



Celebrating
26 Years

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

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

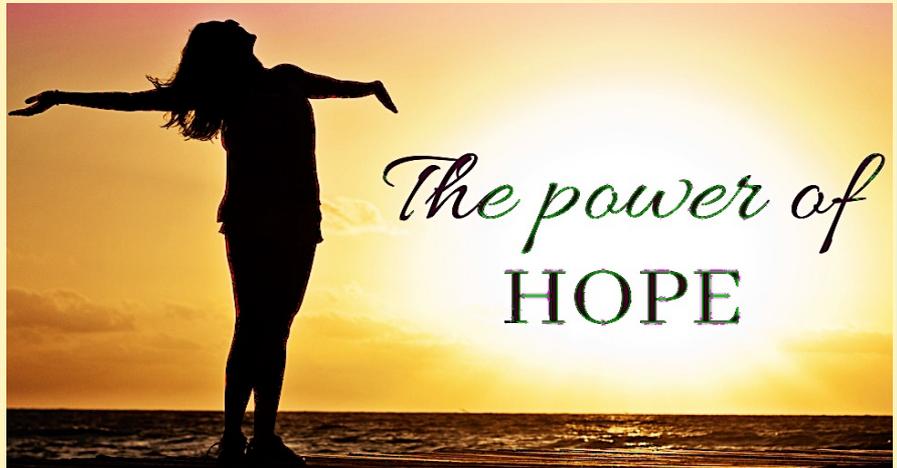
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Thursday, September 18, 2025

Sunday Service September 21, 2025

Building Belonging

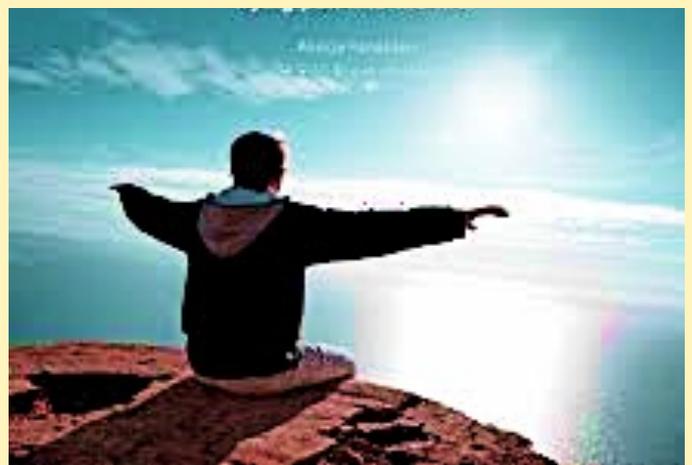
Meeting the Moment –Unitarian
Universalists Together

The power of



The power of
HOPE

*The power of brave &
organized imagination.
It is rising within us; among
us; all Building
Being around us.
This collective power.
And with it, we shape the next moment.”*



Rev Victoria Safford

Come find out how Unitarian Universalists across the country are responding to the treacherous moment we are living, in ways that are true to our values, stand up for democracy, and protect the vulnerable among us – and learn how each of UUs at River of Grass can do our part.

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** (address below) or **virtually on Zoom** (link below).

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

*Introducing this year's UUA Common Read
for children and youth:*



*Join us this Sunday
as we explore the
ways that we can
work together to
make real change
in our communities.*

For more information about our FD program, contact Karen Gonzalez at faithdevelopment@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Our Covenant

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This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

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Worship Service:

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

Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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



Let's support mental health together by walking together:

Join Linda Lathroum and
TEAM TsuNAMI.

**Saturday, October 4,
8am Check In
and Mental Health Fair
9:15am Walk Starts**

Nova Southeastern University
Alan Sherman Library
3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd.,
Davie, FL 33314

Meet at Allen Giese's NorthStar
Financial Planners tent.

It's more than a walk.

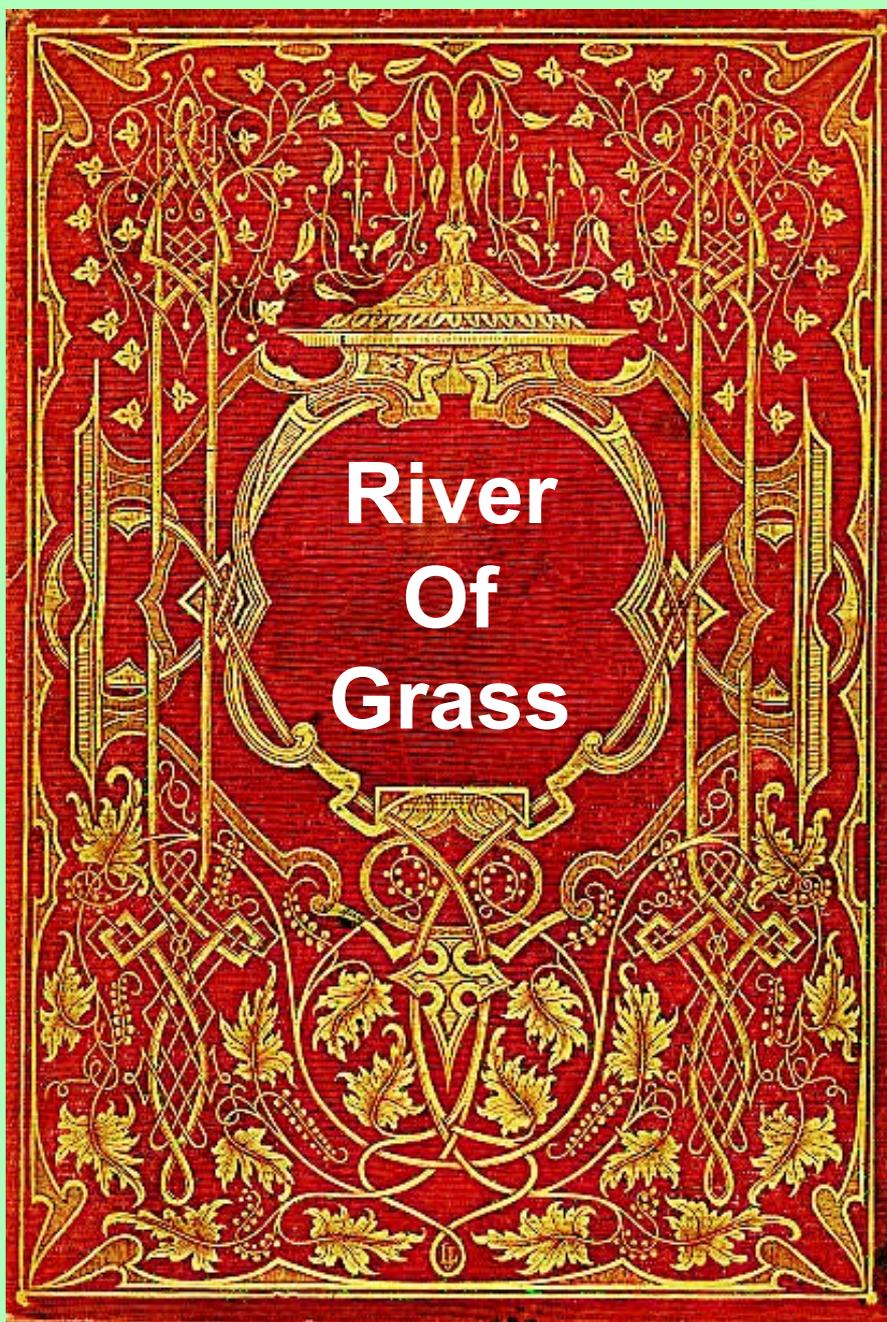
*It's a lifetime's journey – one that will leave a lasting
impact on the mental health of our community.*

Together, we'll walk this path, hand in hand!

NAMIWalks Broward County
justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org

**Go to the link below to join their walk
or if you are unable to join them in person,
your donation supports free life-saving
mental health services for peers and families.**

<https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=1896>



New Member Celebration
Sunday, September 28, 2025

If you are interested in joining
River of Grass UU Congregation
please contact Leana Bresnahan at
membership@riverofrassuu.org





The Future Home Search Team
will meet on Saturday, September 27
12:00 noon
at the River,
to discuss how we can improve our
search efforts.

For more information,
contact Ken Bresnahan or Kathy Jens-Rochow
futurehome@riverofgrassuu.org.



SHUT DOWN



**Big Cypress National Preserve
Interfaith Prayer Vigil
To Shut Down Alligator Alcatraz
Every Sunday 5pm**

Meet at A-9 on Sunday at 3:15pm to carpool.

With a moving prayer, Betty Osceola of the Miccosukee Indian Tribe of FL will call for us to come together in unity to care for the earth and all her creatures.

justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org

River of Grass Justice Seekers
and Emma's Revolution
at
Alligator Alcatraz
Sunday, September 14, 2025





Peter Bowden's Growth Lab

Helping Unitarian Universalists grow thriving congregations, ministries, and justice

Peter Bowden's workshops on growing UUism are free, fun, full of energy, and a great source of growth strategies.



From Browser to Member

Learn how to nurture online visitors so they grow from browser to membership. How to help them pre-qualify themselves for membership, And connect with your congregation.

Need an announcement makeover? People are bombarded by information online. This changes how we need to write announcements.



Emotional dynamics for growth, key opportunities for connection, and small shifts that can help newcomers feel seen, guided and welcomed.

To registrar for Peter Bowden's free growth seminars contact him at Peter@PeterBowden.net

Additional workshops at www.peterbowden.live/uugrowthlab and <https://www.peterbowden.live/blog>

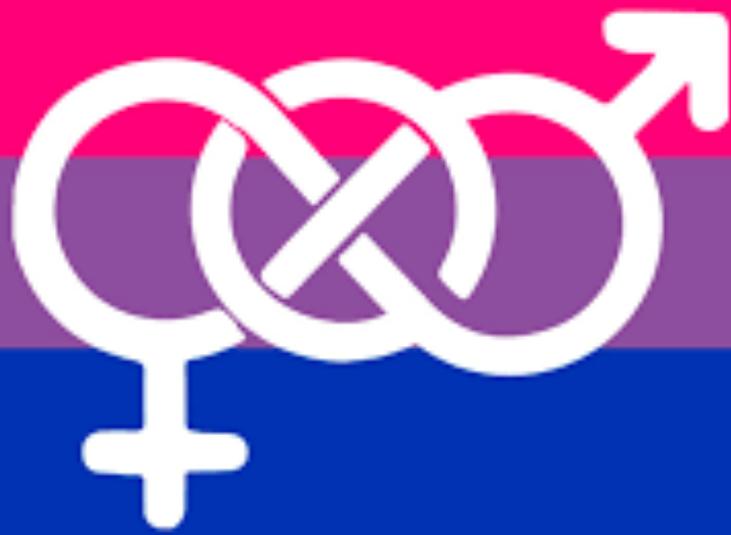
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Bisexual Pride Day Sept 23



Bisexual Day of Visibility, also known as Bi Visibility Day or Celebrate Bisexuality Day, will be on September 23, 2025.

This day is observed annually to recognize and celebrate the bisexual+ community and its history.

And, to promote acceptance of the broader bi+ community (including pansexual, omnisexual, & fluid folks)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 18, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 18, 7pm Zoom+A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan Topic: Bravery

Sunday, September 21, 10:30pm A-9 + Zoom **Worship Service Meeting the Moment -- Unitarian Universalists Together** Leana Bresnahan, Karen Gonzalez, Andrew Meit, Robert Smith

Sunday, September 21, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development "We Are the Builders"** Kid's Comon Read Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, September 21, 12 noon A-9 **UUA's Common Read Social Change Now** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, September 25, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 25, 7pm Zoom **bUUKies The Mademoiselle Alliance** Steve Jens-Rochow

Saturday, September 27, 12 noon, A-9 **Future Home Search Team** Ken Bresnahan, Kathy Jens-Rochow

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Mindfulness for Today's World

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Men's Group

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Order of Service September 18, 2025

Morning Sing #1020 Woyaya; Words and Music by Loughy Amoa et al
Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude You Got a Friend in Me; Words and Music by Randy Newman

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Words

Opening Music #368 Now Let Us Sing; Words and Music: Anonymous

Chalice Lighting by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

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Wisdom Story Sparkle Boy by Leslea Newman Illustrated by Maria Mola

Deepening Music You've Got a Friend; Words and Music: Carole King

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Offering/Offertory

September Birthday Video

Heritage Larry Ladd

Hope Carey McDonald and Ashley Horan

Message Meeting the Moment!!

Closing Music #1028 The Fire of Commitment;

Words: Mary Catherine Morn; Music: Jason Shelton

Closing Words Belonging by the Othering and Belonging Institute

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week



Plant a Garden

The greatest change we can make from consumption to production, even on a small scale, is by planting our own gardens.

And reduce Carbon.



UUA Joins Amicus Brief to Protect LGBTQ+ Children from Conversion Therapy

The brief asks the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a Colorado law banning the medically discredited conversion therapy.

“Our faith as Unitarian Universalists compels us to affirm the worthiness and dignity of all people across the spectrums of gender and sexuality. We want queer youth to know they are whole and they are loved, just as they are.” Carey McDonald, Executive VP, UUA





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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