

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 9, 2023

The Power of Bread: A Hunger Communion

*The ritual of breaking bread together
is one that has been shared by the human family
in various forms for millennia:
giving thanks for the harvest,
a prayer that the Earth will sustain life once again.
- Sheri Prud'homme*

Come all who hunger in body, in spirit, in want of community and need of nourishment for the spirit. Gather with us for our annual Hunger Communion as we consider the power of transformation in communities of changed hearts – remembering that there is already plenty if only we dared, that we are the builders of the world we dream of, that the forces for good have no hands but ours.

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 12, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – The Power of Bread: A Hunger Communion – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth

This Sunday, we'll look at how generosity and gratitude are connected. When we focus on what we're grateful for, we end up feeling that the world is a generous place. Or to put it another way, we feel like life is abundant and full of gifts. This session is about how we can renew our trust in life's goodness and abundance by being grateful. Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to notice the many everyday joys and gifts that we already and always possess. Our faith reminds us that life is already abundant and generous! We've even included it in our new Value statements - "Generosity. We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely and compassionately share our faith, presence, and resources. Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality." For more information about our Small Group for Kids or other Faith Development programs, contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Rev. Amy's leave:

Beloveds, From Nov. 13th to Dec. 6th, I will be away visiting grandkids across the sea for Friendsgiving, and will return headlong into the remaining Winter Holidays, progress on our new place, and programming for the rest of the congregational year!

Your River of Grass leadership and faithful care providers are on hand. If you are in need of support, information, or pastoral care, please contact the River of Grass office at -- office@riverofgrassuu.org, or 954-723-7877.

See you in December, and till then, may you be filled with lovingkindness in this harvest season.

Shine on! RevAmy

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](#).

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

Office Update

As we begin our transition to our new location at 595 Park of Commerce A9, we have moved out of the donated office space at 4431 SW 64th Avenue, Davie. All necessary equipment has been relocated to our Office Admin's and Rev. Amy's homes and the rest moved into our new space. So for the next couple of months we will be "officeless" until the buildout is complete at A9. Our time at Marilisa Lawless's offices may be coming to a close, but our gratitude to Marilisa knows no bounds! Our thanks to Marilisa and Mindy for making space for us as we build a new way for River of Grass' next chapter.

WhaleCoast Alaska - A More Authentic Travel Experience

Two unique, exciting fundraising tours organized by 4 Alaska UU congregations are being offered again next summer by WhaleCoast Alaska. Experience majestic scenery, wildlife, Denali National Park, Alaska Native culture, glaciers, and UU homestays. For 30 years, WhaleCoast Alaska tours have been the BEST way to visit Alaska. Register now for this amazing experience! Details: www.WhaleCoastAK.org Questions: whalecoastak@gmail.com

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/>

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.

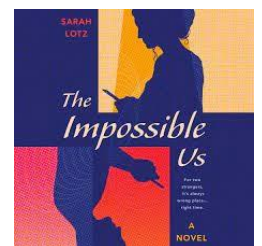


BUUKies November Read – "The Impossible Us" by Sarah Lotz. We will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUuk. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

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: Try to reuse holiday gift packaging. Boxes, bags, and Styrofoam peanuts can be reused throughout the year. Before throwing packaging away, think about what can be reused. And if it can't be reused, please 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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