

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 – January 11, 2024

“Tell Them About the Dream”

“Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”

- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

These words written by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. - the core of one the best known and influential speeches in American history - still resonate with us today as we celebrate what would have been his 95th birthday. On the steps of Washington D.C.'s Lincoln Memorial at the massive 1963 civil rights march, King actually went completely off script as he began powerfully sharing his vision. He said he saw black and white children holding hands, of our country turning into an oasis of freedom. Where all finally would be free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, free at last.

He courageously told us his dream 61 years ago. And died for it seven months later. And where is our country today? Where are we today? Where are you today? Isn't it our time now to “tell them about the dream?”

Come, let us be brave together this Sunday at 10:30! – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall or virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

In person at:

- Our Sunday morning rental space is located at the Old Davie Schoolhouse
- 6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL 33314 ([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, January 14, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Tell Them About the Dream - Diane Lade

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday in our Small Group for Kids, we'll talk about how we UUs are called “the love people” because we show up when there's injustice and work through the problem with love to bring about change. Our Unitarian Universalist love calls us to fight the system, not just manage the symptoms, of a problem. With healthier systems (housing, jobs, voting, etc.), we can help prevent problems of discrimination and unfair treatment. We'll revisit Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech and prepare ourselves to march on Monday. For more information about our Faith Development program for kids and teens, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Flowing River Sangha:

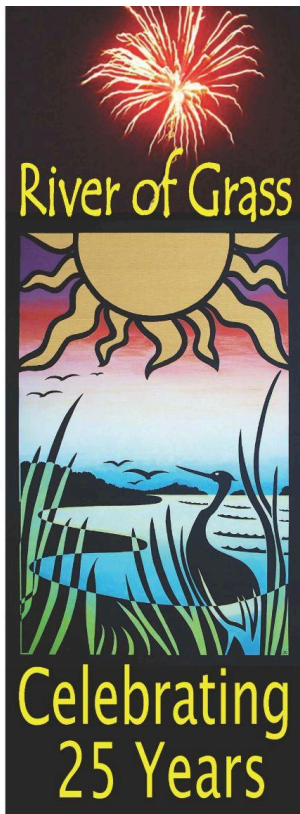
The Flowing River Sangha is back! We'll meet **Sunday mornings at 8:30 am** under the Old Davie Schoolhouse pavilion while our new space is being renovated. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator, Gary Gonzalez, who has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. There will be cool air provided by a portable misting fan. It's a BYOC event (bring your own cushion or chair) every Sunday morning at 8:30. You are also welcome to join via Zoom at the following link: [Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link](#).

25th Anniversary:

CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY – As you have probably heard, River of Grass will celebrate its 25th birthday in February 2024. We are planning a multi-day, multi-event 25th Anniversary celebration to take place February 16-18, 2024. Please check out the link below to find details of Anniversary events, including who our very special guest for the weekend will be!

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At this link you will also find a fillable form which is how we request you to RSVP. There are many ways to participate and contribute! We will need volunteers to help with publicity, providing food, and set-up and take-down, among other things. Please RSVP as soon as you can to help us in our planning process and let us know how you'd like to help!



Celebration and Auction

February 17, 2024

Auction will be both in person and online



Now accepting donations



Email your donations to:
auction@riverofgrassuu.org
 Include description, value,
 photo, date and location of
 party offered.

Questions? Contact Kathy Jens-Rochow
 at auction@riverofgrassuu.org.

Other Events:

Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions:

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

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

March in the MLK Day Parade – We will honor the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as we join the Ft. Lauderdale MLK Day Parade for non-violence on **Monday, Jan 15th**. The parade will start at the Longshoreman's Union Hall at 440 NW 6 Street [Sistrunk Blvd.] Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 at 9:30 am. We are in Phase 2 [of 4 Phases]. Please arrive at 8:30am to decorate our parade vehicle with signs. The parade will proceed west on Sistrunk Blvd. to NW 15 Ave, and then north to Carter Park on Sunrise Blvd for the Multicultural Festival. Let's continue MLK's dream. Signs will be supplied. If you have any questions please reach out to Steve Jens-Rochow at ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org.



RoG Men’s Group – We will continue to meet **in person at 7:00 pm in Suite A9, 595 Park of Commerce**: official address is 11850 SR 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325 (GPS will get you to the 4-building complex. We’re in the 1st Building, middle suite.) Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at our own **Lester’s Diner: 1393 NW 136th Ave, Sunrise, FL 33323**. We’ll meet there at 5:30pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify male are invited to join us! We are meeting next Thursday, **Thursday, Jan 18th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). If you're joining for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so he can coordinate space.) The Zoom Meeting Room will open at 7:00 pm. Questions: contact Ken; mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

Full Moon Daughters – Let’s get out and celebrate Mother Nature during South Florida’s best season – winter! Join the Full Moon Daughters for our Welleby Sunny Fun Day al fresco potluck brunch on **Saturday, Jan 20th**. The good

times begin at 11 am in our own pavilion at Welleby Park, 11100 NW 44th Street in Sunrise. We will share yummy favorite dishes, enjoy playing board games and walking together, and hope to do some drumming! If you participate in a drum circle, we are looking for a drum leader for this outing. All women and girls, those who identify as female or are non-binary are welcome. To let us know you are coming, or for more details, please email; fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: AVOID BEEF. It generates 4 times more greenhouse gasses than chicken, and 13 times more than plants. Plus excess red meat is linked to many health issues. Do a favor for Mother Earth and for your body - avoid beef.

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 to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org by 12 pm 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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