through a bit of the story of Frankenstein, a creature created by Unitarian author, Mary Shelley. They'll consider what it feels like when you don't understand something and how it helps to be curious about new things.



Britannica

Our Middlers will be learning about famous Unitarian questioners/scientists, Lewis Latimer and Joseph Priestley before creating a chart of many of our UU ancestors, in the style of Joseph Priestley. Our Middlers will also share a Wisdom Tale during the service about a famous Universalist heretic.

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



WALK WITH TEAM TSUNAMI

FOR MENTAL HEALTH. FOR HOPE. FOR ALL.

NAMIWALKS
BROWARD COUNTY



Saturday, October 10;
Nova Southeastern Univ
Registration 8a, Walk 9:15a

FOR MENTAL HEALTH. FOR HOPE. FOR ALL.



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JOIN TEAM TSUNAMI



Please see Linda, Gayle, or Pam for more
details about signing up to walk or
donate to the team.

Every donation counts as we fundraise for
mental health services here in Broward.

Thank you for your support!

For information Linda lindalath@gmail.com

link for Team TsuNAMI:

<https://www.namiwalks.org/team/83980>



Kick off your Halloween fun with a
Spooky Movie Double Feature

on Friday, October 30, here at The River.

The kid's movie, *Stitch Head* (rated PG) will show at 6:00pm during which time we will serve pizza and popcorn and other movie snacks.

The truly spooky, *Frankenstein* (rated R), by Guillermo del Toro, will show at 8:00pm. Unitarian Mary Shelley's classic inspired them both.

Come for one or come for both. Come in costume, come in pajamas, come however you are.

But don't leave your courage at home!

Fall Potluck Picnic!

Sunday, October 4

We thank Liz & John & Buddy Perez for their hospitality!



River of Grass Justice Seekers



NO THRONES. NO CROWNS.

Justice Seekers will be participating in the
NOKINGS rally on
Saturday, Oct 17, 9-11, Coral Springs;
University Drive and Sample Road

THEME: VOTE EARLY!

Early voting in Broward begins on Oct 19.
If you need a ride to drop off your ballot,
please contact
justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org



NOKINGS at Young Circle, Hollywood, March



Justice Seekers invite everyone to the

Freedom Vigils

at the Broward Transitional Center,
3900 N Powerline Road, Pompano

*to protect and proclaim our UU values and
to protest the inhumane,
illegal detention of immigrants.*

Sunday, October 11, 5-6pm

[and October 25]

Speakers will include local clergy and
representatives of immigrant rights groups.

Wear your Side with Love t-shirt, or yellow.

*Across the country, immigrant communities are
under attack — targeted by raids, detention, and
dehumanizing policies that tear families apart.*

*These tactics are being weaponized as part of a
broader authoritarian crackdown that threatens the
rights and freedoms of everyone.*

*Over 70% of people in ICE Detention have no
criminal convictions.*





The River of Grass Membership Committee
is sponsoring an
in-person training session
after worship service on Oct 18
for members who can use support
in learning how to
access the
River of Grass Google Workspace
where important congregational
documents (such as the membership
directory) are now stored.
You must bring your device (laptop, iPad,
etc.) with you.

Leana Bresnahan
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Peace.

Love.

Just this...

And we don't want to give up!

You, your community, or your colleagues may benefit in today's world from a mindfulness workshop to help strengthen peace and love.

Insight Institute offers mindfulness workshops and courses on a sliding scale to make it fully accessible for all.

Starting at free. The courses are offered by certified mindfulness teachers. (MBSR, CMBM, MMTCP)

Currently we are offering two workshops - a one-day intro to mindfulness workshop and a three-week mindfulness course.

Please share with anyone who you think might benefit from some self-care, peace, love, and mindfulness..

Perhaps these programs offer some nourishment that may support you or someone you know.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Carolyn and Scott

Insight Institute

954-253-3189

Peace & Love in Action



An Intro to Mindfulness Virtual Workshop



Oct 19, 2026 (Monday)
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (EST)
Via Zoom

- Strengthen resilience & agency
- Practice mindfulness meditations
- Engage with compassion tools
- Gentle peaceful movement

Strong Hearts - Strong Minds



Registration:
tinyurl.com/PeaceLoveMindfulness
Contact: imperfectlotus@gmail.com

Applying Peace and Love in Action



A Mindfulness 3-Week Online Series

Mondays Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 2026
5:30 -7:00 pm EST
Via Zoom

- Mindfulness Practices, Metta, etc.
- Engaging Discussions on Compassion
- Peaceful Movement Practices
- Strategies for Stress Relief & Self-Care



Registration:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 8, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, October 8, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

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Flowing River Sangha

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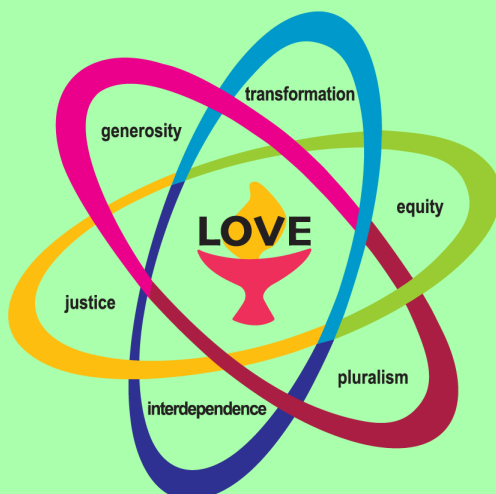
Thursday, October 15, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, October 17, 2-4pm **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

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Men's Group

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Morning Sing

We Are #1051; Words and Music: Ysaye M Barnwell

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

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

Welcome

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude- Spirit of Life #123; Words& Music: Carolyn McDade

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship – We Come to Love a Church by Andrew C Kennedy

Opening Music - Woyaya #1020; Words and Music:

Loughy Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, et al.

Chalice Lighting - This Light We Kindle by Audette Fulbright Fulson

Covenant

Wisdom Story -The Story of John Murray

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory – There is a Love; Music: Elizabeth Norton, words: Rev Dr Rebecca Parker

Deepening Music - How Could Anyone #1053; Words and Music: Lilly Roderick

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection – Charadeby Henry Mancini

Pastoral Response

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

Message - A History of Heretics by Rev. Nick Sanchez; Presented by Robert Smith

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

Closing Words – Be About the Work by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise - Blue Boat Home



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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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