

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 – September 28, 2023

What the Hell!: Celebrating Universalism Day

Give them not hell, but hope!

- Attributed to John Murray

*If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury,
but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good.*

Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

- Hosea Ballou

Hey, did you know that the “hell” so many of us have been taught to fear is not actually in the bible? Nope. It’s not. Well then, what do we make of the notions of sin, vengeance, accountability, atonement?

Let’s talk about it together this Sunday as we celebrate Universalism as a source of hope that guides us and love that holds us, as we learn the peace and joy that is our birthright in the Universalist faith we inherit from the likes of John Murray and Hosea Ballou ... and the prophet he was names for ... and Julian of Norwich, and Job, and Elisha, and Isaiah!

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Auditorium 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, October 1, 2023 - 10:30 AM

River of Grass UU Congregation – What the Hell!: Celebrating Universalism Day – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Faith Development for Kids and Youth

This Sunday, in our Small Group for Kids, we'll pay homage to Indigenous People's Day. As Unitarian Universalists, we recognize that healing comes from acknowledging all of our history and making the invisible, visible. We do this in our search for justice and to facilitate our own transformation. We'll learn about the people who made Southeast Florida their home for thousands of years before the arrival of colonists, and the tribe that came here out of a determination to survive capture. We'll hear stories and play games to get to know them better. For more information about our programs for children and youth, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org. Please remind your child to wear their nametags on Sunday - a first step in being welcoming to all!



A new school year of
Faith Development
for our children and
youth has begun!

The Women's Group will be meeting this Sunday, October 1, at 7:00 PM.

We will be multi-platform, meeting both in person at the church office and virtually. Our topic will be "Cultivating Relationships".

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 or meeting address, contact Kathy Jens-Rochow at womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.



October is LGBTQ+ History Month

Today, as conservatives continue their widespread attacks on the rights of LGBTQ students, LGBTQ+ History Month feels more important than ever, serving to remind LGBTQ young people that they are part of a long, storied history of strength, resilience, and bravery. LGBTQ+ History Month is celebrated both nationally and internationally and has become a crucial tool in ensuring that queer history is shared, taught, and celebrated, as it is rarely included in school curricula. Thus, LGBTQ+ students are often unaware of the fact that many figures they study in school were in fact LGBTQ. They also miss out on learning about the LGBTQ rights movement and the many figures who have fought heroically for LGBTQ equality. LGBTQ History Month is a way to encourage schools, media, and other institutions devoted to sharing knowledge to amplify the important stories of the LGBTQ community. Visit [Equality Forum's website](#) dedicated to honoring queer icons and search their database of almost 500 LGBTQ people who have made history.

Source: Lgbtqnation.com



Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida presents


**Tuesday October 3, 2023
6 PM ET on ZOOM**



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Being a Good Neighbor Program

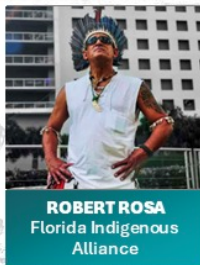
FLORIDA NATIVE LIVES AND LANDS

PANEL DISCUSSION with FLORIDA INDIGENOUS TRIBAL MEMBERS

Hosted by the SWFL
RESET Center 



SAMUEL TOMMIE
Artist/Activist
Seminole Tribe



ROBERT ROSA
Florida Indigenous
Alliance



WILLIAM OSCEOLA
Secretary
Miccosukee Tribe

Moderated by
JAN BOOHER
UU Justice FL

A panel discussion with FL Indigenous tribal members and activists. Join Seminole artist, videographer, and environmental activist Samuel Tommie, plus Robert Rosa, chairman of the Florida Indigenous Alliance (FIA) and member of the central Florida division of the American Indian Movement (AIM), and William Osceola, Secretary of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, and other Florida Tribal members and allies. Let's talk about how to be in right relationship and community.

This conversation will be facilitated by Jan Booher of UU Justice FL and hosted by the SWFL RESET Center. This is part of an ongoing UUSC-sponsored project "Being a Good Neighbor".

FREE tickets on Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/30SCYtn>

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 Brand New Year Brunch – If you love nature, being outdoors and the good company of other women and girls who feel the same, come join the **Full Moon Daughters at their Brand New Year Brunch at 10 am, Saturday, Sep 30th** at a member's home. We will meet new friends and reconnect with old ones, and make plans for our new congregational year. All women, girls and those who identify as female are invited. To sign up and/or to receive more details, please email: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org.

Execution Vigil Tuesday, October 3rd at 5pm

The Service, Social Justice, and Green Team of the River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty fadp.org will have a vigil protesting the execution of Michael Zack at **5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 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 please email Steve Jens-Rochow at SSJGT@riverofgrassuu.org.

RoG Men's Group - 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 **October 5th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, in person or via [Zoom Meeting](#). Our meeting location is at The Transformation Project: 4431 SW 64th Ave Ste 109, Davie, FL 33314. Our optional pre meeting dinner is at 5:15 PM **at the Quarterdeck, 3155 S. University Dr, 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 7pm. Questions: contact Ken; mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org.

NAMI Walk – River of Grass will be joining a team led by Allen and Gayle Giese: TsuNAMI! NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. We walk on **Saturday, Oct 7th from 8am - 12pm at Nova Southeastern.** Please consider walking and joining [Team TsuNAMI!](#) If you want to help out the team with a donation one of our members, Linda Lathroum, has requested that others can donate to her page and has offered to help out if anyone needs assistance or has any questions. "THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of all of us who benefit from mental health support and life changing programs like those provided by NAMI Broward." Please sign up!!! <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=59136>

MUUVies for Change October viewing is "Mississippi Burning" Directed by Alan Parker

Alan Parker won an Oscar nomination, as well as nominations for Gene Hackman and Frances McDormand. Willem Dafoe also stars. The film explores the FBI's investigation of the murders of 3 civil rights workers in 1964: James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner. The film nails the insidiousness of southern small town racism.

MUUVies for Change will discuss "Mississippi Burning" on **Wednesday, October 11th 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](#). Meeting ID: 844 1859 3114; Passcode: 537288; One tap mobile: +16465588656,,84418593114# US (New York); Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kvL0D418Y>.

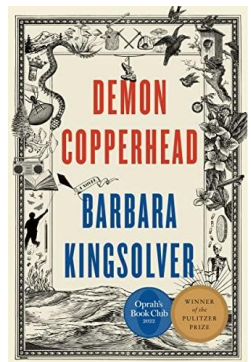


BUUKies September Read – "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver [UU]. We will meet on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm to discuss this bUUK. [River BUUKies Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 926 5701 7488; Passcode: 746613

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"Demon Copperhead" is set in the mountains of southern Appalachia. It's the story of a boy born to a teenage single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. The story exposes the systemic failures of American institutions but celebrates the resiliency of the individual spirit. Kingsolver bases her novel on Charles Dickens's David Copperfield (1850) to connect the present to the past, to combine cultures, and to adapt Dickens's mission of using literature to hold a mirror up to society.



Steve Jens-Rochow BUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org.

***SSJGT, Service and Social Justice Green Team, Green Tip of the Week:** Check the air pressure in your car tires -- it just takes a minute! Properly inflated tires will improve fuel economy, using less gas and reducing air pollution. Plus it will extend tire life, saving you \$\$\$!*

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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