



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 20, 2025

Sunday Service April 20, 2025

Ask What's Possible: An Easter Telling

Danger and recklessness and cruelty are real and cannot be denied.

But hear the whisper – god only knows where it comes from;
somewhere deep and always surprising -- “rise again.”

That is all that faith means, has ever meant; that human willingness
to rebuild the shattered world,

and knowing what we know now, do better this time.

Spring is the sign, and the promise --The rest is up to us. – *Kendyl Gibbons*

What can the Christian tradition's story of Jesus' conquering death itself
in this season of rebirth and resurrection teach us as we face
a chaotic and crumbling world?

How dare we yet dream and hope and do and pray and keep
rising up again and again ... and again –

to proclaim the good news of a Love alive in us, among us, and
through us, that never ever dies!?

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 & Youth:

This Sunday, our children and youth will be developing their faith in worship during our All-ages Easter Worship. Please plan to stay after for some Easter fun!

For more information, reach out to Diane Lade at FaithDevelopment@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Rey Rob Hiking Easter Bunny



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>

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Leana's



Letter

RevAmy's final Sunday Service as our settled minister will be June 8th.



Her farewell party will be later that same day.
More details to follow.

Let's all gather to give her the wonderful
farewell she so richly deserves!

Contact Leana at

president@riverofgrassuu.org

or Karen at

religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org

for more information.

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

A Celebration of Life

An Afternoon of Memories

Wendell Abern

River of Grass

Sunday, April 27, 2025

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Refreshments

Wendell is Remembered for his Uncanny
Sense of Humor,
His Creativity,
His Dedication to Bridge,
His Fierce Commitment to Poker,
His Loyalty to his Lifelong Friends,
And his Compassion and his Love.



Flamingo Gardens

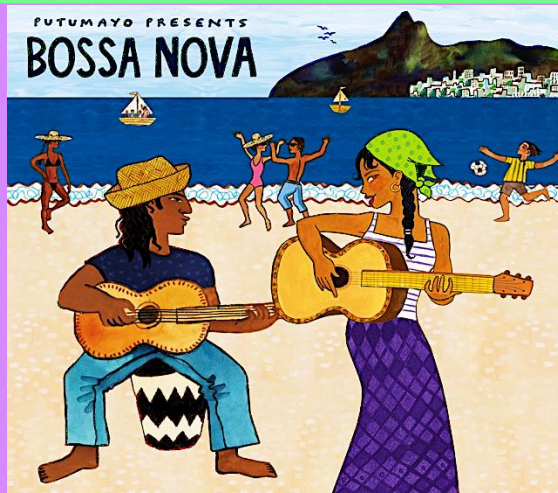
A stylized pink flamingo logo, positioned below the word 'Gardens' in the title. The flamingo is depicted in profile, facing right, with its long neck curved downwards and its wings slightly spread.

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



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



bUUkies will discuss

The Thread Collectors: A Novel

by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman
on Wednesday, April 30, at 7p on Zoom

1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, a young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. She is bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities.

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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.

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** 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.

Tuesday, May 6, 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.

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?*

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 Epic Transylvanian Adventure

Register by email to religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org



Earth Day 2025

Tuesday, April 22

Earth Day is an annual event to nurture our Planet Earth, to demonstrate support for environmental protection and to stop global warming.

First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally through earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.





UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, April 17, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

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

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

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Wednesday, April 30, 7pm, **bUUKies** Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

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

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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

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Elly Keane auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, April 20, 2025

Morning Sing

#123, Spirit of Life; Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

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

Ring of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship "Space for New Possibility" (Rev. Gretchen Haley)

Theme Hymn "We Belong to One Another; Music: Netteldon; Words: Amanda Udis-Kessler

Chalice Lighting

Leader: For holy days on which we recall the old stories,

All: we light the flame.

Leader: For Easter which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge,

All: we light the flame.

Leader: For gathering today in this sacred space,

All: we light the flame.

Leader: For the opportunity to be together as a community,

to remember the past, to plan for our future, to be alive in our present.

All: we light this flame. (Dillman Baker Sorrells)

Covenant

Deepening Music #1013, Open My Heart; Words and Music by Henry S. Flurr

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

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

Wisdom Story

Heritage and Hope

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

Birthdays!

Message "Ask What's Possible: An Easter Telling"

Closing Music #6, Just as Long as I Have Breath; Words by Alicia S. Carpenter

Music by Joann C. Ebeling 1637-1676 , Harmony by John Edwin Giles

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

Give a Recycled Gift

Instead of giving someone something you have bought, save carbon by gifting them something recycled, or better, something that you have crafted yourself.



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

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