



River of Grass

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Sunday Service October 25, 2026

Monthly Theme: Living the Questions

The Gospel According to Love Island Ron Roth, Jr.



"I want to tell you about the two years I spent losing an argument with a reality television program, and what that defeat finally showed me about the difference between holding a conviction & performing one."

For two years, Ron Roth Jr. quietly walked out every time his family watched their favorite reality show. He had research, moral philosophy, and a cash offer he made at a Fourth of July party. He lost anyway. What he found along the way had nothing to do with the show. His careful, wordless exits were sending a message to the two people he loves most, one departure at a time, and they were receiving it loud and clear.

Sunday Worship 10:30am 11850 W SR 84 A-9, Davie
or **virtually:**

Our Mission

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*



Gary Gonzalez's **Flowing River Sangha**
Gather 8:15, start 8:30 A-9 +

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

November Sunday Worship

Monthly Theme Covenant



November 1 - **What Remains? (Ancestors /
Remembrance Ceremony)** RevNick

November 8 – Rev. Nicole Jacobsen
UU Fellowship of Boca Raton

November 15 - **A Crowded Table – the River's
Hunger Communion** (Multi Gen) RevNick

November 22 - **Honoring Intent & Owning
Impact** RevNick

November 29 - **What We Owe One Another**
RevNick

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

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.



SidneyRosene



Our Middlers will be learning about famous Unitarian astronomer scientists:

Mariah Mitchell
(Mitchell Comet),



Cecelia Payne-Gaposchkin
(first astronomy PhD recipient at Harvard)
and

Britannica



Nancy Grace Roman
(Roman telescope)

before continuing their chart of UU ancestors.

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



TALKBACK

Our Board of Trustees will have a
TALKBACK this Sunday,
right after the worship service.

Hosted by Leana Bresnahan,
Board President.

president@riverofgrassuu.org

Our goal is to report directly to
congregation members who are
interested in the
Board meeting,
which will take place on this
Saturday, October 24.



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!

There will be a sign-up sheet after service, and flyers available at the welcome desk.



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.*

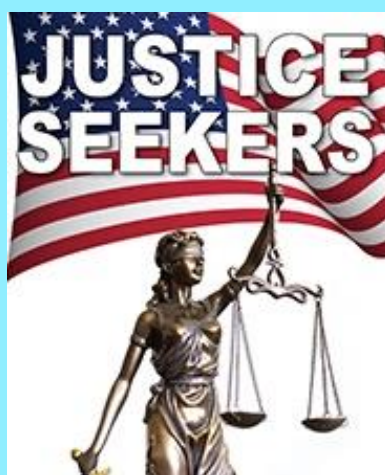
Sunday, October 25, 5-6pm

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

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

For information and for carpooling contact
justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org

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





United Nations Day

October 24

On October 24, 1945

The United Nations Charter was ratified in San Francisco by 51 member nations.

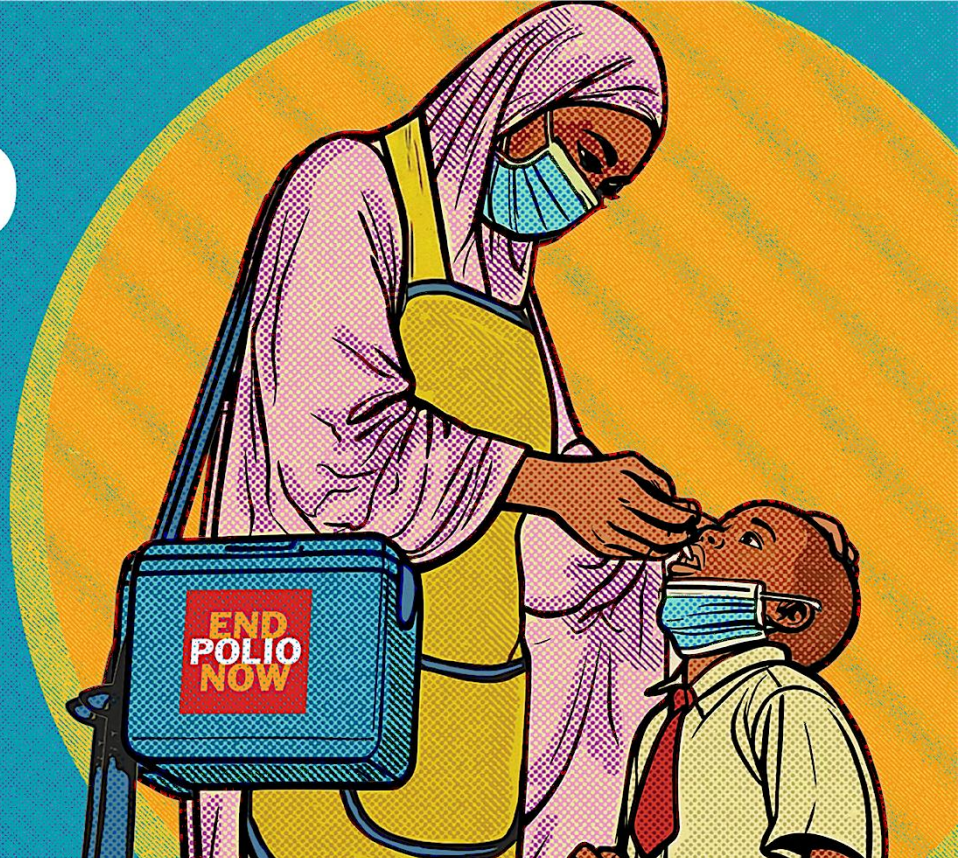
The UN is charged with maintaining international peace & security, to develop friendly relations among states, to promote international cooperation and to serve as a center for harmonizing the actions of states in achieving those goals.

The UN now has 193 member nations.

WORLD POLIO DAY

24 OCTOBER

#EndPolio | endpolio.org



The goal of World Polio Day,
led by the
World Health Organization (WHO),
the United Nations Children's Fund
(UNICEF)
and the Rotary Foundation,
is the
total eradication of Polio worldwide.

Currently, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the
only two countries where the disease is
still classified as endemic.

In 2026,
Afghanistan has recorded
42 poliovirus cases
and Pakistan has recorded
6 poliovirus cases,
totaling 48 cases combined.



Intersex Awareness Day October 26,

highlights human rights
issues faced
by intersex people.

Intersex is a general term used by
people that are born with
reproductive or sexual anatomy that
doesn't fit the "Male" or Female"
label.

Intersex people are those born with
chromosome patterns,
gonads, or genitals that "do not fit
typical binary notions
of male or female bodies".

The opposite of intersex is endosex
, which describes persons
born with sex characteristics that
are seen as
typically male or female at birth.

Order of Service for October 25, 2026

Morning Sing

Building a New Way#1017; Words&Music: Martha Sandefer
Comfort Me [verses 1,2 and 4] #1002; Words & Music:
Mimi Bornstein-Doble

O Let Us Gather; Words & Music: RevAmy Carol Webb

Welcome

Ring the Chimes

Prelude - Try a Little Kindness; Words and Music: Curt
Sapaugh and Bobby Austin,
Recorded by Glen Campbell

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship – Shall We Give Thanks by Laura
Horton-Ludwig

Opening Music - When Our Heart is in a Holy Place
#1008; Words and Music: Joyce Foley

Chalice Lighting - Love is Our Center by Eric Hepburn
Covenant

Wisdom Story - Old Turtle by Douglass Wood

Singing the Children to Classes [Webb]

Offering/Offertory – And So it Goes by Billy Joel

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

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection – Let it Be by Paul McCartney

Pastoral Response

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

Message The Gospel According to Love Island Ron Roth Jr.

Closing Music - There's a River Flowin' in My Soul
#1007; Words and Music: Rose Sanders

Closing Words – May You Be Changed by Emily
Richards

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise – Try a Little Kindness;
Words and Music: Curt Sapaugh and Bobby Austin



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 22, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Friday, October 23, 7pm A-9 **Drum Circle** Theo Lucas, Linda Lathroum lindalath@gmail.com

Saturday, October 24, 11am Zoom **Board Meeting** Leana Bresnahan president@riverofgrassuu.org

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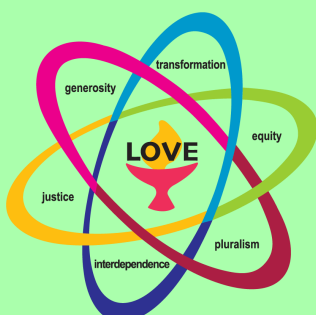
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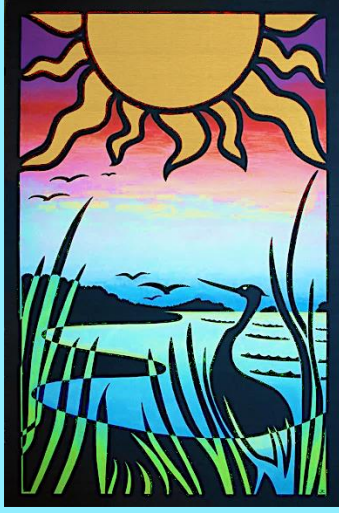
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congregation-wide newsletter It should be received
by noon Wednesday.

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@riverofgrassuu.org

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