

# River of Grass

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

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

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River of Grass Weekly Update – November 7, 2024

## HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN: REPENTANCE AND REPAIR

“Profound healing can happen. Individual lives and relationships can be transformed. Communities and cultures can move toward care, accountability, restoration. Institutions can do the work needed to protect the people they serve. Nations can face the truth of what they have done—even if the work is imperfect, messy, or haphazard—and can make the choice to write a new story for tomorrow. Repair is possible. Atonement is not out of reach. What is needed ... is the willingness to do the work. What is needed is the bravery to begin.”

- Danya Ruttenberg

(On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World)

It is entirely possible we still won't know the final outcome of this election by Sunday. And. We can't know what its aftermath may be.

And.

The work at hand for us doesn't change at all no matter the outcome.

Either way, our world is in desperate need of the transformation that comes of our keeping love at the center, our refusal to give up, our determination to show up and show out for justice, our steadfast commitment to healing – ourselves, one another, and our communities. Join us this Sunday to remember -- that though there's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.

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 10, 2024 - 10:30 AM**

**River of Grass UU Congregation** – “HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN: REPENTANCE AND REPAIR” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

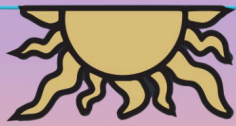
#### ***Faith Development for Kids and Youth:***

This Sunday, Our Bibleodeon kiddos will continue exploring the life of Joseph and discuss the Value of Transformation. Our teens will be diving into indigenous religions, which are sometimes called native, tribal or primitive religions. Today, more than 400 million people worldwide are adherents of indigenous faiths. For more information about our Faith Development Program for kids and teens, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org).

#### ***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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](https://SilentAuctionpro.com)

ID: G1763:

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- Tickets are still available at an advance price of \$35. Starting Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and through Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](#).
- There are a handful of items that will only be available the night of the auction and will close out on Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be no online bidding for these items.
- **Please bring all your items to this Sunday's Service on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** and give them to Elly Keane, Pam Kelner, Peter Fox, or Barbara Ratchford. If you cannot bring them this Sunday, please arrange to deliver the items with Elly Keane.
- The Catalog will be available by Monday for those who have purchased a ticket and obtained a auction number. (Go to [Silent Auction Pro Registration Page](#) to sign up for your auction number!)

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

### ***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, Nov 7 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, Nov 10 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Nov 10 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Thursday, Nov 7 - Post-Election Gathering at River of Grass FOR ALL at 6:00 pm

- Thursday, Nov 7 - Men's Group at 6:00 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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

**RoG Men’s Group – We will meet today Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, and combine with the Post-Election Gathering being held for all of our River of Grass Community at 6:00 pm.** We are meeting in person or via Zoom at 6:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce: The official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325. 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](#). For questions: contact Ken Bresnahan; at [mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org).

**MUUies – November title is “I Am a Noise”. We will meet on Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mUUvies@riverofgrassuu.org).



**Sunshine Cluster Annual Meeting – Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com).

# SUNSHINE CLUSTER NOVEMBER 16, 2024

GROWING CONGREGATIONS: PROMOTING  
CONNECTION, MEANING, AND MEMBERSHIP



**PETER BOWDEN**  
Keynote Speaker



## *Thanksgiving Potluck*

Looking ahead and making plan for the holidays? Consider joining your beloved congregation as we celebrate "Gratitude Day". More info coming closer to the date.

## Gratitude Day Potluck (aka Thanksgiving) Thursday, November 28, 2024

1:00 PM

At the River

Join Members, Friends, and Family

to celebrate together

Bring a dish to pass,

tableware and

glasses/coffee mugs





*SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Compost your vegetable and fruit scraps, if you can. If you can't, use your in-sink disposal rather than the landfill.*

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at [riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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