



Celebrating  
26 Years

# River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Sunday Service  
April 13, 2025



### What Would Be Enough? A Passover Telling

*We are grateful, and yet what  
miracles and accomplishments would be  
sufficient (Dayenu) in today's world for  
us to be truly satisfied?*

-From Rabbi Debbie Reichmann's Supplemental  
Haggadah 2024

In this season of liberation and renewal we come into our  
Telling of the Passover wisdom asking ourselves,  
*"what would be enough?"*

What would be enough for us to once more live this story of  
deliverance that dares us face down the bonds that enslave us  
all within and without -- that the earth and  
her people might get free?

## 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:



This week in our Faith Development program for children, we will continue learning about Jesus and his teachings. Our youth will discuss the diversity within Christianity and the history of the Unitarian and Universalist faiths.

For more information about our Religious Education program contact Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org).

### Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation on Sunday AM

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.



## 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](mailto:ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org)

Meditation:

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

# Leana's



# Letter

As we continue to row the River of Transition, we will keep you informed of what is happening related to Rev. Amy's retirement & finding our next minister.

- As our Annual Pledge Drive (APD) wraps up, many thanks to ALL who generously pledged! We reached 90% of our goal! That leaves us short by about \$20K. We are still accepting pledges and plus-ups to existing pledges to cover that \$20K. The link to pledge (more ) is below.
- Did you know that our pledges provide over 80% of our operating budget? The remainder has to come from other sources, such as our annual auction and our concerts. We are looking for a team of people who would love to figure out how to raise MORE funds, especially from external sources. Please contact me if you would like to be part of the fUUnraising Team!

Leana Bresnahan, Board President  
president@riverofgrassuu.org

Here is the link to pledge (more): [2025-2026 Pledge Card - River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation](#)



## **River of Grass Nominating Committee 2025-2026 Slate**

### **BOARD**

Co-Vice Presidents – 2-year term - Kathy Jens-Rochow and Rita Cherubini

Secretary - 2-year term - Andy Bunce

Trustee - 2-year term – Theo Lucas

Trustee - 2-year term – Bill Foy

Continuing on the Board:

President - second year of 2-year term – Leana Bresnahan

Treasurer - second year of 2-year term - Ahysa Boutron

Trustee - second year of 2-year term – Mindy Lawless-Coker

Trustee - second year of 2-year term – Audrey Stang

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1-year term - Kristine Barkley

1-year term - Ken Bresnahan

1-year term - Diane Lade

Note: The board appoints an additional three people to complete the Nominating Committee.

Other nominations may also be made by written petition signed by at least two members, delivered to an officer or Board member at least 20 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting in order to be included on the final written slate. Members may nominate themselves.

Nominating Committee



**Friday, April 11, 2025**



## **Day of No Silence 2025:**

*Know the Past. Shape the Future.*

The Day of Silence was started in the mid 90's as a nationally-recognized demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies all around the country would protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ+ students in schools.

Every April, students would go through the school day without speaking,

Breaking the Silence Rallies bring attention to ways schools can become more inclusive.

These Rallies bring attention to the current attempted erasure of LGBTQ+ people, especially transgender and nonbinary people, from public life.

***Being silent is no longer an option.***

### **GLSEN: Creating a Better World for LGBTQ+ Students**

GLSEN is a national network of educators and students working to create safe and inclusive schools for all LGBTQ+ youth.

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



# Flamingo Gardens

A stylized pink flamingo in flight, positioned below the word 'Gardens' in the logo.

Join the Full Moon Daughters for a special trip to Flamingo Gardens in Davie on Saturday, April 26, at 10am.

We'll see the stunning Glass In Flight traveling art exhibit, featuring butterflies, bees and other creatures sculpted in stained glass and steel.

All women, girls and those identify as female are welcome.

For more information or to sign up:  
[fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org)





# The 2nd Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Saturday, May 10, 3pm, A-9

You are invited to come to River of Grass to enjoy tea, goodies, conversation, fun and games, and poetry.

Costumes are encouraged and/or developed.

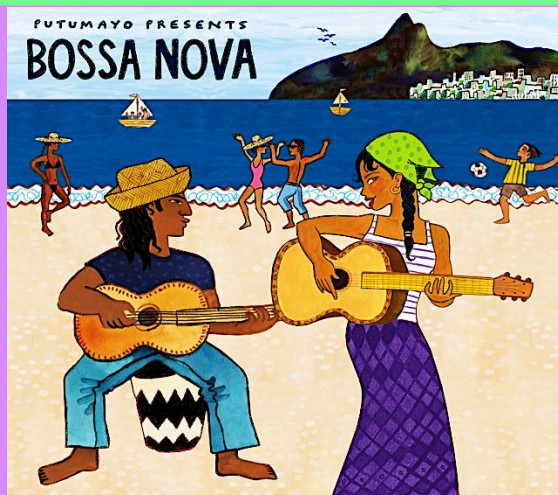
Themes are based on Alice in Wonderland.

*"It gets curiouser and curiouser."*

\$15 pp (24 person max)

Sheila Klein, Diane Lade, and Andy Perez

[Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org)



# Two of Us Concert

Third Edition Reschedule

Some of the most beloved Jazz Ballads,  
Bossa Novas, Boleros, Tangos, and Choros.

Following up the well received concerts of 2022 & 2023, the husband & wife duo “The 2 of Us” visits, through song and storytelling, some of the most beloved American Jazz Ballads, Brazilian Bossa Novas and Boleros in English, Portuguese and Spanish, now with new repertoire and surprises.

Featuring:

Marpessa De Moraes - Vocals, classical guitar (Craviola) and percussion.

Renato De Moraes - Flute and woodwind instruments.

**Saturday May 17, 7pm at the River \$30**

There will be drinks and snacks.

Some spaces left; contact Auction committee to get your tickets: [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)



## River of Grass Connection Circles

For information about Rev. Amy's Connection Circles contact her at [minister@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:minister@riverofgrassuu.org) Or speak with her after Service.

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!

Thursday, April 17, 7pm, A-9 + Zoom **Welcome Table Communion** Join us for a Unitarian Universalist communion ritual remembering the life of Jesus of Nazareth and his teachings for our own lives in the 21st century.

Friday, April 25, 7pm, A-9 **Drum Circle** (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!

Sunday, April 27, 12:15p A-9 + Zoom **Second Helping Sunday: Baby, Bathwater, Bible** A-9 + Zoom Join us to explore the differences between big-T Truth and little-t truth, the uses of metaphor and meaning, and how the historic weaponization of the Bible has built barriers between us and its wisdom – and between us and our neighbors.

Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816837657?pwd=t8scw4ml9h34cv8CU0JWFI3IMQl8F9.1>

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 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](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

*All email addresses or links are below*

Thursday, April 10, 6pm Zoom

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, April 10, 7pm Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Topic: **Encounters with Diversity**

Thursday, April 10, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

**I Am Woman**

Sunday, April 13, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, April 13, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

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**Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

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Wednesday, April 16, 7pm Zoom **Faith Like a River** Karen Gonzalez

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Thursday, April 17 7pm Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Thursday, April 17, 7p A-9 + Zoom **Welcome Table Communion** RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, April 19, 1pm Member's home **Seven Chakras Magical Tea Party**

Sunday, April 20, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, April 20, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

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**Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

Worship Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

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

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Men's Group

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

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Elly Keane [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)

## **Order of Service for Sunday, April 13, 2025, 2025**

Morning Sing

#210, Wade in the Water; Words and Music: African American Spiritual

#1018, Come and Go With Me; Words and Music: African American Spiritual

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

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude #104, When Israel Was in Egypt Land; Words & Music: African American Spiritual

Welcome

Call to Worship "An Urgent Prayer for the Protection of Human Life"

Rabbi Andy Vogel and Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Theme Hymn "We Belong to One Another"

(Music: Nettleton; Words: Amanda Udis-Kessler)

Chalice Lighting

We light this Chalice

For the love that holds us

For the light that leads us

For the hope that calls us

For the spirit of Liberation that frees us. (Webb)

Deepening Music #399, Vine and Fig Tree; Words from Isaiah and Micah,

Music: Traditional Hebrew

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Covenant

Pastoral Response

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

Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story Dayenu!

Heritage and Hope

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

Message "What Would Be Enough?: A Passover Telling" RoG Pesach Voices

Closing Music: Olam Chesed Yibaneh (Rabbi Menachem Creditor)

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

### Doggie Bags

When you go to a restaurant take your own leftover containers and put your unfinished meal in them instead of having the restaurant box up your leftovers in their containers that are used only once.

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 President.*



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