

# 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 – January 25, 2024

### **Making New Maps Bending the Arc 2024**

It is not down in any map; true places never are.  
– Herman Melville

Comes a time in many a journey that the old maps can no longer get us where we aim to go. Maybe out of date, or drawn from insufficient knowledge, or despoiled by changes in topography in the throes of history of either the natural world or the manmade one. It is then we gather and make new maps to chart the way forward. As we continue our emergence into a world forever changed, with the old ways passing and new ones not yet settled, join us to consider the new maps we must make to chart the way forward together.

Gather with us this Sunday at 10:30! – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall or virtually on Zoom. 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/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

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

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 - 10:30 AM**

**River of Grass UU Congregation – Making New Maps: Bending the Arc 2024 - Rev. Amy Carol Webb**

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

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

In Sunday's Small Group for Kids, we'll be exploring intersectionality - a big word that expresses the fact that we all have many different identities; race, gender, class, ability, citizenship, and religion, to name a few. Understanding

the combinations that make up a whole person helps us to show kindness towards them. If we can be anything, we want to be kind! We'll begin acting on that mission by creating small gifts for our congregation. If you have any questions about our Faith Development program for youth, you can reach out to our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto: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](#).

### ***Mid-Year Meeting:***

**Reminder for our Mid-Year Congregational Meeting:** The mid-year congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 12:00**, after Sunday service. This very important meeting will entail a congregational vote requiring a quorum to approve the anticipated increased buildout expense for our new space at A9.

Due to time restraints for our Old Davie School space rental, we will need to conclude the meeting by 1:00. **So we will start our meeting at 12:00.** Our mid-year meeting is traditionally informational updates on the life of the River. But this year, because this meeting includes an important congregational vote, I have put the reports at the end of the agenda. If we do not have time for these reports, we will be sending out written reports for your review. Our bylaws limit the Board approval of budget variance to 5%. Anything over 5% requires a congregational vote. Our best projections of the buildout and move expenses for our new location will exceed this. We will need a quorum for this vote to approve this.

**Please mark your calendars and plan to attend in person or on Zoom. Note the time change. The Zoom link for Sunday service will continue for the meeting. Lunch will be provided in-person.**

Agenda for Congregational Mid-Year Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Location: Old Davie School House

12:00 pm Welcome - Kathy Jens-Rochow, President  
Invocation/Chalice Lighting - Rev. Amy Carol Webb  
Establish quorum

12:15 pm New business  
Congregational vote approving increased expenses

12:45 pm Reports  
President  
Treasurer  
Minister  
Faith Educator  
Membership

1:00 pm Chalice Extinguishing  
Adjourn

### ***Welcome to the [second week of 30 Days of Love!](#)***

**In this second week, we explore the theme of “re-imagining” and how it shows up in our world and our climate justice work.**

The North Carolina Climate Justice Collective offered a framework for the [4 Rs of Social Transformation for people working on climate:](#)

- Resist: working against the current systems
- Reform: working within the current systems
- Reimagine: envisioning a just new system
- Recreate: creating models for a just new system

We need people learning, acting, reflecting in each of the four areas. One approach is not better than the other; rather, they are complementary and each approach is as important as the other. Take a moment to think about yourself and the way you approach climate justice... Are you a Reformer committed to policy change? Do you take to the streets as a Resister? Do you orient to dismantling and creating new systems?

**If we are to realize a world with no fossil fuels, where clean energy is a human right, and all beings thrive, we need new systems, norms, approaches, and ways of being to bring that world into existence.** For the Abolitionist Visions of Climate Justice ([see video](#)) event in May 2023, we asked now Pres. Sofia Betancourt, Dr. Rashid Shaikh, and Antoinette Scully to draw a picture of the world they want to see. If you imagine the world we want to create, what does it look like? How does it feel? What does not exist in that future world?

If you have any questions please contact Steve Jens-Rochow [ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org).

**30 Days of Love**  
 Week Two: January 22 - January 28

**Weekly Theme**  
 Reimagining :: Climate Justice

JANUARY		2024				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

**25th Anniversary:**

**CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY** – **Please sign up now** for our multi-day, multi-event 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and AUCTION to take place February 16-18, 2024.

You can check out the link below to find details of Anniversary events, including who our very special guest for the weekend will be; fill out the form to RSVP or regret; AND click on the embedded link to sign up and purchase tickets for the Saturday night celebration and AUCTION.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7H\\_luQmxWG7p30d5sxF5P9sM2QWsr004Wp0L8HVIN0N0ltw/vi/ewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7H_luQmxWG7p30d5sxF5P9sM2QWsr004Wp0L8HVIN0N0ltw/vi/ewform?usp=sharing)

**Please RSVP NOW!** (It is so helpful for planning to know how many people plan to attend...and also let us know how you'd like to help!)

**Questions?** Contact [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org) or [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org).



## Celebration and Auction

February 17, 2024

Auction will be both in person and online



Now accepting donations



Email your donations to:

[auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)

Include description, value, photo, date and location of party offered.

Questions? Contact Kathy Jens-Rochow at [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org).

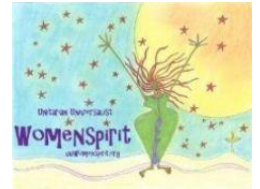
### UWomenspirit Spring 2024 Institute and Gathering:

Registration will be open in early March for the Spring event and you are warmly invited to join with us to "Gather at the Crossroads."

Please visit our website, [uwomenspirit.org](http://uwomenspirit.org) for more information about who we are and what we do. Our flyer for this event is available for printing and posting [here](#). Please share it widely!

Our theme for this event is **Gather at the Crossroads**, an ancient symbol invoking a convergence of intersecting paths, a place of contemplation and reflection, a place of choice, and a place from where the first step is taken. During our time together, we will meet Hecate, the ancient Goddess of the Crossroads. She will help us tap into our own inner wisdom and intuition, guiding us as we choose to step forward or remain in stillness. We will dance, sing, and share with our sisters.

Weekday tracks, weekend workshops and daily worship services will guide our way as we explore the Crossroads in many forms. Additional activities during the event will offer opportunities for conversation, connection, laughter and quiet reflection. In addition to these offerings, you may choose to enjoy free time to recharge in the beautiful setting of The Mountain or a volunteer day to give back to the place that houses us and our sacred time together.



### 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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

**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 week, **Thursday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org).

**The Women's Group** will be meeting **next Sunday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM**. We will be multi-platform, meeting both in person and virtually. Our topic will be "Sowing the seeds in our 2024 garden. What do you want to grow in your garden this year?" *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](mailto:womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org).



**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** *Drive a fuel efficient or electric vehicle. Even a few extra miles per gallon eliminates thousands of pounds of CO2 per year, saves you money, and helps Mother Earth.*

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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### **River of Grass UU Congregation**

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