

**River of Grass**  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
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**Celebrating  
25 Years**

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

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

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

Sunday Service November 24, 2024

### **Humor Isn't For Everyone**

“I realize that humor isn't for everyone. It's only for people who want to have fun, enjoy life, and feel alive”. [Anne Wilson Schaefer](#)

It's fun to share a good laugh, but did you know it can actually improve your health?

As children, we used to laugh hundreds of times a day, but as adults, life tends to be more serious and laughter more infrequent. But by seeking out more opportunities for humor and laughter, you can improve your emotional health, strengthen your relationships, find greater happiness—and even add years to your life.

Join us Sunday as we share laughter together.

Be prepared to laugh a lot and to tell your favorite joke.

**In person at:**

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325
- Service will begin at 10:30 AM
- Childcare will be provided.

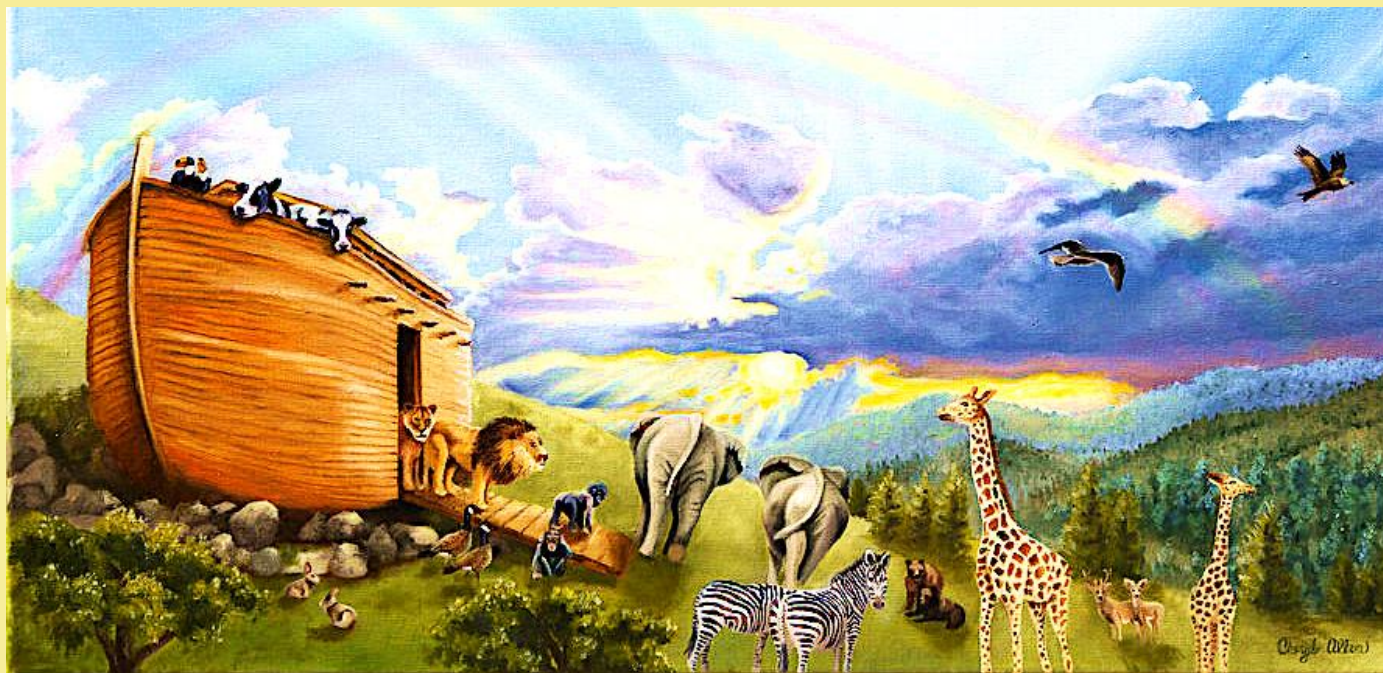
**Virtually:**

**Go to Zoom link below between pages.**

Or catch us live on Facebook on the Facebook page below.

***The Order of Service is at the end of this newsletter***

***Faith Development for Kids and Youth:***



This coming Sunday, all of our kids and teens will be together to hear and consider the story of Noah's Ark.

What do we think about an angry god?

What does this story have to teach us?

For questions about our program contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at email below.

**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>.

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



## **Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation on Sunday Mornings Goodnews!**

We have returned to in-person meditation every Sunday morning at River of Grass, 11850 SR 84, Unit A9, Davie FL 33325.

We will gather at 8:30 am and begin meditating at 8:45.

The meditation sessions will continue to be available via Zoom as well.

Go to the Zoom link below for the meeting.

I look forward to gathering with you again,  
be it in person or remotely.

Please see Gary Gonzalez with any questions. Peace.



**Meditation:**

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

The lives of at least twenty-seven transgender and gender-expansive people have been tragically and inhumanely taken through violent means in 2024 so far.



# TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

11.20.24

WE SEE YOU. WE HEAR YOU. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

Yesterday was the annual

## TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

In this new political climate, our trans beloveds know increased discrimination, hatred and great danger.

River of Grass is a welcoming and affirming community,

Siding with Love for our Trans folx.





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



See **Rachel Malca** to sign up for a volunteer shift stocking shelves, creating food bags, serving food, or sorting clothing on an upcoming Monday or Saturday morning.



LifeNet4Families

Contact Rachel Malca at [ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org)



## **Our ROG Café returns!**

The Glen Friedman Jazz Quintet will perform their

### **Cool Jazz Holiday & Seasonal Favorites**

at The River on Sunday, 8 Dec, 6-8pm.

The band features Glen Friedman on trumpet & piano, our own **Aaron Stang** on guitar, Ethan Neuburg on bass, Derek Simms on trumpet & Jason Furman on drums.

Special guest Cecilia Roy will join to sing a few songs as well.

**All** proceeds benefit River of Grass; refreshments & snacks will be available. Bring family and friends to fill up the 60 seats.

Tickets are \$25 each and **AVAILABLE NOW**  
Use the QR Code between the pages to buy &  
reserve your seats **NOW!**

Questions, ask Ken Bresnahan at the email  
between the pages.





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



**Gratitude Day Potluck  
(aka Thanksgiving)  
Thursday, November 28, 2024  
1:00 PM**


**At the River**

Join Members, Friends, and Family  
to celebrate together

Bring a dish to pass,  
tableware and  
glasses/coffee mugs



RSVP – Kathy at [worship@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:worship@riverofgrassuu.org)  
or talk to Kathy Jens-Rochow or Andy Perez after Service today.



Pick up of sold items on  
11/24 and 11/30 after service

SilentAuctionpro.com. ID: GI763:  
River of Grass UU Congregation

## ONLINE AUCTION BIDDING ENDS

### SATURDAY 11/23 AT 7PM

#### What To Look For

#### 3 Adventure Trips:

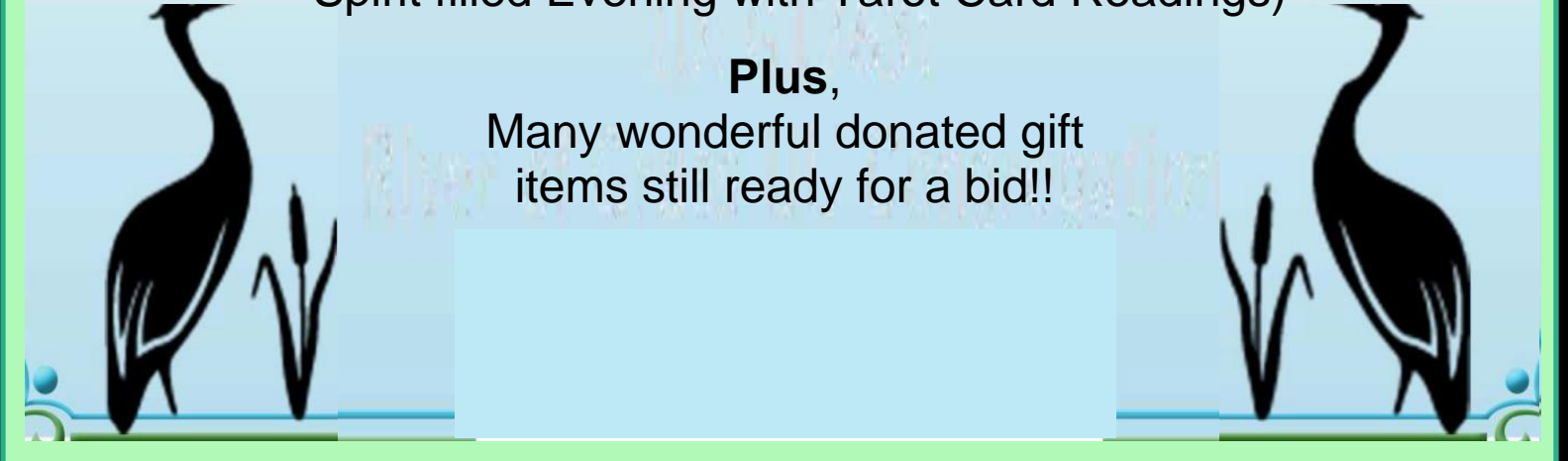
Grand Canyon, Ethereal Iceland and Under the Tuscan Sun

#### Parties still available: *(Oh so cool!)*

- Holiday Jazz Concert, • 2nd Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party,  
• Poetry Filled Evening, • James Taylor & More??  
*(Talk about a great evening)*
- Love & Laughter, • Karaoke Night,
- Tour of Asia Dinner, • Barbara's Famous Maine Lobster Dinner,  
• Writer's Salon, • Seven Chakras Magical Tea Party,
- Flight of the Mariposas Dinner, • Private Orchid Tour and Brunch,  
• Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens for 2,  
• The 2 of Us Concert -Third edition Reschedule,  
• Spirit filled Evening with Tarot Card Readings)

#### Plus,

Many wonderful donated gift  
items still ready for a bid!!





## **It's that time of year again!**

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we are beginning to collect toys, gifts and gift cards to distribute to the children and youth in our care in Broward and Palm Beach County. Let's help our children that have been neglected, abused and abandoned, experience the magic of the holiday season. You generously donated last year and we hope you will support us again.

This year, we hope to collect toys and gift cards for just under 3,000 children and teens in our care for the holiday season. We want to make sure that every child or teen receives gifts in time for the holidays. All gifts and gift cards must be new and unwrapped for boys and girls from birth to 18 years of age.

Nothing can even begin to replace the joy that these special gifts bring to the children in our community during the holiday season.

***Please choose a child from the Spread Sheet list just under here or at the bottom of the newsletter.***

***Or talk to or email Marilisa Lawless at the email below.***

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



# HOLIDAY GATHERING

December 15th  
12:00 - 2:00pm

• cookies, caroling,  
crafting, and  
decking of the halls!



## **The River of Grass Choir**

gathers at 10 every Sunday morning. Please see Theo.

Choir practices are at 7pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 7pm. Please see Theo for location.

If anyone would like to know what musical pieces we are working on please see Theo.

The Choir welcomes anyone who would like to join the Choir. Please see Theo.



## Men's Group

The Men's Group meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday from 7-8:30pm @ A9.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, 21 Nov.

We also get together at 5:30 for an optional dinner at Lester's Diner at  
1393 NW 136 Ave, Sunrise.

Those not attending in person can still join in via zoom. See below.

Or contact Ken Bresnahan for the Zoom link.

RSVPs are appreciated - send them or any questions to Ken Bresnahan.



**CELEBRATING  
NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
HERITAGE  
MONTH**





Men's Group

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

Ken Bresnahan [MensGroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:MensGroup@riverofgrassuu.org)

# Order of Service for Sunday, November 24, 2024

## GATHERING

Prelude – “Keep Going On Song”

Welcome

Opening Words

Hymn “Joy Comes Back”

**Chalice Lighting** by Rev. Elizabeth McMaster

*We light our flaming chalice*

*We light our flaming chalice*

*To illuminate the World we seek.*

*In the search for truth, may we be just;*

*In the search for justice, may we be loving;*

*And, in loving, may we find peace.*

## CONNECTING

Covenant

## DEEPENING

**Deepening Music** Come Sing a Song With Me

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Stones Music** “Imagine”

**Pastoral Response**

**Heritage - Phineas T Barnum**

**Hope - Rev. Jane Rzepka**

**Offering** “Mas Que Nada”

**Wisdom Story** “Giraffes Can’t Dance”

**Singing Youth to Class** “We Love You and Bless You”

**Message Humor Isn’t for Everybody**

## SENDING

**Closing Music** “Watching the River Run”

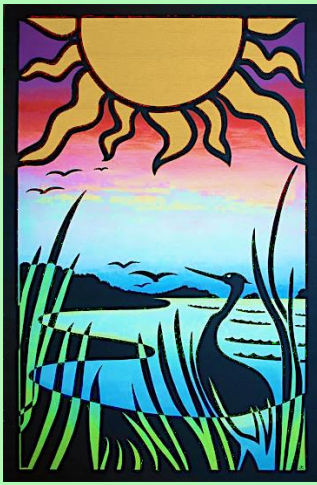
**Announcements for the Life of the Community**

**Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Sending/Shine On**

**Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality**

**Reprise**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*All email addresses or links are below*

Thursday, November 21, 6pm

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, November 21, 7pm

**Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, November 24, 8:30am

**Flowing River Sangha** at A-9 Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, November 24, 10:30am

**Sunday Worship: Humor Isn't For Everyone** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, November 24, 10:30am

**Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, November 28, 1:00pm

**Gratitude Day Potluck** Kathy Jens-Rochow and Andy Perez

Thursday, November 28, 6pm

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, November 28, 7pm

**bUUKies "Squeeze Me" by Carl Hiaason** Steve Jens-Rochow

Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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Men's Group

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

Ken Bresnahan [Mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:Mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org)

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

Sunday Worship + Pot Luck - Kathy Jens-Rochow

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

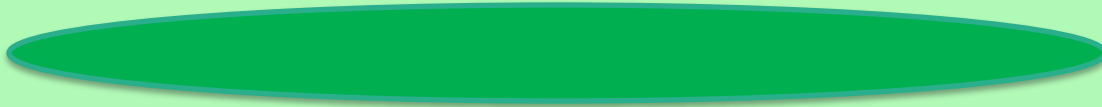
Karen Gonzalez [faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org)

Steve Jens-Rochow [bUUkies@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:bUUkies@riverofgrassuu.org)



## Green Tip of the Week

Cooking meals from scratch is a healthier, greener, cheaper, more energy efficient option than buying food in restaurants.



To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website posted on the page below

River of Grass UU Congregation is on **FaceBook**. For more information, please contact us at the community awareness email below

*Unsubscribe* - If you do not wish to receive this weekly email, please send an email to our office [email below] and we will remove you from the mailing list.

*Announcements wishing to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to the email below by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of the e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the Board of Trustees.*



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