

26 Years

River of Grass

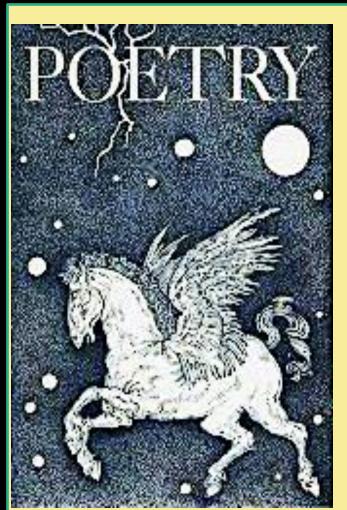
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Thursday, April 24, 2025



Sunday Service April 27, 2025

Appual Poetry Service

Annual Poetry Service

"Go your ways, knowing not the answers to all things,

Yet seeking always the answer to one more thing than you know."

This morning, we dare to reveal some inner truths about ourselves, ideas on what we think is important, what is true and meaningful in our lives and what has changed us.

What better way to express our thoughts on famines, God, love, peace and sorrow to name a few than with a poem.

Come and hear this deep sharing time.

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 week in our Faith Development program for children, we will conclude our lessons about Jesus and his teachings.

We will discuss the miracles that are attributed to him. Our youth will learn about 5 major faiths that emerged between 1830 and 1880: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Baha'i Faith, Seventh-Day Adventists, Church of Christ, Scientist, and Jehovah's Witnesses. Children are invited to share a favorite poem during the Wisdom Tale on Sunday.

Please let our Faith Development chair, Diane Lade, know if your child is participating at the email below.

For more information about our Faith Development program, reach out to

FaithDevelopment@RiverofGrassUU.org.



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=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdT

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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=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW 1kRIFLTVcyZz09#success



THE RIVER OF GRASS COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS

We, the members and staff of River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation, agree to strive to be in right relationship with each other

and with the larger community in ways that build a safe, healthy, nurturing environment and strengthen our common bonds. To that end, we are committed to putting forth our best efforts to live out the ideals expressed in this, our covenant of right relations.

WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY

We practice hospitality and inclusion, welcoming all those who enter and showing a genuine interest in each other.

We honor and respect the differing cultural perspectives of others.

We are all stewards of this sacred space.

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

We listen with respect and attention, without assumptions. We speak and respond thoughtfully and honestly, respecting diversity of opinions.

CONFLICT AND RECONCILIATION

We acknowledge our mistakes and shortcomings and are willing to forgive ourselves and others.

We make every effort to settle differences openly, directly, and with compassion. We strive patiently to build trust in all our relationships, focusing on the issue, not the person.

CELEBRATION, SUPPORT, AND SERVICE

We support each other in times of joy and need.
We serve with generosity and good humor.
We recognize and acknowledge the service of others.

A Celebration of Life

An Afternoon of Memories

Wendell Abern

at River of Grass

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 3 to 5 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.

Re: Wendell Abern's Estate Items

Dear River of Grass Members and Friends,

We share with you that Amy, the daughter of our beloved member, Wendell Abern, who recently passed, has generously invited River of Grass members and friends to visit her father's home to take any items that may be of interest.

As she lovingly prepares to close this chapter, she hopes these belongings—furniture, kitchen items, and personal treasures—can find new life in our community.

Please reach out to Amy directly by calling or texting 1 (773) 203-6913 to arrange a time.

She hopes to have everything settled by next Monday.

Please call her at 773-203-6913 to make arrangements.



As we prepare for the future, we are ALL needed to ensure we continue to go and grow and flow the River Way.

Right now we most urgently need to begin training:

- 1. Worship Team Co-Chairs and Members
 - 2. Video Technical Coordinator(s)
 - 3. Zoom Host(s)
 - 4. Website Coordinator(s)

Please contact me at president@riverofgrassuu.org to let me know how you can serve.

The secret from my perspective?
The joy of serving this Beloved Community FAR exceeds the effort expended.

With great love and gratitude, Leana



SMALL GROUPS GROW CONNECTIONS:

Want to connect more deeply with your spiritual self?

Connect with others at the River?
Connect with your place in the world?

Our River of Grass Small Groups can help.
Stop by our Small Group Gathering after service in the River of Grass sanctuary on Sunday,
May 4, to learn more.

No sign ups required. Come when you can.

Small groups include things like covenant groups, and affinity groups, such as the Men's Group, Women's Group, bUUkies, mUUvies and Spiritual Art.

For more information:

Diane Lade at sharedministry@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



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.

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.

Sunday, May 11, 12:15pm Zoom + A-9 Second Helping Sunday

Thursday, May 15, 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.

Tuesday, May 20, 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=t8scw4ml9h34cv8CU0JWFl3IMQI8F9.1
Meeting ID: 828 1683 7657
Passcode: 565945

FAITH LIKE A RIVER

EXPORING 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



National Emergency Town Hall Meeting

with former Congressman David Jolly

Wednesday, April 30 · 7 - 9pm EDT

Plantation United Methodist Church
1001 Northwest 70th Avenue Plantation, FL 33313

- Ask Questions
- Share Your Story
- Meet Local Leaders

This event is your opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions about how your family is being impacted by the policies of the White House and Congress.

LESBIAN DAY OF VISIBILITY

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Held every April 26, Lesbian Visibility Day is a celebration of lesbian women worldwide.

Shining a light on their role in gender equality, it's about shattering stereotypes, dispelling stigmas, and confronting the prejudice and marginalisation that lesbian women face.





UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below Thursday, April 24, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Friday, April 25, 7pm, A-9 Drum Circle RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, April 26, 10am Full Moon Daughters Flamingo Gardens Diane Lade

Sunday, April 27, 10:30am A-9+Zoom Worship Service RevAmy Carol Webb

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Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, April 27, 12:15pm Baby, Bathwater and Bible RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, April 27, 3pm A-9 + Zoom Wendell Abern's Celebration of Life

Wednesday, April 30, 7pm, Zoom bUUkies Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Wednesday, April 30, 7pm, Zoom Faith Like a River Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, May 1, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 1, 7pm Zoom + A-9 Men's Group Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, May 4, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom Flowing River Sangha Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 4, 10:30am A-9+Zoom Worship Service RevAmy Carol Webb

Sunday, May 4, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, May 4, 7pm, Zoom Woman's Group Kathy Jens-Rochow

Tuesday, May 6, 7pm, Zoom + A-9 **Good Grief Bereavement Group** RevAmy Carol Webb

Thursday, May 8, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 8, 7pm, Zoom **mUUvies** American Symphony Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May Mindfulness for Today's World

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbnRXRC9qRIJPQT09

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

Worship Zoom

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Peter Meerwarth <u>musicdirector@riverofgrassuu.org</u>

Elly Keane auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, April 27, 2025

Prelude "If I Had a Hammer" by Pete Seger

Welcome

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Theme Music #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Words: Early Quaker Song; Music: American Gospel Song

Chalice Lighting "A True Story" by Li Kynvi Alessandra Diaz, Chalice Lighter

Covenant

Deepening Music #123 "Spirit of Life" by Carolyn McDade

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection Music Johanne Sebastian Bach Prelude in C

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter,

Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Children's Poetry

Allesandra Diaz "Weather" by Debbie Brewer

Katelyn Lawless-Coker "On A Rainy Day" written by Katie

Singing Youth to Class "We Love You and Bless You" by RevAmy Carol Webb Offering

Offertory #402 From You I Receive Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal Poems Introduction

Poetry Readers:

Sheila Klein "Love is...." By Sheila Klein Bev Kaufman "Spinach" by Bev Kaufman

Susan Skatch-Bejarano "Love, Loss and Blessings" by Susan Skatch-Bejarano

Musical Interlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Johanne Sebastian Bach

Ken Bresnahan "Cherish Your Doubts" by Robert Weston

Rita Cherubini "The Guest Room Revisited" by Kaaren Anderson

Diane Diaz "The Rider's Song" by Federico Garcia Lorca

Milton Carp "This time with you..." by Milton Carp

Closing Music "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow" by Christine McVie

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Closing Words "Love is at the Center" by Eric Hepburn

Extinguishing the Chalice

Sending/Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Reprise

Green Tip of the Week

Mug's Game

Take your own mug when you venture out for a jolt of caffein from your favorite barista.

Skip the Styrofoam or paper.

And savor a better tasting brew.



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

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