

# River of Grass

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

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

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## River of Grass Weekly Update – February 29, 2024



### Opening Doors to Tomorrow!

*Tomorrow's door will only open when you walk through today's.*

— Russell Taylor

On the threshold of a new era – for River of Grass and for our world – we awaken to the possibilities before us as we open doors to tomorrow with the Spring giving season with the commitments we make today. Join us to push those doors into our new way together!

Gather with us as we begin March's theme of "Awakening" 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, March 3, 2024 - 10:30 AM**

**River of Grass UU Congregation** – Opening Doors to Tomorrow! - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

#### ***Faith Development for Kids and Youth:***

This Sunday in our Faith Development class for kids, we'll jump ahead into celebrating the Spring Equinox. We'll explore how the Spring Equinox, also called "Ostara" in neo-pagan practice, heralds a change of seasons, and welcomes in Spring. Seeds that lay dormant in the winter earth, now transform into seedlings. We too, transform as we grow, with new ideas and feelings breaking through. We'll make little seed "bombs" to help transform barren earth into Spring gardens. For more information about our Faith Development program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto: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.

### ***ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE 2024-25 BEGINS MAR 3, 2024!***

**... and there will be cake!**

**"Opening Doors to Tomorrow"**



#### **Mar 3 to Mar 31, 2024**

Your pledge packet will be handed out this coming Sunday at our Worship service and if you are not here, it will be in the mail! On Sunday, River Leadership will tell us their pledge dollars to start the Campaign rolling and a testimonial by one of our members as to why she gives generously to The River. You will find our brochure on our website at [riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org) where Rev Amy, President Kathy Jens-Rochow and Director of Religious Education, Karen Gonzalez, will tell you a bit about their hopes and dreams for our next year together as we plan to be in our new 24/7 home! We are hoping for 100% participation so please join in bringing us into tomorrow...

You can fill out the pledge card right at our [website](#). Click on Donations and then [2024-2025 Pledge Card](#) and fill out your information on the card for the 2024-25 Campaign. The fiscal year ends on Jun 30<sup>th</sup> and your new deductions would begin starting Jul 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask that you consider increasing your pledge from last year. Please pledge responsibly.

Thank you so much for making your commitment to this beloved community. Questions? We can be reached at [Stewardship@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:Stewardship@RiverofGrassUU.org)  
Leana Bresnahan and Rita Cherubini, Co-Chairs, 2024-25 Annual Pledge Drive

**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](mailto:Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com) or [Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com](mailto:Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com), or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

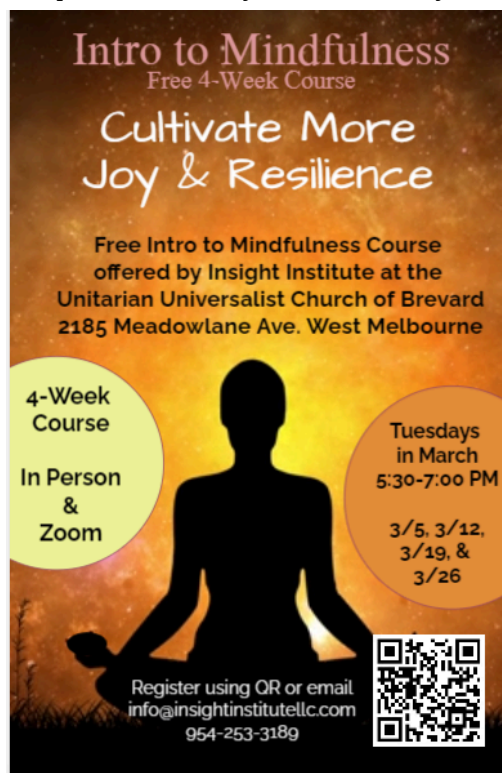
**RoG Women’s Group** – The Women’s Group will be meeting this upcoming **Sunday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM**. We will be multi-platform, meeting both in person and virtually. Our definition of “women” is expansive and includes anyone who feels that they belong in this space, including those who identify as nonbinary. The purpose of this group is to deepen our personal connections through shared discussions. Listening to each person’s experience.



For more information or the link, contact Kathy Jens-Rochow at [womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org).

**Want more joy and resilience in your life?**

A FREE 4-Week "Intro to Mindfulness Course" starts **Mar 5<sup>th</sup> via Zoom and in-person** (West Melbourne, FL). Tap into your own inner resources and participate in lively discussions. A variety of meditation practices and mindfulness activities will be shared, such as mindful movement, breath meditation, compassion practice and more! Register today to hold your spot. Use the QR Code in the image below or email [info@insightinstitutellc.com](mailto:info@insightinstitutellc.com). Free to all because we believe it is that important in today's world. Carolyn Sant Angelo and Scott May



**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,**

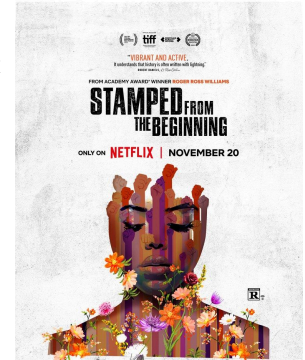
**Sunrise, FL 33323.** We'll meet there at 5:30pm. We are a lay-led group that looks to our members for discussion topics. All who identify male are invited to join us! **We will meet next week on Thursday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). If you're joining for 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](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org).

**MUUies - March title is "Stamped from the Beginning",** Directed by Roger Ross Williams. **We will meet on Wednesday, Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow [mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:mUUVies@riverofgrassuu.org) if you will attend the Discussion.

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

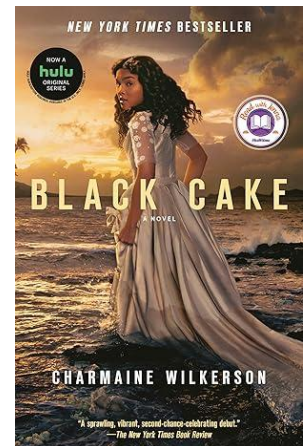
Two estranged siblings delve into their mother's hidden past—and how it all connects to her traditional Caribbean black cake—in this immersive family saga, “a character-driven, multigenerational story that’s meant to be savored” (*Time*).

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

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**SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** *Quick tips at the gas pump: Avoid spills by not topping off your gas tank. And tap the gas hose nozzle a few times and point the nozzle up before removing it from your tank to eliminate drips. Stopping even a few drips helps to protect our environment!*

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website at [riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html](http://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](mailto:communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org).

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