



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 31, 2024

REMEMBRANCE AND RESISTANCE: GRATITUDE AND GRIEF

Ancestor Sunday

“We are grandmother’s prayers
And we are our grandfathers dreamings
We are the breath of the ancestors
We are the spirit of God.”

- Ysaye Barnwell

In this tense and tenuous time, we pause to remember those before us who survived the tumults of their own times – and taught us how to survive our own. It is the charge of our ancestors to hold grief in one hand and gratitude in the other – and resist the urge to give in or give up in the face of trouble the likes of which we have not seen in our lifetimes. Indeed, they have shown us the way, if only we dare follow.

Remember to bring photos or mementos remembering those gone before us, as well as losses of other kinds in this time of unrelenting change that we might comfort and encourage one another for our time, our turn, to keep bending the arc of history.

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, November 3, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “REMEMBRANCE AND RESISTANCE: GRATITUDE AND GRIEF – Ancestor Sunday” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

Here's what's happening in our Faith Development program for kids on Sunday.

Our Bibleodeon kiddos will enjoy the first of two sessions on Joseph, son of Jacob. In this session, they'll hear how Joseph's jealous brothers sold him into slavery. This may be the ultimate sibling rivalry case! We'll talk about family dynamics and alternative ways to solve problems (other than selling your sibling into slavery!). Our teens 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.

Contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org, for more information about our FD program.

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.

Soiree Auction Party, November 16th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at River of Grass (11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9)



AUCTION TIME

Join us for a Soiree Auction Party on
November 16, 2024 from 6-9 pm at our home "A9"
The theme this year is *The Love of Giving*.
(Just in time for holiday giving)
Cost \$35
Appetizer, dessert, & drinks served
Tickets available on
SilentAuctionpro.com
ID: G1763:
River of Grass UU Congregation

- Tickets are still available at an advance price of \$35. Starting Friday, Nov 15th and through Saturday, Nov 16th, the day of event pricing will start and the ticket price will jump to \$45 per person. To purchase a ticket go to [Silent Auction Pro Ticket Purchase Page](#).
- Auction donation forms have been coming in and the online catalog is being put together. There are a handful of items that will only be available the night of the auction and will close out on Saturday, Nov 16th. There will be no online bidding for these items. If you still have a donation form, please email it to Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org.
- Please bring all your items to Sunday Service on Nov 3rd or Nov 10th and give them to Elly Keane, Pam Kelner, Peter Fox, or Barbara Ratchford. We will be making and dressing up the items.

The Auction committee is looking forward to seeing you on November 16

Exploring the Essence of Unitarian Universalism

Unitarian Universalism is a living tradition that evolves to meet our current reality and respond to current human needs. In our shared tradition, we practice discernment about our shared Faith in community with one another, listening for the wisdom among us. Please join your Congregational Life Staff for a series of conversations about three critical aspects of Unitarian Universalism: our shared values, our covenants, and our historical context. Each session will include informational background and current context for each subject, making these discussions appropriate for new UUs, Lifelong UUs, and everyone in between.

EXPLORING THE ESSENCE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Join your Congregational Life Staff for a Spiritual Deepening Opportunity:

Hearts That Care: Unpacking Our Shared Values

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024; 6:00 PM Central/ 7:00 PM Eastern; 90 Minutes

Promise and Practice: The Role of Covenant in Unitarian Universalism

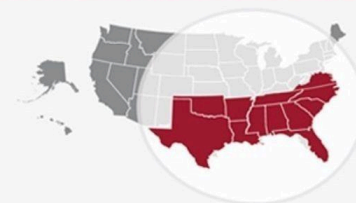
Wednesday, November 13th, 2024; 6:00 PM Central/ 7:00 PM Eastern; 90 Minutes

The Living Tradition: Unitarian Universalism in Historical and Contemporary Context

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024; 6:00 PM Central/ 7:00 PM Eastern; 90 Minutes



Southern Region



Music-loving Progressive Congregation Seeks Part-time Choir Director/Pianist!

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Davie, FL) seeks a leader ready for some fun growing our choir, enriching the worship experience, and cultivating the joyful power of music with our community. For more information about this position and our congregation, [please visit our website](#).

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Oct 31 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 2 - Spiritual Artists' Studio
- Sunday, Nov 3 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Nov 3 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Sunday, Nov 3 - Women's Group at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, Nov 6 - [Virtual Admin Drop in with Sandy from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- Thursday, Nov 7 - Men's Group at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Nov 14 - MUUvies at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 16 - Sunshine Cluster Meeting at 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>

River of Grass' Spiritual Artists' Open Studio at our location A9 (11850 W State Road 84, Ste A9) on **Saturday, Nov 2, at 2:00 pm**



Come create with other spiritual artists.



We will be painting rocks, painting with acrylics, drawing and working



with water soluble Aqua Crayon Sticks



and oil based Cray-Pas crayons.



Or bring your own pen and paper, art or craft supplies and let's create together.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Jens-Rochow at [SpiritualArt@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto: SpiritualArt@riverofgrassuu.org).

Women's Group – The Women's Group will meet this **Sunday, Nov 3rd at 7:00 pm**. We will be multi-platform, meeting both in person at the church (11850 W State Road 84, Ste A9, Davie) and virtually. Our definition of "women" is expansive and includes anyone who feels that they belong in this space, including those who identify as nonbinary. The purpose of this group is to deepen our personal connections through shared discussions. Listening to each person's experience. For more information or the link, contact Kathy Jens-Rochow at womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.



RoG Men's Group – We will meet next **Thursday, Nov 7th**. 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.

MUUies – November title is “I Am a Noise”. We will meet on Thursday, Nov 14th at 7:00 pm to discuss this mUUvie. [River MUUvies Zoom Link](#)

It is a raw and intimate portrait of the legendary folk singer and activist **Joan Baez**. The film utilizes previously unreleased home movies, artwork, diaries, therapy tapes, and audio recordings. It is a depiction of her personal journey from pain to peace and forgiveness. Available on Netflix.

Meeting ID: 958 6532 1771; Passcode: 436687;

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If you are attending this discussion, please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow at mUUvies@riverofgrassuu.org.



Sunshine Cluster Annual Meeting – Saturday, Nov 16th at 2:00 pm

“Growing Congregations with Peter Bowden: Promoting Connection, Meaning, and Membership”

Program Overview:

In today’s fast-paced and fragmented world, the need for deep connection, meaningful relationships, and strong communities has never been greater. This program will explore how small group ministries, community-building events, and relational strategies can help your congregation grow in both depth and membership. Peter Bowden will share specific, actionable strategies to support newcomers and foster connections that lead to long-term engagement. Whether you’re looking to strengthen small groups, host more engaging community events, or build relationships that grow your congregation, this session will offer practical insights for congregational leaders of all experience levels.

Peter Bowden is known for his work helping Unitarian Universalist congregations grow by promoting connection, meaning, and membership, both online and onsite. He specializes in integrating a wide range of connecting strategies—including digital tools, in-person groups, social media, and small-group ministries.

FREE: To Register and receive a Zoom link please send your name & congregation to Steve Jens-Rochow at sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com.

SUNSHINE CLUSTER
NOVEMBER 16, 2024

**GROWING CONGREGATIONS: PROMOTING
CONNECTION, MEANING, AND MEMBERSHIP**

PETER BOWDEN
Keynote Speaker

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Change your car's air filter the next time you change the oil. Over time, air filters get clogged causing your engine to work harder - creating more greenhouse gas emissions and lowering your fuel economy. Save money on gas by spending money on a new air filter.

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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