

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie, FL 33325

WELCOME TO OUR RIVER OF GRASS FAMILY. WELCOME TO OUR WARMTH. WELCOME HOME!

River of Grass Weekly Update – September 12, 2024

LOVE IS THE WATER: Our Annual Water Ingathering!

*“Love is the power that can’t be stopped
Love is the water that wears down the rock”*

- Pat Wictor

We continue our September REVIVAL! this Sunday with our annual Water Ingathering celebration to bless our new congregational year with the mingling of the waters of our lives -- especially meaningful in this time new chapter for River of Grass and the world we navigate together in these tumultuous times.

Remember to bring water to our in-person gathering -- which can be from your literal travels, or symbolic of your spiritual journeys -- as we renew our commitments to one another, to this Beloved Community at River of Grass, to our Unitarian Universalist faith, and to the good work at hand for us in the coming year. Folks who are Love-streaming with us on zoom or facebook live, also remember to bring water to your screen!

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning – either in-person at our new location in Davie (info below) or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. We’ll be watching for you!

In person at:

- **11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325** ([Click for Directions](#))
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our [Facebook page](#).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViOT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, September 15, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “The Labor of Love (cont.)” - Leana Bresnahan

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViOT09>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday, our children and youth will worship with the adults for our All-ages Water-Ingathering service. Remember to bring water to share in community - water that represents something or somewhere significant to your family.

Following the service, our Kindlers-in-training will receive guidance in the sanctuary for their new worship role, before leaving for their special lunch with the minister.

For more information about our Faith Development Program for Kids and Youth, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Families are asked to register their children for a new year of Faith Development using the link below.

[REGISTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT 2024-25](#)

Flowing River Sangha meditation on Sunday Mornings

The Flowing River Sangha meets on Sunday mornings at **8:30 AM via Zoom**. Come learn and practice cultivating present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator. Gary Gonzalez has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. Join us via Zoom at the following link: [Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link](#). We look forward to seeing you there. Peace.

Can you help with Hospitality?

Volunteers are needed to help host our hospitality time. This service to our community includes arriving early to make the coffee and set up our tables, and staying late to help with cleaning up after our guests. All friendly people with a little extra Sunday morning time are welcome. Please reach out to Drea Kelley at AndreaFKelley@gmail.com to let her know you're interested in being a part of this happy team!

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Sep 12 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Sep 14 - Full Moon Daughters Brand New Year Brunch at 10:00 am
- Sunday, Sep 15 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Sep 15 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Sep 18 - Virtual Admin Drop in with Sandy from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, Sep 18 - BUUKies at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Sep 19 - Men's Group

Free "Mindfulness for Today's World" weekly online sessions:

Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, [zoom link for Thursday at 6 pm](#)

For more information or to register contact Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com, or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

Virtual Admin Drop-In with Sandy - Have a question for our Office Administrator? Come on and drop in any time between **10:30 am - 12:00 noon every Wednesday on Zoom**.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88206328735?pwd=Ka6B9096UyI90Q7wRsacYtb5VxbqsY.1>

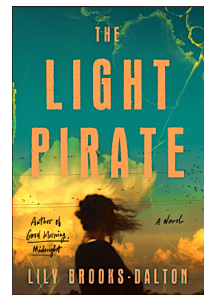
Full Moon Daughters - Brand New Year Brunch: If you love nature, being outdoors, and the good company of other women and girls who feel the same, come join the Full Moon Daughters at their Brand New Year Brunch from **10:00 am to noonish, Saturday, Sep 14th**. We will meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and plan for our new congregational year. Our goal is to build bonds through sharing activities like nature walks, kayaking outings, camping trips, visits to botanical gardens, etc. We plan monthly outings that can accommodate a wide range of abilities. The brunch will be in a member's home in northwest Broward. All food and drink will be provided. Women, girls, and those who identify as female are invited. To sign up and/or to receive more details, please email fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.



BUUKies September Read – "The Light Pirate" by Lily Brooks-Dalton. We will meet on Wednesday, Sep 18th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUUK. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

Within one woman's lifetime: What South Florida will become as temperatures and sea levels rise rapidly.

Set in the near future, this hopeful story of survival and resilience follows Wanda—a luminous child born out of a devastating hurricane—as she navigates a rapidly changing world as hurricanes increase and temperatures and sea levels rise rapidly. Set in the fictional town of Anchor on the SE coast of Florida, Wanda grows as humanity regresses and Florida unravels. "The Light Pirate" is a spectacular story of humanity, of what it means to be human and to experience the raw emotions and suffering that accompany being alive as the world around you changes rapidly.



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BUUKies will discuss "The Light Pirate" on Wednesday, Sep 18th at 7:00 pm.

Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.

RoG Men's Group – We will meet on Thursday, Sep 19th. We are meeting **in person or via Zoom at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce:** The official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325. Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at **Lester's Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323.** We'll meet there at 5:30 pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify as male are invited to join us! **Our next meeting is on Sep 5th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM,** in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). If you're joining us for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so that he can coordinate space.) For questions: contact Ken; at mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

Yes on 4! – Join for this month's Super Saturday event to raise awareness and bring out the votes for Amendment 4 - Limiting government inference in women's healthcare decisions.

So far, volunteers have contacted over 335,000 voters by knocking on more than 210,000 doors and making over 125,000 phone calls. And this congregation has already written 600 postcards to voters!

But this is not the time to let up! **On Sep 21st**, we'll regather to either knock on doors or write more postcards, together, from **10:00am to 12:00pm**.



Focus on abortion: Americans Share Their Stories

A traveling exhibit to encourage civil discourse

Don't miss this compelling and timely photo exhibition showcasing portraits by photojournalist and author Roslyn Banish. These portraits highlight the often-overlooked voices of those who have experienced abortion.

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION: Thursday, Sep 26th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami: 7701 SW 76 Ave., Miami, FL 33124; www.uumiami.org

Tickets: <https://givebutter.com/FocusOnAbortionMiami>

NAMI Walk on Saturday Oct 5th – Please join **Team TsuNAMI** and **River of Grass Friends** to Support **NAMI Broward County** in its mission to provide education, support, and advocacy to everyone in Broward affected by mental illness -- and that's everyone! **MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL!**

Donate OR Join Our Team TsuNAMI and Walk With Us on **Saturday, Oct 5th!**

[JOIN OR DONATE TO TEAM TSUNAMI](#)

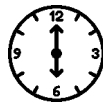
The Walk Event is 8:00 am - noon, with the 5K starting at 9:00 am.

NOVA Southeastern University, 3301 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

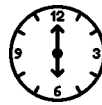
Step forward on the path to Hope! Thank you!



National Alliance on Mental Illness



Auction Time



Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about our annual AUCTION!

(Our most profitable fundraising event annually.)

We are moving it to the fall. Actually, **Nov 16th**. **Join us for a Soiree Auction, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.** The theme this year is "The Love of Giving". (This is just in time for holiday purchases.) Mark your calendar to attend!

***SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Want a cooler home? Have your AC ducts inspected to ensure you are cooling your home and not your attic. Over time, the tape covering duct work connections can lose its stickiness and fall off, exposing gaps for the AC to escape. Sometimes even small affordable repairs can significantly reduce your electric bill, and help the environment!*

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html. **River of Grass UU Congregation** is on [Facebook](#) (LIKE us) and [Twitter](#) (FOLLOW Us). For more information, please contact communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org.

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Announcements wishing to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org 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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