



# CONNECTION



August

2025



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Have you checked out the [UUCOV website](#)? We have revamped our site with a new, user-friendly design for improved navigation.
- Stay informed with UUCOV! Meeting agendas are on the Minutes pages; contact a Board member for the password. Everyone can join via Zoom; in-person attendees must notify the Vice President to reserve a seat. [Click the Sunday Bulletin link](#) for the order of service and current events.
- The Depression Bipolar Support Group (DBS) will not meet in August but will resume the first Thursday of the month starting in October.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Investment (pledge) goals and budget are on track
- There will be a new procedure for the Wishlist
- Our cleaner is leaving, we will be looking for a replacement.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full meeting minutes.

### COORDINATING COUNCIL JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Edible garden requires irrigation; solutions are being explored.
- The Social Justice Team will discuss "Protecting and defending our democracy" with a guest speaker in the fall.
- Meeting agendas will be available on the "Members Only" page of the website.

Click [HERE](#) for full meeting minutes.

### FLOWERS FOR THE PULPIT



Join us to enhance our worship services and discover how you can make them more meaningful! [Click here for more information](#)

### JOIN LEGACY FRIENDS

Support UUCOV by becoming a Legacy Friend. Your generosity nurtures future growth, much like planting trees that provide shade for years to come. [Click here to make a lasting impact today!](#)



**SPECIAL LANAI COLLECTION**

On August 10 and 17, Community Outreach will hold a lanai collection for the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida, which rescues and rehabilitates wildlife. You can shop from a short list provided or a longer list on their Amazon page by visiting [www.wildlife.swfl.org](http://www.wildlife.swfl.org) and clicking on WISHLIST. Purchases can be shipped directly to WCSWF or your address.



**WISH LIST  
Memorial Gardens Renovation  
Wish Met!!**

**Thanks to the generosity of these individuals,  
\$46,000 was donated to bring our vision to life.**

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| <b>Richard Pastore</b>          | <b>Linda Underwood</b>  |
| <b>Nancy Ryder</b>              | <b>Bill Dowling</b>     |
| <b>Dave Williams</b>            | <b>Steve Simon</b>      |
| <b>Jean Barlow</b>              | <b>Jan Simon</b>        |
| <b>Laura Lynch Ritzenthaler</b> | <b>John Spitzer</b>     |
| <b>Anne Harrison</b>            | <b>Jean Spitzer</b>     |
| <b>Laurie Priest</b>            | <b>Marianne Koerner</b> |

**OUR SUNDAY  
HOSPITALITY TEAM  
NEEDS YOU!**



We appreciate the tasty goodies you bring for the Refreshments table, both regular and Gluten Free. We'd also like you to consider taking a shift preparing, serving, and cleaning up from Refreshments duty. Contact Jean B. for details or to schedule a kitchen run-thru at your convenience:

[Jean.ISeetheWorld@hotmail.com](mailto:Jean.ISeetheWorld@hotmail.com)

Please see the signup sheet on the Lanai table and take a turn!

**Thank You!**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: ON THE SPOT AID**

This month's special offering on August 10 will support On The Spot Aid, which provides medical care to the homeless in Venice. Please donate generously. If writing a check, make it payable to UUCOV with "On the Spot Aid" in the memo line.





**JOIN US FOR GAMES**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup>  
 WEDNESDAYS  
 1:30- 3 P.M.  
 WATERS HALL

**CONTACT MARCIA SMITH FOR QUESTIONS**

**MAT MAKING IS THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER!**



Mat Making has been very popular this summer. We've been delighted to welcome new participants and some returning from time away.

We hope you can join us on August 2nd and 16th in Waters Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Hot beverages and a sweet snack are always provided.

**UUCOV SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE**  
**PROTECTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IS PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY**



A strong democracy relies on protecting all individuals. When immigrant communities fear for their safety, their voices and democracy suffer. Advocating for immigrant rights is essential for upholding shared values.

**[Click to read the full message from Anna Dralios, Social Justice Chair](#)**

**EXCITING LIBRARY NEWS!**



Our UUCOV Library continues to grow and evolve, thanks to the hard work of our new volunteers and ongoing cataloging efforts. With over 350 books now available online, exploring our collection has never been easier. Interested in borrowing a book or learning how you can help?

**[Click here to read more and get involved!](#)**

**UUCOV SUMMER DINING PROGRAM**

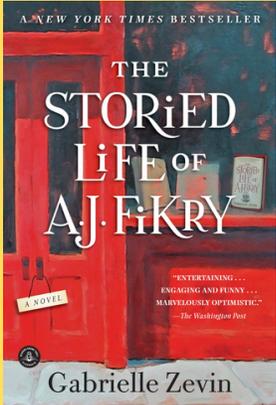


Our next dinner gathering will be on August 26 at 4:30 PM Prime Serious Steak 133 S. Tamiami Trl, Venice

Please sign up by **noon on August 24**. The sign-up sheet will be located in the Lanai. For more information, contact Pam Palmer.

**UUCOV BOOK CLUB**

We invite you to our Book Club gathering on August 14 at 1 pm to discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin.



All are welcome!

### AUGUST GREEN TIP



Rethink the use of single-use containers, particularly plastic ones.  
 What is up with plastic water bottles anyway? Caps so skimpily threaded they are hard to open and nearly impossible to reseal, sides so thin they collapse as you drink -- these are just not user-friendly, even if they do use less plastic.

Good grief, even Congressman Steube is concerned about the health risks of microplastics!

Olga Hebert

### AUGUST CALENDAR

- Mat Making: Aug. 2 & 16 - 10 am.
- Summer Dining Program: August 26 - 4:30 pm. (see listing for details).
- Meatless Monday: Aug. 4 - 5 pm.
- Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting: Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 - 6:30 pm.
- AA Meeting (non-secular): Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28 - 5:45 am.
- Arts & Crafts: Aug 25 - Noon
- Men's Open Group: Aug. 9 & 23 - 10 am.
- Summer Games: Aug 13 & 27 - 1:30 pm.
- Book Club: Aug 14 - 1 pm.
- Death and Grief Support Group: Aug 6 & 20 - 1:30 pm.

\*All groups meet at Waters Hall unless specified\*



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**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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