



CONNECTION



November

2025



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

MINISTERS MUUSINGS



November is a time for gathering and gratitude. In worship and service, we celebrate our Unitarian Universalist faith, which flourishes through community. Our shared values of compassion, justice, and love unite us despite our differences. Click [HERE](#) to read full article

As fall starts, Steve Leapley discusses safety upgrades at UUCOV, and upcoming leadership transitions. The office is running smoothly, and with snowbirds returning, the season appears promising.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Click [HERE](#) to read full article

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES

Highlights from our Board of Trustees

- Rev. Amy will hold three listening sessions to obtain input on what the congregation would like in a DEE (Director of Education and Engagement)
- We will be installing bollards in front of the Sanctuary
- We are still working on a license agreement with IVMS regarding their use of our field for parking
- Next meeting: Nov. 20, 9:30am

Highlights from Our Finance Committee

- Reviewed wishlist funding for security (bollards, cameras) approval and funding processes.
- Discussed forming an internal audit committee and updating outdated financial and procedural policies.
- Next meeting: Nov. 18, 2pm.

Highlights from our Coordinating Council

- The Council reviewed security options, approved new cameras and barriers for the Sanctuary.
- The 2024/2025 goals were by and large reached.
- Increased focus on food bank donations was discussed.
- Next meeting: Nov. 4, 9:30am.

[Click here to read all meeting minutes \(password protected\).](#)

NOVEMBER WISH LIST

The Wish:

Ensure a safer future for our congregation by protecting it from the growing risk of targeted vehicle violence

The Solution:

Protect the Sanctuary main entrance with a physical barrier of four bollards to provide for the safety for our congregation

The Goal

\$6000 (\$1500 per bollard)

The Wish:

Keep our campus green and thriving by connecting our irrigation system to the city of Venice's reclaimed water supply.

The Solution:

This connection will provide a more reliable and environmentally friendly way to care for our grounds, even during the driest seasons

The Goal

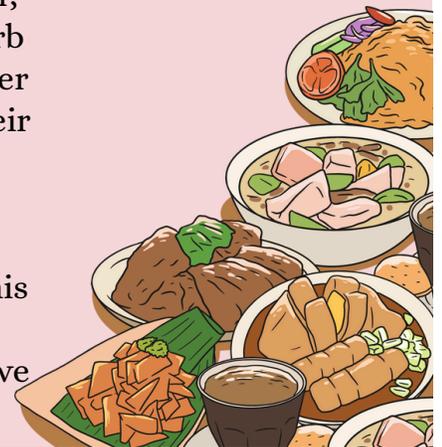
\$3,500

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UUCOV SHARED MEAL PROGRAM CONTINUES THIS WINTER

We're excited to continue our UUCOV Shared Meal program this winter, where groups gather monthly to enjoy shared meals. Last year, Sally Erb expertly coordinated the program, and now we need a friendly volunteer to lead it. Sally and Linda Underwood are ready to support you with their experience.

Most planning happens in December and includes connecting with participants, organizing groups, and sharing info. If you want to lead this enjoyable program (with plenty of help), contact Sally at sallyerb176@gmail.com or Linda at lwu429@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!



SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY NOV. 9

We are launching special food drives on Special Offering Sundays every other month. Congregants are invited to bring donations and place them in the bins situated at the front of the sanctuary. These contributions will assist our neighbors in greatest need, especially those who may lack access to the Food Bank. Sarasota UU is organizing the collection and delivery of these items, and we also welcome monetary donations, which are greatly appreciated.



FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE LIST OF NEEDED FOOD ITEMS, [CLICK HERE](#)

JESSY'S TOY BOX COLLECTION WAS A BIG SUCCESS!



UUCOV's elves were very busy and generous last month. We took in a huge number of toys for Jessy's Toy Box. Thank you for touching the hearts of so many children!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR GOOD SAMARITAN ON NOV 9



Our special offering on Sunday, November 9 will benefit **Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services in Nokomis**. Good Sam provides prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, a walk-in clinic, and diagnostic tests--all free of charge to uninsured, financially needy members of our community.

Please give generously! If you'd like to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write "**Good Sam**" on the memo line.

NOVEMBER GREEN TIP



Switching to eco-friendly products reduces your exposure to harmful chemicals and supports companies committed to sustainability. Every decision has an impact.

- Choose biodegradable cleaning supplies, natural personal care items, and energy-efficient appliances.
- Research brands that have strong environmental commitments.
- Read product reviews and certifications to ensure quality and sustainability.

MAT MAKERS WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS!



A small but enthusiastic group of mat makers has met all Summer. Now, we're ready to welcome back our flock of snowbirds with open arms (and hot coffee!) In October, six beautiful mats were delivered to Coffee Talk in Venice.

This month we'll meet on **Nov 1 and 15 from 10 to noon** in Water's Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



Our next meatless Monday potluck will be on **November 3rd at 5pm** in Waters Hall. Bring a vegetarian dish to share and your own table setting.

All are welcome!

UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION



The Caring Team invites everyone to complete the pink emergency contact form at the Welcome Table so Rev. Amy can quickly reach your contact in an emergency.

[Click here to read more.](#)

UUCOV SOCIAL JUSTICE

Educational Forum: The Current Immigrant Detention Crisis

AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF VENICE



*The Immigrant Justice Coalition presents a forum
focused on the crisis in immigrant detentions and
actionable ways to support our immigrant
communities.*



**Sunday
November 2
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM**

UUCOV Sanctuary
1971 Pinebrook Rd.
Venice, FL 34292

Scan to join via Zoom



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**SUPPORT OUR IMMIGRANTS AND STAND
IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR SEMINOLE
AND MICCOSUKEE NEIGHBORS**

**LOCATION: BIG CYPRESS
NATIONAL PRESERVE, OCHOEE
(ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ)
TIME: 7AM AT UU SRQ
7:30AM AT UUCOV
COST: \$30 PP (BUS
TRANSPORTATION)**

BRING:

- MOSQUITO REPELLENT
- SUNSCREEN
- SUN PROTECTION HAT
- UMBRELLA
- SNACKS/FOOD
- WATER
- SIGNS

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SCAN TO REGISTER
DEADLINE OCT 28



CHECKS TO BE MADE OUT TO UU SARASOTA
MEMO LINE: BUS RIDE BIG CYPRESS

November Calendar

All meetings and gatherings take place in Waters Hall, unless otherwise noted.

- Mat Making: Nov. 1 & 15 - 10am
- Blue Lotus Meditation: Every Saturday- 10:30am (Sanctuary)
- Educational Forum, The Current Immigrant Detention Crisis: Nov. 2 - 11:30am (Sanctuary).
- Adam-Fuller Fellowship: Nov. 3 & 17 - 10am
- Meatless Monday: Nov. 3 - 5pm
- Blue Fellowship: Nov. 3 & 17 - 10am
- Stress & Life Transitions Group: Nov. 4 & 18 - 1:30pm
- Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Group: Every Tuesday - 6:30pm
- Death and Grief Support Group: Nov. 5 & 19 - 1:30pm
- AA Meeting: Every Thursday - 5:45am (Sanctuary).
- Choir Rehearsal: Every Thursday - 4pm (Sanctuary).
- Art Journaling (Rev. Amy's Workshop): Nov. 7 & 21 - 12:30pm
- Men's Open Group: Nov. 8 & 22 - 10:30am
- Ladybird Group: Nov. 6 - 1pm
- Book Club: Nov. 13 - 1pm
- Pathways Class: Nov. 16 - 11am (Sanctuary)
- Venice Area Historical Society Lecture: Nov. 18 - 7pm (Sanctuary).
- Ladies Open Gathering: Nov. 20 - 12:30pm



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10 am at our Sanctuary,
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[YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) page

