



**Celebrating
25 Years**

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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

Friday, November 15, 2024

Sunday Service November 17, 2024

HUNGER, HARBOR, HEALING: A Harvest Communion

And how many of our ancestors have already taught us:
even after the world ends, there is work to do....

Because in every universe in which I am alive, it is because
of other people.

And I don't always like them, but I love them. In every universe in
which I am alive, it is less because I could fight, and more because I
could forgive.

Because I could cooperate. Because I could grow pumpkins in my
backyard and leave them at my neighbor's door, asking for nothing
in return.

- Kyle Tran Myhe

What is it you hunger toward? What does our world hunger toward – our families and neighbors, those we find most like ourselves, and those we struggle to understand, especially in the upheaval and upset all around us this season? Gather with us for our annual Harvest Communion as we consider the hungering of our world and ourselves in both body and spirit – hunger within and without despite a universe of abundance there for the giving, if only we would see to it that none should go without.

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
- Service will begin at 10:30 AM
- Childcare will be provided.

Virtually:

Please copy and paste the Zoom URL into your browser

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

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

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

Or catch us on X [formerly Facebook] live on our X page at

<https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>.

Please copy and paste the X URL into your browser.

The Order of Service is below

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

For more information about our Faith Development Program for kids and teens, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Stone Soup Sunday*

November 17th at
The River

Please bring donations of canned soup, vegetables, beans, or bags of rice to help us tell the story of Hungry Travelers creating soup from a stone.



Then, stay for soup!

*benefitting LifeNet4Families

Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation on Sunday Mornings

Good news! 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. Paste this URL into your browser to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRiFLTVcyZz09#success>

I look forward to gathering with you again, be it in person or remotely. Please see Gary Gonzalez with any questions. Peace.



Office Administrator, Sandy Blair Chibnick, Departs River of Grass

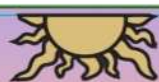
Beloveds,

We write to update you on the workings of the River of Grass office as we continue the transition to full function in our new A9 space. As you may recall, toward the end of last congregational year, our Office Administrator, Sandy, advised us that her family was moving to the Orlando area and offered to try a hybrid on-site/off-site administrative plan, which we would assess periodically for its support of the health and well-being of both Sandy and her family, and River of Grass' administrative needs. We are sad to report that this commuting arrangement has proven to be more of a strain than expected, and as of Thursday, November 07, Sandy is no longer the River of Grass Office Administrator.

We thank her for her superior skills and steadfast commitment over our nine years together through many changes and challenges and are especially grateful to have watched her kids grow into beautiful, strong young people. We wish her and her family love and success in their next ventures and hope to see them soon on their visits South to see family.

Be assured your leadership teams have grabbed the oars to keep our essential administrative functions running smoothly as we launch our search for a new administrator. Till then, know that we've got you covered. After all, we are The River and we roll on!

With gratitude,
Rev. Amy
Personnel Committee
River of Grass Board of Trustees



AUCTION TIME



Join us for a Soiree Auction Party on
November 16, 2024 from 6-9 pm at our home "A9"

The theme this year is *The Love of Giving*.

(Just in time for holiday giving)

Cost \$35

Appetizer, dessert, & drinks served

Tickets available on

SilentAuctionpro.com

ID: G1763:

River of Grass UU Congregation



- **Tickets are \$35** today, Friday, Nov 15.
- **Tickets will be \$45** tomorrow, Saturday, Nov 16.
- To purchase a ticket go to silentauctionpro.com ID G1763
- There are a handful of items that will only be available the night of the auction and will close out on Saturday, Nov 16th. There will be no online bidding for these items.
- The Catalog is available for those who have purchased a ticket and obtained an auction number. (Go to silentauctionpro.com ID G1763 to sign up for your auction number!)

The Auction committee is looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 16.



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** (as well as at the auction.) Use the QR Code here to buy & reserve your seats **NOW** before they sell out at the auction!

Questions, ask Ken Bresnahan.

Auction@riverofgrassuu.org

Please put the address into a new email.





**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





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

Rachel Malca at ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org

SUNSHINE CLUSTER NOVEMBER 16, 2024

GROWING CONGREGATIONS: PROMOTING
CONNECTION, MEANING, AND MEMBERSHIP



PETER BOWDEN
Keynote Speaker



Do you long for deep connections, meaningful relationships and connection to strong communities?

Then attend the Sunshine Cluster's webinar "Growing Congregations with Peter Bowden" on Sat., Nov. 16 2 -4pm. This Zoom program will explore how small group ministries, community-building events, and relational strategies can help your congregation grow in both depth and membership. How critical the role of online content plays in people exploring, "testing out" and choosing congregations.

Peter has a 5 point strategy:

1. Reimagine Small Groups as "Community Groups"
2. Realign Your Core Mission
3. Optimize the First Face-to-Face Visit
4. Host Community Experience Events
5. Always-Open Small Groups

FREE: To Register and receive a Zoom link please send your name & congregation to sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com



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. Paste

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09> into your browser. Or contact Ken Bresnahan for the Zoom link.

RSVPs are appreciated - send them or any questions to Ken Bresnahan at MensGroup@riverofgrassuu.org



Squeeze Me By Carl Hiaasen.

Absolutely hysterical; a murder spoof at the Palm Beach winter White House of a president nicknamed "the Mastodon". Carl Hiaasen is Florida's favorite humorist author - this book lends itself to good discussions about prejudice, classism and perfectly captures the absurdity of our times. Pythons are part of the plot too!! You will laugh and also think! BUUKies will discuss "Squeeze Me" on Wed. Nov. 27, at 7pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/92657017488?pwd=VFc2TVByMnJFUGdRQXVZUkt1dVdOQT09>. Please paste the URL into your browser.

Steve Jens-Rochow bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 14, 6pm

Mindfulness for Today's World. Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May
Scott@Insightinstitutellc.com. Carolyn@Insightinstitutellc.com

Sunday, November 17, 8:30am

Flowing River Sangha at A-9 Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, November 17, 10:30am

Sunday Worship; Repair Rev. Amy Carol Webb
Minister@riverofgrassuu.org

Sunday, November 17, 10:30am

Children and Youth's Faith Development Karen Gonzalez
Faihtdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org

Wednesday, November 20, 7pm

Monthly Board Meeting Leana Bresnahan
President@riverofgrassuu.org

Thursday, November 21, 6pm

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Thursday, November 21, 7pm

Men's Group Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Order of Service for Sunday, November 17, 2024

GATHERING

Morning Sing

"Rivers of Grace"

"There is a Love"

"Oh, Let Us Gather"

Ring of the Chimes

Prelude "Don't Be Discouraged/Hold On"

Welcome

Call to Worship "When it Really is Just the Wind, and Not a Furious Vexation"

by Kyle Tran Myhre

Theme Song "When the World Is Sick"

Chalice Lighting

May this flame we light today

Fire the hearth of humanity

That we may share the bread of hope and healing

With the wide waiting world

That none within our reach should hunger

In body or in spirit. (Webb)

CONNECTING

Covenant

DEEPENING

Deepening Music "There is More Love"

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection "Solace"

Pastoral Response

Sung Response (Music #371, text #381)

Wisdom Story "Stone Soup"

Heritage and Hope

Offering / Offertory #402, From You I Receive

Message – HUNGER, HARBOR, HEALING: A Harvest Communion

Bread Breaking Music: "Would You Harbor Me" by Ysaye Barnwell

SENDING

Closing Music – "Tomorrow"

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine On

Music Reprise: "Tomorrow"



Green Tip of the Week

Thoughts at the Checkout Line

Ask yourself if the item you are about to purchase is something you truly need? If it is an impulse buy then do the green thing, and put it back.



To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html.
Please paste the URL into your browser.

River of Grass UU Congregation is on **X [Twitter]** & **FaceBook**. For more information, please contact communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org by putting the address into a new email.

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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. Please put the address into a new email.

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.

