

River of Grass

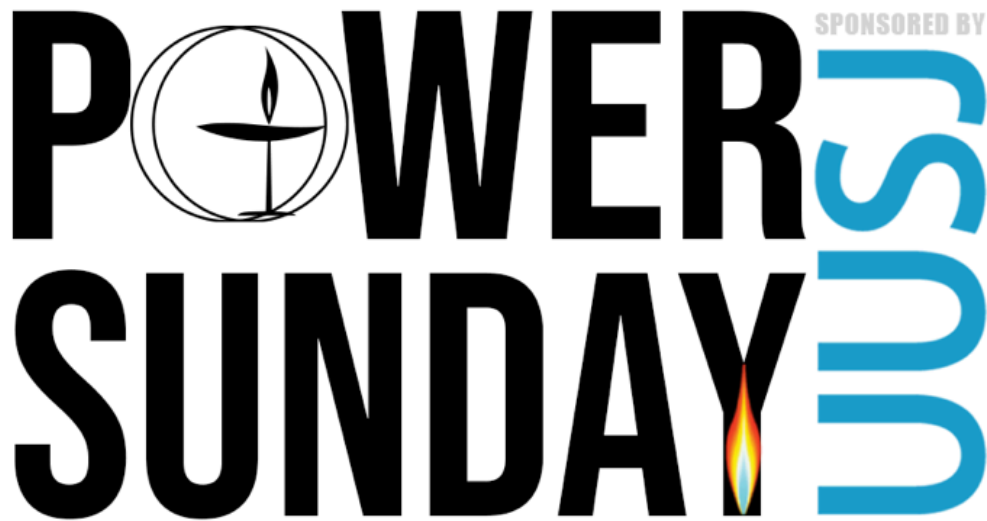
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie, FL 33325

WELCOME TO OUR RIVER OF GRASS FAMILY. WELCOME TO OUR WARMTH. WELCOME HOME!

River of Grass Weekly Update – June 20, 2024

Power Sunday:

Leveraging Our Collective Power for Democracy



Democracy is in danger, but we are not powerless; we all have meaningful ways to save our democratic system. One way is to commit to being an active part of civil society, which means committing to our institutions. It is our hope that people will leave Sunday worship feeling empowered, connected, and more hopeful about what's next for our collective work and our nation. And what River of Grass will be doing for Democracy.

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning – either in person at our new location in Davie (info below) or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat before the service. We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- **11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325** ([Click for Directions](#))
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our [Facebook page](#).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/961564350>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “Power Sunday: Leveraging Our Collective Power for Democracy” - Service and Social Justice Green Team; Steve Jens-Rochow, Diane Diaz

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

River of Grass kids have fun all summer long! During our Summer Fun Faith Development program, we offer fun activities and a children’s fellowship every Sunday during worship through Aug 25th. These sessions will take the place of regular Sunday school, which will return in September. For more information, contact the Summer Fun coordinator Diane Lade at 954-673-3465 or dlade@bellsouth.net.

Coming up this Summer Fun Sunday: This Sunday, we will be finding our inner environmentalists by learning how to Nature Journal. We'll create pages to observe the world around us and fill our imaginations.

Flowing River Sangha meditation on Sunday Mornings

The Flowing River Sangha meets on Sunday mornings at **8:30 AM via Zoom**. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator. Gary Gonzalez has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. Join us via Zoom at the following link: [Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link](#). We look forward to seeing you there. Peace.

Other Events:

Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions:

Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, [zoom link for Thursday at 6 pm](#)

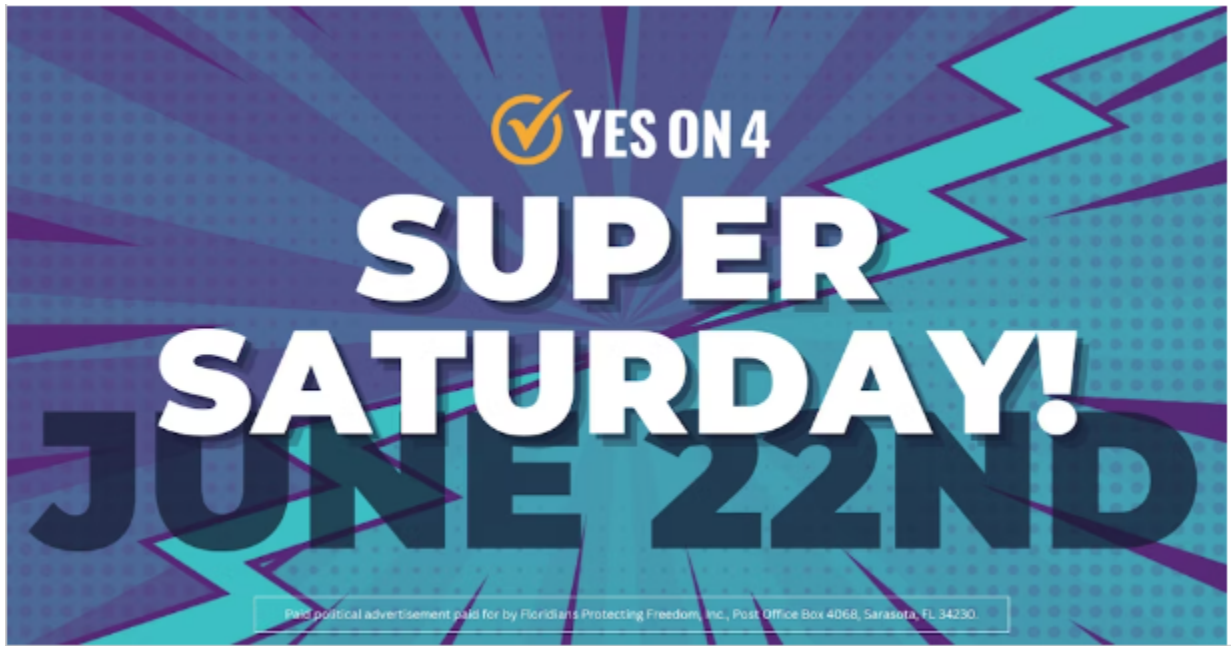
For more information or to register contact Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com, or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

RoG Men’s Group – We will meet today, Thursday, Jun 20th. We are meeting **in person or via Zoom at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce:** The official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325. Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at **Lester's Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323.** We'll meet there at 5:30 pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify as male are invited to join us! **Our next meeting is on Jun 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM,** in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). If you're joining us for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so that he can coordinate space.) For questions: contact Ken; at mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

Yes on 4! Social Justice Action – River of Grass has signed up to be a host site for monthly trainings and gatherings in support of restoring the rights of pregnant people in Florida by passing Amendment 4*.

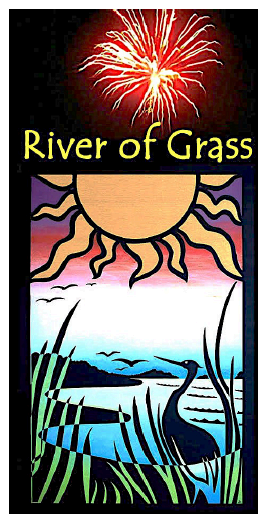
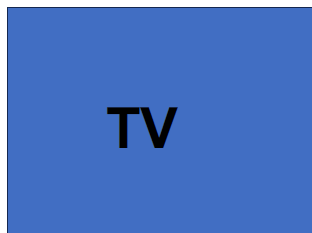
On June 22nd, we will need hospitality and childcare volunteers as well as people participating in the outreach training, which runs from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Sign up by contacting Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org or on the clipboard during hospitality time on Sunday.

*The following language would be added to the state constitution: "Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider." [1]



Spiritual Art is Creating Banners for the Sanctuary

River of Grass Spiritual Art group meets on the **second and fourth Saturdays at 2:00 pm in our space, 11850 W State Rd 84 Ste A9** for an open studio. We have been designing Banners for the Chancel wall. There will be six banners, three on either side of the large TV. They will be spread across the wall. Three feet wide by about 6-8 feet high. The banners can be changed easily, perhaps seasonally. The 6-color Pride Flag was created in 1977 by artist and gay activist Gilbert Baker. He was tasked by Harvey Milk, the first openly gay member of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, who was assassinated in 1978. Baker was inspired by the classic song "Over the Rainbow" from the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz". As the LGBTQ+ community has grown over the years a current version of the flag now includes 4 additional colors: the baby pink and blue represents the Trans community. The black and brown stripes are for black and brown LGBTQ+ people; people of color. Join us at our space, 11850 W State Rd 84 Ste A9 on the second and fourth Saturdays from 2:00 - 4:00 pm as we create the banners. If coming, please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow SpiritualArt@riverofgrassuu.org. Upcoming meeting dates are Jun 22, Jul 13, and Jul 27.



SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Use reusable food storage containers made of glass instead of single-use plastic baggies or plastic wrap. It's cheaper and healthier to reheat food in a glass container in the microwave.

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html. **River of Grass UU Congregation** is on [Facebook](#) (LIKE us) and [Twitter](#) (FOLLOW Us). For more information, please contact communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org.

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Announcements wishing to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org by noon Wednesday. All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of the e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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