

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 – September 21, 2023

Siding with Love

Where is our holy church?
We're on the side of love.
What does that mean to you?
When does that happen?

Perhaps it is on the school playground, when you see the class bully picking on a new victim. Or standing in the check-out line at the grocery store behind a young mother whose screaming child has her at her wits end. Or at a staff forum at work when your pledge to take some unpaid leave days could help save a coworker's job. Or standing with a stranger protesting injustice. Join us as we explore the meaning of siding with love.

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Auditorium 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... We'll be watching for you!

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, September 24, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Siding with Love – Kathy Jens-Rochow

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth

This Sunday, in our Small Group gathering for children and youth, as our Jewish friends wrap up their Holy Week with Yom Kippur, we'll also explore Apology and Forgiveness. Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to remember when we have hurt others or been hurt by others, and reminds us that we can still be open to welcoming a new and fresh start and the opportunity to apologize and forgive. We'll learn how hard it is to restuff a feather pillow and create some magic with pepper! For more information about our Faith Development program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org. Please remind your child to wear their nametags on Sunday - a first step in being welcoming to all!

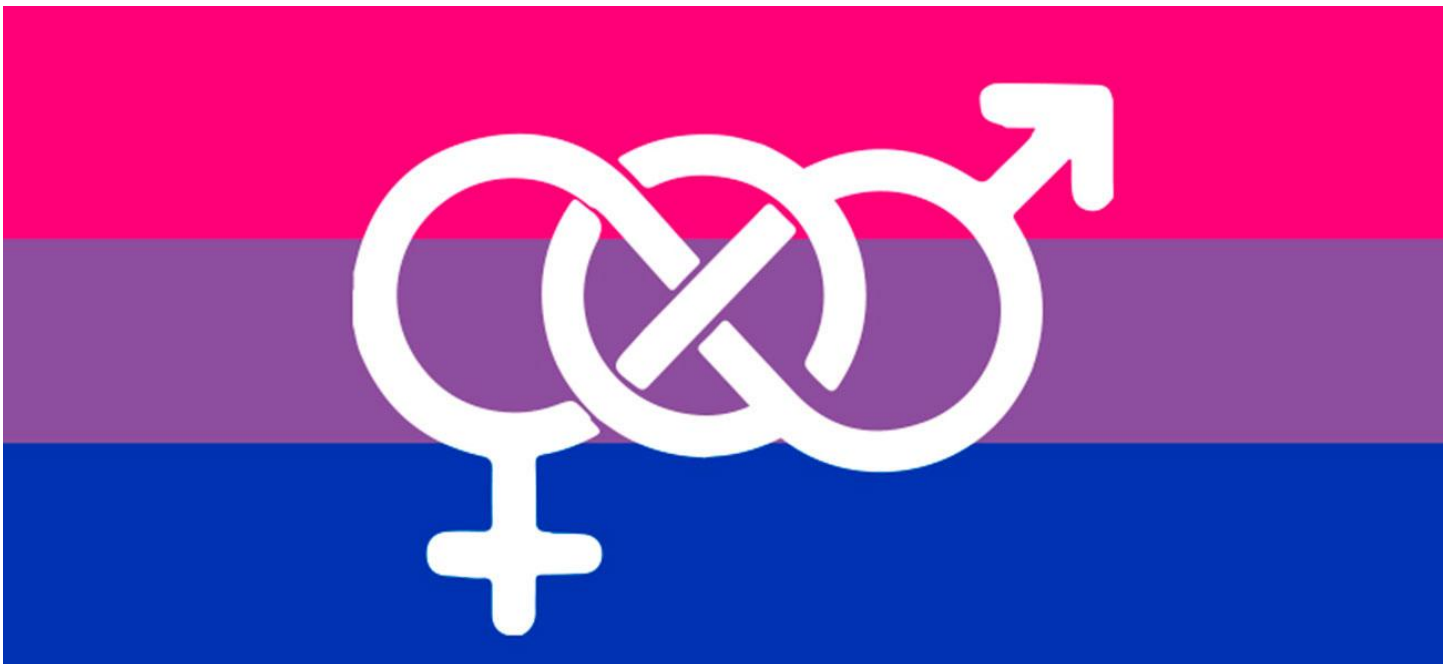


A new school year of
Faith Development
for our children and
youth has begun!

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](#).

September 23 - Celebrate Bisexuality+ Day (aka Bisexual Pride Day)



Celebrate Bisexuality Day (also called Bisexual Pride Day, Bi Visibility Day, CBD, Bisexual Pride and Bi Visibility

Day, and Bisexuality+ Day) is observed on September 23. This **day** is a call to recognize and celebrate bisexual history, bisexual community and culture, and all the bisexual people in their lives.

This celebration of bisexuality in particular, as opposed to general LGBT events, was conceived as a response to the prejudice and marginalization of bisexual people by some in both the straight and greater LGBT communities.

According to co-founding organization GLAAD, the goals of Bisexual+ Awareness Day include accelerating acceptance of the bisexual+ community, drawing attention to the experiences of this community, and celebrating the resiliency of the community. Both allies and bisexual+ individuals are encouraged to spend the week learning about the "history, culture, community, and current policy priorities of bi+ communities". Bisexual+ Awareness Week can also potentially be an important opportunity for bisexual+ individuals to help fight feelings of isolation, create more visibility for others who may be exploring their sexuality, meet other bisexual+ people, and become an integral member of the bisexual+ community by coming out or sharing their personal experiences.

Source: Wikipedia & GLAAD

Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida presents

Tuesday October 3, 2023
6 PM ET on ZOOM

Sponsored by the UUSC
Being a Good Neighbor Program

FLORIDA NATIVE LIVES AND LANDS

PANEL DISCUSSION with FLORIDA INDIGENOUS TRIBAL MEMBERS

Hosted by the SWFL RESET Center

SAMUEL TOMMIE
Artist/Activist
Seminole Tribe

ROBERT ROSA
Florida Indigenous Alliance

WILLIAM OSCEOLA
Secretary
Miccosukee Tribe

Moderated by
JAN BOOHER
UU Justice FL

A panel discussion with FL Indigenous tribal members and activists. Join Seminole artist, videographer, and environmental activist Samuel Tommie, plus Robert Rosa, chairman of the Florida Indigenous Alliance (FIA) and member of the central Florida division of the American Indian Movement (AIM), and William Osceola, Secretary of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, and other Florida Tribal members and allies. Let's talk about how to be in right relationship and community.

This conversation will be facilitated by Jan Booher of UU Justice FL and hosted by the SWFL RESET Center. This is part of an ongoing UUSC-sponsored project "Being a Good Neighbor".

FREE tickets on Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/30SCYtn>

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](#)

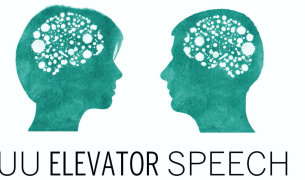
For more information or to register contact Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com, or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

RoG Men's Group - We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify male are invited to join us! Our next meeting is **Thursday Sep 21st, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). Our meeting location is at The Transformation Project: 4431 SW 64th Ave Ste 109, Davie, FL 33314. Our optional pre meeting dinner is at 5:15 PM **at the Quarterdeck, 3155 S. University Dr, Davie, FL, 33328**. (If you're joining for dinner, please email Ken Bresnahan, group facilitator, so he can coordinate space.) The Zoom Meeting Room will open at 7pm. Questions: contact Ken; mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

ONLINE UU ELEVATOR SPEECH SERIES - OPEN TO ALL!

When: Wednesdays, Sept 27 - Oct 11; 8:00 - 9:00 ET on Zoom

The Faith Forward program out of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas is excited to offer an online session of our UU Elevator Speech series for all congregations. This three-week series guides participants through developing an "elevator speech" about their Unitarian Universalist faith. The next time someone asks you "what is Unitarian Universalism?" you'll be ready with a brief and meaningful statement. **Free for River of Grass members** as we are subscribers of the Faith Forward program. For more information or to register, email Faith Forward Coordinator Rev. Lora Brandis at lbrandis@dallasuu.org. Deadline to register is Monday, September 25th.



Full Moon Daughters Brand New Year Brunch – If you love nature, being outdoors and the good company of other women and girls who feel the same, come join the **Full Moon Daughters at their Brand New Year Brunch at 10 am, Saturday, Sep 30th** at a member's home. We will meet new friends and reconnect with old ones, and make plans for our new congregational year. All women, girls and those who identify as female are invited. To sign up and/or to receive more details, please email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

NAMI Walk – River of Grass will be joining a team led by Allen and Gayle Giese: TsuNAMI! NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. We walk on **Saturday, Oct 7th from 8am - 12pm at Nova Southeastern**. Please consider walking and joining [Team TsuNAMI!](#) If you want to help out the team with a donation one of our members, Linda Lathroum, has requested that others can donate to her page and has offered to help out if anyone needs assistance or has any questions. "THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of all of us who benefit from mental health support and life changing programs like those provided by NAMI Broward." Please sign up!!! <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=59136>

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: *Reduce garbage, by purchasing products that use less packaging. Be mindful as you put items into your shopping cart, as some products have wasteful packaging. Simply pick an alternative with recycled or reduced packaging.*

COVID-19: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. River of Grass UU has over 3 years experience during the COVID pandemic keeping our members safe and will always look to do so as we make the transition to congregational life free from guidelines. The members of our COVID Team have the thanks of the entire congregation for all their good work taking care of us all. We honor and respect anyone's choice to wear a mask and ask all attending our Worship Services and events to consider their own health when choosing whether or not to mask. If you have any questions please reach out to our team at COVIDteam@riverofgrassuu.org.

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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