

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 – October 3, 2024

LGBTQ+ History – Why Everyone Fits Under the Rainbow Flag

“History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived,
but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.”

~ Maya Angelou

Special Guest Speaker, Robert Kesten, the Executive Director of the Stonewall National Museum, will share some of our LBGTQIA+ history. Through collecting, we preserve and share the history and culture of the LBGTQIA+ community and their significant contributions to society.

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=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

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, October 6, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – “LGBTQ+ History – Why Everyone Fits Under the Rainbow Flag” - Robert Kesten

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

We had a lot of fun in our Faith Development program for kids and youth last Sunday and we're building on that momentum! This Sunday, our Primary class will be participating in some healthy competition as they learn how to search for Bible verses. They'll also create a very long timeline to demonstrate where the Bible fits in the span of historical time.

Our Secondary class will also use a timeline to see just where different religions emerged, and consider how this context shapes our ideas of these faiths.

For more information about our Faith Development program for kids and youth, 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.

UUA Disaster Relief - Please donate if you are able:

Given the severity of the disaster caused by Hurricane Helene and the scope of the disaster response required, as well as the fact that the UUA states they are currently critically short of funds in their Disaster Relief Fund, the Board of Trustees approved a special collection to take place during worship service on Sunday, Oct 6th to benefit the UUA Disaster Relief Fund. You may also donate to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund through the [River of Grass UU website](#). Regardless of how you donate, 100% of the donation will go to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund. Please give as generously as you can. For more information on the [UUA Disaster Relief Fund, please click here](#).

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 had surgery today, 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

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Oct 3 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, Oct 3 - Men's Group
- Saturday, Oct 5 - NAMI Walk at Nova Southeastern University – Team TsuNAMI and River of Grass Friends
- Saturday, Oct 5 - Yes on 4! Canvassing in Broward County
- Saturday, Oct 5 - Spiritual Arts Group at 2:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 6 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Oct 6 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Sunday, Oct 6 - Women's Group at 7:00 pm

- Wednesday, Oct 9 - [Virtual Admin Drop in with Sandy from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm](#)
- Thursday, Oct 10 - MUUvies at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Oct 19 - Full Moon Daughter's hang-out beach day (Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park beach) Dania Beach from 10:00 am - 2:00 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/>

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

Yes on 4! Broward County Canvassing - Oct 5th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sign up to knock on doors with your River of Grass social justice walkers. Returning bodily autonomy to women is no joke! We are so close to the 60% threshold needed to pass Amendment 4! But, we can't let our guard down.

As UUs, we are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love. One of those values is equity, where we declare that every person has the right to flourish with inherent dignity and worthiness. We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities.

Click on the link to live your faith and walk the talk. <https://mobilize.us/s/IEDWOC>

River Spiritual Artists' Open Studio Sat Oct 5th at 2:00 pm (11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie)



Our Creative, Milton Carp, who studied Dream Catcher creation with Indigenous Shahmen, will bring materials for you to make your own Dream Catchers.



We will have rocks and paint markers available, as well as colored pencils, aqua crayon sticks and paints available for your creativity. Or bring your art or craft supplies and we will create together. If you have any questions please email Steve Jens-Rochow, SpiritualArt@riverofgrassuu.org.

River of Grass Women's Group – The Women's Group will be meeting this Sunday, Oct 6th, at 7:00 PM. We will be multi-platform, meeting both in person and virtually (11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie)! Our topic will be "Change". Our definition of "women" is expansive and includes anyone who feels that they belong in this space, including those who identify as nonbinary. The purpose of this group is to deepen our personal connections through shared discussions. Listening to each person's experience. For more information or the link, contact Kathy Jens-Rochow at womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

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=Ka6B9096Uyl9007wRsacYtb5VxbqsY.1>

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.



Full Moon Daughters – Join the Full Moon Daughters for our first outing of the congregational year: a **hang-out beach day at the beautiful Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park beach in Dania on Saturday, Oct 19th**. All women, girls, and those who identify as female are welcome. We will gather from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Bring your

towel, sand chair, boogie and other beach necessities. A casual snack bar and kayak/paddleboard rentals are available. There is \$6 per car entry fee, carpooling from River of Grass will be available. To sign up, or for more information about River of Grass Full Moon Daughters, email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

Soiree Auction Party, November 16th

6:00 - 9:00 pm at our home "A9" (11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL)

(Our second largest fundraiser)

Hot off the press! – **Ticket Cost \$35** – Tickets will be available Monday, Oct 7th, on [Silent Auction Pro!](#)

Appetizer, dessert, drinks: Sample menu: Mini Quiche. Grape leaves, meatballs, veggie-meatballs, crudites, charcuterie, shrimp, stuffed mushrooms, pigs in a blanket, spanakopita, crudites, charcuterie.

DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOU PARTY IDEA, DONATIONS WRITE UP IS OCTOBER 31, 2024.

See Elly, Pam, Peter, Babara with your donations or questions. Or, send an email to auction@riverofgrassuu.org.

[River of Grass Auction 2024!](#)

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: *Purchase energy efficient appliances. When it's time for a new TV, fridge, dishwasher, washer, dryer or AC, look for the Energy Star (r) rating. It ensures an energy efficient green product. Even if it costs more up front, it will save money on your electric bill, reducing the pollution created to provide electricity to your home.*

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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