

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 26, 2024

UU Climate Revival: REIMAGINE TOGETHER From an Extractive Age to a New Era



Reimagine Together From An Extractive Age To A New Era

UU Climate Justice Revival | September 28-29, 2024

Across the country, UU congregations are hosting the UU Climate Revival this weekend. This Revival will equip UU congregations to enter into a new era of climate action. Together, we can move past systems and cultures of extraction to usher in a new era with love and justice at the center of our climate actions - one that intentionally and faithfully breaks down silos and cultivates relationships that lead to flourishing collaborations that transform our congregations through climate justice.

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning – in-person in Davie (info below) or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat before 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=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/ab3E9Jrtb9>

Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, September 29, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “UU Climate Revival: REIMAGINE TOGETHER From an Extractive Age to a New Era” - Steve Jens-Rochow <https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

A lot is happening in our Faith Development program for kids and youth this Sunday! Our Primary class will be exploring *Bibleodeon*, an experiential program introducing young UUs to stories of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles. This first lesson will introduce the Bible and help kids distinguish between Bible Facts and Bible Beliefs.

Our Secondary class will begin using *Building Bridges* and discuss what needs religion fills in human societies, and take a religious literacy quiz.

For more information about our Faith Development program, reach out to 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 Hospitality@RiverofGrassUU.org to let her know you're interested in being a part of this happy team!

RevAmy on Medical Respite October

Beloveds, as shared with you on Sunday, Sep 22nd, I am having surgery on Oct 3rd to repair a hiatal hernia, recovery from which will require rest for the better part of October, followed by another month of carefully curated return activity. I plan to be back with you for Sunday service, on Oct 27th, with the caveat that I will still not be able to sing until December. Your Worship Team has great plans for the services I will miss, and your Music Team is providing Song Leaders throughout this time. Remember your leadership is charged up and ready to go for this growing year. If you have pastoral needs, please call the office at 954-723-7877 and you'll be connected to care. Be assured I am in good hands in hospital (we're told my surgeon is the best for this!), and at home with Brooke -- and you are always and ever the River going and flowing through everything and anything together. We don't anticipate any particular needs beyond your healing energies and prayers sent our way and will keep you up to date as needed. Know how much I will miss you and can't wait to see you in a month. Till then, Shine on! With love and gratitude, RevAmy



LGBT History Is American History

LGBT History Month celebrates the achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people. The LGBT community is the only community worldwide that is not taught its history at home, in public schools or in religious institutions. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community and makes the civil rights statement about their extraordinary national and international contributions.

"LGBT History Month sends an important message to our nation's teachers, school boards, community leaders, and youth about the vital importance of recognizing and exploring the role of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in American history." George Chauncy

Source: lgbthistorymonth.com



SUUSI 2025 Location and Dates:

Dates and Location for SUUSI 2025: Love is Central

We are thrilled to announce that SUUSI 2025 (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute) will take place **July 20-26 at Radford University in Radford, VA**. We hope that you will make plans to join us in Radford, where the most SUUSIs have taken place, but where we will prove that it's not the location but the people who make our gathering a place where Love is Central.

Seeking Your Favorite SUUSI Photos

We would love some of your favorite photos from SUUSI 2024 and further back. Please email photos@suusi.org, and include your photo, name, any social media handle we can tag, and any description of folks in the photo, and if we have permission to post. On Instagram, please tag us [@suusilove](https://www.instagram.com/suusilove) and we may repost!

As always, find out the latest news from SUUSI at <https://suusi.org>

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Sep 26 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, Sep 26 - Focus on abortion: Americans Share Their Stories at UU Miami at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, Sep 29 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Sep 29 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Oct 2 - [Virtual Admin Drop in with Sandy from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- Thursday, Oct 3 - Men's Group
- Saturday, Oct 5 - NAMI Walk at Nova Southeastern University – Team Tsunami and River of Grass Friends
- Thursday, Oct 10 - MUUvies at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 16 - River of Grass Annual Auction at 6:00 pm

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/>



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>

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=Ka6B9096Uyl90Q7wRsacYtb5VxbqsY.1>

RoG Men's Group – We will meet next **Thursday, Oct 3rd**. 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! We will meet 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.

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

MUUies – October title is “Shirley”. We will meet on **Wednesday, Oct 10th** at **7:00 pm** to discuss this mUUvie. [River MUUvies Zoom Link](#)

“Ladies and gentlemen, this is fighting Shirley Chisholm coming through.”

“Shirley” is a biographical drama film written and directed by John Ridley. Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman to be elected to the United States Congress. She became the first Black candidate to run for a major-party nomination for president in 1972 and the first woman to run for the Democratic Party's nomination. She represented Brooklyn for 7 terms. Available on Netflix.

Meeting ID: 844 1859 3114; Passcode: 537288;

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,84418593114# US (New York)

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



River of Grass Auction

Saturday, Nov 16th. Join us for a Soiree Auction, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The theme this year is "The Love of Giving".

Ideas for donations: those amazon items you thought you would use but never did, slightly used jewelry, gifts you got but were not your style and are still in the box unopen, gift cards.

Baskets of items: Chocolate extravaganza, books, spa day, outdoor tools, games.

Party Ideas: Bunko, Italian dinner, tapas dinner, seafood dinner, Greek dinner, vegetarian dinner, card night, Poker, square dance, tarot card reading, tea party, bread making, cookie decorations, flower arranging, knitting or crochet class, wine tasting, beer tasting, game night. These events can be intimate events or for a larger group.

See Elly, Pam, Peter, Babara with your donations or questions. Or, send an email to auktion@riverofgrassuu.org. [River of Grass Auction 2024!](#)

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Shade windows with direct light. If you have windows facing east or west consider adding landscaping or an awning. Or consider window tinting, or simply a

pull-down shade. These options will keep your home cooler and reduce your electric bill, saving money and 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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