


October CONNECTION

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

Ministers MUUsings



[Click here to read
Rev. Amy's article
for this month!](#)

President's Message

[Click here to
read Marcia
Smith's
October
message](#)



Meeting Minutes

BOT Highlights:



- Sally Watts will begin as DEE in October
- The Board approved a Campus Planning Committee to develop campus options and present choices in January 2027.
- An accessible Waters bathroom is the first planned renovation.

Coordinating Council:

- A buddy system for new members is being proposed.
- A Daily check-in program for vulnerable congregants is in the works.
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**To read all meeting minutes, visit
uucov.org/meeting-minutes**



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Say Hello to Our New Team Members!

Say Hello to Our New DEE, Sally Watts



[Click here to get to know Sally and be sure to say hello!](#)

Welcoming Marianne Koerner as Our New Musician!

[Learn more about Marianne and hear her music each Sunday!](#)



Rev. Amy Wants Your Favorite Hymns!



Rev. Amy wants your favorite hymns! Share a hymn that lifts you up, one you'd like added to our rotation, or one you're ready to set aside. Send your thoughts to minister@uucov.org. Every voice adds joy to our worship.



Daily Check-In Program



UUCOV's Caring Team is creating a Daily Senior Check-In Program for members who live alone and would appreciate a friendly call or text.

Would you like a daily check-in—or would you enjoy making one?

[Click here to learn more](#)



Why I Invest in UUCOV

This month, Bill Reynolds shares why UUCOV feels like home—and why he invests in our community.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

2027 UUCOV Shared Meals



Enjoy good food, new friendships, and small-group gatherings this winter. Discover UUCOV's 2027 Shared Meals Program.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Mat Makers Meet Oct 3 & 17



Our year 'round mat makers have been meeting all Summer and delivering mats to Streets of Paradise in Sarasota and Coffee Talk in Venice. We will soon welcome back our snowbird members with open arms (and hot coffee!) This month we'll meet on Oct 3 and 17 from 10 to noon in Water's Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers Needed for Welcome Table!



We need volunteers to help create a warm and welcoming experience for everyone who visits our congregation!

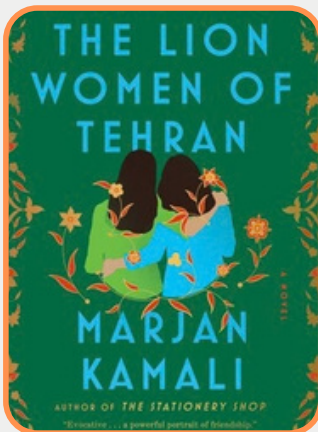
Please sign up on SignUpGenius.

First time volunteering?

Contact the UUCOV office to get started!



Book Club October 8 - 1 PM



This month's book club selection is *The Lion Women of Tehran*, by Marjan Kamali.

A powerful portrait of friendship, feminism, and political activism set in Tehran, Iran

Lanai collection for SPARCC Oct 4 and 11



Community Outreach will hold a lanai collection on October 4 and 11 for SPARCC, a state-certified center helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services are free and confidential. See Janet Knudsen or Marian Sawicki for needed items, or write a check to UUCOV with SPARCC on the memo line.

LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome back, Snowbirds! October is Banned Books Month, with this year's theme: "Let Books Be."

Explore the UUCOV Library's banned and challenged books, and join our "Adopt a Banned Book" program by choosing a title from our wishlist.

[Click here to learn more and participate!](#)

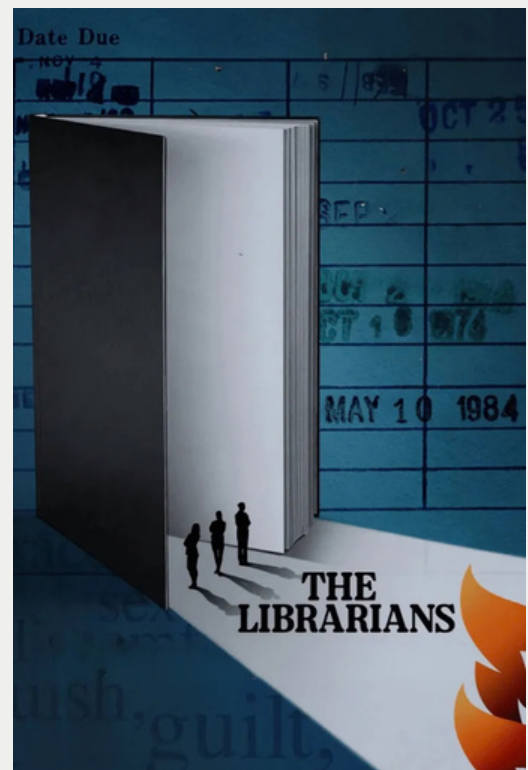
Visit the UUCOV Library in Waters Hall. Happy reading!



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Join us on October 24 at 3:00 PM for a screening of *The Librarians*, a documentary directed by Kim A. Snyder about librarians fighting against book banning and censorship in the U.S.

The film features real library professionals facing political pressure, protests, and harassment for defending free speech and the First Amendment. It shows how local schools and libraries become battlegrounds in broader efforts to restrict books on race, gender, history, and LGBTQIA+ topics. A brief discussion will follow the film. All are welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Organizational Members

Blue Lotus Buddhist
Meditation Center

Brady Sarasota, United Against Gun
Violence

Congregational United Church of
Christ Punta Gorda

First Congregational United Church of
Christ Sarasota

First Responders for Democracy

Florida Veterans for
Common Sense

Immigration Justice Coalition SWF

Jewish Congregation of Venice

League of United Latin Americans
Charlotte County

League of Women Voters Charlotte
County

League of Women Voters Sarasota
County

NAACP Charlotte County

PFLAG Charlotte County

Quaker Friends Meeting Sarasota

SURE: Sarasota United for
Responsibility and Equity

SEE: Social Equity through Education

Sister Cities Sarasota

Suncoast Citizens 4 the Separation of
Church and State

Suncoast Jewish Alliance

Suncoast Metropolitan Community
Church

Support our Schools

Temple Emanu-El Sarasota

Third Act Florida

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of Venice

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Charlotte County

Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota

Venice Pride

Venice United Church of Christ

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church

WSLR Fogartyville

Join Us!
for a
Justice Social
October 7th
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Hotel Venezia
425 US 41 Bypass N, Venice, FL

Our guest speaker will be Sarah Towle

<http://sarahtowle.com/>



Sarah is an educator, researcher, author and winner of several book awards. She will talk about *Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands*, a powerful non-fiction book that exposes the harsh realities of the U.S. immigration system.

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**Come and Learn about events
our members have scheduled
including efforts to increase voter turnout.**

Light hors d'oeuvres will be available
and drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Come, get involved, be part of the solution.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

All groups meet in Waters Hall, unless otherwise noted

Mahjong Learn & Play: Mondays - 1:00 PM

Mat Making for the Homeless: Oct. 3 & 17 - 10:00 AM

Meatless Monday: Oct. 5 - 5:00 PM

Library Hours: Tuesdays - 10:00 AM to Noon

Book Club: Oct. 8 - 1:00 PM

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

Death and Grief Support Group: Oct. 7 & 21 - 1:30 PM

AA Meeting: Thursdays - 5:45 AM

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

Venice Musicale Chorus Rehearsals: Oct. 14, 21 & 28

Men's Open Group: Oct. 10 & 24 - 10:00 AM

IVMS Event (Parking Only): Oct. 24

Social Justice Film *The Librarians*: Oct. 24 - 3:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Rev. Amy's Auction Dinner (auction winners): Oct. 28 - 5:00 PM

UUCOV Halloween Party: Oct. 31 - 3 PM to 5 PM (Stay tuned for more details!)

Meetings (Please check Breeze for Zoom links)

Coordinating Council: Oct. 6 - 9:30 AM

Membership Team: Oct. 6 - 11:30 AM

SJAFS Board of Directors: Oct. 9 - 10 AM

Board of Trustees: Oct. 15 - 9:30 AM

Social Justice Committee: Oct. 18 - 11:30 AM

Communications Team: Oct. 21 - 10:00 AM



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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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