

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 – July 27, 2023

What's in a Name?

July 30, 2023 | 10:30 am

How do parents choose names for their children? What are the stories behind those names? Why do people change their names? These are some of the questions that motivate this service that deals with identity, history, and choice. There will be an opportunity for attendees to share their name stories and play a matching game with celebrity names.

Dan Strombom – discovered Unitarian Universalism in grad school in the 1970's. Sought out TUS following a move from California in 1982. Improving the TUS grounds is his raison d'être. Coleen Tyler – member of TUS for 38 years, current member of the Board and Membership Committee, an artist and poet with a grandson named Rowan.

To join the TUS service online, please [click here](#). Meeting ID: 904 015 815

This Sunday July 30th, we will journey to The Unitarian Society (TUS) in East Brunswick, NJ at 10:30 am. Come as you are – we'll be watching for you! We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/904015815>

Meeting ID: 904 015 815

GIVING

Even as we focus our attention away from our own congregation, on travel and visiting other UU congregations, and just taking a rest, we still need your contributions to sustain and strengthen this beloved community and its mission in our world. Each Sunday half of our undesignated offerings go to LifeNet4Families, which provides hot meals 365 days a year as well as clothing and support here in Broward county. The other half supports the mission and ministry at River of Grass.

To give, please go to: [Our Donation Page](#)

or Text to Donate at 844-948-1153

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) on your smartphone, and the key word "plate" to the number above, example: 10.00 plate. Please give generously and joyfully so that we may feed and fortify this congregation and its good work in the world that needs it, now more than ever.

Upcoming Virtual Events - This Sunday:

Sunday, July 30, 2023 - 10:30 AM

The Unitarian Society (TUS) in East Brunswick, NJ – What’s in a Name? <https://zoom.us/j/904015815>

Rev. Amy Summer Vacation & Study Leave

My Beloveds, as of June 16, I have headed 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. 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.

2023 Summer Sundays:

This summer we are excited to be offering a way for our members and friends to explore the variety of experiences that our UU faith has to offer and to meet other amazing congregations and ministers that Rev. Amy admires and wants us to get to know. Thanks to technology, we can visit congregations all across the country from our couch! This also will give our own volunteers a much needed break. We have put together a list of congregations that we can join each Sunday that is posted with the links on our website. Find it at <https://riverofgrassuu.org/index.html>. This will run from July 2nd to August 27th.

Any Sunday		Church of the Larger Fellowship Zoom Link
7/30/23	10:30 am	The Unitarian Society (TUS) in East Brunswick, NJ Zoom Link
8/6/23	10:30 am	All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, D.C. Zoom Link
8/13/23	10:30 am	UU Church of Fort Lauderdale https://www.uucfl.org Zoom Link
8/20/23	10:00 am	Northwest UU Congregation, Atlanta, GA Zoom Link
8/27/23	8:00 pm	Church of the Larger Fellowship Zoom Link

Join us at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center, a Magical UU Place and Experience near Highlands, NC:

- **Come work for The Mountain!** Hiring maintenance, development associate, kitchen staff, and farm staff. <https://www.themountainrlc.org/jobs>
- Tasty and educational **farm events** all year: <https://www.themountainrlc.org/farm-events>
- **Summer Camp:** Adult Farm camp and Intergenerational camp still have limited openings.
- **Personal Retreats** -- for individuals or groups

We look forward to hosting you at The Mountain soon!

For information about more programs at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center: themountainrlc.org or 828.526.5838.

Other Events:

Free “Mindfulness for Today’s World” weekly online sessions:

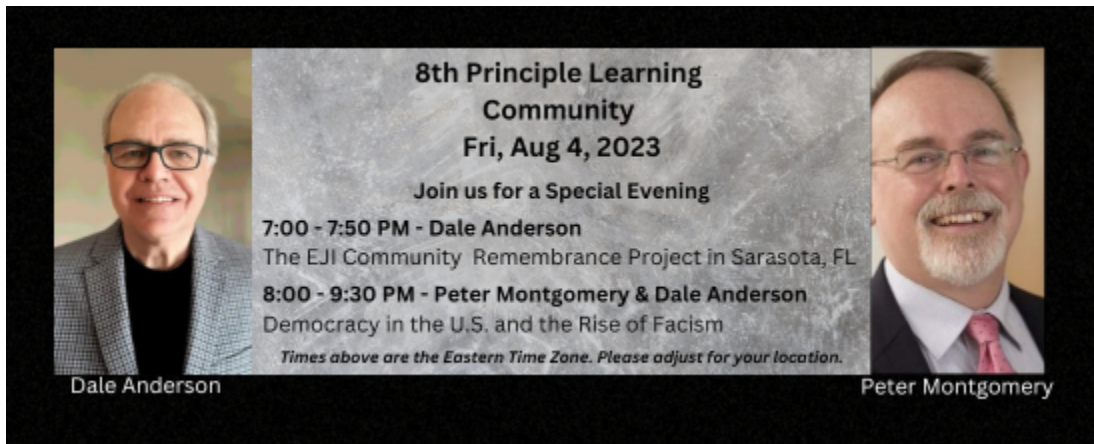
Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm for adults, [zoom link for Thursday night at 6 pm](#)

For more information or to register contact Carolyn@InsightInstituteLLC.com or Scott@InsightInstituteLLC.com, or visit <http://www.insightinstitutellc.com/>

Execution Vigil Protest on Thursday, Aug 3rd starting at 5:00 pm The Service, Social Justice and Green Team of River of Grass and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty FADP.org will have a vigil protesting the execution of James Barnes at 5:00 pm. on Thursday, August 3, 2023. **[Federal Courthouse at the Northwest corner of NE 3rd Ave and East Broward Blvd. in downtown Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.](#)** Signs will be provided. If you have any questions contact Steve Jens-Rochow at SSJGT@riverofgrassuu.org.

The Decline of Democracy in the U.S. and the Rise of Fascism – An 8th Principle Learning Community special presentation: Fri, Aug 4th - Special Meeting 7:30-9:30 PM ET.

Rita Cherubini, Steve Jens-Rochow, and Kathy Jens-Rochow have watched this presentation from an earlier viewing. They feel it is critical that more of our beloved community see it. On **Aug 4, 2023 07:30 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada). **Register in advance for this meeting:** [Registration Link - Click here](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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: Compost your vegetable and fruit scraps, if you can. If you can't, use your in-sink disposal rather than the landfill.

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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