

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

River of Grass Weekly Update – June 8, 2023

Hurricane Season: The Gathering Storm and Trans Refugees

"Home is not where you were born; home is where all your attempts to escape cease."

-Naguib Mahfouz

For trans and non-binary Floridians, June 1st marks the first day of both Pride Month and Hurricane Season, a time of joy and of danger. This year, the biggest threat to our trans community is not off the coast but in Tallahassee. Florida's legislature has passed a slew of anti-trans legislation, prompting the nation's largest LGBTQ+ organization to issue a 'travel advisory' for our state. In the current (political) climate, how safe is it for our trans and non-binary siblings to shelter in place?

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall 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, June 11, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – Hurricane Season: The Gathering Storm and Trans Refugees – Jenn & Scott

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June Board Meeting – Find out what's happening behind the scenes at the River. The River of Grass Board will be meeting in person **this Sunday, June 11th at 3:00 pm in the office on Davie Rd (SW 64th Avenue)**. Our meetings are open to members and friends. A Zoom link can be provided for those who wish to attend virtually. Contact Kathy Jens-Rochow president@riverofgrassuu.org.

Rev. Amy Summer Vacation & Study Leave

My Beloveds, as of June 16, I'll be heading out for Summer Adventures 2023, as well as my work in service to the greater Unitarian Universalist community with conferences with the UU Ministers Association, General Assembly, and SUUSI (Southeast UU Summer Institute) as the 2023 Director. The business meetings of the UUMA (Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association) and UUA GA (Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly) are already underway this week. In between I'll have some vacation and study time to rest, renew, and prepare for the coming congregational year as we make new maps for the way ahead. I will also be on hand for our New Home and New Rental Teams as we find our next threshold there as well. Meanwhile, know that I'll see you back in the office in mid-August, and back in the pulpit to launch our 12th year together on the first Sunday in September for Labor Day! If you have a pastoral care emergency that may require professional ministry, please contact the President of the Board, Kathy Jens-Rochow president@riverofgrassuu.org, or our Pastoral Care Team PastoralCare@riverofgrassuu.org.

SUUSI - Southeast UU Summer Institute

The time has come, the time is now (**Friday, June 9th, is the last day for online registration!**) Still not registered for SUUSI? Then set aside some time today or tomorrow to go to **SOLIS**, the online registration site, and sign up for both general registration and housing options, as well as additional nature trips, workshops, and other fun activities. In person, onsite SUUSI registration is available starting Sunday, July 16, but if you want to register online, this option runs only through this **Friday, June 9**. Want a quick run down of SUUSI basics before you decide for sure? Check out **2023 Fast Facts for Potential Participants** on the SUUSI website.

Virtual SUUSI option – Can't attend SUUSI in person? Registering for virtual SUUSI gives you access to morning and evening worship, concert hours, and TWOB.

As always, find out the latest news from SUUSI at <https://suusi.org>

FL Constitutional Amendment for Abortion

Are you alarmed about the ban on abortion after 6 weeks passed by the recent Florida Legislative session and signed by Gov. Ron Desantis? Then let's put the right to have an abortion into the Florida Constitution. If we get enough signatures this Constitutional Amendment will be on the ballot in 2024. Please go to: [Floridians Protecting Freedom Petition](#) and print the petition, fill it out, sign it, and either mail it to the address on the petition or bring it to Sunday Service and give it to either Steve Jens-Rochow or Bev Kaufman. For more information email SSIGT@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/>

FULL MOON DAUGHTERS - BUTTERFLY-IN! This Saturday June 10th. This is the last Full Moon event on the calendar till this fall. Let's gather together at beautiful Butterfly World, followed by lunch at Casa Juncosa! **Please RSVP to Susan Juncosa at susan@juncosa.us ASAP if you will be there!!!!**

Butterfly-In!

Explore Butterfly World in Tradewinds Park, along with other park amenities such as hiking and biking trails. Then relax with snacks and drinks at Susan Juncosa's nearby home. Bring a suit if you want to swim!

Date: **June 10, 2023**

Time: **9 am – 11 am**

Where: **Butterfly World at
Tradewinds Park
3600 Sample Road
Coconut Creek**

Cost: \$32.50 + tax per adult
\$22.50 + tax per child
go to web site for \$5 off coupon

Final cost: **\$27.50 + tax**

Park fee: there is also a weekend park entrance fee of **\$1.50** per person.

WEBSITE: butterflyworld.com

LUNCH! Starting at 11 am

Drive 5 miles to Susan's house for a pool-side lunch in the shaded patio.
You can do either event – or both!



MUUVies for Change June viewing is "20 Feet from Stardom"

It is a 2013 Oscar-winning documentary about female back-up singers (mostly African American) in the music business. Directed by Morgan Neville. Starring: Darlene Love, Merry Clayton, Lisa Fischer. Available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

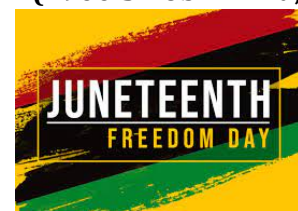
MUUVies for Change will discuss "20 Feet from Stardom" on **Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 PM**. Please reply to Steve Jens-Rochow muuvies@riverofgrassuu.org if you will attend the Discussion. Join our Zoom Meeting at 7:00 PM: [Zoom Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84418593114). Meeting ID: 844 1859 3114; Passcode: 537288; One tap mobile: +16465588656,,84418593114# US (New York); Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84418593114>.



The Service, Social justice and Green Team of the River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty www.fadp.org/ will have a vigil protesting the execution of Duane Owen at **5:00 pm. on Thursday, June 15, 2023**. Governor Ron Desantis has signed his death warrant. The vigil location will be at the Federal Courthouse at the Northwest corner of NE 3rd Avenue and East Broward Boulevard in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. 33301. Signs will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Steve Jens-Rochow SSIGT@riverofgrassuu.org.

RoG Men's Group – For this month only – we are meeting on the 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month – 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 **Thursday June 15th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via [Zoom Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84418593114). Our meeting location is at The Transformation Project: 4431 SW 64th Ave Ste 109, Davie, FL 33314. Our optional pre meeting dinner is at **5:30 PM at the Flashback Diner, 4125 Davie Road, Davie, FL 33328**. (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.

Juneteenth Potluck Celebration! Please join us on **Saturday, June 17th** at **Bergeron Park (1900 S Nob Hill Rd, Davie, FL 33328)** from **9:00 am to about 12:00 pm** to celebrate Juneteenth with a **congregation-wide potluck!** We'll have drinks, games and a competition for those who want to test their knowledge about this important holiday celebrating the end of slavery in this nation. Please bring a brunch item to share for the potluck. When you RSVP please let us know what food you are bringing. Carpooling is recommended as parking is limited. Please RSVP to Karen Gonzalez at religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org and Leana Bresnahan at membership@riverofgrassuu.org or you can contact them for more information.



BUUKies June Read - "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. We will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 7pm.

[River BUUKies Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 926 5701 7488; Passcode: 746613

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BUUKies June read is from a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, "Horse" is a sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice across American history.

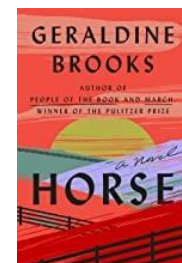
A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across 3 eras of American history:

Kentucky, 1850: An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South.

New York City, 1954: Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

Washington, DC, 2019: Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org.



Join the We The People March on July 2nd



Hi LGBTQTrans and other Activists, We The People, a coalition of LGBTQ and other groups, will hold a rally and march in Ft. Lauderdale on **Sunday morning, July 2**. They say, "our most precious freedoms are under attack. This country has never seen such blatant attacks on immigrants, blacks, people of color, LGBQ and Trans people, immigrants and jewish people." On July 2 join the coalition in the We The People March at **Esplanade Park in Ft. Lauderdale**. Go to wtpmarch.org to register. I will be there. For more information contact Steve Jens-Rochow SSIGT@riverofgrassuu.ORG.

ROG FALL FUNDRAISER: The 2 of Us presents Bossa-Novas, Boleros & Ballads "second edition".

Following the well received concert of 2022, the duo "The 2 of Us" visits, through song and storytelling, some of the most beloved American Jazz Ballads, Brazilian Bossa Novas, Boleros, and Tangoes.

Check out the Youtube channel: <https://youtube.com/@the2ofusmusic>

When: Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Where: Weston Community Center - 20200 Saddle Club Rd (free parking).

Cost: There will be drinks and snacks. Seating is limited to the first 40 who sign up at \$30 per seat.

Buy your tickets at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5VP/campaign/C-10TY2>

Please write THE 2 OF US on the "Note (optional)" field.



SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week: Insulate your water heater. Wrap the tank with an exterior insulation kit and insulate exposed pipes. It will reduce electricity costs and save money. Also consider installing a solar water heater. This alone may cut your electric bill by a third or more - saving electricity and saving you money!

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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