

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 – February 22, 2024

When the Obstacle Becomes the Way

The impediment to action advances action.

– Marcus Aurelius

Quod Obstat Viae Fit Via, the Stoics said 2,000 years ago – what stands in the way becomes the way. Any time an obstacle blocks the path we mean to take, we must ask ourselves whether we are to make our way over, under, around, or through it – or choose another path. No matter the answer to that quandary, we are changed in the process. What does that mean for us as persons, as communities ... as this River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Davie in the year 2024? How may the obstacles in our way have become our way?

Gather with us to explore the possibilities, as we conclude February's theme of "Belonging" this Sunday at 10:30! – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall or virtually on Zoom. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

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, February 25, 2024 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – When the Obstacle Becomes the Way - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth:

This Sunday, our kiddos will say good-bye to our Old Davie Schoolhouse with a jaunt on the playground, accessed through a winding path on the southeast corner of the property. We're excited to run and slide and swing and climb

and play together! For more information about our Faith Development program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Flowing River Sangha meditation on Sunday Mornings

The Flowing River Sangha meets Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM via Zoom. Come learn and practice the cultivation of present-moment awareness with an experienced meditator and group facilitator. Gary Gonzalez has been leading mindfulness meditation groups since 2014. Come join us via Zoom at the following link: [Flowing River Sangha Zoom Link](#). We look forward to seeing you there. Peace.

25th Anniversary Weekend

Wow, wasn't that a great and fun weekend. Full of reunions and memories over the past 25 years. What do the next 25 years have in store for us? If you attended the auction and have items that you were bidding on or parties to pay for, please make sure to reach out to our Auction team at Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org for help and instructions to close out. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to everyone who helped plan and execute this fun weekend. Photos are available on our website. And more photos will be appearing as they are sent in to Auction@RiverofGrassUU.org.

ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE 2024-25 IS HERE!

"Opening Our Doors to Tomorrow"



****March 3 to March 31, 2024****

The Annual Pledge Drive (APD) will kick off Sunday, March 3 with CAKE!!

Our new 24/7 space is almost ready!

You will be hearing soon when the first worship service will be held, so stay tuned!

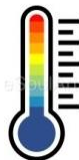
This yearly Campaign provides financial resources for our facilities, staff and programming so that we may do the vital work in the world and carry out the mission that River of Grass is meant to do.

****You will receive your pledge packet after service on Sunday and have CAKE!****

If you are not in attendance, your packet will be mailed as well as sent to you in an email.

The on-line pledge card is convenient. It is the preferred way to pledge so our Thermometer can include your pledge and show our progress to our goal of \$225,000 each week.

Let's watch the numbers climb!!



*Please consider raising your pledge 10, 15, 25% - whatever your circumstances can afford - will help us continue to build the world we dream about. We are hoping for 100% participation as we Go, Grow and Flow the River Way.

*We cherish your generosity and best intentions. We base our budget on your promises, so please pledge responsibly.

**We know there is more joy to be had;
more life-giving work to do;**

more love to share together
Opening New Doors to Tomorrow!

Our Treasurer, Ahysa Boutron, will give her testimonial at the kick-off and share why she gives so generously to her spiritual home. If you need more pledging information, please contact Rita Cherubini at AssistantTreasurer@RiverofGrassUU.org. If you have questions about the Annual Pledge Drive please contact the Stewardship Co-Chairs, Leana Bresnahan and Rita Cherubini, at Stewardship@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 begin at **2:30 pm 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. The Zoom link will open at 2:00 pm, if you are unable to make it in person please feel free to join us on Zoom. [Sean's Celebration of Life Zoom Link](#).



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.

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. All who identify male are invited to join us! **We will meet at the beginning of March on Thursday, Mar 7th, 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.

MUUVies – March title is "Stamped from the Beginning", Directed by Roger Ross Williams. **We will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm to discuss this mUUVie.** [River MUUVies Zoom Link](#)

"Stamped from the Beginning" explores the root of Racism in America through the eyes of African American Women. Relatively popular historical figures — the poet Phillis Wheatley, the writer Harriet Jacobs and the journalist Ida B. Wells — get the celebratory treatment usually reserved for history's great men. Williams opens the documentary by asking his contributors: "What is wrong with Black people?" The question elicits a range of responses: an exasperated chuckle, a sigh, a few raised eyebrows and one full-throated laugh.

Meeting ID: 844 1859 3114; Passcode: 537288;

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Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.

BUUKies March Read – "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson. **We will meet on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm to discuss this bUUK.** [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

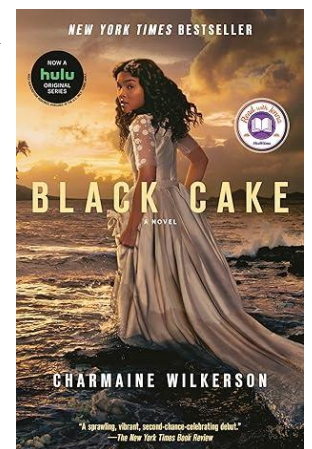
Two estranged siblings delve into their mother's hidden past—and how it all connects to her traditional Caribbean black cake—in this immersive family saga, "a character-driven, multigenerational story that's meant to be savored" (*Time*).

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BUUKies will discuss "Black Cake" on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm.

Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion.



SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Bring your own reusable bags to the grocery store. Avoid the disposable plastic bags offered at checkout, as over 5 Billion of them are used each year, often ending up in landfills and waterways...as they are not biodegradable. Be green! :)

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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