

River of Grass

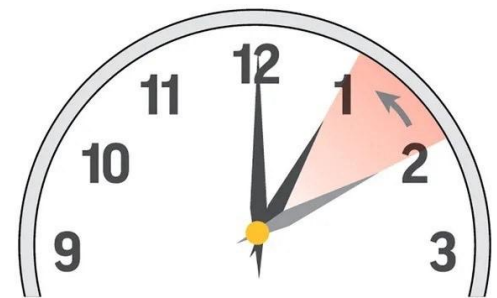
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, Ste A9, Davie, FL 33325

WELCOME TO OUR RIVER OF GRASS FAMILY. WELCOME TO OUR WARMTH. WELCOME HOME!

River of Grass Weekly Update – November 2, 2023

Fall back

Daylight saving ends Sunday at 2 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday.



Remember to turn your clock back Saturday night or you could be reeeeeaaaly early to services on Sunday. No problem, we'll be there preparing, but the coffee won't be ready yet!

Remembering Who We Are: Ancestor Sunday

Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me.

Be still, they say. Watch and listen.

You are the result of the love of thousands.

— Linda Hogan

Gather with us in this time of the thinning veil to consider our ancestors – their lives, our inheritance of their lives, and the place of our ancestors within Beloved Community, the quest for Justice and for Love, and our responsibility to that quest in our own lives.

Remember to bring photos or mementoes of your cherished ancestors for a place of remembrance on our Ancestor Altar!

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, November 5, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Remembering Who We Are: Ancestor Sunday – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth

Our Small Group for Kids, this Sunday, will spend time considering Unitarian Universalist views on death. Remembering our ancestors includes honoring the life they lived and feeling the love we still have for them. We'll create a candle holder to create a space for that remembering and honoring to take place. For more information about our Small Group for Kids or other Faith Development programs, contact our Director, Ms. 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](#).

Membership Team News:

Our **Fall Potluck Picnic** will take place **THIS Sunday, Nov 5th, from 1 - 4 p.m.** It is not too late to sign up! River of Grass Members, Family Members, Friends, and Visitors. This is always such a fun event! There is a pool for kids, small and large, to cool off in, and a yard to play. There will be plenty of good food to share and great conversation! Please RSVP directly to membership@riverofgrassuu.org or reach out to us for more information. Please let us know if you can bring food to share, and what it will be! Hope to see you there!

John and Liz would like all to know that their dog Buddy will again be part of the party. Buddy is super friendly to humans, but please respect his domain and do not bring other pets.



Fall Potluck Picnic!

Sunday, November 5th, 2023
from 1 – 4 p.m. At the Home of
Liz and John Perez in Plantation

**River of Grass members, family,
and friends, you are INVITED!**

To RSVP or for
more info, email
[membership@
riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)
or call/text
954-258-6315

We will share good food and great
conversation while the children play.

Please let us know if you can bring food
to share, and if so, what will you bring.
Your presence is the best gift.

**NOTE, John and Liz's dog Buddy
will join the party, so please no pets.**

Celebration of Life for Lucy Harty

Please join us to celebrate the unique life and spirit of our dear member, Lucy Harty, on **Saturday, Nov 11th, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Old Davie School House, 6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL. 33314.** We will honor her with stories and music, and by sharing our memories of her. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. The gathering will be in the Heritage Hall, the one-story building directly next to the school. The family has designated [Transition](#)

[House](#), a non-profit in Santa Barbara, CA that helps homeless families, for donations. For more information contact: Diane Lade at 954-673-3465 or dlade@bellsouth.net.

Stone Soup Sunday returns!

On **Sunday, Nov 19th** we will revisit an old favorite story and ***collect food for our local food bank at Lifenet for Families***. Please bring to service with you one of the ingredients listed below. The whole community is needed to make this fabulous soup that begins with one stone. Following worship, there will be enough soup for all, so plan to stay for a hearty lunch!

- canned tomatoes
- canned vegetables
- canned or dried beans
- bag of rice

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 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 5:15pm. 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 **tonight, Nov 2nd, 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.

Growing Congregations in the Digital World; Nov 4. The Sunshine Cluster's Annual Meeting, keynote, and workshop with Peter Bowden will feature simple strategies for growing congregations in a complex digital world.

The internet has transformed how people research, explore, and make decisions. This includes how people connect with congregations. Peter's keynote will share how the internet has changed human behavior and why this calls on us to change how we approach outreach, hospitality, and membership development. After our Annual Meeting Peter will lead a one-hour program sharing specific strategies for supporting newcomers and growing our congregations today.

The **Sunshine Cluster’s Annual Meeting and Program will be on Saturday, November 4, at 1:00 pm via Zoom**. Free. [Click here to Register](#). From simple communication and website changes to harnessing the power of online video, this program is for people of all abilities. If you have any questions please contact Steve Jens-Rochow at SEUUcluster@gmail.com.



MUUVies for Change November viewing is "Judas and the Black Messiah" Directed by Shaka King

The fantastic Daniel Kaluuya portrays the young revolutionary Fred Hampton in an Oscar winning role. The biographical drama centers on Hampton (Kaluuya), as he becomes chairman of the Chicago Black Panther party, but is eventually betrayed by William O'Neal (Lakeith Stanfield), an FBI informant. All too often Hollywood tends to soften portrayals of radical political figures, but thankfully this is not the case with Judas and the Black Messiah. Not only is the depiction of the Black Panther party pretty accurate (especially for a major Hollywood film), but it also has a remarkably accurate representation of Communism as a whole, and how the tenets of the ideology inform the political aims of the party.



MUUVies for Change will discuss "Judas and the Black Messiah" on **Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM**. Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion. Join our Zoom Meeting at 7:00 PM: [Zoom Link](#). Meeting ID: 844 1859 3114; Passcode: 537288; One tap mobile: +16465588656,,84418593114# US (New York); Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84418593114>.

River of Grass Full Moon Daughters – The Full Moon Daughters are taking a trip on **Friday, Nov 10th through Sunday, Nov 12th: CAMPING AT ESTERO STATE PARK**: Come join us for nature walks, visits to a historic site, kayaking, shared meals at our campsite, and singing around the campfire at this lovely state park, about two hours away on Florida's west coast. There are hotels nearby, so non-campers can join us and still enjoy a soft bed. All women and girls, those who identify as female or are non-binary are welcome. Reservations are required for this trip, as we have limited sites. Email fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org to sign up or for more details.

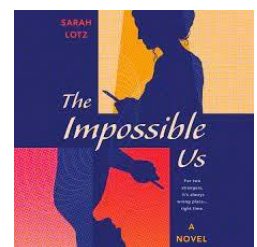
River of Grass Women's Group – The Women's Group will be meeting **next Sunday, Nov 12th at 7:00pm** instead of this Sunday due to the River of Grass picnic. We will meet in person and on Zoom. Contact Kathy Jens-Rochow womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org for more info and Zoom link.



BUUKies November Read – "The Impossible Us" by Sarah Lotz. We will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUUK. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 926 5701 7488; Passcode: 746613

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When they decide to meet in person, it becomes clear that theirs is no simple love affair. Even while standing at the same train station, they can't see each other. They soon find out the reason: they're living in different universes. In Bee's world, Brexit happened, Donald Trump was president, and climate change is a massive threat. In Nick's world, Al Gore was president for two terms, the terrorist attacks of 9/11 never occurred, and the government has enforced widespread environmental rules that curbed climate change to a manageable level.



Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org.

SWIM, the Southeast UU Winter institute. Will meet in Tampa from Dec 27, 2023 to Jan 2, 2024 – SWIM, an intentional community of Unitarian Universalists and friends, meets between Christmas & New Year's for fun & fellowship. SWIM 2023 is in Tampa, Florida at the Franciscan Center, an 8-acre urban oasis on the Hillsborough River. SWIM (Southeast Winter Institute Mid-florida) begins December 27th and ends January 2nd. Choose workshops, outdoor and indoor adventures and concerts or create your own. Registration is now open, please visit <https://swimuu.org/home/> for further details Hope you join us! Registration opens Tuesday, Oct 31st.



***SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Recycle! Recycle! Broward County's weekly curbside recycle takes Paper (newspapers, junk mail, magazines, etc.), Plastic (bottles, jugs, etc.), Glass, Metal (aluminum, steel, tin food cans), and Cardboard. Most of the items thrown out can be recycled. Be Green! Recycle!*

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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