

# 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 – February 15, 2024

### **Run, River, Run! 25th Anniversary Celebration of Heritage and Hope**

Here, stir up your steadfast hope  
your resolute clarity of what remains possible –  
be generous with your dreaming and brave.

– Gretchen Haley

25 years! It's 25 years since a group of visionaries with steadfast hope gathered to create a sanctuary of liberal religious community in Western Broward County, and called it "River of Grass," after the spirit of the Everglades – the beloved one-in-the-world manifestation of nature and nurture they set out to become.

Join us this Sunday at 10:30 to continue February's theme of "Belonging" with a celebration of River of Grass' 25 years of listening and learning and yearning to run, River, run!

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, February 18, 2024 - 10:30 AM**

**River of Grass UU Congregation** – Run, River, Run! 25th Anniversary Celebration of Heritage and Hope - Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Rev. Ken Beldon

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

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

This Sunday, our children and youth will join us in our Special Worship, celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of River of Grass' charter. For more information about our Faith Development program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org).

### *25th Anniversary:*

**CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY** – It is finally here! You can still register online for the auction. [Please click on this link.](#)

#### **EVENT DETAILS:**

##### *Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>*

- **Vespers and In Memoriam Service -- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Davie Woman's Club. Co-led by Rev. Amy and Rev. Ken Beldon.** Address: 6551 Orange Dr, Davie, FL 33314. Parking is available in the back. [Zoom will be available.](#) Meeting ID: 955 8143 4004; Passcode: 967079; One tap mobile: +13052241968,,95581434004#,,,\*967079# US

##### *Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **Auction and Anniversary Party – 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Tree Tops Park Lodge.** [The catalog is available now.](#) Address: 3900 SW 100th Ave, Davie, FL 33328. The lodge building is at the end of the road once you enter the park. There is a \$3 parking fee, which will be covered by River of Grass. If you arrive after 5:30 p.m., there will be no entrance fee. There is ample parking in front of the building, including handicapped parking. The on-line auction begins on Saturday evening and continues until February 25<sup>th</sup>.

##### *Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>*

- **Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 am. Old Davie School. Co-led by Rev. Amy and Rev. Ken Beldon.** [Zoom will be available.](#)
- **Envisioning Session** – 12 noon – 1 p.m. at Old Davie School. Snacks will be provided.

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

### *General Assembly Delegate:*

General Assembly is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of Unitarian Universalists and partners that attend each June. Attendees leave with a renewed sense of energy, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities.

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Please join us online Wednesday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024 for this 4-day immersive experience where we participate in inspirational worship services and informative workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore our virtual exhibit hall. GA is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of UUs who participate. You'll leave with renewed energy and innovative ideas to share with your congregation and community-at-large!

**River of Grass has 3 delegate openings. Registration fee will be paid for.**

The Board will appoint our delegates. Please email Kathy at [president@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:president@riverofgrassuu.org) if you are interested.

*But, all are welcome to attend. You don't have to be a delegate to participate in this fantastic experience. Ask Karen Gonzalez, Rev. Amy, Geri Mikulski, or Kathy Jens-Rochow about their experiences at previous General Assemblies.*



### *Say what?*

If you love social media or tech stuff, we can use your help.

We are organizing a team of a few people with the skills necessary to bring our communication methods into this century. To research various options and costs, consult with our Office Administrator and present a plan to the Board. Interested? Please contact Kathy Jens-Rochow at [president@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:president@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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

#### **BUUKies February Read – “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. We will meet on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUUK. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)**

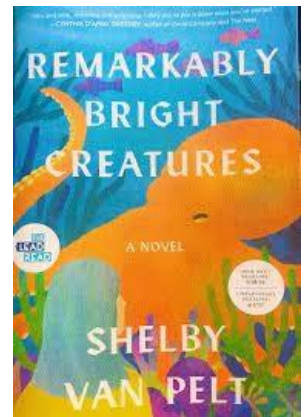
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This is such a remarkable, original story! One of the main characters is an octopus!

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she, to keep busy, began working the night cleaner shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium. Remarkably, Bright Creatures is a book revolving around a mischievous giant pacific octopus in a small town aquarium, attended by a lovely old lady who cleans it. The two unlikely friends navigate their individual isolated lives, as both deal with heartbreak and other tensions that everyone is familiar with.

Steve Jens-Rochow [BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org).



### *Sean Giblin – Celebration of Life:*

Sean’s Celebration of Life will be held at the Old Davie Schoolhouse, Heritage Hall, the low building next to the schoolhouse where we have our worship services. It will be at **2:30pm on Saturday, February 24**. This lovely family has many friends here, and we will get to host their return to Florida with love and support as members of this beloved community.

*Celebrating the life of*  
**Sean Giblin**



*February 24, 1990 - December 30, 2023*

**Saturday, February 24th at 2:30 pm**

Old Davie School Museum and Event Center  
6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL 33314

*Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be sent in Sean's name to any one of the following: the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Canine Companions for Independence, or River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation.*

**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 not meeting this week. We will meet again at the beginning of March on Thursday, Mar 7<sup>th</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).

*SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Use reusable water bottles, rather than disposable plastic bottles or cups. Simply refill a reusable water bottle from your faucet or a water fountain. It's easy, it helps keep you hydrated, and it's green.*

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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*Announcements to be sent out in the weekly congregation-wide update should be e-mailed to [WeeklyEmail@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto: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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