



# River of Grass

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

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

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River of Grass Weekly Update – October 17, 2024

## “Things We Do for Love: aka, Don’t Volunteer” It’s Service Sunday!

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold, service was joy.”

- Rabindranath Tagore

“So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable,” said Robert Louis Stevenson. Join us this Sunday to consider the ways we love and serve – one another and that which is Greater than us -- as we re-make our world in this new era.

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 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/961564350>

***Upcoming In-Person or Virtual Events - This Sunday:***

**Sunday, October 27, 2024 - 10:30 AM**

**River of Grass UU Congregation** – “Things We Do for Love: aka, Don’t Volunteer” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

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

In our Children's Faith Development program on Sunday, our Bibleodeon group will be processing the story of Cain and Abel and the theme of Good vs. Evil.

Bridge Builders will begin their exploration of World Religions with Unitarian Universalism. We'll learn how early Christian ideas led to two faiths that eventually merged as one. This will serve as our reference point on our World Religions journey.

For more information about our Faith Development programs for kids and teens, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org).

***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.

***Soiree Auction Party, November 16<sup>th</sup>*** Believe it or not, the Auction is less than 1 month away



The Auction committee has been getting a lot of questions!

***How can I get my ticket for the Soiree Auction Party?***

Go to [Silent Auction Pro Ticket Purchase Page](#) to get your ticket: \$35/ per person

***How can I get my auction number for bidding at the Soiree Auction?***

Go to [Silent Auction Pro Registration Page](#) to sign up for your auction number!

***Where do I find the donation form?***

Go to [River of Grass Auction 2024!](#) webpage. There you will find the form. The form is fillable. Once you have entered the information, save the file and email it to [Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org).

***What needs to be sent to the auction committee at [Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org)?***

All donation information for items, certificates, and gift cards. Pictures are helpful.

***When and how do I bring my donations?***

Please bring all your items to Sunday Service on either Oct 27, Nov 3, or Nov 10 and leave them behind the welcome table.

***How can I help out at the Soiree Auction Party?***

We need help setting up on Friday, Nov 15, and during the day on Saturday, Nov 16. Contact Elly via text or email at [Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org).

***Intersex Awareness Day - Oct 26<sup>th</sup>***

October 26 marks the anniversary of the first public demonstration by intersex people in the United States. Members of the now-defunct Intersex Society of North America and their allies arrived in Boston, MA at the annual conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics. They demonstrated and shared their pain in a very public way,

denouncing non-consensual infant genital surgeries and demanding the medical industry take notice. In 1997 doctors dismissed the activists as a vocal minority. The tides are slowly changing. TODAY, intersex people and allies are following in their footsteps, organizing in cities around the U.S., and around the world. (Source: [interactadvocates.org](http://interactadvocates.org))



### *Exploring the Essence of Unitarian Universalism*

Unitarian Universalism is a living tradition that evolves to meet our current reality and respond to current human needs. In our shared tradition, we practice discernment about our shared Faith in community with one another, listening for the wisdom among us. Please join your Congregational Life Staff for a series of conversations about three critical aspects of Unitarian Universalism: our shared values, our covenants, and our historical context. Each session will include informational background and current context for each subject, making these discussions appropriate for new UUs, Lifelong UUs, and everyone in between.

# EXPLORING THE ESSENCE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Join your Congregational Life Staff for a Spiritual Deepening Opportunity:

Hearts That Care: Unpacking Our Shared Values

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024; 6:00 PM Central/ 7:00 PM Eastern; 90 Minutes

Promise and Practice: The Role of Covenant in Unitarian Universalism

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024; 6:00 PM Central/ 7:00 PM Eastern; 90 Minutes

The Living Tradition: Unitarian Universalism in Historical and Contemporary Context

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024; 6:00 PM Central/ 7:00 PM Eastern; 90 Minutes



## Southern Region



### *Music-loving Progressive Congregation Seeks Part-time Choir Director/Pianist!*

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Davie, FL) seeks a leader ready for some fun growing our choir, enriching the worship experience, and cultivating the joyful power of music with our community. For more information about this position and our congregation, [please visit our website](#).

### *Upcoming Events:*

- Thursday, Oct 24 - Mindfulness for Today's World at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Oct 26 - 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
- Sunday, Oct 27 - Flowing River Sangha Meditation at 8:30 am
- Sunday, Oct 27 - Sunday Service at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Oct 30 - [Virtual Admin Drop in with Sandy from 10:30 am - 12:00 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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

**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 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 a \$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](mailto:fullmoondaughters@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=Ka6B9096Uyl90Q7wRsacYtb5VxbqsY.1>

**RoG Men's Group** - We will meet **Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org).

**MUUies** - November title is "I Am a Noise". We will meet on **Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to discuss this mUUvie.** [River MUUvies Zoom Link](#)

It is a raw and intimate portrait of the legendary folk singer and activist **Joan Baez**. The film utilizes previously unreleased home movies, artwork, diaries, therapy tapes, and audio recordings. It is a depiction of her personal journey from pain to peace and forgiveness. Available on Netflix.

Meeting ID: 958 6532 1771; Passcode: 436687;

One tap mobile: +13052241968,,95865321771#,,,,\*436687# US

If you are attending this discussion, please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow at [mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org).



**Sunshine Cluster Annual Meeting** – Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

“Growing Congregations with Peter Bowden: Promoting Connection, Meaning, and Membership”

*Program Overview:*

In today’s fast-paced and fragmented world, the need for deep connection, meaningful relationships, and strong communities has never been greater. This program will explore how small group ministries, community-building events, and relational strategies can help your congregation grow in both depth and membership. Peter Bowden will share specific, actionable strategies to support newcomers and foster connections that lead to long-term engagement. Whether you're looking to strengthen small groups, host more engaging community events, or build relationships that grow your congregation, this session will offer practical insights for congregational leaders of all experience levels.

Peter Bowden is known for his work helping Unitarian Universalist congregations grow by promoting connection, meaning, and membership, both online and onsite. He specializes in integrating a wide range of connecting strategies—including digital tools, in-person groups, social media, and small-group ministries.

**FREE:** To Register and receive a Zoom link please send your name & congregation to Steve Jens-Rochow at [sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com).



**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Visit [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com) to stop unsolicited credit card offers. This website is run by the 3 credit agencies (Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion) and is supported by the Federal Trade Commission. In just 3 minutes you can stop this junk mail, saving you hassle and reducing landfill waste.

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at [riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html](http://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](mailto:communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org).

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