



Celebrating
26 Years

River of Grass

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

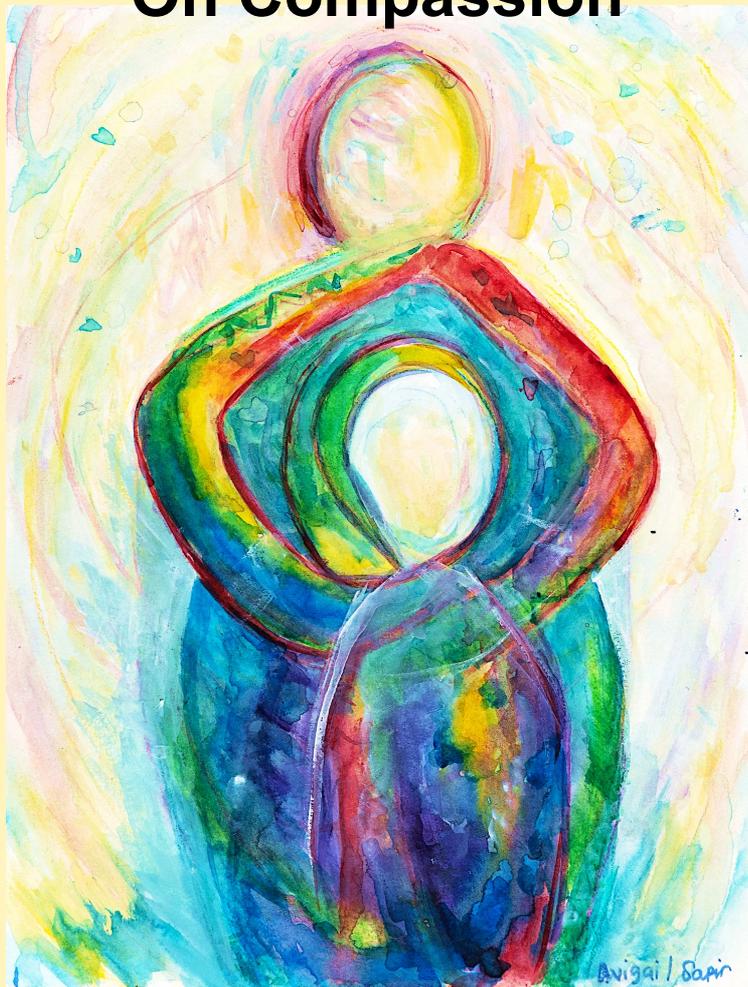
Welcome to our River of Grass Family
Welcome to our Love; **Welcome** Home

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Sunday Service October 5, 2025

On Compassion



Just like learning to speak a language or make music, compassion is a skill, a basic capacity of the human heart that can be developed and expanded.

The Emory University Center of Contemplative Science and
Compassion-Based Ethics

This week we'll consider the nature of compassion,
perhaps busting a few myths along the way.
Come to service early, on time or maybe even late,
but however you make your way here,
we hope you walk through the door with
a little compassion for yourself!

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 Facebook live stream**

(link below).

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

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

Cultivating Compassion



Sundays in October

5th - On Compassion

*12th - Listening to our Indigenous Neighbors
with Betty Osceola of the Miccosukee Tribe*

19th - Meeting the Moment with Compassion

26th - Work is Love Made Visible

Our Covenant

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To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>



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 donate. That will support free life-saving
mental health services for peers and families.**

Full Moon Daughters



Full Moon Daughters Brand New Year Brunch Saturday, October 11, 11am, A-9

Do you love nature, being outdoors and the good company of other women and girls who feel the same?

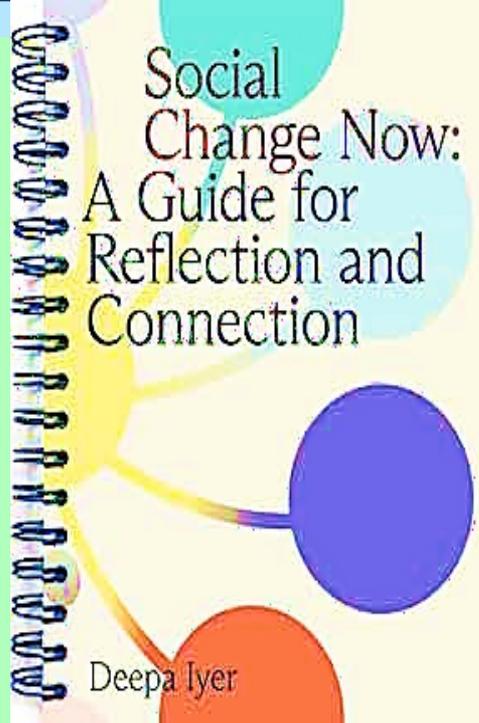
Come join the Full Moon Daughters at their Brand New Year Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 11.

We will gather at 10 am at our River home, meet new friends and reconnect with old ones, and plan our outings for the upcoming year.

All women, girls and those who identify as female are invited.

To sign up and/or to receive more details, please email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

<https://www.namiwalks.org/teams/76954/donate>



2025-26 Common Read Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Change

Session 3

Sunday 12 noon

This year's Common Read will ground us in our faith as we grapple with this moment.

Sunday we will examine the many Social Change Roles needed to create Social Change.

Which one is you?

How do they weave together?

How do we achieve Social Change through connections?

How do we replenish ourselves when we are overwhelmed?

How do we support each other and maintain a healthy ecosystem?

We intuitively know that something better is blooming, growing, emerging – and we want to be part of that!

Karen Gonzalez faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org



Scary season is right around the corner and we are planning for a big community event. If you'd like to help by bringing something or doing something, **click on the link below to let us know.**

All of us need all of us to make it happen!



Aaron Stang is making us a spooktacular video to be shown during our Halloween event.

If you would like to be included in the video and have a photo of yourself in your best Halloween garb, please send it to him at: aaronstang22@gmail.com

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12rGP_TBmQOKdhVuhnbp45EhkWJwIU-P95MEBBDuS5e8/viewform?edit_requested=true

[Halloween Party Volunteer Goblins](#)



POTLUCK

Friday, October 10, 6pm A-9



Join us to Eat, Play, Love!

Every second Friday of the month we'll come together for a community potluck and games.

On Friday, October 10th, we'll play card games after our shared meal, beginning at 6:00pm.

Bring your friends of all ages!

Karen Gonzalez

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Jean Michel Basquiat
"Black Skull/Crown" 1982

No Thrones
No Crowns
No Kings
No Authoritarianism
No Autocrat
No Disregarding the
Constitution
No Anti-Immigrant

Join River of Grass' Justice Seekers at

NO KINGS II

Saturday, October 18; 10 am – 12 noon
Hollywood Young Circle
1 N Young Circle, Hollywood 33022

Meet-up for Carpooling 9 am at A-9
Please register in the link below.

About 25 River Justice Seekers were at No
Kings last Spring.

Peaceful • United • Visible

*Unitarian Universalists say,
No Kings for us!
Not on our land.*

*Not in our White House.
No dictators, NEVER in our country!*

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/840921/>



**SHUT DOWN
ALLIGATOR
ALCATRAZ**

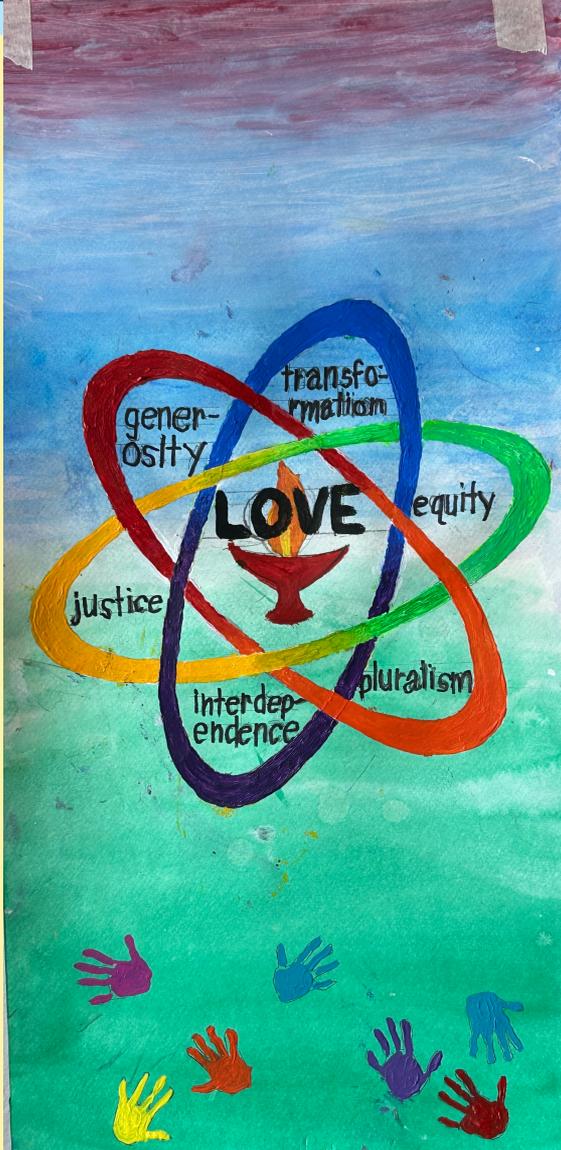
A Call for Justice, Dignity & Action

**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



Concept

Spiritual Art

**Anyone can come help paint
2 new banners**

Saturday, October 4, 2-4pm; A-9

To replace the Side With Love Banners

All are welcome!

spiritualart@rivercrosssuu.org





Do you enjoy our PowerPoint Presentations every Sunday
Bev Kaufman & Steve Jens-Rochow appreciate creating them.

However, we need additional people to create PowerPoints.

It is interesting to take the Order of Service and work closely with the Worship Leader to create a slide show that expresses the theme of the service.

It is rewarding to find images that show visually the essence of parts of the worship.

For more information contact Steve Jens-Rochow at spiritualart@riverofgrassuu.org

mUUvies October viewing: “Close to You”

A trans man returns home after 5 years and after his transition for the birthday of his father, confronting his relationships with his family and reconnects with a former love. On Netflix

mUUvies will discuss Close to You on Thursday, October 9, at 7pm on Zoom.

Contact mUUvies@riverofgrassuu.org
for the Zoom link.



HELP WANTED

New IT Team!

It's a complicated world out there, and the security of information and effective info management systems are more complex and important than ever.

River of Grass is looking for members to be part of a vitally important brand-new Information Technology (IT) Team! The team will provide support to River of Grass on software, systems and equipment that involve the use, communication, storage, retention and disposal of information.

Initially, we have identified four areas of focus for the team's work: software/tools; IT management; information access; and security of communications.

If you are interested in leading or supporting this vital work – or just want more information – please contact Brit at IT@riverofgrassuu.org

Revived Community Awareness Team!

A new member recently said that they were so glad to have found River of Grass, but they wished they had known about us ten years ago! We have work to do to get word out much more effectively about the love and acceptance all can experience at RoG.

The Community Awareness Team is re-constituting now! We anticipate the work of this team will focus on our digital and social media presence as well as increasing the presence of River of Grass representatives in the local community.

Our first project will be the overhaul of our website, riverofgrassuu.org. If you are interested in leading or supporting this vital work – or just want more information – please contact Leana at membership@riverofgrassuu.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 2, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, October 2, 7pm A -9 + YouTube Livestream **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, October 4, 2pm A-9 **Spiritual Art Banner Painting** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, October 5, 10:30am A-9 **We Are the Builders** Kid's Comon Read; Children's Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, October 5, 10:30am A-9+ YouTube Livestream **Worship Service On Compassion** Amy Horton-Tavera

Sunday, October 5, 12 noon A-9 **UUA's Common Read Social Change Now** Session 3 Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, October 9, 6pm, Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, October 9, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies Close to You Discussion** Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Friday, October 10, 6pm, **Potluck**, A-9 Karen Gonzalez

Saturday, October 11, 11am, A-9, **Full Moon Daughters Brand New Year Brunch** Diane Lade

Sunday, October 12, 10:30am A-9 Children's Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, October 12, 10:30am A-9+ YouTube Livestream **Worship Service Indigenous People's Day** Betty Osceola of the Miccosukee Indian Tribe of FL

Thursday, October 16, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, October 19, 10:30am A-9 Children's Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, October 19, 10:30am A-9+YouTube Livestream **Multigenerational Service Cultivating Compassion** Karen Gonzalez

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRRC9qRIJPQT09>

Worship Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

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Men's Group

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Order of Service October 5, 2025

Morning Sing Enter, Rejoice and Come In #361 Words and Music by

Louise Ruspini

Keep on Moving Forward by Emma's Revolution

Let us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude Keep on Moving Forward by Emma's Revolution

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music – When Our Heart is In a Holy Place #1008 Words

and Music by Joyce Poley

Chalice Lighting

Covenant

English: Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.

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October Birthdays Video

Wisdom Story Loving Kindness, A Meditation; by His Holiness the

Dalai Lama, illustrations by Tisha Lee

Offering/Offertory

Deepening Music Filled with Loving Kindness #1031 Words:

Traditional Buddhist Meditation, Music: Ian Riddell

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Heritage and Hope

Message

Closing Music Open My Heart #1013 Words & Music by Henry S Flurry

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality Music Reprise

Green Tip of the Week



Connect with Nature

Walk barefoot in the grass.

Looking up at the stars & standing at the edge of the sea reminds us of the wonders & vastness of the universe.

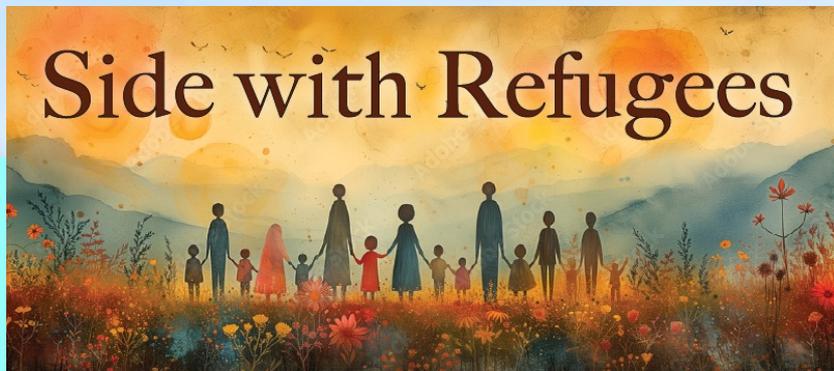
Hiking into a forest allows us to breathe deeply and forget about the busy-ness of life.

Spending more time outdoors nurtures our creativity.



UUSJ Enews

Side with Refugees



Side With Refugees

Tell Congress the U.S. needs an admissions goal that reflects humanitarian values.

The federal fiscal year 2025 is coming to a close. Therefore, September is a critical month for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and for all the people it serves. Too many have been left stranded by the current refugee ban.

Take Action; Click on the link below

uusj.salsalabs.org/refugee-goal_pd-2026_sept-2025/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7acaf28a-791a-4858-96bf-a23a96af7dca



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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