



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF VENICE

CONNECTION



April

2025



Join us for our Sunday 10 am service live in our Sanctuary
Or online at www.uucov.org.

News and Announcements

- Our Annual Meeting was a success! Thank you to all those who participated in this important part of our Congregation. We are very thankful to Tom Hartley for his role as Treasurer, and welcome John Spitzer as the new Treasurer.
- Suncoast Sounds Concert Series will welcome Karluss Trapp and Doug Burns to the Sanctuary stage on April 12 at 7pm. Don't miss out! [Click here for tickets.](#)
- Some groups and gatherings are closing until the Fall. Please contact the chair or organizer of your group so you are aware of whether there is a pause until Fall or if meetings will continue through the summer.
- We will be having our Good Friday service on April 18 at 5pm in our Sanctuary. Our Easter service will be on April 20th at 10am in our Sanctuary. Stay tuned for more upcoming details. All are welcome!
- Pathways for April 6 is cancelled, but the class will return in the Fall! Please contact [Annie Harrison](#) if you would like more information.



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](#)



Get to know our congregants!



Becky Gagnon

Click [HERE](#) to get to know Becky!



Lend a Helping Hand!

As many of our seasonal friends head north, UUCOV's Caring and Remembrance Team needs extra support to assist members in need. Whether it's a friendly call, a visit, a meal, or a ride, your help makes a difference. **[Click here to learn more and get involved!](#)**



🌱 Leave a Legacy, Make a Difference 🌱

Ensure your values endure with UUCOV Legacy Friends. By planning a gift today, you support our mission for future generations.

Your generosity creates a lasting impact because a strong community begins with you.

[Learn More: UUCOV Legacy Friends](#)

Shareholder Meetings

The Shareholder meetings for this year have been completed. Thank you to all who attended and contributed ideas and suggestions. For those who did not attend a meeting, packets are being mailed to you. Please return your investment card within a week, if possible.

A summary of the suggestions and ideas is being completed and will be shared with our Board of Trustees. A final report will be shared with the congregation later this spring.

UUCOV Lending Closet

UUCOV has a lending closet in Waters Hall that provides on a short-term basis various adaptive equipment for any member, visitor or supporting friend. Thank you to Carol Wolfers for the recent donation of a wheeled walker. We have canes, wheeled and non-wheeled walkers, shower chair and commode. If you need to borrow an item please sign them out through Ayleen in the office.



Wish List

THE WISH: Enhance the UUCOV Gardens.

\$19,000

The gardens at UUCOV are getting a major makeover!

We're improving the paths and adding new plantings to make them even more stunning. We're also adding tree-shaded seating areas and improving access so everyone can enjoy the gardens.

Thanks to generous donors, we have already made significant progress.

We still need \$19,000 for benches, shade trees, ground cover, and irrigation.

[Click here for more information](#)

Do you need to schedule a group or meeting?



[Click here](#) to fill out a quick and easy form with some details of your group such as dates and what area you would like to book, and Ayleen will contact you to confirm availability!

Flowers for the Pulpit



Sprinkle some extra sparkle on our worship services! **Click [HERE](#)** to find out how you can help us make it even more beautiful!

Ladies' Open Gathering



2nd & 4th Thursday, Noon to 4pm - Waters Hall

Come and join us for a laid-back, drop-in gathering packed with engaging conversation, lunch, and fun games!

For more information, please contact Jean Barlow at Jean.ISeeTheWorld@hotmail.com.

Special Collection on April 13: ALSO Youth

On April 13 our Sunday collection will be donated to ALSO Youth, which has been providing advocacy, leadership, support and outreach to LGBTQ+ youth, their families and friends in Sarasota and Manatee Counties for over 30 years. Services include peer support, community enrichment, scholarships, counseling, and events.

Join us for a Death Cafe Saturday, April 5 at 2pm Waters Hall



A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support group or counseling session.

Space is limited, so click [here](#) for more information and register today!

Death and Grief Support Group



Our Death and Grief Support Group meets **every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 1:30 pm** in Waters Hall. Contact Cindy Bouman for details

Mat Makers Need Your Help!



UUCOV members and friends have been very generous with plastic bag donations! Can you spare an hour or two to help us cut them into strips? We will meet on **April 5 and 19 from 10 to noon in Water's Hall**. We supply hot beverages and fresh muffins.

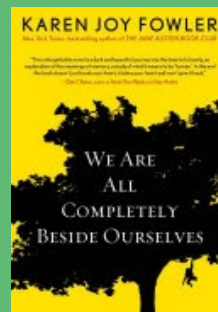


Stress and Life Transitions Support

Our Transitions group meets **every Tuesday at 2 PM in Waters Hall** to offer support to each other during various life changes. For further details, please contact Roxcy Platte.



UUCOV Book Club April 10 at 1pm - Waters Hall Library



This month, our book club will be reading "*We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*" by Karen Joy Fowler.

Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting Every Tuesday at 6:30pm - Waters Hall



Come and be part of a supportive and confidential AA meeting, where we come together to share our experiences, strength, and hope on the path to recovery. This gathering is open to anyone seeking assistance. Expect a judgment-free environment with no pressure—just a warm and welcoming community.

Mahjong Learn as You Go: Every Tuesday at 1pm - Waters Hall



Join us for an enjoyable and welcoming game of Mahjong! Whether you're an experienced player or a newcomer excited to learn, everyone is invited. Feel free to bring your own set or just bring your enthusiasm to play and engage with others.



Men's Open Group: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10am - Waters Hall

The Men's Open Group is a safe space for men to share their life experiences and explore challenging ideas. Upcoming, we'll be discussing how artificial intelligence can help us understand important social issues better.

The group meets at Waters Hall on two Saturdays in March, the 8th and 22nd, from 10 to 12.



Arts & Crafts: Every 2nd and 4th Friday at Noon - Waters Hall

Join us in celebrating creativity and friendship! Bring your projects and indulge in a delightful, relaxing experience with fellow craft lovers.

Lady Birds Fellowship Group

Join the Lady Birds Fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Thursday every month.

This is a fun gathering for conversation and friendship! To join, contact Wendy Voight at wendyvv1126@gmail.com



Bridge Brush-up



No matter if you're a bridge rookie or looking to dust off those cards, join the fun every Friday at 1pm at Waters Hall. We're on a mission to kickstart a bridge group at UUCOV!

April's Green Tips by Olga Hebert

Did you know composting may be the single number 1 solution to healing our environment? From an emissions perspective, food waste sitting in landfills is deemed to be by far the greatest contributor to greenhouse gases. If you don't think emissions are an issue, just the nutrients being robbed from our soils is reason enough alone to think about how to divert your food scraps out of landfills, and back into the Earth through composting.



Help our Hungry Neighbors

Please lend a hand in filling our food pantry bins on the lanai! The South County Food Bank has ongoing needs, particularly for jelly (of any variety), canned pork and beans, canned chicken, spaghetti, and can openers. Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Events



SUNCOAST SOUNDS
CONCERT SERIES WELCOMES
Karlus Trapp
&
Doug Burns



Singer/guitarist multi instrumentalist producer Karlus Trapp describes his sound as musical good vibes from New Orleans, Caribbean/Jamaican influences to Bluesy rockin' funky jamming.

Saturday
April 12, 2025
7PM
\$20

UUCOV Sanctuary
1971 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL, 34292



Doug Burns is, first and foremost, a singer/songwriter but is also an Americana and Country music stand-out performer as well. His songs are melodic stories from his life and experiences.



Buy tickets online at uucov.org

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



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

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SCIENCE IS REAL

BLACK LIVES MATTER

WOMEN SHOULD CONTROL
 THEIR OWN BODIES

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