



Celebrating
26 Years

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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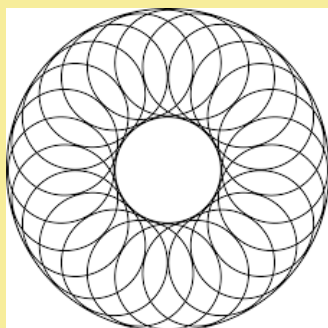
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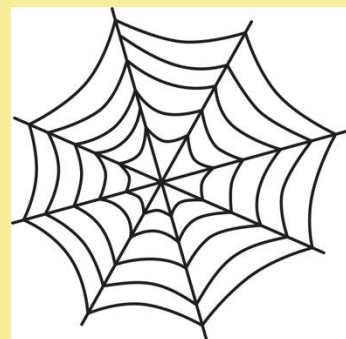
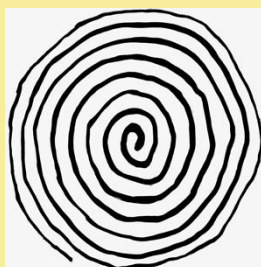
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025



Sunday Service April 6, 2025



Woven Fine: Circles, Spirals, Webs, and Wonders

To worship ... is nothing other than to serve the people.

It does not need rosaries, prayer carpets, or robes.

*All peoples are members of the same body, created from one
essence. -- Saadi*

As April brings on the season of rebirth and liberation through the holy days and celebrations of many cultures and people, and our own, we begin with exploring the meaning of our Unitarian Universalist value of Interdependence – its circles and spirals, webs and wonders!

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.

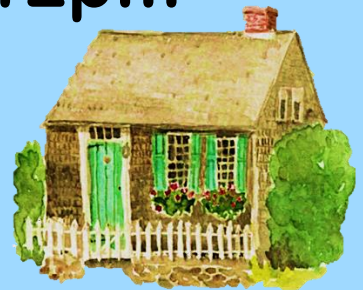
Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday, our children and youth will return to their Faith Development lessons after a deserved Spring Break. Our younger group will begin a series of lessons on Jesus of Nazareth, as we make our way toward Christianity's holiest week. Our older group will take a deep dive into Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation.

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

Family Cottage Meeting Sunday 12pm

Children will join us after classes. Parents, please plan to stay and share your thoughts on what you'd like to see in our next minister. These cottage meetings will inform our search team as they interview candidates.



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

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.

- **Rev Amy Farewell:** Planning is underway for a great send-off for Rev Amy in early June. Contact Karen Gonzalez at religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org to see how you can contribute!
- **Cottage Meetings:** Andy Bunce and Theo Lucas did a great job over the past few weeks of organizing and facilitating cottage meetings, to provide members the chance to share their hopes and dreams for the future course of The River. **There is a meeting this Sunday after worship for families with young children.** Afterwards, Andy and Theo will synthesize all of your input to be used as we interview future minister candidates. Thanks to Andy and Theo, all hosts, and all who participated!
- **Search for our New Minister:** Our past president, Kathy Jens-Rochow, volunteered to be our overall coordinator for the search. A small team collaborated to respond to the 38 questions the UUA posed to us for our congregational packet. A separate team developed a compensation package for our future minister, following the UUA's guidelines on fair compensation. The package was approved by the Board. Thank you so much to Kathy, Kechi Mourer, Karen Gonzalez, and Brit Lundell for this intense effort. The packet was posted by the UUA last week.

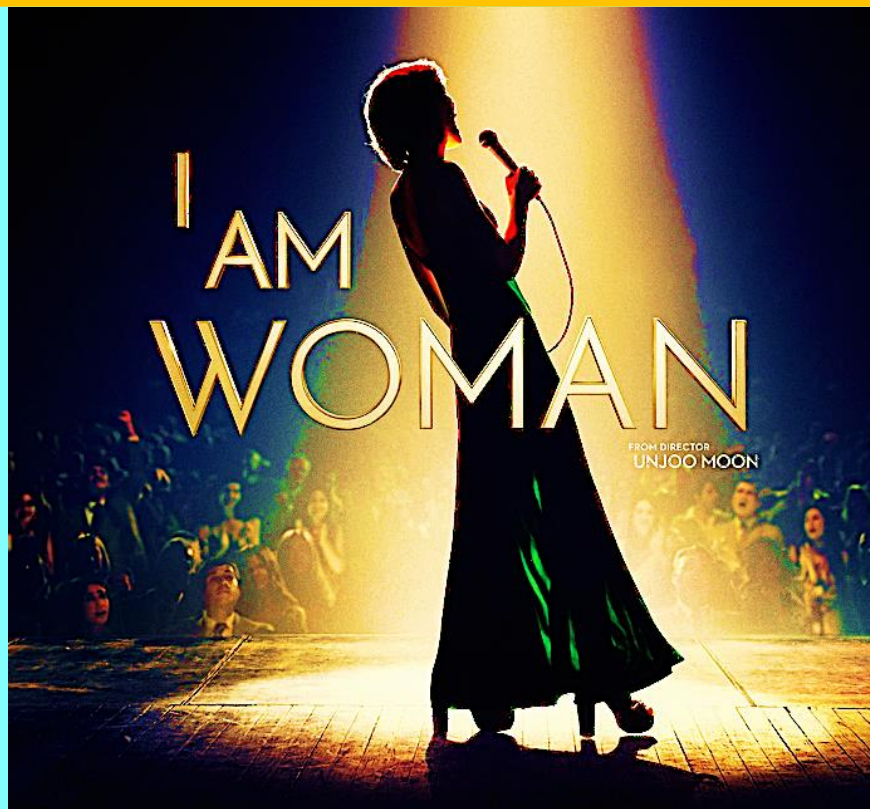


July 20-26, 2025, Radford, VA

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 Friday, April 4



mUUvies will discuss “I Am Woman”

On Thursday, April 10, at 7pm by Zoom

“I Am Woman” is about the life of Helen Reddy,
a 2019 [biographical film](#)

directed and produced by [Unjoo Moon](#).

In 1966, Helen Reddy arrives in New York City to record an album, the result of her having won a contest in her home country of Australia.

She meets with the [record label](#), only for them to renege on the deal, leaving her stranded with her three-year-old daughter Traci.

Lonely and in need of money, Reddy begins singing at small nightclubs. On Netflix

Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow
mUUvies@riverofgrassuu.org



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.

Arts Park@Young Circle

1733 E Hollywood Blvd.

Wear Your Yellow T-Shirts

Bring Signs

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.

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!

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!

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 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, April 3, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

Topic: **Encounters with Diversity**

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

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Mindfulness for Today's World

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

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

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Men's Group

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

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Order of Service for Sunday, April 6, 2025, 2025

Morning Sing

#361, Enter, Rejoice, and Come In; Music and Words by Louise Ruspini

#155, Circle Round for Freedom: Words and Music by Linda Hirschhor

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

Ring of the Chimes Eleanor Enwright

Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth; Words & Music Folliott Sanford Pierpoint

Welcome

Call to Worship "Some Things Will Never Change" by Thomas Wolfe

Theme Hymn "We Belong to One Another"

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

Chalice Lighting

We light this flame today

For the love of Earth

That we may weave our lives

With all living things,

That we may sow seeds of tenderness

To reap a harvest of joy. (Webb)

Covenant

Deepening Music #61, Lo, the Earth Awakes Again; Words by Sameul

Longfellow,

Music by Lyra Davidica, 1708 version of John Arnold's *Compleat*

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

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

Wisdom Story "Everglades" by Jean Craighead George; art by Wendell Minor

Heritage and Hope

Offering / Offertory Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal

Message Woven Fine: Circles, Spirals, Webs, and Wonders

Closing Music #1073, The Earth is Our Mother; Words and Music: Native

American from *Songs for Earthlings* edited by Julie Forest Middle

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

Spend a Day Without Spending

Try spending a day without buying anything. A Sabbath from purchasing.

You may be surprised how easy, peaceful and enjoyable it is to get by on things you already have.



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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