



CONNECTION



September

2025



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Coordinating Council will be convening by email only in September. The agenda will be posted on the website by September 1st. If you have something to discuss or would like to comment on any agenda items, please get in touch with Marcia Smith.
- Our next Board of Trustees Meeting will be on September 11th. [Click here to read past meeting minutes.](#) (Password required).



MINISTERS MUUSINGS

Rev. Dr. Amy Shaw returns this month with an insightful article exploring compelling topics and offering fresh perspectives. Don't miss it! [click here to read.](#)



STAY TUNED

Board President Steve Leaply will return with a column in October.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE SEE ALLIANCE ON SEPT. 14



On Sunday, September 14, our offering will support the SEE Alliance, a student-led group in Sarasota. Their mission is to inspire young people to encourage their peers to vote. They have enlisted over 800 first-time organizers. Please give generously. To donate by check, address it to UUCOV and note "SEE Alliance" in the memo.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE INJURED WILDLIFE



Thank you to all you donated to our lanai collection for the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida. You really showed your love for our local animals!



JOIN OUR FRIENDLY MAT MAKING GROUP ON SEPT 6 AND 20



Mat Makers will meet in Waters Hall on Sept 6 and 20 from 10 to noon. Please bring your sense of humor, your welcoming smile, and your gift of gab. We'll provide coffee, a sweet treat and all the mat-making supplies.

MATMAKERS NEED BAGS!

Mat Makers are in need of your clean, gently used plastic bags. Please deposit them in our bin on the lanai. The first step in our mat-making process is to flatten and fold each bag. As a result, please DO NOT tie your bags in knots before you donate them. Untying knots makes our job much harder.

FLOWERS FOR THE PULPIT



Enhance the beauty of our services by donating flowers. It is a great way to honor a loved one. [Click here for more information](#)

GRATITUDE FROM THE CARING & REMEMBRANCE TEAM

Every act of kindness helps make UUCOV the warm, supportive community we cherish. To all who have offered care in recent years: you are deeply appreciated. [Click here to read the full message](#)



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

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

Thank You!



LEGACY AND FRIENDS



Since the formation of UUCoV, some members have generously chosen to contribute more than just a pledge for the welfare of our congregation. They have opted to share a portion of their financial gains with UUCoV through the Legacy and Friends program. The process is simple, and we would be happy to explain how you can become a member of Legacy and Friends as well. Contact Legacy@uucov.org if you are interested.



One of our Rummikub games

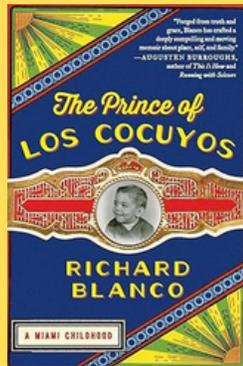
LADIES OPEN GATHERING

Our gatherings will resume on Thursday, September 11, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM in Waters Hall.

Together, we gather to chat and have fun. If you're looking for a supportive environment alongside other women who wish to connect and share, this is your opportunity. We look forward to seeing you when we restart.

UUCOV BOOK CLUB

Join us for our Book Club gathering on September 11 at 1 PM in the library. We will discuss "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" by Richard Blanco. Everyone is welcome!



UUCOV LIBRARY NEWS

Have you checked out our library recently? We have plenty of exciting updates to share! [Click here](#) to catch all the latest news on our newly cataloged collection.



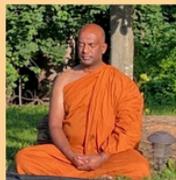
ROCK PAINTING FOR A CAUSE

Our friends had a wonderful time painting messages of hope, peace, and justice with artist Linda Taylor.

Thank you to everyone who joined in this creative effort to share love and positivity with our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
DAY RETREAT WITH BHANTE SANKICHCHA



FOUR SUBLIME STATES:
• Loving-kindness
• Sympathetic Joy
• Compassion
• Equanimity
10 AM - 4 PM

Bhante Sankichcha, a Sri Lankan born Theravadan monastic comes to us from the Great Lakes Buddhist Vihara in Michigan. He holds a masters degree in Counseling Psychology.

Suggested donation \$35, Sri Lankan lunch included.
RSVP at BLBMC.ORG

COMMUNITY VIGIL FOR WORLD PEACE

5 - 6 PM

- Candle lighting
- Poems, or wishes for peace
- Buddhist chanting for peace in our world
- Receiving blessing threads



“He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with others.” Marcus Aurelius

There will be a tea break between events.

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Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation Center
Contact: info@blbmc.org

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*All gatherings at Waters Hall unless specified

- **Death and Grief Support** Sep 3 & 17 - 1:30pm
- **Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting:** Sep 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - 6:30pm
- **Morning AA Meeting:** Sep 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 5:45am
- **Depression & Bipolar Support Group:** Sep 4 - 7pm
- **Mat Making:** Sep 6 & 20 - 10am
- **Ladies’ Open Gathering:** Sept 11 - 12:30pm (more dates to be announced).
- **Book Club:** Sep 11 - 1pm (Library).
- **Men’s Open Group:** Sep 13 & 27 -10:30am (Library & Zoom).

Would you like to schedule a group or meeting? Simply **fill out this quick form**, and Ayleen will contact you to add your event to the calendar.



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www.UUCOVboutique.com

10 am 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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