

Celebrating
26 Years

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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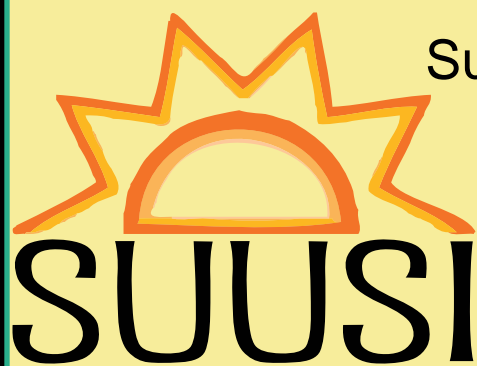
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our River of Grass Family
Welcome to our Love; **Welcome** Home

Thursday, March 27, 2025



Sunday Service March 30, 2025

**Putting the YOU in
AdventUUre**

**Finding Our People/
Finding Ourselves**



Find your people. Love them well.

- Tabitha Dumas

Don't worry, not everybody who goes to a UU camp or conference becomes a minister – but yours did! Sometimes you have to find your people to find yourself. Join with us this Sunday to begin the adventure finding our people and ourselves through Unitarian Universalist Camps and Conferences.

Our Mission

Nurture our spirits; love intentionally; create a just & sustainable world.

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either **in-person in Davie** (info below) or **virtually on Zoom or Facebook** (links below).

Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. Come to:

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A-9, Davie, FL 33325
- Children's & youth's Faith Development at 10:30. Childcare provided.

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

Our children and youth will enjoy learning about opportunities to enrich their faith during the summer, during worship on Sunday. There will be no additional classes for them as we wrap up Spring Break..

For more information about our Religious Education program for children and teens contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation on Sunday AM

Good news! We have returned to in-person meditation with Gary Gonzalez every Sunday morning at River of Grass at A-9. We will gather at **8:30 am and begin meditating at 8:45**. The meditation is also available via Zoom link below.

"I look forward to sitting with you in person or remotely."



Our Covenant

Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación
y el servicio su ley principal.

Esta es nuestra gran promesa: vivir juntos en paz, buscar la
verdad a través del amor, y ayudarnos mutuamente.

Worship Service:

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

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

<https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>

Director of Faith Development

ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09#success>



July 20-26, 2025, Radford, VA

SUUSI is the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute, a walloping week long summer camp for the young and the young-at-HeaRT, a meet-up of Unitarian Universalist community, bringing together old friends and new.

In 2025, we will gather in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at **Radford University**, in beautiful Radford, VA. SUUSI is an intentional week to grow, relax, play, share and connect with others, a week you'll remember for years to come.

2025 Catalogue drops April 4



<https://www.themountainrlc.org/>

3872 Dillard Road, Highlands, NC

An exemplary retreat, camp, and learning center that celebrates Unitarian Universalist principles, inspires people of all ages, transforms lives, and builds a more compassionate world.

April 3-6 Rise Up Rooted, a Women's Retreat

April 13-18 Magic in Music Week

May 2-4 The Highlands Retreat - LGBTQIA+

May 14-18 Spring UUWomenspirit Gathering and Institute

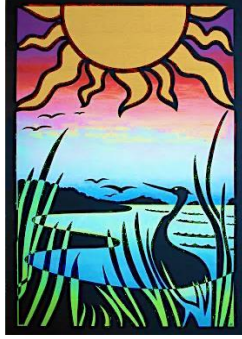
June 8-20 MountainCamp – Senior High

June 19-22 "I Shine" Inner Fire Retreat

June 22-27 MountainCamp - Beginner 6-8 year old

June 22-July 4 MountainCamp – Elementary [9-11]

July 6-19 MountainCamp – Intermediate [12-14]



River of Grass
Annual Pledge Drive
Love at the Center!
Give Love to Feel Love

Stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org

March 2-30, 2025





UPDATE -- ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE '25-'26:

We have pledges for \$181K:

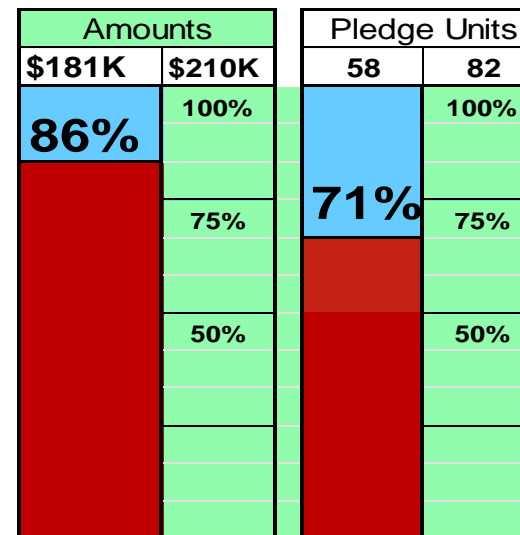
86% of our \$210K goal.

From **71% of our ROG Family.**

We still are looking for pledges from 22.

PLEDGES FOR '25-'26

1	\$23,000	21	\$2,000	41	\$600	58	\$0
2	\$21,600	22	\$1,500	42	\$600	59	\$0
3	\$14,400	23	\$1,500	43	\$600	60	\$0
4	\$11,136	24	\$1,500	44	\$500	61	\$0
5	\$10,000	25	\$1,500	45	\$500	62	\$0
6	\$8,000	26	\$1,250	46	\$480	63	\$0
7	\$8,000	27	\$1,220	47	\$480	64	\$0
8	\$7,800	28	\$1,200		\$360	65	\$0
9	\$7,200	29	\$1,200	48	\$300	66	\$0
10	\$6,000	30	\$1,200		\$300	67	\$0
11	\$5,000	31	\$1,200	49	\$250	68	\$0
12	\$4,680	32	\$1,200	50	\$240	69	\$0
13	\$4,200	33	\$1,200	51	\$216	70	\$0
14	\$3,420	34	\$1,080		\$100	71	\$0
15	\$3,300	35	\$1,000	52	\$100	72	\$0
16	\$3,000	36	\$1,000	53	\$25	73	\$0
17	\$3,000	37	\$840	54	\$25	74	\$0
18	\$3,000	38	\$840	55	\$18	75	\$0
19	\$2,500	39	\$800	56	\$0	76	\$0
20	\$2,220	40	\$780	57	\$0	77	\$0
\$181,160 of \$210,000							86%
Total Pledge Units Rec'd 58							71%
Over the "Average" 19							
Nothing: 25							
Friends of ROG 3							



<https://riverofgrassuu.org/2025-2026-pledge-card.html>



Hello, I'm Nicole Marefka,
I'm excited to join River of Grass UU as your new
[Office Administrator](#).

With a strong background in administrative support
and a passion for using technology and
art creativity,
I look forward to
ensuring our congregation's operations run
smoothly and efficiently.

My hours are M-F 10am-2pm
Thank you for the warm welcome!

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One Ministerial Outreach Cottage Meeting Left



SCHEDULE

RSVP to Search@riverofgrassuu.org for more info

Day/Time	Location	Host
Sat 3/29 1p	Davie 33324	Barbara Ratchford

- Purpose: to gather member input on our present status as a congregation, dreams for the future as a community, and hopes for a minister.
- Contact Search@riverofgrassuu.org to RSVP to get the address for each group.



Seven Chakras Magical Tea Party

Saturday, April 19, 1-5pm

At a member's home

\$35

**An introduction to your Seven Chakras;
Tea tasting and journal making.**

A Chakra is an energy vortex that resides in our body.
It is responsible for a particular theme in our life.
The seven chakras all have their own unique meaning.

The goal is to
balance each of them through the chosen
healing modality, leading to
overall enhanced health and alignment.

Each Chakra corresponds to a
particular organ and has a specific meaning.

auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Broward Says Hands Off! RALLY



*Come join us as we protest
executive overreach and
unconstitutional actions by the
Trump Administration!*

Saturday, April 5, 10a-2p

Meet at The River at 8:30am for coffee,
donuts and carpooling.

Gather after service Sunday, if you'd like to
make posters for our marchers.

Arts Park@Young Circle
1733 E Hollywood Blvd.

Wear Your Yellow T-Shirts
Extra T-Shirts in the hallway at A-9



River of Grass Connection Circles

For information about Rev. Amy's Connection Circles contact her at minister@riverofgrassuu.org Or speak with her after Service.

Friday, March 28, **Drum Circle** A-9 RevAmy Carol Webb. (Drumming just doesn't do well on zoom) Bring your drum or enjoy one of ours on the last Friday of each month to drum out the stresses of the days behind and find new rhythms for ones to come. No drum, no problem - we have plenty. No experience, also no problem – your inner drummer awaits!

Tuesday, April 8, 7pm, A-9 + Zoom **Good Grief Bereavement Group** Gather with this circle of sojourners of all kinds as we navigate life after loss, using Francis Weller's "The Wild Edge of Sorrow" as our guide.

Sunday, April 13, 12:15pm A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday**

Tuesday, April 15, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **What Dreams May Come: Dream Reflection Group** Guided by Jungian theory, we'll explore our dreams as gateways to meaning for our lives!

Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816837657?pwd=t8scw4ml9h34cv8CU0JWFI3IMQI8F9.1>

Meeting ID: 828 1683 7657

Passcode: 565945

FAITH LIKE A RIVER

EXPLORING THE DYNAMIC COURSE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST HISTORY

A conjoined Zoom
gathering with members
of the First Unitarian
Church of Orlando,
hosted by our Religious
Educators, beginning in

*What lessons do the
stories of our history
teach that can help us
live more faithfully in
the present?
What lessons do they
offer to be lived into the
future?*

Institutionalism

April 2 Rise in the Sea — Unitarianism

April 9 Rise in the Sea – Universalism

April 16 As Tranquil Streams that Meet and Merge —
Consolidation

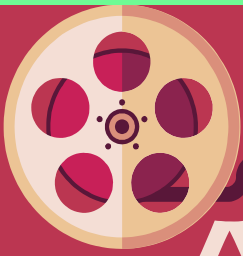
Unitarian Universalist Identity

April 30 We're All Swimming in the Stream Together –
Covenant

May 7 Gently Down the Stream – Polity

May 14 or 22? Karen's Transylvanian Adventure

Register by email to religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org



An afternoon with #MoCrazy Strong

Saturday, March 29th
@ 1:00 pm

Experience an inspiring film about overcoming challenges.

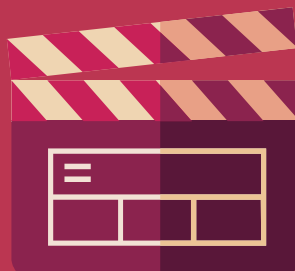
Support two great causes! 50% of proceeds go to ROG, 50% to the MoCrazy Strong Brain Injury Foundation. Tickets for prepurchase or @www.riverofgrassuu.org

Gather your friends and family for an impactful afternoon!

Spread the word and be part of this amazing event!

Meet Jamie MoCrazy: World-class skier turned brain injury advocate. After a near-fatal crash ended her competitive career, Jamie transformed trauma into purpose. Now, she empowers TBI survivors through MoCrazy Strong Foundation, inspiring resilience and rewriting what's possible.

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Elly Keane is so proud to bring her niece Jamie MoCrazy to South Florida and have the opportunity to share Jamie's documentary with everyone.

Many of you were around when I was asking for prayers after her life-threatening skiing accident back in April 2015.

Membership is providing light refreshments.

After showing the 18 minute award winning documentary, Jamie will give a brief talk and answer questions.

\$15



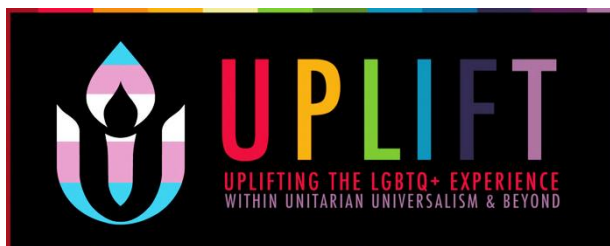
Monday, March 31 International Trans Day of Visibility

A day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces.

Trans Foix are still fighting for basic human rights for their community.

Today we are experiencing significant political attacks by extremists legislating hate.

We also face an ongoing epidemic of fatal violence, especially against Black and Brown trans women.



LGBTQ@uua.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, March 27, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Friday, March 28, 7pm A-9 **Drum Circle** RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, March 29, 1pm A-9 **An Afternoon With MoCrazy Strong** Elly Keane

Sunday, March 30, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, March 30, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, March 30, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Wednesday, April 2, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, April 3, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, April 3, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, April 6, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, April 6, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, April 6, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, April 6, 7p, Zoom **Women's Group** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Tuesday, April 8, 7p A-9 + Zoom **Good Grief Bereavement Group** RevAmy Carol Webb

Wednesday, April 9, Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRRC9qRIJPQT09>

Gary Gonzalez <https://riverofgrassuu.org/sunday-meditation.html>

Worship Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

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Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

Kathy Jens-Rochow. womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Diane Lade fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org

Peter Meerwarth Music@riverofgrassuu.org

Elly Keane auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, March 30, 202

Morning Sing

#188, Come, Come Whoever You Are Words: adopted from Rumi, Music:
Lynn Adai

Where You Go I Will Go by Shoshana Jedwab

Oh, Let Us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude "Hello Mudda" words and music by Allan Sherman

Welcome

Call to Worship

Theme Hymn "Cuando el Pobre" [When the Poor Ones] Hymn #1027 Words [Spanish]:
José Antonio Oliver; [English] Martin A. Seltz; Music: José Antonio Oliver&Miguel Manzano

Chalice Lighting

We light this sacred flame today
That by its light
We may see the paths before us
And welcome Life's adventure
Unfolding in us. Amy Carol Webb

Covenant

Deepening Music #1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place Words and Music
by Joyce Poley

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Wa

Wisdom Story "Katie Goes to SUUSI"

Heritage and Hope

Offering / Offertory #402 From You I Receive - Words & Music by Joseph &
Nathan Segal

Message Putting the YOU in AdventUURE: Finding Our People/Finding
Ourselves

Closing Music #354, We Laugh We Cry (vs. 1, 3, 4) Words and Music
by Shelly Jackson Denham

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week

Bath or Shower

A shower uses about $\frac{1}{2}$ as much water as a bath, as long as you stay under it for less than 4 minutes.

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website posted below..

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook.

For more information, please contact us at the community awareness email below.

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All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of this 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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