



September

CONNECTION

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

Ministers MUUsings



Rev. Amy is off on a well-deserved vacation! 🌴 ✨ While she's recharging, be sure to catch her message in next month's Connectiont!

President's Message



Check out the inspiring message from Marcia Smith, the President of the Board of Trustees, by [clicking here!](#)

Meeting Minutes



Highlights:

- The Waters Hall renovation is planned to start next summer.
- Michael Amos will be the choir director this fall.
- The Board talked about campus planning, traffic issues, and how to involve volunteers in the congregation.

[Click here for full Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes](#)

MEATLESS MONDAY

Join us for a delicious Meatless Monday Potluck! Bring a favorite meat-free dish to share and enjoy an evening of good food, conversation, and community.

**September 7
5:00 PM**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join Our Friendly Mat Making Group on Sept 5 and 19



Mat Makers will meet in Waters Hall on Sept 5 and 19 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 mat-making instructions and supplies.



Special Offering for Project 180 Sarasota on Sept 13



Our special offering on September 13 will benefit Project 180 Sarasota, which provides counseling, academic and job-skills education, financial literacy classes, housing and job referrals, and other resources to formerly incarcerated men and women. Its goal is to reduce poverty, homelessness, unemployment, and criminal behavior, breaking the cycle of re-arrests. Please give generously. To write a check, make it out to UUCOV and write Project 180 on the memo line.

Don't Forget to Help Feed Our Neighbors in Need



As temperatures rise, our food donations go down. But hunger doesn't take a vacation. Please help us fill the food bins on the lanai each Sunday for our Neighbors in Need.



*This Month's*
BOOK CLUB

Join us for a great read and even better conversation!

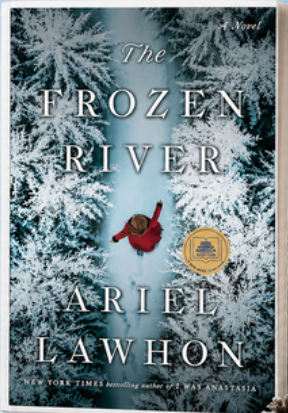
**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10**

**1:00 PM**

**IN OUR
LIBRARY**

*All are welcome!*

*We can't wait to see you there!*





CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Looking Ahead: Our Stewardship Campaign

by Bill Reynolds, Fiscal
Team Leader

This autumn, UUCOV will begin its annual stewardship campaign—an important opportunity to reflect on what our church means to us and how we can sustain its mission for the coming year.

A newly formed Stewardship Team—including Rich Cannerelli, Wayne Loosigian, Pam Palmer, Helayne Wagner, and me—is preparing to introduce the campaign's objectives over the next month or two. We will also share a clear picture of UUCOV's finances and explain how revenue from stewardship pledges and investments supports the many things we value about our congregation, including our ministry, music, community connections, programs, and shared spiritual home.

Our goal is to make this an open and informative process. Team members will offer opportunities to learn more and ask questions through presentations after Sunday services, phone conversations, emails, and other forms of outreach.

Please watch for additional information in the weeks ahead. We look forward to engaging with you as we consider how each of us can help strengthen UUCOV and support its future.

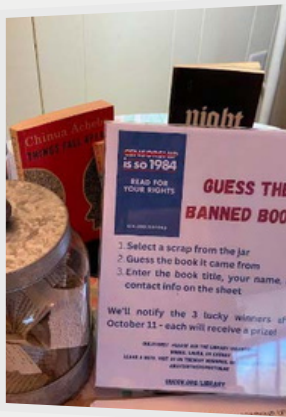
September Green Tip



- Tea leaves, especially green tea leaves, contain macronutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium – elements essential for plant health. Tea leaves are very appropriate for composting, Unfortunately, modern tea bags, now made of plastic, are not suitable. Look for “compostable” on packaging. Also, compostable bags tear easily while plastic ones do not.
- Thank you to all who contribute and tend the UUCOV composting bins. But, please, no plastic.
- “The ground's generosity takes in our compost and grows beauty. Try to be more like the ground.” -Rumi



LIBRARY NEWS



As the summer winds down, the UUCOV library picks up the pace. Our library team (Barbara P., Laura O., and Cathay K.) has been preparing for three projects: Digitization of UUCOV's archives, the official rollout of Library Tech Help, and Banned Books Week happening in early October. We are also opening an administration office at the back of Waters Hall (coming later this year) and stepping in to help the New Member Committee with orientation.

Before we jump into the exciting fray, it's good to pause to express gratitude.



During the summer, Barbara and Laura have kept library operations moving along, vibrantly and solidly. They have greeted UUCOV members who have visited the library, kept the collection growing, ensured that the Little Free Library is fresh and organized, and created displays relevant to the month (LGBTQ in June and history in July, for example). All the while, they have been working behind the scenes to help shape these projects. Without their dedication, the UUCOV Library might've fallen into a period of hibernation! When you see Barbara and Laura, please give them a friendly smile and thank them for their amazing work at the library. And note that many more from our UUCOV community are helping the library continue to move forward; it's so heartwarming to know of so much active support.

If you'd like to be involved, please stop by and ask about volunteering! We could use one more helper, especially for the upcoming Archives project. The library is open for all anytime, but our team is there on Tuesday mornings from 10-12. You can also email us at library@uucov.org.

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WE ARE WRITING POSTCARDS TO ENCOURAGE

North Carolina
Voters

TO PARTICIPATE IN *IN-PERSON* EARLY VOTING.

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EVERY SUNDAY

JULY 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2026
11:30 AM IN WATERS HALL



OUR NEIGHBORS *need our help.* ♥

Together, we can make sure
no neighbor goes to bed hungry.



FOOD & ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Lentils, White Rice, Beans
- Cooking Oil, Massea (corn flour)
- Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter, Jelly
- Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables
- Cereals, Oatmeal
- Canned Meat & Seafood
- Taco Shells (hard)



HYGIENE ITEMS

- Bathing Soap, Dish Soap
- Toothpaste, Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels, Deodorant
- Toothbrushes, Shampoo



BABY SUPPLIES

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (sizes 4-7)
- Juice for young children

Every donation
**MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.** ♥

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WHERE TO DONATE:

Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota (UUSRQ)
Reeb Room – Food Pantry
3975 Fruitville Rd,
Sarasota, FL 34232



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OF SWFL INVITES YOU TO:



STANDING WITH HAITI

*THE TERMINATION OF TPS
AND ITS EFFECTS ON FLORIDA*

Join community leaders, advocates, and affected families for an important conversation about Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti, the impact of its termination, and what it means for our communities across Florida.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
10:30 AM

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF SARASOTA
3975 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

PANELISTS: HAITIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS

Hear directly from Haitian community leaders as they share their perspectives, experiences, and insights on this important conversation.



ALL ARE WELCOME!
FOR MORE INFORMATION
Immigration Justice Coalition SWFL
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Our Community. Our Voices. Our Future.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer Dining

NEXT

SEPTEMBER 22

Café Barbosso

5501 Palmer Crossing • Sarasota

4:30 PM

 SIGN UP IN THE LANAI OR
CONTACT PAM PALMER 

LET BOOKS BE

Protect the Freedom to Read
Banned Books Week 2026 • October 4-10

ADOPT A BANNED BOOK

Choose it. Read it. Share why it matters.

We invite UUCOV readers to celebrate books as windows, doors, and pathways—into ourselves, one another, and new ideas. During Banned Books Week, adopt a challenged title to add to the UUCOV Library's collection and help show that every reader deserves the freedom to choose what to read, and to preserve these titles for the future.

How to Adopt

1. Pick	2. Adopt	3. Give	4. Share
Choose a challenged or banned book from UUCOV Library's list.	Complete an adoption card: title, author, and why you chose it. Give the card to the library team.	Purchase a copy (unlined, unmarked, like new) to add to UUCOV Library's collection.	Add a quote, reflection, or review and stick it in the book for us to post and share.

Let books be windows. Let books be doors. Let books be read.
Take action on Let Freedom Read Day: October 10, 2026.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



All groups meet in Waters Hall, unless otherwise noted

Birthdays Celebration: Sept. 6 - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Mahjong Learn & Play: Mondays - 1:00 PM

Meatless Monday: Sept. 7 - 5:00 PM

Library Hours: Tuesdays - 10:00 - AM to Noon

Book Club: Sept. 10 - 1:00 PM

Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting: Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 PM

Death and Grief Support Group: Sept. 2 & 16 - 1:30 PM

AA Meeting: Thursdays - 5:45 AM

Blue Lotus Meditation: Every Saturday - 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Summer Dining: Sept. 22 - 4:30 PM (Café Barbosso)

Meetings (Please check Breeze for Zoom links)

Communications Team: Sept. 8 - 10 AM

Stewardship Committee: Sept. 8 - 10 AM

Campus Concept Design Committee : Sept. 10 - 10 AM

Finance Committee: Sept. 15 - 2:00 PM

Board of Trustees: Sept. 17 - 9:30 AM

Social Justice Committee: Sept. 20 - 11:30 AM



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10 am at our Sanctuary,
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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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