



# CONNECTION

October

2024



## WELCOME!



*Join us for our Sunday 10 am service live in our Sanctuary, or online at [www.UUCOV.org](http://www.UUCOV.org)*



## President's Message

Click [HERE](#) for this month's message from Steve Leapley



## Minister's MUUsings

Click [HERE](#) for this month's MUUsings!



- [Coordinating Council Minutes](#)
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Please remember to turn off all lights and lock doors on your way out of Waters Hall and the Sanctuary.  
Thank you!



*Help us add even more beauty to our worship services*  
Click [HERE](#) for more information!



The Celebration of Life Services for Martha Williams will be held at 2:30 pm on Saturday, October 19th in the Sanctuary



### Pathways to Membership

UUCOV will host a "Pathways" gathering on Sunday, November 17, 2024 in Waters Hall 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information

### Looking for a Refreshment Committee Tsar!



We need a volunteer (or two) to help with refreshments. Your role includes keeping the cold drinks stocked, making coffee, and providing baked goods before the service. We'll cover your expenses. If interested, please contact [Eileen Leapley](#) or [Jean Barlow](#)

### Groups Meeting this Month

- Writer's Group: Oct 21, 1pm
- Mat Making: Oct 5 & 19, 10am
- Death and Bereavement Support: Oct. 9, 1:30pm
- Arts & Crafts: Oct. 25, 1pm
- Men's Fellowship: Oct. 26, 10am

Please visit our [website](#) or Breeze for more information



### wish list

Enhancing handicap accessible campus parking... because it is becoming necessary for so many of us!

During the church roadway repaving project, the opportunity was seized to enhance accessible parking because it offered very significant savings over doing it separately and later...and to seek Wish List funding for the \$14,600 cost.

\$11,300 has been contributed by generous Wish List donors. \$3,300 remains.  
Your donation of any amount will support our accessible campus parking, which benefits so many of us

Questions? - call/text: Bill Dowling @ 941-228-3716

## Legacy Friends

Supporting UUCOV Now  
and Into the Future

Planned giving provides us with the opportunity to support our congregation in the future.

If you are interested in more information on becoming a Legacy Friend, please click [HERE](#)

**Meet Our Congregants**  
**Barb Highfield**



Click [HERE](#) to read her wonderful story!

**UUCOV AUCTION**



Are you thinking about what you might donate to the 2025 UUCOV Auction scheduled for Friday, January 24th?? Click [HERE](#) for some ideas!



**Snip, snip, snip!**

If you're handy with a pair of scissors, you'll be welcomed with open arms at one of our bi-monthly mat making meetings. Join us on October 5 and 19 from 10 to noon in Water's Hall. Hot beverages and muffins will be served. Questions? Please reach out to [Carol Wight](#) or [Janet Knudsen](#).

**HALLOWEEN TRUNK-OR-TREAT**



We are partnering with IVMS to hold a Halloween even on Saturday, October 26 from 1 to 3pm. We are looking for volunteers to donate and hand out candy. You may decorate your trunk if you'd like, but it is not required! All donated leftover candy will be gifted to our local food bank. If you are interested in joining this fun event, please contact [Ayleen](#) at the office.



Our special collection on October 13 is for Family Promise's Open Door Program, which provides rent and move-in assistance for local families in crisis. If you'd like to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write "Family Promise" on the memo line in the bottom lefthand corner.



Plan Now for November Collection of Hygiene Items for CHAPS  
Start shopping now for Community Outreach's November 3 and 10 collection of hygiene products on the lanai for CHAPS. CHAPS is an all-volunteer organization that provides supplemental food and hygiene products at no cost to persons in need living with HIV/AIDS and their dependents in Charlotte, Desoto and South Sarasota Counties.



**Green Tip of the Month**


Visit local farmer's markets. Locally-sourced produce travels about 27 times less distance than conventionally sourced produce. By reducing the need to transport and store food, your plate will have a smaller carbon footprint. Local often means organic food that's cultivated in-season, meaning you're not supporting industrial-scale agriculture to produce crops unnaturally.



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seeking meaning, and pursuing justice.*


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In case of an emergency, please use my cell number to call or text me at any time.

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