



# CONNECTION

February

2025



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

## Important Announcements

- **The Monday Writers Group is no longer meeting.** Thanks to the folks who have facilitated the group over the past years: Sylvia Hancock, Henry Bright, Jack Head, and Meigs Glidewell. Several writers' groups meet in the local area; contact [meigsglidewell@gmail.com](mailto:meigsglidewell@gmail.com) if you want a list of these groups.
- **Group and Meeting Scheduling:** All groups and meetings must be scheduled with Ayleen at the office. Meeting rooms will be assigned based on group size and activity. We also encourage the use of the sanctuary for gatherings. Thank you for coordinating with us!
- **Rotating Dining Groups have started.** Please click [HERE](#) for updates and additional alternatives.



### 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](#)



### Pathways to Membership



Join us for a "Pathways" gathering on Sunday, February 9th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Waters Hall. This small group experience is a great way for visitors and long-time UUs to connect, explore Unitarian Universalism, and learn about UUCOV. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP to Anne Harrison at [membership@uucov.org](mailto:membership@uucov.org).



Find the perfect Valentine's gift at the [UUCOV Boutique!](#)

Click [HERE](#) to shop!



### Shareholder Meetings Begin



Sign up to attend a Shareholder Meeting held weekly in February. Sign-up sheets are on the sign-up table on the lanai. The Shareholder meetings are a good way to share what you value in UUCOV and what you might like see changed. You have the opportunity to ask questions of the Fiscal Team and will receive a packet to take home.

[Click here for more information](#)



### THE WISH: Enhance the UUCOV Gardens. \$10,000

The gardens at UUCOV are getting a makeover! We're making improvements to the hardscape and adding new plantings to make them even more beautiful. We're also adding tree-shaded seating areas and improving access to make it easier for everyone to enjoy the gardens. Generous donors have already provided funding for significant parts of the makeover. Approximately, \$10,000 is needed for benches, shade trees and the like. Please help finish the project with a donation! [Click HERE](#) for more information

### Get to know our congregants! Paul & Kathy Miller



Click [HERE](#) to get to know Paul and Kathy better and make sure to say hello when you see them!

### Flowers for the Pulpit

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



### UUCOV LEGACY FRIENDS

*Supporting UUCOV Now and Into the Future*

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



### 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).



### Help Bring Healthcare to Our Local Homeless Population

UUCOV's collection on Sunday, February 9th will be donated to On the Spot Aid in Venice. On the Spot provides free medical care to the homeless via outreach on the streets and in the encampments. Please give generously. If you'd like to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write "On the Spot" on the memo line



# Groups and Activities for Everyone

## Mat Making is Feb. 1 & 15 10am

Brrrr...It's Been a Cold Winter!

This winter's cold weather has been hard on the homeless. There is an ongoing need for sleeping mats to help insulate their sleeping bags from the cold ground. Can you lend a hand to UUCOV's mat making team? Join us on February 1 and 15 from 10 to noon in Water's Hall. No previous experience required! Coffee, muffins and stimulating conversation are always served! See Carol Wight or Janet Knudsen for more information.



## Are You Interested in Community Outreach?

UUCOV's Community Outreach team has plans to expand. Are you interested in joining us? We are the bridge between UUCOV and the many local non-profits that serve the homeless, the hungry, the uninsured in need of medical care, foster parents and children, the LGBTQ community, and more. Our committee's responsibilities currently include overseeing our mat-making group that makes sleeping mats for the homeless, managing lanai collections of items requested by local non-profits, delivering food and pet food donations to the food pantry, choosing the charities that receive our monthly special offerings, and promoting all that we do. If interested, please contact Janet Knudsen. Imagine how much more we could do with your help!



## Ladies' Open Gathering

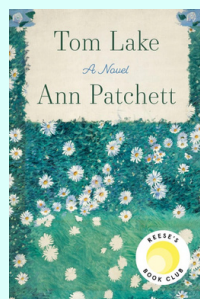


A casual, drop-in gathering for conversation, lunch and games!

Every other thursday,  
Noon-4pm

Contact Jean Barlow at  
[Jean.ISeeTheWorld@hotmail.com](mailto:Jean.ISeeTheWorld@hotmail.com)  
for more information

## UUCOV Book Club Feb 13 - 1pm



This month's book is Tom Lake by Ann Patchett Jan Simon will be leading the chat! Click [HERE](#) for more information or contact [Ellen Higdon](#)

## 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 !!



**Stress and Life Transitions Support**



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

**Death and Grief Support Group**



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

**Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting**



**Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30**  
At our Sanctuary  
Contact our office for details

**Arts & Crafts Feb 14 & 28 12:30 pm**



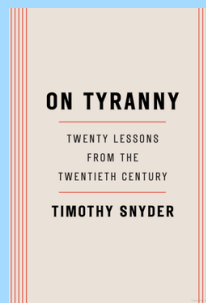
Join us for creativity and friendship! Bring your projects and enjoy a fun, relaxing time with fellow crafters

**Mahjong Learn as You Go Every Tuesday at 1pm.**

Bring your current card, or just your desire to learn.



**Book Discussion: On Tyranny**



**Every Tuesday at 2pm**

Contact Linsa Roggenburg for more information

**Choir Rehearsal Feb 6 & 20**



Meet at the Sanctuary. Contact Marcia Smith for more information

**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.



The Caring and Remembrance Team would like to thank all those who sent cards, made calls, or visited friends who had difficulties during the past month. The past few months have seen several of our congregation experiencing health problems, and we know they truly appreciated the concern and care they received from their UUCOV family.

Click [HERE](#) for full article

# Upcoming Events



## SUNCOAST SOUNDS

CONCERT SERIES AT UUCOV

## SUNCOAST SOUNDS CONCERT

SERIES WELCOMES

# PASSERINE

SATURDAY, FEB 15

4PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

AT [UUCOV.ORG](http://UUCOV.ORG)

\$20 PER PERSON

FREE PARKING



## UUCOV SANCTUARY

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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

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