

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

“New Year, Who’s This?”

Worship Associate – Jan Simon

Pianist – Lise Frank

Music Before the Service	Lise Frank
Things You Should Know	Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Sounding the Singing Bowl	Jan Simon
Chalice Lighting	Jan Simon
Welcome	Jan Simon
Prelude Lisa Frank	Gavotte I and II from English Suite No. 3 by J.S. Bach
Opening Words	Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Gathering Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw.	#123 “ <i>Spirit of Life</i> ” (X2)
Offering Words	Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Offertory Music Lise Frank.....	#402 “ <i>From You I Receive</i> ”
Celebrations and Sorrows	Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
First Reading Jan Simon	“We Carry Our Stories” by Alexa Torontow
Meditation Jan Simon.....	“Out of the Flames” by Rev. Sara LaWall
Interlude Lise Frank.....	Adagio from Sonata Op. 13 “ <i>Pathetique</i> ” by Beethoven
Second Reading Jan Simon	“It Matters” by Robert R Walsh
Centering Hymn Jan Simon	#100 “ <i>I’ve Got Peace Like a River</i> ” (V.1-3)
Sermon Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw	“New Year, Who’s This?”
Extinguish the Chalice Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw.....	“It Becomes More”by Amy Zucker Morgenstern
Closing Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw.....	#239 “ <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> ”
Benediction Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw	“Let Us Begin Again in Love”by Lois Van Leer
Postlude Lise Frank.....	“ <i>May Love Surround You</i> ”

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Be sure to notice our “Food Bank” baskets on the lanai in front of each door to the Sanctuary and take this reminder home to bring back non-perishable food and paper goods for families in great need.

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Start of Weekly Activities

Today, Sunday, January 4, 2026

10:00 am – Sunday Service

11:00 am – **January Birthdays Celebration**

Monday, January 5

5:00 pm – *Meatless Monday*

Activities Cont’d on Reverse

**Here’s What’s Happening at UUCOV This Week:
(All Meetings are in Waters Hall, except where noted.)**

Weekly Activities, Cont’d

Tuesday, January 6

9:30 am – Coordinating Council

10:00 am – Library Hours

1:00 pm – Mahjong Learn/Play

4:00 pm – Around the World in 12 Religions – Rev. Amy

6:30 pm – *Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Mtg.**

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 – SAGE Circle - Steve Simon

1:30 – Death and Grief Support Group

4:00 – Around the World in 12 Religions – Rev. Amy

Thursday, January 8

5:45 am – *AA Meeting*

11:00 am – Auction Committee Meeting

1:00 pm – Book Club

4:00 pm – UUCOV Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 9

9:30 am – Social Justice Alliance of FL Suncoast

12:30 pm – UUCOV Creative (formerly Arts & Crafts)

Saturday, January 10

10:00 am – Men’s Open Group

10:30 am – *Blue Lotus Meditation (Sanctuary)*

Sunday, January 11

10:00 am – Sunday Service

11:00 am – Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation

11:30 am – **CHECKPOINT – A Community Welcome for New Members**** (Sanctuary)

***Activities in Italics indicate non-UUCOV sponsored groups.**

**** A time to deepen your UUCOV connection in a fun and relaxed setting. Grab some cake and snacks and come to the Sanctuary for about an hour to meet other new members, meet Team leaders of UUCOV programs & activities, discover new volunteer opportunities, and get answers to questions such as how to use *Breeze, InTouch,* or the UUCOV website.**

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Barbara Buehring is seeking suggestions for our “Unsung Hero Award.” Send your suggestion of a fellow congregant, who does so much for all of us, to her at UUCOVSecretary@gmail.com by deadline of January 10, 2026.

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