NOVEMBER

UCONNECTION

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 November message



Why Do We Invest in UUCOV?

Click here to read an inspiring article from Bill Reynolds





Meeting Minutes



BOT Highlights:

- Rev. Amy has been approved for 6 more years at UUCOV
- A possible choir director is being interviewed
- A new laptop will be purchased and training obtained so we can use our electronic sign

Coordinating Council:

- Planning is still underway for the campus remodeling project.
- A new member has signed the book.
- The electronic signed will be updated soon after new equipment is purchased.

To read all meeting minutes, visit uucov.org/meeting-minutes

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Meet Our New Choir Director: Ryan Reeson

We are delighted to welcome Ryan Reeson as the new director of the UUCOV choir. A Sarasota-based composer, conductor, and educator. **Click here to get to know him!**

Morning Connection Program



The Caring Team is getting ready to roll out its Morning Connection Program. This program is intended to provide friendship, connection, and peace of mind to members and friends of our congregation who live alone. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please call Eileen Leapley at 941-525-4328, or email her at eleapley44@gmail.com

And please remember, if you or your loved one becomes ill or injured, please call Eileen. The Caring Team would like to help in any way that we can, such as bringing a meal, a ride to a doctor appointment, a call, or a card of encouragement.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join UUCOV's Mat Makers on Nov 7 and 21



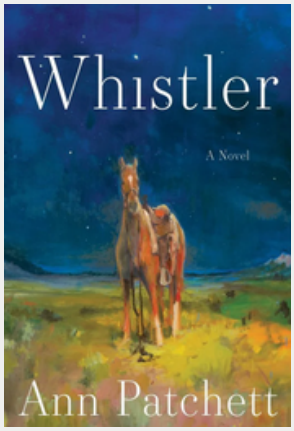
If you'd like to spend some time chatting with a very friendly bunch of mat makers, we'd love to have you join us on Saturday, Nov 7 and 21 from 10 to noon in Waters Hall. Hot beverages and sweet treats are always served. Questions? Please reach out to Janet Knudsen.

The Need Continues for Food for Our Neighbors



We collect food on the lanai every week for our Neighbors in Need. Please keep in mind those people who are food insecure each time you're doing your food shopping. Items most needed are Maseca (ground corn flour), rice, beans, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, cereals, oatmeal, bread, soaps, detergents, hygiene products, diapers, and toilet paper.

Book Club November 13 - 1 PM



This month's book club selection is Whistler, by Ann Patchett. One of President Obama's '26 Summer Reading List Picks

Contact Eileen Leapley for more details

Special Offering for Good Samaritan on November 8

UUCOV's special offering on Nov 8 will benefit Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services in Nokomis. Good Samaritan provides prescription and over-the-counter medications, a walk-in clinic, and diagnostic tests—all free of charge to uninsured, financially needy members of our community. If you'd like to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write "Good Sam" on the memo line.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Closing October With a Spooky Fun Halloween Party!

Halloween & Día de los Muertos Celebration

Our Halloween and Día de los Muertos celebration was filled with festive costumes, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community! A big thank-you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon such a success. It was a joy to celebrate together, and special thanks to Sally Watts for putting together such a fantastic party!





One of Our Own in the Spotlight: Jean Barlow!

Our very own Jean Barlow is making a difference in the Venice community! Recently featured in the Venice Gondolier, Jean was recognized for her dedication to Venice Musicale, where she helps promote concerts, welcomes audiences, and shares her love of music. She even performed “The Call” at the recent America 250th celebration. We're proud to have Jean as part of our UUCOV family!

Click here to read the full article!

LIBRARY NEWS



It's November! The UUCOV library has a lot going on! **Click here** to get up-to-date news on our "Guess the Banned Book" contest, our "Adopt a Banned Book" program, and updates on our Library Tech Help program

SOCIAL JUSTICE



UUCOV proudly welcomed the **Coalition of Immokalee Workers**, who led a beautiful, inspiring service. The gathering continued with music, delicious food, and an opportunity to learn about migrant workers' fight for labor protections and fair pay.

To learn more about the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, visit ciw-online.org.

Florida's Resources Belong to Floridians—Not the Highest Bidder

By Anna Drallios

Submitted to the Sarasota Herald Tribune

No matter how you vote or where you live in Florida, most of us share a fundamental value: fairness. We believe that if you work hard, pay your taxes, and play by the rules, the systems around you should be fair and transparent. We expect our natural waters, wild landscapes, and community assets to serve the public interest—not to be handed over to well-connected insiders at the expense of everyone else. Click here to read the full article.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for our quarterly

Death Cafe

A Death Cafe is a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. All are welcome.

Please join us (no registration needed):

When: Saturday, November 7

Time: 2PM - 4PM

Location: Waters Hall

Death Cafes are free and respectfully offered With no intention of leading people to any conclusion, product or course of action



Post Sermon Discussion Group

Please join Reverend Amy after the service for a deeper discussion on the day's sermon
November 22
11:20 in the Sanctuary

All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

All groups meet in Waters Hall, unless otherwise noted.
Visit Breeze for full event details

Mahjong Learn & Play: Mondays - 1:00 PM
Mat Making for the Homeless: November 7 & 21 - 10:00 AM
Meatless Monday: Nov 2 - 5:00 PM
Library Hours: Tuesdays - 10:00 AM to Noon
Book Club: Nov 13 - 1:00 PM
Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting: Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 PM
Death and Grief Support Group: Nov 4 & 13 - 1:30 PM
AA Meeting: Thursdays - 5:45 AM
Blue Lotus Meditation: Saturdays - 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)
Venice Musicale Chorus Rehearsals: Wednesdays - 9:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Men's Open Group: Nov 14 & 28 - 10:00 AM
Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner: Nov 21 - 2:00-4:00 PM
Sermon Discussion Group: Nov 22 - 11:20 AM
Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays - 4:00 PM (No rehearsal on Thanksgiving) (Sanctuary)
Build Your Own Theology: Wednesdays 11:00 AM
Pam Palmer's Thanksgiving Gathering: Nov 26 - 2:00 PM

Meetings (Please check Breeze for Zoom links)

Coordinating Council: Nov 3 - 9:30 AM
Budget Subcommittee: Nov 5 - 2:00 PM
Communications Team: Nov 10 - 10 AM
Education & Engagement Committee: Nov 12 - 10:00 AM
SJAFS Board Meeting: Nov 13 - 9:30 AM
Social Justice Committee: Nov 15 - 11:30 AM
Finance Committee: Nov 17 - 2:00 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting: Nov 19 - 9:30 AM



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