

# Reflections

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION  
DAVIE, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 2011

## SETTLING IN AND REACHING OUT

By Marjorie Loring, Board President



**I**n a relatively short time, our full-time home has provided us with many opportunities. This includes opportunities for us, and opportunities for our surrounding community. Moving beyond our long-term “church in a box” status, we have worked hard and promoted ourselves into a full-time Unitarian Universalist ministry.

We are now solidly grounded in our own unique local UU identity in the Florida district. People are finding us, and it’s not just that big green sign that is bringing guests through our doors. It is also our community outreach: our web presence (active website and two Facebook pages), our River of Grass Café (amazing concerts and coffeehouse events), dedicated volunteer work and financial generosity (Life Net 4 Families), welcoming and authentic lay-led services, affordable facilities rental opportunities available, child dedication ceremonies not only for members but for new visitors as well – and these are only our first steps out into the bigger picture of our world!

We have filled the position of Office Administrator (a big thanks to the personnel committee). If you haven’t done so already, stop by to meet Sophia Brown and to welcome her to our community. Filling this position means that our office will now be open to the community every day from 8:30am to 2:00pm. (See article on page 7.)

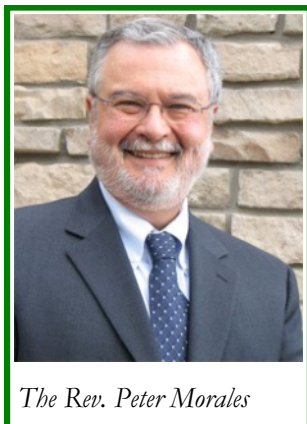
We are excited to be expanding our faith development program and are finding creative ways to find room for all the kids who will be attending. People are finding us and realizing that “HERE WE ARE”!

**W**ith all this falling into place, the time is now to show our true colors to the world. The time is now to step up and step out – to model our UU principles and values. The time is now to look to our association leaders as mentors in our engagement with our human family.

And when we look at our UU leaders, what do we find? The Rev. Peter Morales, President of our denomination, participated in non-violent civil disobedience and was arrested while protesting Arizona’s anti-immigrant legislation, SB 1070, in July 2010. Just recently, on August 5th, 2011, he was found guilty of misdemeanor charges stemming from his protest to support human rights for all.

Rev. Morales states, “My conviction as a result of that civil disobedience in no way alters my commitment to opposing this legislation that targets and dehumanizes some of the most vulnerable among us. The [Unitarian Universalist Association] is a faith community of more than 1,000 congregations that bring to the world a vision of religious freedom, tolerance and social justice.”

**W**e are one of those “more than 1,000 congregations.” Therefore, we should strive to bring to our local community and beyond that “vision of religious freedom, tolerance, and social justice.” Thank you, Rev. Morales, for leading with conviction. At River of Grass, we too, stand on the side of love – and justice. We will do our best to bring that vision out into our world.



The Rev. Peter Morales



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## BOARD MATTERS

By Susan Juncosa, Board Secretary

The new Board of Trustees met for the first time this year on August 10. The focus of the meeting, unsurprisingly, was the upcoming year. It's going to be busy!

The Board approved Judi Oltman's request to open the Bingo night auction event to the general public after a discussion of the reasons, nature of publicity, facility requirements for the evening, supervision of children and payment methods.

Deb Giblin-Davis came to discuss the feasibility of using River of Grass as a distribution point for an organic food club. Deb has been running a club at her house for the past two years and has been researching and communicating with others who do this. After discussion of the time, space and participants, it was asked that Deb return with a plan of action including the proposed organizational structure upon which the Board could vote. Deb agreed to do so.

Janet Schwartz summarized the work the Hub task force has done to ready and move us into our home. She also presented an overview of the remaining funds and proposals received to complete the build-out.

The question arose from the Faith Development Committee as whether or not charging for classes was required. Discussion and review identified this as past practice which was not required. The Board therefore stated that the decisions about charging a fee for classes was up to the Faith Development Committee and that the Board would support their decision. It was recommended that donations be solicited to cover the proposed budget income item.

Tom Robinson and Ken Bresnahan were nominated to attend SUULI, the Southeast UU Leadership Institute, in February.

The annual Board retreat was scheduled for Saturday, October 8th.

## SERVICES

**Sept. 4** "The Work of Labor" (Labor Day) - Susan Juncosa

**Sept. 11** "Remembering" (10th Anniversary of the September 11th Attacks) - Amy Carol Webb

**Sept. 18** Congregational Theme: Where Do We Come From? Who Are We? Where Are We Going? - Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Sept. 25** "Half the Sky" (Mission Gifts: Issues Facing Women Around the World) - Guest speaker Robin Haine Merrill and service leader Diane Diaz

## River of Grass

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## OUR PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## OUR SUNDAY LOCATION

11850 W. State Road 84, Suite 1,  
Davie, FL 33325

## EVERY SUNDAY

**Worship Service:** 10:30 to 11:30am. **Hospitality Hour:** 11:30am to 12:30pm.  
**Faith Development Classes:** 10:45 to 11:45am

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

There is plenty of parking outside the sanctuary, but please leave the closer parking spaces for our guests and physically challenged worshippers.  
All meetings are held at 11850 W State Road 84, Suite 1 in Davie unless otherwise noted.

## EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR CURRICULUM OUTLINED

By Diane Lade and Karen Gonzalez, Faith Development Co-Chairs

**O**ur new Faith Development school year has begun! If you have been part of our religious education program before, welcome back. If you are new to River of Grass: welcome!

We are looking forward to an exciting year, our first in our new home, with “real” classrooms, an official “teen room,” and our own space where we can have special events, youth sleepovers and so many other things. Blessings to all of you for your patience with the times we had to host fundraisers for field trips in a school cafeteria and have class on a picnic table. Isn’t it amazing to finally be here?

We are proud to have offered religious education in our congregation since we chartered more than a decade ago. Our program, at this point, is completely run by volunteers. So we really could use your help if we put out a call for party hosts, service project leaders and fill-in teachers throughout the year. We promise you will have a great time with our River of Grass kids, as well as having an active part in growing our faith by nurturing young UUs.

**T**he first day of the Faith Development year began on Aug. 28, with teachers and students getting to know each other. There will be classes on Labor Day weekend Sunday, Sept. 4. That Sunday also will be our first River of Grass youth group meeting during service time, which begins at 10:30am. Youth group is open to all high school students and their friends outside the congregation as well.



*River of Grass teens splash around in the lake outside teacher **Marilisa Lawless**' home at a Pool Party held after services on August. 21st..*

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**W**e will have four separate classes: Pre-school, elementary school, middle school and high school. Our line-up for the beginning of the year:

- Pre-school students will be getting a head start on spiritual questing via the works of Dr. Seuss;
- Elementary school students will be looking at core UU and human values through the “Faithful Journeys” curriculum;
- Middle school students will discover some hidden messages in one of nation’s favorite cartoon shows in “The Gospel According to the Simpsons;”
- High school students will find out it’s easy to be green through “The Story of Stuff” sessions.

Class offerings change in 2012.

**N**ew class time this year is 10:45am. Students are asked to go into service with their families at 10:30am, allowing them to experience the opening rituals of our worship every week. They then will be dismissed to classes. Class will adjourn at 11:45am, giving parents a bit of kid-free time during fellowship hour. Parents either must come to the classrooms and pick up their children, or wait for them to be escorted out by teachers. No children will be let out unescorted as class ends.

**A**lso new this year: The high school youth group will meet on the first Sunday of every month during regular class time. High school students also will attend full service on the fourth Sunday of every month. This schedule may fluctuate in order to allow older students to attend the services that most interest them. Parents will be kept informed of the schedule.

**W**e are very excited to begin this landmark new year. We think our children and our parents will be challenged AND entertained by our unique programs – some that will be familiar, some brand new. You can come to us at any time with your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. Reach us at: [Faith-Development@riverofgrass.org](mailto:Faith-Development@riverofgrass.org).



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By Leana Bresnahan, Membership Chair

As we return from our summer vacations and ease back into the routine of the congregational year, there is already the familiar and welcome hum of love and faith in action at River of Grass.

On August 27th, we celebrated coming together again with our annual Welcome Back Picnic, this year hosted by John and Liz Perez. A hearty thank you to all who attended, who brought food, drink, and supplies, who helped to set up and to clean up, and especially to Liz and John for their hospitality. We hope that a good time was had by all!

On Sunday, September 18th, from 12:00 to 4:00pm, the Membership Committee will sponsor the next Pathway to Membership Class, and we urge all those who are considering membership at River of Grass to take part. In the class, you will not only learn more about the Unitarian Universalist faith, you will also learn details about the nuts and bolts of how River of Grass functions, discover the myriad ways to become involved in congregational life, AND have the opportunity to meet congregational leaders.

Attendance at this class is one step on the way to becoming a member, so we hope to have an excellent turn-out! There is a sign-up sheet in the hospitality area, or e-mail [Membership@riverofgrass.org](mailto:Membership@riverofgrass.org) if you plan to attend.

By the way, long-time Unitarian Universalists and River of Grass members are also encouraged to take the class. We bet you might learn something new. And it's a great way to get to know our new folks!

We are excitedly planning for the next New Member Sunday, which will be held during worship service on October 9th. Please contact me or any member of the membership committee (Elly Keane, Vickie Koutoulas, Bridget Morris, Lynn O'Brien and Janet Schwartz) if you are interested in becoming a member, so that we can let you know how to participate in the ceremony. A New Member Lunch will follow the worship service that day, and it is hosted by the Membership Committee. We welcome you!

In a letter written by our District Executive, Rev. Kenn Hurto, and posted to the Florida District website at <http://www.floridadistrict.org/?p=2292>, Rev. Kenn notes the importance of hospitality, particularly at this time of year and in these times. He wrote:

"We are also in the seasonal moment of schools re-opening and seekers of all ages trying on new faith communities. In our busy-ness on Sunday mornings, it is easy to forget the need for every member to offer genuine hospitality. The Minister and/or Board Host should greet people at the front door as people arrive for worship. Your Greeters ought to have a name tag for both members and guests. Be sure to introduce new guests to other members.

**Remember this important lesson: New arrivals want to be noticed but not singled out! Welcome, welcome by name, introduce people to individuals (no mass greetings which are just embarrassing to the tentative and shy). If you say you're friendly, be so. If you are welcoming, welcome. If love is a core teaching, love your guests.**

"Anxious times are when we most notice the need for a beloved community. Somehow amid our own anxiety, we need to find the grace to minister. It's easier if we all practice the humble art of hospitality. Exercise our faith, hold one another gently and speak truth to power. May your ministry make a difference."

May we make it so.



*Scenes from River of Grass' 2011 Welcome Back Picnic*

## VESPERS SERVICES

By Pixie Wright

Vespers services are returning to River of Grass starting Wednesday October 5th, and continuing each Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:45pm until the end of the year on Wednesday, December 28th.

Vespers, evening prayer or evensong, are quiet contemplative services traditionally held in the evening hours between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Services may consist of contemplation, music, readings, candlelight, silent meditation or prayer.

Vespers services date back to the second century and have been observed by Orthodox, Eastern Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, Jewish synagogues, and Unitarian Universalist congregations. Indeed, every Wednesday at 5:15pm during the academic year, students, faculty and staff of Meadville Lombard gather together for vespers services.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to join us for this contemplative service. As the sanctuary will be lit only by candlelight, please enter with care and in silence. There will be signs posted on the door "Vespers Service in progress. Please enter in silence."

For additional information please see Worship Chair **Kathy Jens-Rochow** or vespers coordinators **Kathy, Ken Bresnahan, Gayle Giese, Maddi Gutfreind** and **Pixie Wright**.

## AUCTION PARTIES GALORE

By Elly Keane, 2010 Auction Chair

September is a busy month with four Member-sponsored parties from the 2010 Auction.

- **Saturday, September 3rd:** The River of Grass Women's Sleepover/Pajama Party. This will be hosted at the River of Grass Facility, so we are now able to open the invitation to women who did not purchase the item from the River of Grass Auction. Please, feel free to invite friends, daughters, sisters, mothers, etc. The cost is \$15. This year's sleepover theme comes from one of Amy Carol Webb's songs that the hostess of the event, **Carolyn Sant Angelo**, finds inspiring. It is called "I Come From Women". (The video can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/pZb7xl8JrS4>.)

The plan is to have a healthy dinner starting around 7:30pm, some interactive games, creative fun, snacks, chats on certain topics, perhaps even a movie and popcorn, lots of air mattresses, and a simple and healthy breakfast. You do not need to spend the night, but if you do, plan on bringing an air mattress, sleeping bag or sheets, toothbrush, PJs, slippers, and a pillow! Also, extra mattresses are available.

Feel free to bring a beverage or snack of your choice, but there will be plenty of goodies! Please let Carolyn know if you are interested in attending, if you will be needing an air mattress, or if you have suggestions for movies, games and activities. You may reach her at [Auction@riverofgrass.org](mailto:Auction@riverofgrass.org).

- **Friday night, September 9th: BINGO Party!** Join the fun at 7:00pm at River of Grass. Do you like to socialize with friends, play games, and have a fun relaxing night out? Then mark your calendar to attend the BINGO Party. There will be food, drinks and prizes; all for \$20! This event is now open to the public, so everyone is invited to participate in the fun! Please contact Elly Keane at [Auction@riverofgrass.org](mailto:Auction@riverofgrass.org) if you would like to attend the event.
- **Sunday, September 11th: Gayle Giese's Piano Concert.** Details in sidebar.
- **Friday, September 17th: Serapes and Sombreros Latin Festival.** Ken and Leana Bresnahan are hosting a night

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2012. Please mark your calendars!

Get ready for an evening of elegant festivities that will include dinner and dancing. For more information or to volunteer for this magical evening, please contact: [auktion@riverofgrass.org](mailto:auktion@riverofgrass.org).

Audrey Stang

Esther Sampol

Co-Chairs, Auction Committee



## PIANO CONCERT: AUCTION ITEM OPEN TO ALL

By Gayle Giese

Gayle Giese will present a 45-minute piano concert on Sunday, September 11th.

Because it is being held in our big, beautiful sanctuary, we are able to open this auction event to others. Come at 5:00pm to enjoy snacks and drinks.

The concert will begin at 5:30pm. Gayle will play her arrangements of some of her favorite songs. The continuous music will blend with poetry Gayle has chosen to be read by **Rob Giblin-Davis** and **Jean Yzer**.

This is a fundraiser event for River of Grass. Bring your friends! Cost is \$25 at the door.



filled with Latin food and music at their home. Come dressed for a night south of the border. Tickets are \$40. There are still openings for this event..

October has two special events planned from the 2010 Auction. Space is limited, so contact **Elly Keane** if you are interested in attending.

- **Saturday, October 1st: BYOS (Bring Your Own Stein!) Lederhosen optional, Beer & Brats** – Join the May & Sant Angelo Brewery for a lively evening of beer tasting with a variety of brews and some delicious bratwurst, sauerkraut, vegetarian alternative, yummy snacks and sides dishes. From 7:00 to 9:00pm.
- **Saturday, October 15th: Where in the World Wine Tasting Party** – Raise up your oenophilic (ask Brit what that means!) attributes and join us for wine from around the world (but perhaps not from where you would expect), and delicious *hors d'oeuvre* and dinner.

The 2011 Auction is planned for December 3rd. Please start canvassing your favorite places for gift certificates.



## SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SPONSORS CLOTHING DRIVE

By Pixie Wright

The Service and Social Justice Committee will be sponsoring a clothing drive during the month of September for the benefit of Life Net 4 Families. Because of space limitations and specific client needs, they are requesting only the following items in both men's and women's sizes:

Jeans	Baseball caps and visors
T-shirts	Socks
Polo shirts	Underwear
Tank tops	Sneakers
Shorts	Work boots

If you are cleaning out your closets and have any of the above-mentioned items, please bring them in to River of Grass and deposit them in the boxes in the hospitality area. Items should be clean, in wearable condition, with no missing buttons, holes or tears.

At the same time, we will be collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses for the benefit of the Lions Clubs International. These may be brought in at the same time as the clothing and deposited in designated boxes in the hospitality area.

The Lions Club collects and refurbishes eyeglasses for distribution to developing nations worldwide. It costs Lions Clubs 8 cents to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses to change lives. Clear vision enables children to have a better education and adults to obtain greater employment and economic opportunity. All will benefit from a healthier development, independence and a better quality of life.



We will be sorting and boxing these items after services on October 2, and delivering them to both agencies that week. Volunteers are needed to assist in these activities. Thank you for your contributions and your help. Should you need additional information, please see coordinators **Pat Katz** and **Pixie Wright**, or contact them at [SSJC@riverofgrass.org](mailto:SSJC@riverofgrass.org).

As we begin our congregational year, it is time to plan how our congregation can "walk the walk" of service and social justice in our community and the world. Please attend our next meeting on September 13 at 7:00 to 9:00pm at the congregation facility at 11850 W. State Road 84.

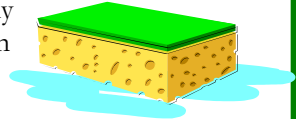
### GREEN TIP:

#### DISINFECT AND DEODORIZE SPONGES

By Steve Jens-Rochow

Don't throw out that smelly kitchen sponge. Soak it in water spiked with white vinegar or lemon juice, then heat it on high in a microwave for 1 minute. Use an oven mitt to remove it.

From [shine.yahoo.com](http://shine.yahoo.com).



## FULL MOON DAUGHTERS HOLD PLANNING BRUNCH

By Diane Lade, FMD Facilitator

Does water play into your idea of a perfect day? Snorkeling with tropical fish in crystalline South Florida waters or listening to the waves lap against the side of your kayak? Do you find peace gazing at the stars, watching a campfire, hiking through a cypress hammock?

If so, there now are TWO River of Grass groups that might be for you. And they'll give you a chance to hang out with the girls – or guys.



Full Moon Daughters (FMD), the outdoor spirituality group for women and girls, begins its 2011-12 year with its traditional Brand New Year brunch at 10:30am, Saturday, Sept. 24th, at the Fort Lauderdale home of **Diane Lade**. Come see what we are all about, and help us plan our outings.

Last year's excursions included a trip to the Morikami Gardens Hatsume Festival, kayaking with the manatees to an Intracoastal Waterway island, and a winter solstice celebration.

We also have the dates for our two annual camping trips set: Nov. 5-7 at Bahia Honda State Park in the Florida Keys and Feb. 18-20 at Fort DeSoto Park, outside of St. Petersburg. We have campsites right on the water, and will bond over delicious outdoor cuisine, paddling and hikes, bicycling and much more. Please watch the electronic updates and newsletter for sign-up information. Sign-ups for the Brand New Year brunch will begin Sept. 11.

Full Moon Daughters is open to River of Grass women and girls of all ages, their friends and family. There's no dues, no meetings, just fun. For more information, or to get on our emailing list, email [FullMoonDaughters@riverofgrass.org](mailto:FullMoonDaughters@riverofgrass.org). Check out our page on the congregational website.

And this year, for the first time, the guys will have their own outdoor group. **Allen Giese** and **Alan Meerow** have formed the dUUDes, and already are planning snorkeling, biking and other outdoor outings. For more information, email Allen at [dUUDes@riverofgrass.org](mailto:dUUDes@riverofgrass.org).

## RIVER OF GRASS CAFÉ AND COFFEEHOUSE



Check out our River of Grass Café [Facebook](#) fan page for all the latest news!



Join us for another wonderful music café/coffeehouse on Friday, September 16th at 8:00pm! Ellen and Gary Bukstel will take the River of Grass stage to sing their original songs.

South Florida has produced few folk artists of the quality and character of sister and brother native Miamians Ellen and Gary Bukstel. They are consummate performers, starting with fine, individual musicianship, showing a superb blend of familial voices and creative energy on stage. Their individual and unique styles combine to form a blend of rich harmonies, accompanied by their acoustic guitars and keyboard with their own captivating original music and lyrics.

Carol Ulbrich of Entertainment News & Views says that if you are lucky enough to see Ellen and Gary Bukstel, “you’re in for a rare treat and a memorable night.” (For a preview of Ellen’s song “Daddy’s Little Girl,” go to <http://youtu.be/NJlvANTHT2w>.)

Tickets are \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance. Thanks to the technical wizardry of Esther Sampol, you can pay in advance on the River of Grass website using PayPal.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING RIVER OF GRASS CAFÉ SHOWS!

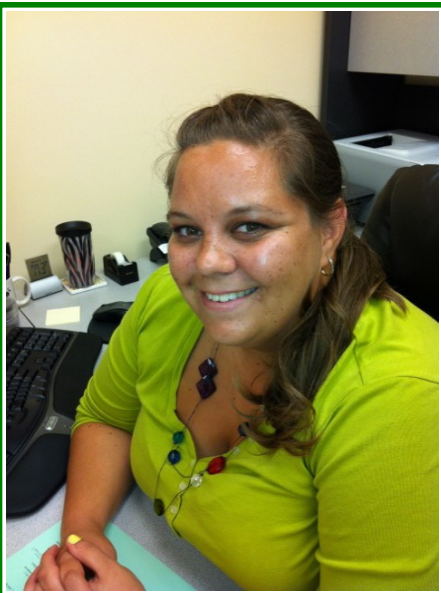
September 16, 2011:	Ellen and Gary Bukstel
October 21, 2011:	Amy Carol Webb
November 18, 2011:	Maria Rivas
December 16, 2011:	River of Grass Holiday Coffeehouse
January 20, 2012:	Al Petteway and Amy White
February 17, 2012:	Ronny Cox
March 16, 2012:	Tim Farrell
April 20, 2012:	TBA
May 18, 2012:	TBA



## WELCOME, SOPHIA, OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR!

By Wendell Abern

Cheerfulness, personified. That’s the way our new office administrator, **Sophia Brown**, will strike you the minute you meet her. Talk to her for a few minutes, and you get the feeling a smile is about to break out any second.



Sophia, a lifelong Floridian (except for one chilly year in Brattleboro, VT), has been a bookkeeper and office manager (of a now-defunct air conditioning company) for more than fifteen years. Most recently, she has spent the last three years at home, tending to Danny, her husband of ten years; Olivia, who turns eleven this month, and two kitties, Sonny and Charley.

The Browns live in Davie, where Olivia enters fifth grade this year. Danny has been an engineer for The Discovery Channel for six years, and Sophia serves at her daughter’s school as cheerleading coach and League Representative for the Davie Tackle Football and Cheer Program. (A short aside here from Sophia: “Go Broncos!”)

In addition to volunteering at Olivia’s school as a parent liaison and Room Mom, Sophia enjoys card making, rubber stamping and other paper crafts.

Sophia’s great-grandparents were Unitarian Universalists, and her grandparents were baptized in a UU Church. Also, her favorite Aunt Tina is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, VT. Given Sophia’s extended family’s connection to our faith, they are all thrilled and proud of her new position with us.

Sophia’s hours are 8:30am to 2:00pm, Monday thru Friday.

# SEPTEMBER 2011



Sat.	3rd	8:00am-12:00pm 10:00-11:30am 5:30pm	Congregational Work Day Wildpine Covenant Group Ladies Sleepover (Auction event)
Sun.	4th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 11:30am-1:00pm	Sunday Service Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour Membership Committee
Thu.	8th	7:00-9:00pm	Men's Group
Fri.	9th	7:00-9:00pm	Bingo Party (Auction event)
Sat.	10th	8:45-11:30am 6:00-10:00pm	Volunteer Day at Life Net 4 Families ContraDance Rental
Sun.	11th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 5:00-7:30pm	Sunday Service Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour Sunset Piano Concert (Auction event)
Mon.	12th	7:00-9:00pm	Finance Committee
Wed.	14th	7:15-10:00pm	Board Meeting
Thu.	15th		Newsletter Deadline
Fri.	16th	7:00-11:00pm	River of Grass Café: Ellen and Gary Bukstel
Sat.	17th	9:00am-5:00pm	Latin Fiesta (Auction event) Annual Leadership Roundtable (Florida UU Presidents)
Sun.	18th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 12:00-4:00pm 11:45am-12:15pm 12:30-3:00pm	Sunday Service Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour Pathways to Membership Board Report Back Swamp Rose Covenant Group
Thu.	22nd	7:00-9:00pm	Men's Group

Fri.	23rd	6:30-9:30pm	Spiritual Arts Group
Sat.	24th	10:30am-1:00pm	Full Moon Daughter Planning Brunch
Sun.	25th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday Service Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour
Mon.	26th	7:30-9:00pm	Women's Group

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sat.	1st	Beer and Brats (Auction event)
Wed.	5th	Vespers Services begin
Sun.	9th	Association Sunday New Member Recognition Day
Sat.	15th	Envisioning Day Where in the World Wine Tasting (Auction event)
Fri.	21st	River of Grass Café: Amy Carol Webb
Sun.	30th	Trick or Treat for UNICEF Halloween Festival

## WHAT'S ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

By Kathy Jens-Rochow,  
Women's Group  
Coordinator

**W**hat do you want to do

before you "kick the bucket." Hot air balloon ride? Trip to Timbuktu? Climb Mt. Everest?

This month the Women's Group will discuss their "bucket lists" and how they might be able to accomplish them. They will meet September 26th at 7:30pm.

**T**he Women's Group meets the 4th Monday of every month. The group is open to all River of Grass women and their women friends. For more information, contact **Kathy Jens-Rochow** at [Womens-Group@riverofgrass.org](mailto:Womens-Group@riverofgrass.org).

