



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF VENICE



# CONNECTION

January

2025



Join us for our Sunday 10 am service live in our Sanctuary  
Or online at [www.uucov.org](http://www.uucov.org)



- **The Board has purchased two Automatic Electric Defibrillators for congregant safety.** We need 5-6 volunteers to be trained. The next training session at Venice Sarasota Memorial Hospital is January 16th at 11am. Classes fill up quickly, so contact Dave Lyon (765) 215-4329 or Judith Parker (518) 339-2151 if interested.
- **Dinner Groups:** Please note that the last day to sign up to join dinner groups is January 5th. Don't delay!
- **Adaptive Equipment:** Did you know? UUCOV has an adaptive equipment closet at Waters Hall! If you need to borrow a shower seat, walker, or similar items, contact [Ayleen](#) at the main office for assistance



## President's Message

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

## Minister's MUUsings

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



## Meeting Minutes



- [Coordinating Council Minutes](#)
- [Board of Trustees Minutes](#)
- [Treasurer Report](#)
- [Finance Committee Minutes](#)



## UUCOV LEGACY FRIENDS

*Supporting UUCOV Now and Into the Future*

Click [HERE](#) for more information on Legacy Giving

### Shareholder Meetings are starting in January!



Meetings will be held weekly in January, February and March. January sign-up sheets are now in the Lanai. Hear about our finances, share ideas and find out how you can participate in the life of UUCOV. See John Spitzer or Linda Underwood with any questions

[Click here](#) for more information

### wish list



#### WISH GRANTED!

**\$15,300 for enhanced handicap parking on campus.**

Many thanks to: John Spitzer, Jean Spitzer, Trudy Jacoby, Dave Lyon. Sharyl Lyon, Barb Gundy, Marcia Smith, Stan Majors, Jill Majors, Steve Simon, Jan Simon, Dave Lindermer, Sue Lindermer and Rosalie Danbury.

Have you looked at our Wish List yet? To donate or read more [HERE](#)

### Welcome our new congregant Drew Stuart!



Click [HERE](#) to read Drew's wonderful story, and make welcome him into our UUCOV community!

### Flowers for the Pulpit

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



Discover unique treasures at the UUCOV Boutique!  
Click [HERE](#) to find the perfect gift!



### Have you joined our Birthday Club?

We'll celebrate member birthdays after the first Sunday service each month! To join, just [send us](#) your birthday month and day (year not needed).



### Take Action: Join the Next Step in Social Justice

Since the election, our UUCOV community has held three listening and learning sessions after Sunday services, where many of you shared thoughts on social policy issues. **Join us on Saturday, January 11th, from 1-3 PM in the sanctuary** to dive deeper into these topics and form action teams to create meaningful change over the next two years. Reach out to [John Van Camp](#) with any questions or suggestions.

# Groups and Activities for Everyone

## Mat Making is Jan. 4 & 18 10am



Join us in Waters Hall to learn how to make plarn (plastic yarn)! Please donate clean, gently used plastic bags (no produce bags) in the Sanctuary lanai. Questions? Contact [Carol Wight](#) or [Janet Knudsen](#).

## Ladies' Open Gathering

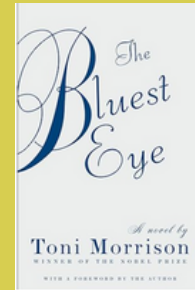
casual, drop-in gathering for conversation, lunch, and Rummikub  
**Every other Thursday, Noon-4 pm.**



Click [HERE](#) for more information or contact [Jean Barlow](#)

## UUCOV Book Club Jan 9- 1pm

This month's book is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison



Click [HERE](#) for more information or contact [Ellen Higdon](#)

## Writers Club Jan 20 - 1pm



Our writers club will meet **every third Monday at 1pm** at the Waters Hall Library. Please [contact](#) our office for details

## Death and Grief Support Group Jan 15 & 29 - 1:30pm



Our Death and Grief Support Group meets **every 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 1:30 pm** at Waters Hall

## Stress and Life Transitions Support



Our Transitions group meets **every Friday at 2:30 pm** to support each other through various life transitions, Contact [Roxcy Platte](#) for details

## Meatless Monday Jan 6 - 5pm



Join us for a Meatless Monday Potluck **every first Monday at 5 pm**. Bring your favorite vegetarian dish to share!

## Arts & Crafts Jan 10 & 24 - 12:30pm



Join us **every 2nd and 4th Friday at 12:30 PM** for creativity and friendship! Bring your projects and enjoy a fun, relaxing time with fellow crafters

## Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting



**Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30**  
At our Sanctuary  
[Contact](#) our office for details

**NEW**

## Brush up on your Bridge skills



Bridge Brush Up is starting on Friday, January 10 at 1 pm Waters Hall. All who wish to become a better bridge player should check this out !!

## MahJong is Back!



May Jongg will be beginning January 7 and be each Tuesday at 1 pm. Bring your current card, or just your desire to learn.

**Workshop Alert!**



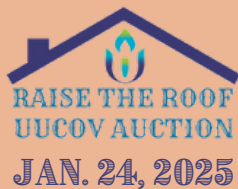
Join Final Exit Network’s free “Are You Ready? End of Life Options” workshop on January 13 at 10 AM. Learn about end-of-life planning, legal choices, and options for hastening death. Space is limited—register at [workshop@finalexitnetwork.org](mailto:workshop@finalexitnetwork.org) or click [HERE](#) for details.

**Give to Second Chance Last Opportunity on January 12**



UUCOV’s collection on Sunday, January 12th will be donated to Second Chance Last Opportunity. This local non-profit teaches valuable life management skills to at-risk teens and their families. If you’d like to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write Second Chance on the memo line.

**Last Call for The Auction!**



UUCOV’s fundraising auction is fast approaching. Have you made your donation yet? We’re seeking services, art and jewelry. Donation forms are on the lanai. Please return your completed form(s) to Janet Knudsen or Moe Morison.

**Let’s All Work to Alleviate Hunger in the New Year!**



Please help fill our donation bins on the lanai. All food donations are gratefully received by South County Food Bank and its patrons.

**January Green Living Tip**



The disposable sponges for scrubbing dishes and bathrooms are made with plastic polymers and are very bad for the environment. Look for sponges made from vegetable, hemp, or wood pulp and cotton cellulose – some with coconut fiber scrubbing surface. These are more sustainable for the planet and often can be composted.

**Join the Great Decisions 2025 Discussions on Foreign Policy**



The Great Decisions 2025 discussions are starting in January. For more information check out the pamphlets in the Sanctuary lanai and add your name to the sign-up sheet



**Sign up to participate in the MLK parade**

UUCOV will be participating in the MLK Jr. Day Parade Celebration on January 20th in Punta Gorda. If you are interested in walking or riding in the parade starting at 10am please sign up on the sheet in the lanai. For more information please see John Van Camp.

# Upcoming Events



**SUNCOAST SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES WELCOMES**  
**David Fowler**  
**James Hawkins**  
**&**  
**Zach Regan**






**Saturday**  
**Jan. 18, 2025**  
**7PM**  
**\$20 per ticket**  
**UUCOV Sanctuary**  
**1971 Pinebrook Road**  
**Venice, FL, 34292**




**RAISE THE ROOF**  
**UUCOV AUCTION**

**Friday, January 24**  
**4:30PM to 7:30PM**  
**UUCOV Sanctuary**  
**Tickets \$15 at the door**  
*(Ticket includes: Hearty hors d'oeuvres & 2 raffle tickets!)*  
**Silent Auction- 4:30**  
**Live Auction - 6:30**  
**BYOB for Alcohol**



**ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**  
**WITH JOHN GRIFFIN, ESQ.**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND**  
**4PM**  
**UUCOV SANCTUARY**  
**CLICK HERE FOR MORE**  
**INFORMATION**




## Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice

*A welcoming, caring community encouraging spiritual growth, seeking meaning, and pursuing justice.*

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at our Sanctuary, or live on  
our [website](#) or [YouTube](#)  
page

**WE BELIEVE:**

- NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL**
- LOVE IS LOVE**
- SCIENCE IS REAL**
- BLACK LIVES MATTER**
- WOMEN SHOULD CONTROL THEIR OWN BODIES**
- IN SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE**
- UUCOV.ORG**

