

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 – December 28, 2023

“Seeds of Light for the New Year” a collection from the UUA

A Virtual service

What seeds are you planting for the new year?
How are you weaving your magic into your relationships with others?
How can we center beauty and goodness and love in all that's ahead?
These questions are at the heart of this worship.

Come as you are **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!

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 Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Seed of Light for the New Year - Kathy Jens-Rochow

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

There will be no classes this Sunday, resuming on Jan 7th. For more information about our programming for children and youth, contact Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Flowing River Sangha:

This week we are meeting virtually and will not be having Flowing River Sangha. We will meet next Sunday morning 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 Matters:

CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY – Did you know that River of Grass will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in February 2024? We are planning a big multi-day inspirational and celebratory bash that focuses on where we have been (heritage) and where we will go next (hope). We will include our annual auction as part of the celebration, live music by our fabulous musicians, AND an envisioning meeting to chart the future course of The River together. **Please put Feb 16th (Friday), Feb 17th (Saturday) and Feb 18th (Sunday) on your calendars!** Many more details will follow and there are many ways to get involved. Please email Leana at membership@riverofgrassuu.org or call 954-258-6315 if you would like to be part of the planning team.

Give to our UU Service Committee So They Can Advance Human Rights Around the World:

As we celebrate the Guest at Your Table Holiday Season we need to raise the critically needed resources that fuel the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's partners' essential work for social justice throughout the world:

- Assisting communities who are being displaced by the climate crisis,
 - Providing resources to families on the move as they seek safety from violence,
 - Supporting human rights advocates who are working for systemic change on the international level, and more!
- To multiply our collective impact for justice, gifts of \$150 or more will be matched one-for-one by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. Go to <https://www.uusc.org/give-to-guest-at-your-table/> to give. If you have any questions please contact Steve Jens-Rochow at SSJGT@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 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 5:30pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. **This week’s topic: *What Were You Told.*** All who identify male are invited to join us! We are meeting tonight, **Thursday, Dec 28th, 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.

SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: *Plant native drought resistant plants and trees. Conserve water and protect the environment with native Xeriscape landscaping. Trees absorb carbon dioxide for energy, and produce oxygen for us to breathe. Ensuring only native plants preserves our local ecosystem.*

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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