



Celebrating
26 Years

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome Home**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Sunday Service, August 24, 2025

Generosity “The Answer I Wish I’d Given”

Ken Bresnahan

“I decided to explain the civic and legal framework of immigration and life in the developing world, instead of answering my Mom’s question. That was my mistake.” Ken Bresnahan

As part of our summer of services dedicated to exploring our members’ perspectives on our Unitarian Universalist values, this Sunday we will consider generosity as it relates to who and what we are.

Elevator speeches are important to have in your hip pocket to be able to respond thoughtfully when opportunities present themselves to describe who and what we are as UUs.

Similarly, don’t let responding to “why we give what we give” of our time, talent and treasure catch you flatfooted.

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).

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

Welcome to another year of developing our faith at River of Grass!

Children's Faith Development 2025-26

Regular attendance makes a real difference in your child's faith development. It helps your child establish friendships and provides a sense of continuity for students and teachers alike.

Registration link below.

Nursery Registration

The River of Grass Nursery encourages curiosity and provides comfort and care. ***Registration link below.***

For more information about our FD program, contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@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.

Faith Development Registration:

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Nursery Registration:

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Worship Service:

<https://zoom.us/s/91663081076#success>

Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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

Meditation:

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



Southern Region

Southern Region Leadership Series

Section One: The Primer

The Primer section is a self-paced experience with recorded lectures, supplemental materials, and one live processing session. The topics covered in the Primer Leadership Experience are UU Theology, Covenant, and UU History.

The Primer section builds your foundation in and connection to Unitarian Universalism.

This section is for newer members who would like a grounding in our shared faith AND for long-time members who would like to deepen their relationship with our shared faith. All ages are welcome for this online offering.

Wednesday, October 15, 6 PM CT to 7 PM CT Online only

Registration Fee: \$38.00

More information and registration below.



Section Two: The Essences of Unitarian Universalism

Please join your Congregational Life Staff for a series of conversations about three critical aspects of Unitarian Universalism: our shared values, our covenants, and our historical context. Each session will include an informational background and current context for each subject, making these discussions appropriate for new UUs, Lifelong UUs, and everyone in between.

Completion of the Primer LE is encouraged before this course.

Nov 5, Nov 12, and Nov 19, 6 PM to 7:30 pm Online only

Cost: \$58.00

More information and registration below.

Registration and information

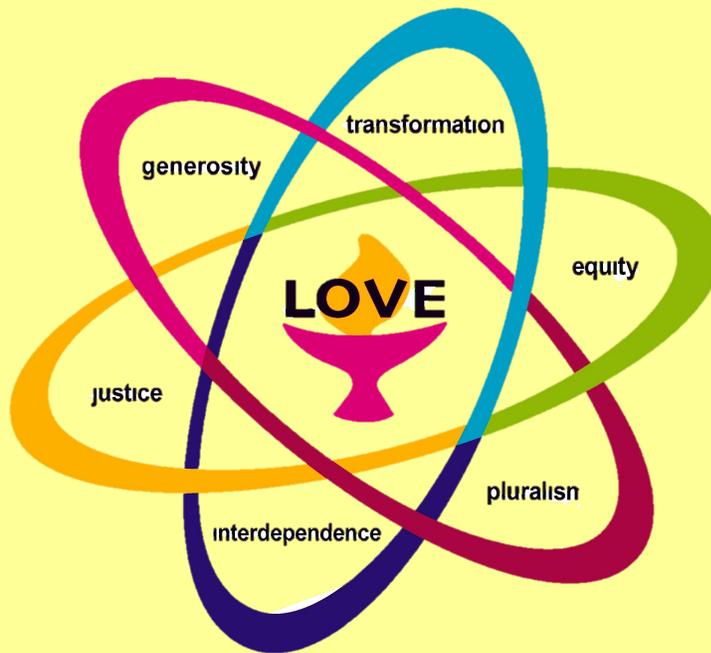
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Section Three: The Essentials of UU Leadership 2026

The Essentials section is an online series of three meetings with suggested supplemental recorded lectures and readings. The topics covered in the Essentials section are Congregational Foundations, Spiritual Leadership, Cultural Leadership, Centered Leadership, and Adaptive Leadership.

Jan 1, Jan 24, Feb 7, 9AM to 11AM CT **Cost:** \$68.00 Online only

More information and registration above.



River of Grass Summer Worship Services
August 24 Generosity – Ken Bresnahan
August 31 Love at the Center – Leana Bresnahan



End of Summer Clean-up

Let's prepare our home for the new year with a little sprucing up.

We'll gather at the River on Sat, Aug 30, 12-4 to accomplish many small tasks.

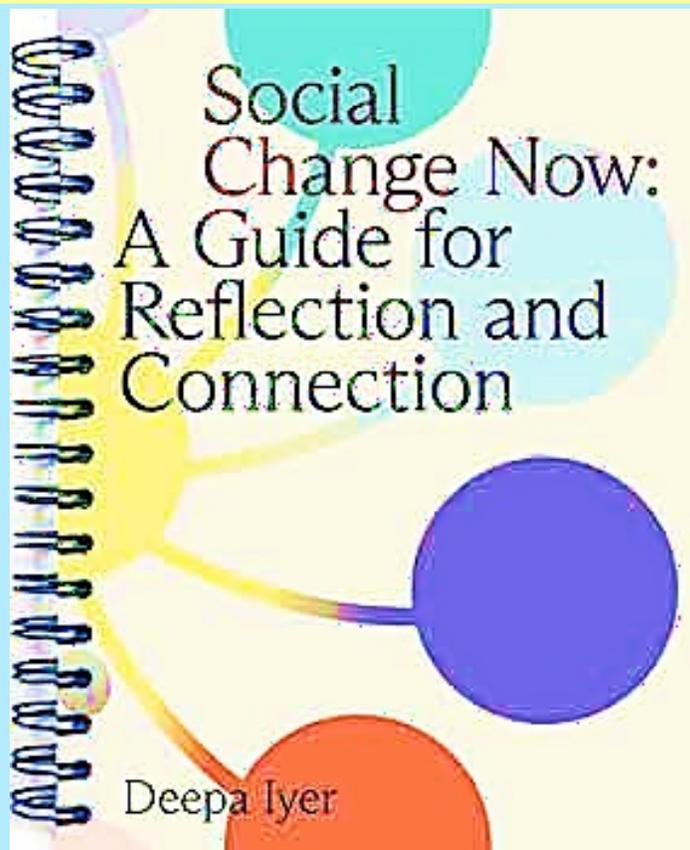
Please pick something that will bring you joy (or at least a little satisfaction).

(Some can be accomplished at other times, if need be.)

Click on the google form below to choose an activity.

Questions, contact Facilities@riverofgrassuu.org.

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2025-2026 Common Read

Each year the UUA promotes the Common Read for us to explore together and reflect upon. This year's choice will ground us in our faith as we grapple with how to meet the moment that we find ourselves in.

Books will be available to purchase or borrow on Sunday, August 24.

See our Director of Faith Development, Karen Gonzalez, to obtain a book or sign up for our September reflection workshops which will take place in A-9 + Zoom from noon to 2 on Sundays; September 14th, 21st and 28th.

EMMA'S REVOLUTION

"PAT'S SONGS WILL BE SUNG WELL INTO THE 22ND CENTURY"
~ PETE SEEGER



WE ARE THE POWER

FRI SEPT 12TH 7PM DOORS 6PM

RIVER OF GRASS UU CAFÉ
11850 STATE ROAD 84 SUITE A9 DAVIE

\$25 THEATER SEATING | \$30 VIP TABLE | \$35 AT THE DOOR

NO ONE TURNED AWAY. DINNER AVAIL FOR PURCHASE

TIX: RIVEROFGRASSUU.ORG/EMMAS-REVOLUTION



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 21, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, August 24, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Generosity** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, August 24, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, August 28, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, August 31, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Love at the Center** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, August 31, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, September 4, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 4, 7pm Zoom+A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Building Bridges; Water Communion** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **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 Service:

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Men's Group

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Order of Service August 24, 2025

Morning Sing Oh Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Web
Ring of the Chimes

Prelude Count On Me; written by Bruno Mars, Philip Lawrence & Ari Levine
Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music #16 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple; Words: Joseph Bracket; Music:
America Shaker

Chalice Lighting "The Abundance of Our Lives Together."

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude

as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.

In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,

and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,

we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,

For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.

By Katie Sivani Gelfand

Covenant

Deepening Music #16 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple; Words: Joseph Bracket;
Music: America Shaker

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response #371 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story "Sophia's Guest" Written by Becky Brooks

Sing the Children to Class We Love You and Bless You; by RevAmy Carol Webb

Heritage:

Hope

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

Message "The Answer I Wish I'd Given"

Closing Music Lean on Me; Words and Music by Bill Withers

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invitation to Hospitality

Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week

Teach your kid to ride
a bicycle.
And ride with them.
You, and our planet
will be healthier.



From the Church Bulletin

These messages actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. To be read with suitable reverence:

Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at
7 PM. Please use the back door





To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website riverofgrassuu.org
River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook.
For more information, please contact us at communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org.

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Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly congregation-wide newsletter should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@riverofgrassuu.org, by noon Wednesday.

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

Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the President.

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Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, President of the UUA, invites us to explore this year's Common Read:

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