



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, September 4, 2025

Sunday Service, September 7, 2025

#### **Building Belonging**

#### **The Blessings of Belonging; A Water Ingathering Service**

“All of us need all of us to make it.” Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto



Every drop of water on our planet has a significant role to play, whatever form it may find itself in from one day to the next.

Each of us play significant roles in the life of our Beloved River and in the lives of each other.

Come, let us gather at this River, one by one, to bring our water offerings and to bless each other as we begin a new chapter in our meandering journey.

Remember to bring a small amount of water that signifies how water has nourished you, changed you, comforted you or offered you release in this past year.

## 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** (link 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](mailto: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:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1raBI4twTI0F6ZtVgznrTuGVopAUOhGt3kSARzg6g3Go/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1raBI4twTI0F6ZtVgznrTuGVopAUOhGt3kSARzg6g3Go/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Nursery Registration:

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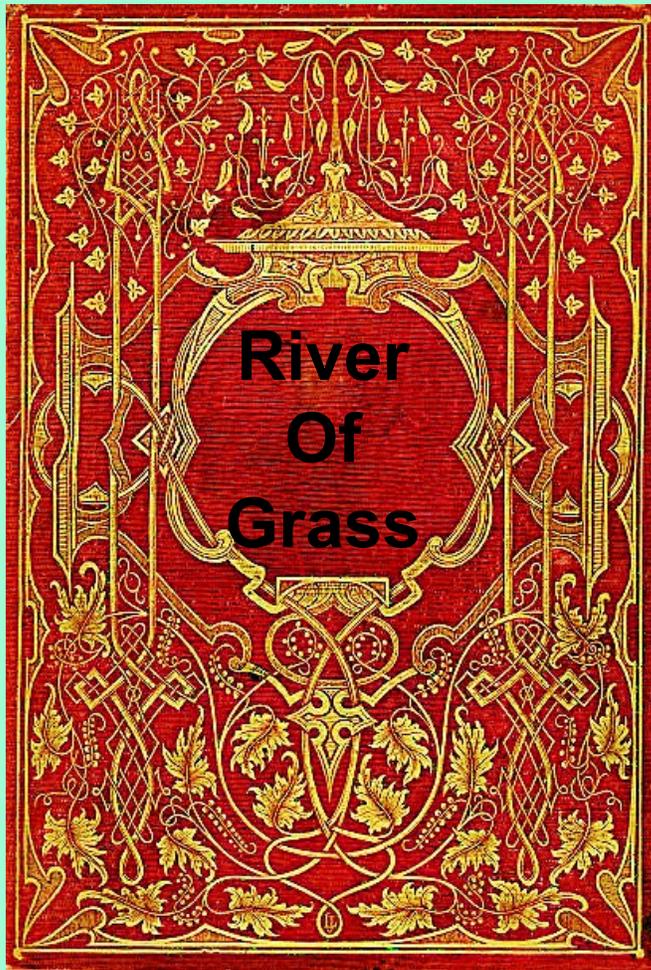
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Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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

Meditation:

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# New Member Celebration Sunday, September 28, 2025

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please contact Leana Bresnahan at  
[membership@riverofrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofrassuu.org)

# EMMA'S REVOLUTION

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

*\* 50 Gen Admission & 3 VIP seats still available*



## 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](http://RIVEROFGRASSUU.ORG/EMMAS-REVOLUTION)

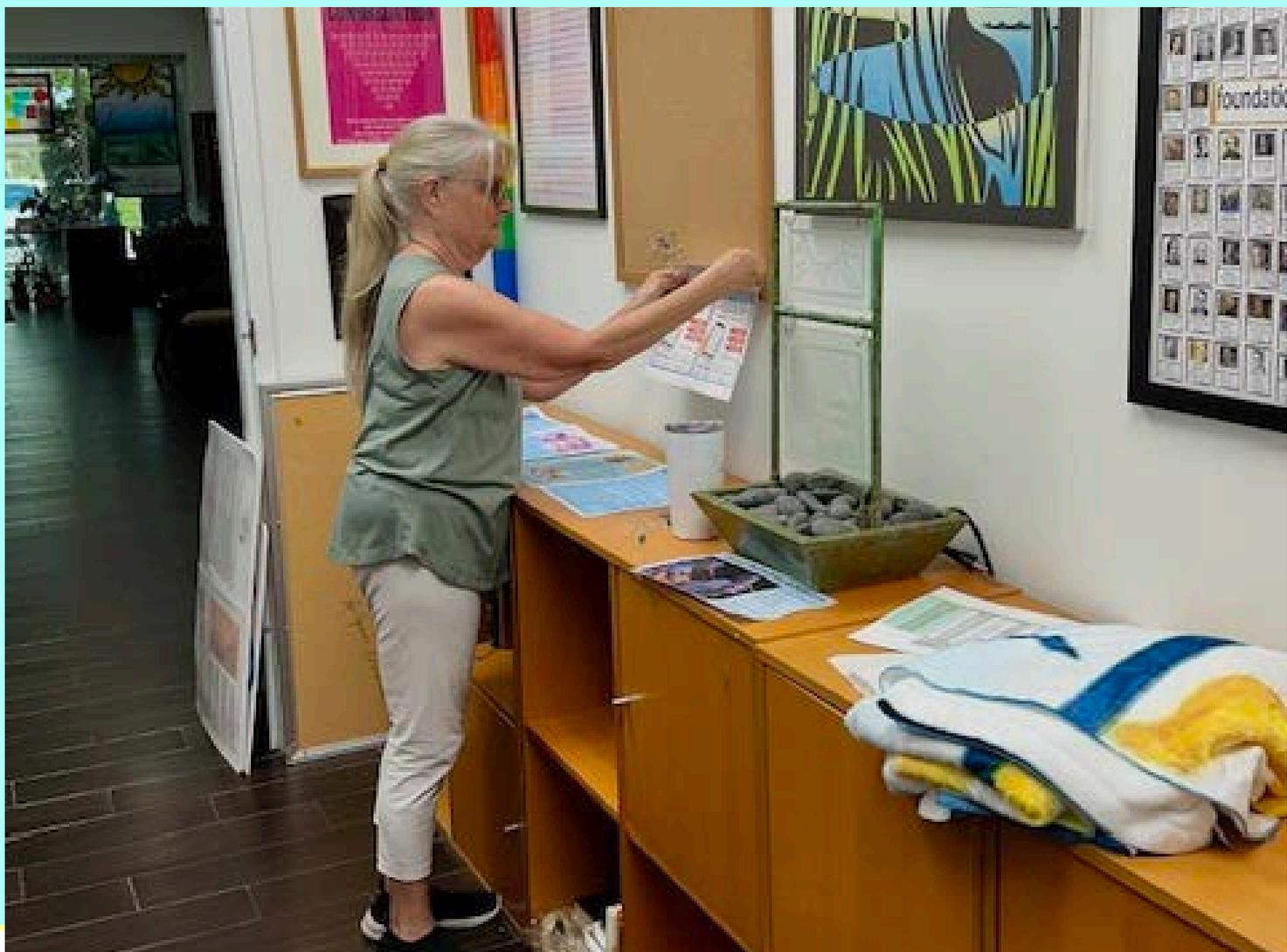
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From the  
End of Summer Clean-up  
Work Day

**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

Thanks to all who came and made the  
day a success.

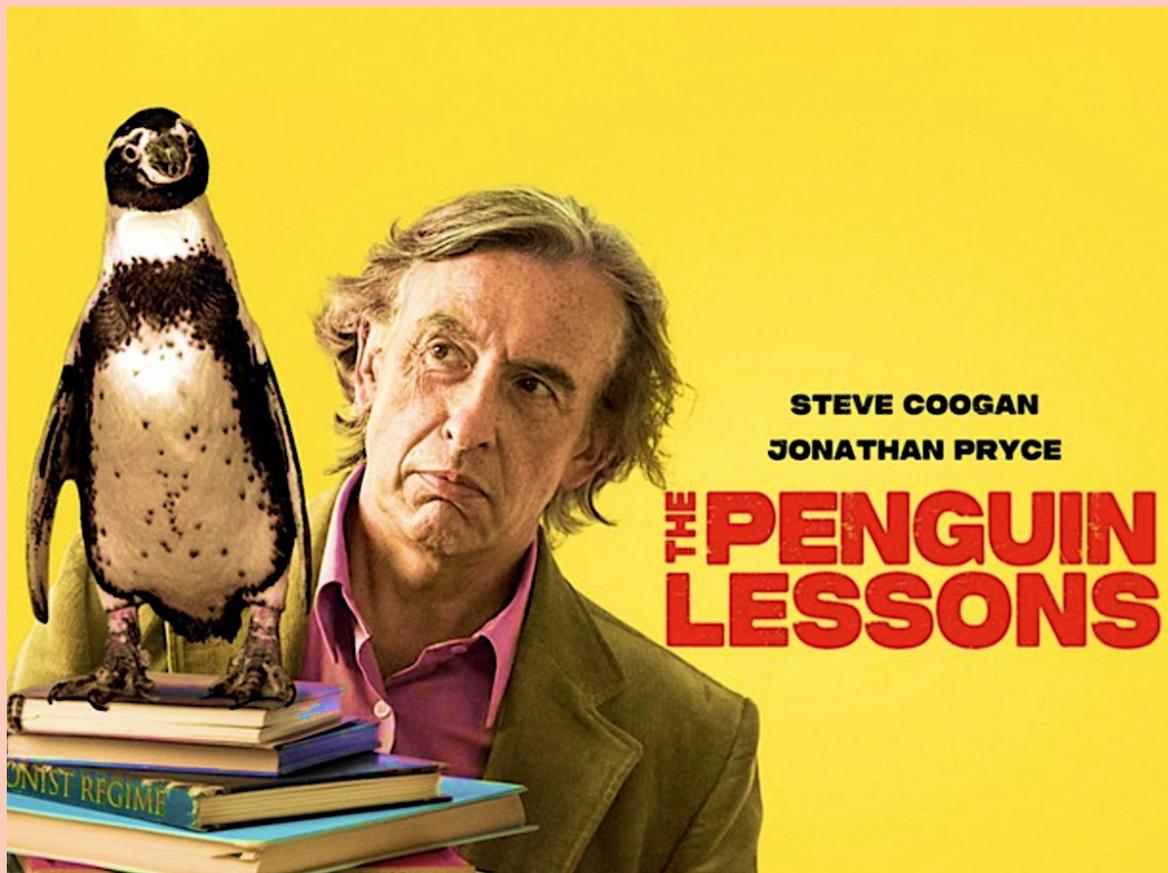
[Facilities@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:Facilities@riverofgrassuu.org).











## THE PENGUIN LESSONS

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to teach in a boy's school in a cataclysmic period in Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

A true story, the students are transformed by the penguin from sullen to eagerly attentive.

Netflix + Amazon Directed by Peter Cattaneo.

mUUVies will discuss *The Penguin Lessons* on Thursday, September 11, at 7pm on Zoom.

[muuvies@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:muuvies@riverofgrassuu.org)



This is a proposed sketch of 2 new banners that would replace the Side With Love Banners. Other ideas are welcome

Spiritual Art will meet Saturday, Sept 6, at 3:30pm in A-9 to discuss proposals for 2 new banners.

Come bring your ideas.

Spiritual Art  
[spiritualart@riverofgrasuu.org](mailto:spiritualart@riverofgrasuu.org)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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; Topic: **Coping Skills**

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Building Belonging; Water Ingathering** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, September 11, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 11, 7pm Zoom mUUVies **The Penguin Lesson** Steve Jens-Rochow

Friday, September 12, A-9 **Emma's Revolution** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **A Blind Service – We All Belong** *How does a visually impaired person experience a Worship Service?*

Guest Speakers: Rick and Sandy Toriano

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

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

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 September 7, 2025

### **Morning Sing**

#1007 "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul" Words; Music by Rose Sanders

#354 "We Laugh, We Cry" Words and Music by Shelly Jackson Denham

Oh, Let us Gather" Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

### **Ringing of the Chimes**

**Prelude** "I Went Down to the River to Pray" African American Spiritual River of Grass Choir

### **Welcome**

**Call to Worship** "We Bid You Welcome" by Rev Richard S. Gilbert

**Opening Hymn** #360 "Here We Have Gathered" Words by Alicia S. Carpenter;  
Music Genevan Psalter

**Chalice Lighting** "The Spirit of Water" by Katie Sivani Gelfand

### **Covenant**

**Deepening Music** "Love is the Water" by P at Victor

### **Candles of Community**

### **Stones of Reflection**

### **Pastoral Response**

**Congregational Response Music** #371 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381  
by Isaac Watts

### **Blessing of Teachers**

### **Blessing of Backpacks and Students**

**Heritage and Hope** Lucile Shuck Longview and Carolyn McDade / Deepa Iyer

**Offering/Offertory** #123 "Spirit of Life" Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

**Message** The Blessings of Belonging Karen Gonzalez

### **Joining of the Waters**

**Music** "By the Waters" by Cindy Blevins

### **Blessing of the Water**

**Closing Music** #126 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Words by Robert  
Robinson Music by John Wyeth

### **Closing Words**

### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

### **Announcements**

### **Shine On**

### **Invite to Hospitality**

### **Music Reprise**



*Green Tip of the Week*  
Cooking at home with fresh ingredients is a huge way to reduce your carbon impact, cheaper and eat more healthily. Buying food at your local farmers market typically means no packaging waste, plus you're supporting the community.



**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
of San Miguel de Allende**

invites you to visit our beautiful artistic town in the  
Central Mexican highlands.

We are offering housing for rent to benefit our Social  
Justice work in the poor villages just outside our  
beautiful colonial town.

[foundationinfo@uufsma.org](mailto:foundationinfo@uufsma.org)  
<https://www.uufsma.org>



To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website [riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org)  
River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook.  
For more information, please contact us at [communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Leana's Letter

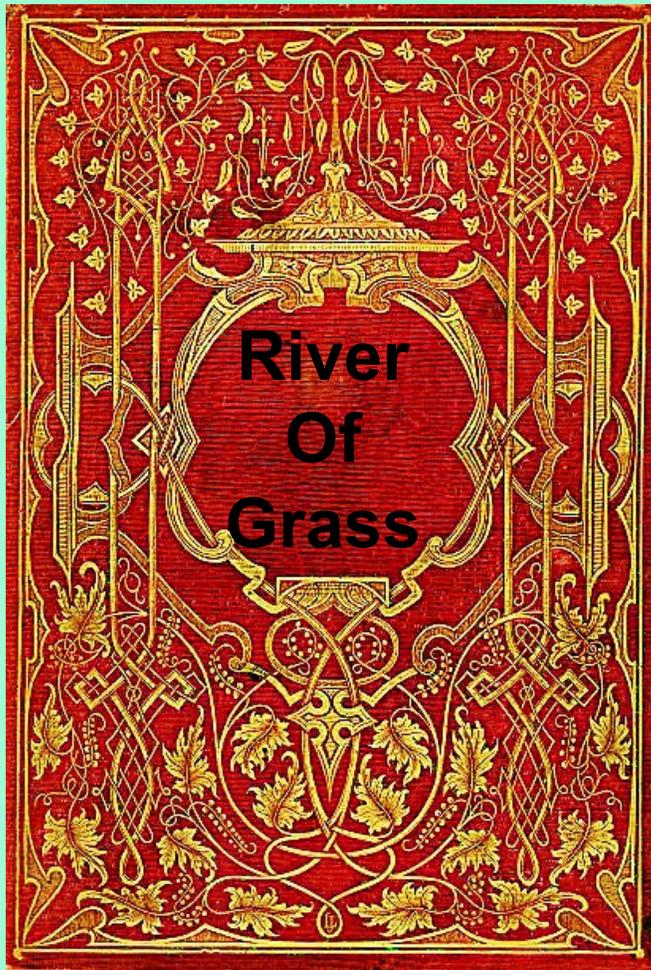




**NAMI**

newsletter Sept 18, 25, and oct 2

announcement on Sept 21 and 28



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## Bisexual Pride Day September 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. It's a time to acknowledge the experiences and resilience of bisexual individuals and promote acceptance of the broader bi+ community (including pansexual, omnisexual, fluid, and queer individuals)

