

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 – October 10, 2024

Celebration of Books

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.”

~ Walt Disney

Bring a cherished book to celebrate the treasure in books. One that has touched you deeply, changed your life, learned something important. A book you would like someone else to read. You will be taking a new book home - someone else's treasure.

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 prior to 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/u/ab3E9jRtb9>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, October 13, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “Celebration of Books” - Kathy Jens-Rochow

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

Here's what's happening to develop the faith of our young ones this Sunday.

Our Bibleodeon class will hear the Biblical story of Creation and the story of Adam and Eve. Through these stories, they will explore the concepts of miracles and temptation and maybe even face a little temptation of their own!

Bridge Builders will begin their exploration of World Religions with Unitarian Universalism. We'll learn how early Christian ideas led to two faiths that eventually merged as one. This will serve as our reference point on our World Religions journey.

For more information about our Faith Development programs for kids and teens, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Families are asked to register their children for a new year of Faith Development using the link below.

[REGISTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT 2024-25](#)

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 cultivating 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.

River of Grass UU Congregation Closure Notification

Due to weather conditions, the River of Grass facility will be closed on Wednesday, Oct 9th, and Thursday, Oct 10th. Thank you and please be safe everyone!

RevAmy on Medical Respite October

Beloveds, as shared with you on Sunday, Sep 22nd, I had surgery on Oct 3rd to repair a hiatal hernia, recovery from which will require rest for the better part of October, followed by another month of carefully curated return activity. I plan to be back with you for Sunday service, on Oct 27th, with the caveat that I will still not be able to sing until December. Your Worship Team has great plans for the services I will miss, and your Music Team is providing Song Leaders throughout this time. Remember your leadership is charged up and ready to go for this growing year. If you have pastoral needs, please call the office at 954-723-7877 and you'll be connected to care. Be assured I am in good hands in the hospital (we're told my surgeon is the best for this!), and at home with Brooke -- and you are always and ever the River going and flowing through everything and anything together. We don't anticipate any particular needs beyond your healing energies and prayers sent our way and will keep you up to date as needed. Know how much I will miss you and can't wait to see you in a month. Till then, Shine on! With love and gratitude, RevAmy

October 11 is National Coming Out Day

National coming out day celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people's coming out experiences and journeys.

Each year on this day, we show support for our friends, colleagues, and family members who have had the courage to come out and live openly as LGBTQ+. It's a celebratory day, but also a day to recognize the disparities and struggles faced by members of the LGBTQ+ community when living openly in society.

This year, as we celebrate National Coming Out Day, let's leave the myth of gay affluence behind. It serves no purpose other than perpetuating false stereotypes and minimizing the hardships involved in the LGBTQ+ experience. Viewing the LGBTQ+ community through an upper-income, White lens prevents many Americans from recognizing that change is necessary to make the economy fair and just for all.

Source: NCRC.org



Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Oct 10 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 13 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Oct 13 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Oct 16 - [Virtual Admin Drop in with Sandy from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- Thursday, Oct 17 - Men's Group at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Oct 19 - Full Moon Daughter's hang-out beach day (Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park beach) Dania Beach from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 16 - River of Grass Annual Auction at 6:00 pm

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/>

Virtual Admin Drop-In with Sandy - Have a question for our Office Administrator? Come on and drop in any time between **10:30 am - 12:00 noon every Wednesday on Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88206328735?pwd=Ka6B9096Uyl90Q7wRsacYtb5VxbqsY.1>

RoG Men's Group – We will meet next **Thursday, Oct 17th**. 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! We will meet 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.

Full Moon Daughters – Join the Full Moon Daughters for our first outing of the congregational year: a **hang-out beach day at the beautiful Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park beach in Dania on Saturday, Oct 19th**. All women, girls, and those who identify as female are welcome. We will gather from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Bring your towel, sand chair, boogie and other beach necessities. A casual snack bar and kayak/paddleboard rentals are

available. There is \$6 per car entry fee, carpooling from River of Grass will be available. To sign up, or for more information about River of Grass Full Moon Daughters, email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

Soiree Auction Party, November 16th

6:00 - 9:00 pm at our home "A9" (11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL)

Ticket Cost \$35 per person – Tickets are now available on [Silent Auction Pro!](#)

Lots of Appetizers (enough to have a meal), dessert, and drinks. We are currently collecting all of your wonderful donations. We have some parties (but could always use more), large ticket items, food, cards, women's fashion, gift baskets, and shawls. To name a few.

Ideas: do you have an old pitcher or vase, get a gift card for flowers; gently used jewelry you no longer use; nice or unique trays get a gift card so it can be filled for a personal party; Superbowl party; tapas party; Greek party; poker party, crafting party, game night party, so many parties!

Remember: THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR PARTY IDEA AND DONATIONS WRITE-UP IS **OCTOBER 31, 2024**. (We need time to get the catalog together.) Have an idea? send it to Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org or bring it to Sunday Service. Some items will only be available at the auction!

[River of Grass Auction 2024!](#)

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Skip the bottled water when grocery shopping. Resist the urge, and instead refill bottles at home. You save money, you help the environment, and you send a message that reuse is the way to go. Be green!

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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