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COMMUNIQUE

Can you say kuh-myoo-nuh-kay?

UUFCC—founded in 1969

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM
promotes
SEVEN PRINCIPLES
as strong values & moral guides:

1st Principle

The inherent worth and
dignity of every person;

2nd Principle

Justice, equity and compassion
in human relations;

3rd Principle

Acceptance of one another and
encouragement to spiritual
growth in our congregations;

4th Principle

A free and responsible search
for truth and meaning;

5th Principle

The right of conscience and the
use of the democratic process
within our congregations
and in society at large;

6th Principle

The goal of world community
with peace, liberty,
and justice for all;

7th Principle

Respect for the interdependent
web of all existence
of which we are a part.

SUNDAY SERVICES
are at 10:30 a.m.
Services are hybrid:
in-person and
on YouTube.
www.youtube.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE UUFCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

What Have You Been Doing at UU lately?

UU gives me companionship, spirituality, and purpose. Here's how you can find what it gives you:

- Good with others? We have others!
- Prefer solitude? Plenty of tasks indoors and out that can be done on your own. Hear the gardens calling?
- Like interacting with new people? Be a greeter, introduce yourself, give someone some companionship during social hour.
- Have wisdom and insights to share? Join the Worship Associates who seek out meaningful passages to add to our service, or submit a newsletter article.
- Love a good search? Help the WAs find ministers and speakers for our very varied services.
- Are you a problem-solver, a number cruncher, a dreamer? Consider the Board of Trustees.
- A whiz at numbers or organizing? Stewardship may be perfect, or organizing our nooks and crannies.
- Is life-long learning in your DNA? Come dabble with our website design or technology. Join a UUA forum.
- Is your mobility somewhat limited, but your heart big? Make someone's day with the arrival of a cheerful or compassionate card.
- Instructing in your history? A host of curriculums wait to be shared,

require limited prep, and offer deep meaning, or create your own.

- Can you carry a tune? Join the choir. Feed your soul & the congregation's.
- Got an eye for color & symbolism? The Sanctuary Decorating Team is calling!
- Looking for political purpose? Stay abreast of protests and programs through Social Justice and PFLAG.
- Want to discuss and debate current issues? Conversation with Friends and the Men's or Women's Groups are for you!
- Want a diversion from the world's current issues? You'll find it in Buddhist Meditation, Solstice events, and the Peace Garden.

The list goes on! Covid, technology, and the news have made many of us complacent. It's time to get out of those easy chairs, put down the phones, leave the burnout behind, and jump back into activity and purpose. In other words:

What have you done for yourself at UU?

Being needed is healthy and healing. You are needed. No long-term commitments expected. Experiment. Try something new!

— Laura Liermann, Trustee 2024-2026

Let's let our
interconnected

interconnect,
baby.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Rev. Robert (Bob) Murphy
UU Community Minister FL

NEXT STOP: WONDERLAND



Where have you been old man?

My answer is simple. I've gone down the rabbit hole to Wonderland. Something awful happened to my back and now I'm scheduled for major surgery. I've entered the world of orthopedic surgeons, neuroscientists, and powerful medications.

Maybe you've been in a similar place.

People give me lots of instructions on what to do and how to live. Much of the information is useful.

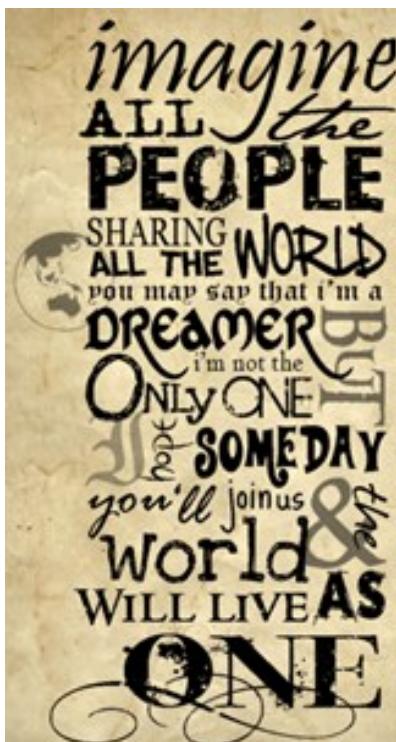
**Eat your veggies.
Stay hydrated.
Get some exercise.**

Still, there's a need for something more.

I'll speak from personal experience while waiting for another appointment.

Living with limited mobility or a chronic medical problem can take you to spiritual experiences.

When it happens, you may be surprised. Patients become patient. You may become grateful for simple things, Especially acts of kindness that are given and received.



Some people find a new sense of purpose. It can happen.

While rushing to a medical appointment, I collapsed in a parking lot. A Federal Express delivery man picked me up and put me back in my wheelchair. He expressed concern and I expressed my appreciation. Everything happened in a few seconds. We were both surprised by the incident. Still, what happened was very nice.

It may have been a moment of grace.

Imagine a world without concern or gratitude.

I share this story with others. As a minister, that's what I do when discussing spirituality.

Great miracles may occur, but, mostly:

You will find blessings in simple things.



You will know the spiritual when it happens and it may happen in a parking lot, a crowded waiting room or in some other familiar place.

Care for each other.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

ARE YOU KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT A SUBJECT, CRAFT, SKILL, DO YOU HAVE AN AREA OF EXPERTISE?

CAN YOU SPARE 60 TO 90 MINUTES AND SHARE THESE THINGS WITH OTHERS HERE AT UUFCC?

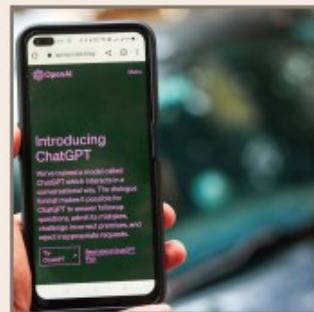
OFFERINGS OF THESE CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN MARCH. LISTED BELOW ARE SOME THAT WILL BE OFFERED. WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD TO THESE.



CHAIR YOGA



BASIC SCIENCE



LEARN TO USE
CHAT GPT

COME JOIN US AS

A STUDENT

OR INSTRUCTOR

CONTACT ROBERT MORAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE -

RESISTANCE & RESILIENCE – Stephanie Garrett

February 2026 marks the **100th anniversary of Black History Month**. Initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the second African American following W.E.B. Du Bois to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He felt that denying people of their history denied them of their humanity.

“Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.”

He wanted Black history to be a part of every school curriculum, public library, local churches and communities at large. Initially a week-long effort beginning in 1926 as Negro History Week (an all assembly program in my racially integrated elementary school in the 50s), it became Black History Month in 1976 during the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson.

There is a part of what is now referred to as African American History which was prevalent following reconstruction until the late 1970s. It was a travel guide for colored motorists known as **The Negro Green Book**, a yearly publication begun by U.S. Postal Worker Victor Hugo Green and his wife Alma listing safe places to stay, eat, get gasoline or a hair cut. The book was published annually from 1936 until 1970. Initially only a few pages covering New York City, Philadelphia PA and New Jersey, it grew to cover the entire nation. A history of the evolution of this guide, **“Driving the Green Book: A Road Trip Through the Living History of Black Resistance”** by Alvin Hall, is

a must read, based on recent trips by the author and two associates who were able to interview those who traveled or offered services to people of color. Hall and associates drove from Tallahassee, Florida, to Ferguson, Missouri, in 2015, and in 2019 from Detroit to New Orleans, collecting oral histories from travelers and business owners listed in **The Negro Green Book**. In addition to the above book, I also purchased the 1938 edition and found businesses and one barbershop two blocks from where I once lived.

A quote by Black female poet Toi Derricotte, Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets from 2012-2017, stated:

**“Joy is an act of resistance,”
a sustaining force for change
announcing that you do exist,
you have power and you
can create your own space.**

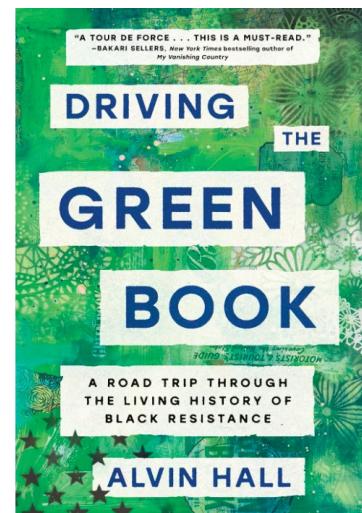
Alvin Hall’s book also presents black middle and upper class communities which became vacation residences. Oak Bluffs on Martha’s Vineyard on Cape Cod, Highland Beach in Maryland and Idlewild in Michigan became the Black Eden. These Black owned vacation communities were meant to become home ownership through generations. Those named above exist today. **Creating spaces of your own is resisting being kept in your place, being denied your freedoms.** Some White investors purchased tracks of land in those communities and sold them in the 1920s to people of color since they could not stay in the white community.

“If you want to know who controls you, look at who you are not allowed to criticize.”

“Those who can be made to believe absurdities can be made to commit atrocities.”

“Faith is something that comes into play after reason has reached its limits.”

— Voltaire



Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion characterized by a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

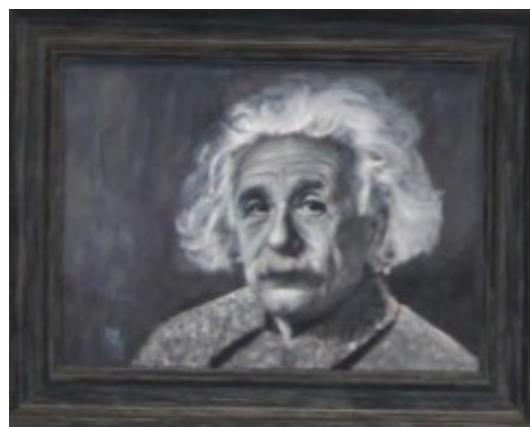
Unitarian Universalists assert no creed, but instead are unified by their shared search for spiritual growth, guided by a dynamic, living tradition.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UnitarianUniversalism



Art on the Wall

Artist Helga M. Weichselbaum
Her life in Michigan included mechanical engineering studies & work in industrial facilities field.
Pastime always included drawing and painting.
A self-taught artist in Florida since 2005 who enjoys Plein Air.





NEW BOOK EXPLORES HOW CIW & FFP HAVE BECOME A GLOBAL INSPIRATION

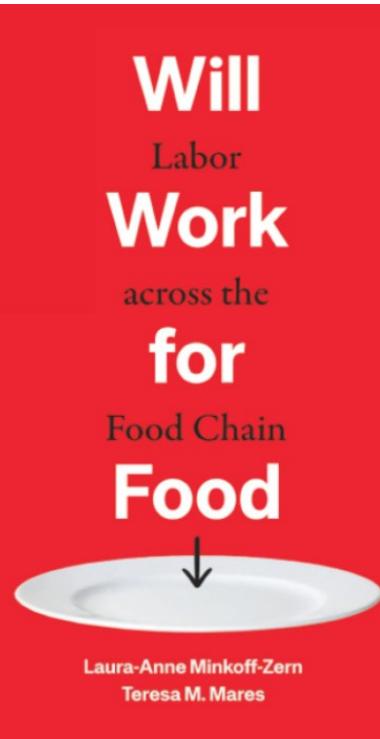
— Excerpted by Theodore Zawistowski with CIW permission
 See full article at: <https://ciw-online.org/blog/2026/01/new-book-explores-how-the-ciw-and-fair-food-program-have-become-a-global-inspiration/>

Consumers are demanding a healthier and more sustainable food system. Yet labor is rarely part of the discussion. In **“Will Work for Food: Labor Across the Food Chain,”** Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern and Teresa M. Mares chronicle labor across the food chain, connecting the entire food system—from fields to stores, restaurants, home kitchens, and even garbage dumps. Using a political economy framework, the authors argue that improving labor standards and building solidarity among frontline workers across sectors is necessary for creating a more just food system.

What would it take, they ask, to move toward a food system that is devoid of human exploitation?

The book is co-written by two leading scholars of food systems: Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, an Associate Professor of Geography and the Environment at Syracuse University, and Teresa Mares, an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Vermont and serves as Director of the university’s Graduate Program in Food Systems.

“Will Work for Food” places the groundbreaking success of the Fair Food Program against the stark backdrop of a global food system that all too often exploits and abuses those at the very bottom—stripping workers of their time, their dignity, and, in some cases, their freedom.



This book is essential for those seeking to understand both the depth of abuse that persists in food and agriculture and the proven solutions capable of ending it.

Combining insights from food systems and labor justice scholarship with actionable recommendations for policy makers, the book is a call to action for labor activists, food studies students, scholars, and anyone interested in food justice.

The book traces how farmworkers from the forgotten agricultural town of Immokalee, Florida, achieved what once seemed unthinkable: bringing about a new

day of dignity and respect for farmworkers across the United States, and in the process helping to forge a new paradigm for enforcing human rights in global supply chains through the Fair Food Program. What makes the achievements of the FFP so extraordinary is not just the program’s current reach, but its most unlikely origins. In an industry long defined by impunity, entrenched power imbalances, and a chilling climate of fear, farmworkers—among the most economically and politically marginalized workers in the global economy today—stood up, made common cause with consumers, and demanded they be treated as human beings.

<https://www.amazon.com/Will-Work-Food-Labor-across/dp/0520391616#>




UU 7th PRINCIPLE

Respect for the
interdependent web
of all existence of
which we are a part.



**Our UUFCC
GREEN SANCTUARY
ACCREDITATION
requires promoting
eating less meat.**

'Minnesota Nice' Is Now Even Nicer.

Hennepin County, Minnesota, which includes the city of Minneapolis, has just instituted a new policy requiring county-sponsored meetings and events to serve plant-based food by default. This policy could spare countless animals, promote public health, and mitigate the environmental impacts of industrial animal agriculture.



Source: Mercy For Animals

VeganStreet.com

If you happen to attend a county-sponsored event in Minnesota's Hennepin County, the county of Minneapolis, chances are that all or at least most of the food will be vegan. All county events will serve plant-based food. Organizers can request animal-based products, but vegan foods will be front and center by default.

<https://mercyforanimals.org/blog/hennepin-county-plant-based-victory/>

<https://www.veganstreet.com/minnesota-nice.html>

UU SOURCES OF OUR LIVING TRADITION

UU congregations “live out [their seven] Principles within a ‘living tradition’ of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture and personal experience. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

- “Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- “Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- “Wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- “Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- “Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- “Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.”

[https://www.uua.org/
beliefs/what-we-believe/
sources](https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources)

FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE SPECIALIST

Caring for one another is a core spiritual practice for UUs. Pastoral care is the term we use for the way we offer support and compassion to each other in community.



Rev. Ann Barker, D. Min.
Pastoral Care Specialist
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revannbarker@gmail.com

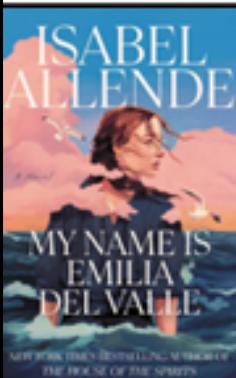
The Women’s Group meets twice a month to talk about things pressing on their minds and to strategize responses. I take pride in knowing women who regularly witness to the concerns they have about the direction of the country by carrying signs and marching for democracy.

The Goddess Group, on March 4th at 2pm, will resume meeting every week to learn about the deities of other countries and cultures. The discussions are rich and interesting with many perspectives shared.

The Caregivers Group meets on the last Saturday of the month to share the struggles of meeting the daily needs of people dear to them at a personal sacrifice and offer strategies that might prove helpful to others.

UUFCC BOOK GROUP 2025-2026

Usually meets **2:00 PM ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH** in the UUFCC Fellowship Hall. But dates may change so check the schedule. And then join us! Get to know Fellowship members & friends, and explore a variety of topics & genres.



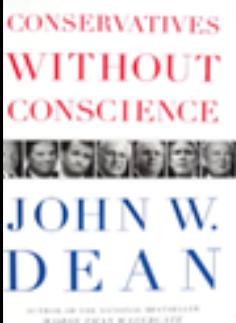
10-28-25 — Fiction
MY NAME IS EMILIA DEL VALLE
by Isabel Allende

1866 San Fran nun has a daughter who becomes a journalist covering Chile's brewing civil war and meets her estranged birthfather.

02-24-26 — Sci-Fi Classic

FAHRENHEIT 451
by Ray Bradbury

Fireman's job: destroy books and houses where hidden. Wife spends day w/TV family. Neighbor intros him to past where folks didn't live in fear and they got their ideas from books, not mindless TV.



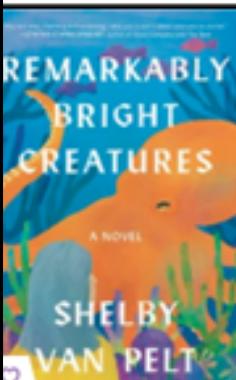
11-25-25 — Nonfiction
CONSERVATIVES WITHOUT CONSCIENCE by John Dean

Denounces political conservative practices, charges current Admin with using religious morality and propaganda-like tactics to promote big business & silence alternatives at U.S. Constitution's expense.

03-31-26 — Nonfiction

A CHOSEN FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO UU
by John Beuhrens & Forrest Church

Exploration of six dimensions of this religious denomination. UU as an appealing alternative to religious denominations that stress theological creeds over individual conviction & belief.



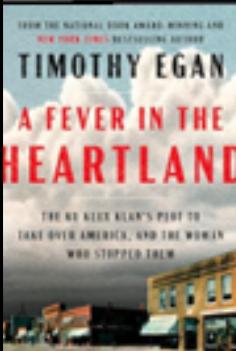
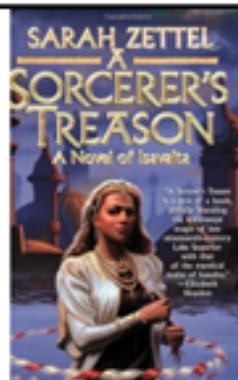
12-30-25 — Fiction
REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES
by Shelby Van Pelt

Widow working night shift at aquarium becomes acquainted with its Giant Pacific Octopus who helps her discover what happened 30 years ago when her son disappeared.

04-28-26 — Fantasy

SORCERER'S TREASON
by Sarah Zettel
Author grew up UU

1899, Sand Island, Wisc.: Lighthouse keeper sees boat foundering, rescues occupant who tells her about a world where magic reigns, & where she is destined to play a role.



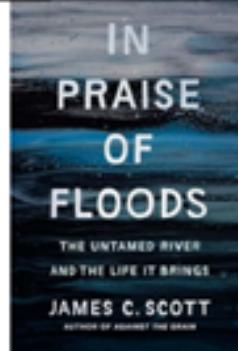
01-27-26 — Nonfiction
A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND
by Timothy Egan

Riveting story of KKK's rise to power in 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, & the woman who stopped them.

05-26-26 — Nonfiction
Environmental Science

IN PRAISE OF FLOODS
by James C. Scott

Examines a particular river's life history, its heartland, how life depends on rivers, & impact of human efforts to control/tame natural process.





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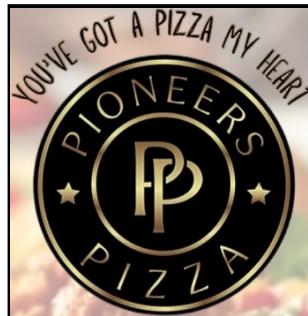
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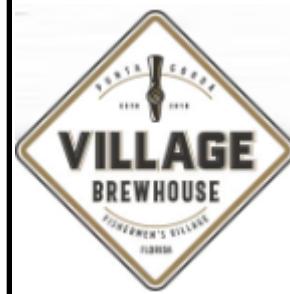
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Upon request,
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vegan sauce &
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Lots of veggie toppings!
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Port Charlotte FL 33980
941-235-2424



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1200 W Retta Esplanade
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Punta Gorda FL 33950
941-417-8764

GO VEGAN



COMPASSION



NONVIOLENCE



FOR THE ANIMALS



FOR THE PLANET



FOR THE PEOPLE



VEGAN COLD CUCUMBER YOGURT NO COOK SOUP

Prep Time 20 minutes — Total Time 20 minutes

INGREDIENTS

2 large organic or hothouse cucumbers
 12 ounces vegan plain, unsweetened vegan yogurt
 ½ cup finely chopped mixed fresh herbs (try combining dill, parsley, cilantro, and/or spearmint), or more to taste
 1 to 2 scallions, thinly sliced
 1-½ cups unsweetened plant-based milk, more or less as needed
 Juice of ½ lemon, or more to taste
 ½ teaspoon ground cumin, or more to taste
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Quarter the cucumbers lengthwise. If they contain watery seeds, cut most away and discard them. Either way, slice very thinly.
2. Transfer the sliced cucumbers to a serving container.
3. Stir in the yogurt, herbs, scallions, and enough plant-based milk to give the soup a slightly thick consistency.
4. Season with lemon juice, cumin, salt, and pepper. Serve at once or refrigerate for an hour or two until chilled.

VARIATIONS

- For a heartier version, add a cup or so of cold, cooked barley or quinoa.
- For a pleasantly peppery flavor, stir in a big handful or two of chopped watercress leaves (with some chopped stems).

<https://theveganatlas.com/vegan-cold-cucumber-yogurt-soup-no-cook/>



LOOK AT THIS **AMAZING!** UUFCC GENEROSITY!



SECOND SUNDAY SECOND HELPING

During season (Oct-Mar), on the Second Sunday of each month, a second basket is passed to collect for a worthy community organization, to intentionally support that organization's good work. During non-season (Apr-Sep), the UUFCC Social Justice Committee may provide special volunteering and benevolent giving guidance, etc., like telling us about:

<https://5calls.org/>



WHAT IT IS: "5 Calls" is an app to help citizens contact elected officials about important issues by providing a curated list of current issues, contact info for relevant officials, & suggested scripts for calls.

PURPOSE: Empower citizens to participate in democracy by making it easier to contact representatives.

FUNCTION: ID pressing issues, automatically connect users with House, Senate, & local reps, & provide scripts to help guide conversations.



ENDOWMENT

Honor beloved Fellowship members and friends AND help UUFCC.

Endowment funds assure UUFCC's financial future and further UU principles and practices.

Make contribution to:

UUFCC Endowment Fund

and on check memo line write
"In Memory of [beloved's name]"

PEACE GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS

Honor beloved UUFCC members and friends AND help UUFCC.

\$75 buys one paver of which \$45 gets donated to UUFCC

Use ORDER FORM in WEEKLY UPDATE



CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

"Covenant" is latin for "walking together." This Covenant is a living, dynamic document describing how we intend to live the Principles we value in our religious community.

We, the members of UUFCC, covenant to support and cherish all our members and friends and encourage each other to honor these high standards of relationship.

We value a free, open, and mutually respectful exchange of ideas. We honor all voices and encourage thoughtful freedom of expression.

We respect each other's views, backgrounds, and spiritual ideas. We listen to each other without judgement or interruption and speak directly with a person instead of about a person. We will address issues and behaviors, rather than people and personalities.

We will be considerate but courageous in name behavior that diminishes our community. We offer forgiveness and understanding and expect that from each other. In all situations, we strive to honor everyone's dignity and wellbeing.

We trust this Covenant will help us work well together to make decisions, solve problems, and express differences of opinion in a considerate, respectful, and genuinely caring way.



Co-Chair Lorrie Douglas

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Associates (W.A.)
meet at 4pm on the
2nd Tuesday each month



Co-Chair Shelly Canterbury

WHY SCRIPTS MATTER FOR WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

Scripts are not a crutch for Worship Associates; they are a form of care—for the service, the Fellowship, and the Worship Associate. In a tradition that values freedom of thought and expression, it can seem counterintuitive to emphasize written words. Yet a well-prepared script creates the structure that allows meaning, emotion, and connection to emerge.

A script ensures clarity and flow. Worship Associates help guide the Fellowship through moments that deserve intention: opening words, chalice lighting, readings, and transitions. When these elements are scripted, the service feels grounded rather than improvised, and the Fellowship can focus on reflection rather than distraction. Scripts also honor shared time—keeping worship moving at a thoughtful, respectful pace.

Just as importantly, scripts reduce cognitive load. Standing before a Fellowship can be nerve-wracking, even for seasoned leaders. A script allows Worship Associates to be fully present rather than mentally scrambling for the "right" next phrase. This is especially vital during emotionally charged services or times of congregational stress, when steadiness matters most.

Finally, scripts support collaboration. Worship is a shared creation among ministers, musicians, tech teams, and lay leaders. Written words make that collaboration visible and reliable, ensuring that many voices blend into one coherent service.

In short, scripts don't diminish authenticity—they protect it. They give Worship Associates the confidence to lead with intention, humility, and care, helping worship unfold as a meaningful communal experience rather than a test of memory or improvisation.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

For ANNOUNCEMENTS to be read from the pulpit Sunday mornings:

1. Email bookoflife@uufcc.org by 5pm Saturday before the service; or,
2. Write up the announcement and hand it to the Worship Associate before the service.



To SHARE JOYS, SORROWS & MILESTONES during Sunday morning service:

1. Come forward to the pebbles & water dais when asked & reflect silently or share aloud; or,
2. Before service, write in the **Red Book** at the back of the sanctuary for the WA to share; or,
3. Send in a **Red Book** entry by 5pm the Saturday before service for the WA to share; and,
4. Place a pebble in the water, thereby sending reflection ripples into the world.



02/02 Stephanie Garrett
02/05 Helen Sokalski
02/23 Mona Azar-Johns
02/26 Herb Levin

For Birthday Shoutouts, contact:
office@uufcc.org

Weekly Events

Sundays 09:00 am Conversation Among Friends
 09:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesdays 08:00 am Men's Coffee

Wednesdays 05:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 06:30 am OA
 07:00 pm Happy Hour with John Lee

Thursdays 04:30 pm Buddhist Meditation
 06:30 pm AA

FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS

02/03	TU	02:00pm	Women's Group
02/06	FR	04:00pm	Art Reception
02/07	SA	10:30am	Sharon Whitehill Celebration of Life
02/08	SU	11:45am	Social Justice Cmte
02/09	MO	02:00pm 06:00pm	Joanne Collins Chalice Circle Pride Committee
02/10	TU	01:00pm 04:00pm	NAACP Criminal Justice Worship Associates
02/11	WE	10:00am	Caring Committee
02/13	FR	04:00pm	Art Reception
02/14	SA	09:00am	Democratic Club of CC
02/16	MO	10:00am 06:00pm	Art Committee PFLAG-PC Support
02/17	TU	01:00pm	Legacy Writing Workshop
02/19	TH	01:30pm	UUFC Board Meeting
02/22	SU	12:00pm 03:00pm	PFLAG-PC Steering Secular Community
02/23	MO	02:00pm	Joanne Collins Chalice Circle
02/24	TU	02:00pm	Book Group
02/28	SA	09:00am 10:00am	Art Takedown Caregivers Meeting



**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!**

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

include, but are not limited to,
 agnostic, atheist, Buddhist, Christian, earth-centered,
 Hindu, Humanist, Islam, Jewish, Pagan, Taoism,
 believers in God, and more.

www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are

Links

Use **UNIVERSAL ZOOM** for most activities
<https://zoom.us/j/93526372148>

To add to **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS** or **BOOK OF LIFE**
 email **bookoflife@uufcc.org** by Saturday night

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PURPOSE: UUFCC is a religious community committed to diversity and social justice where spirituality, reason, compassion, service and fellowship meet. *UUFCC Bylaws Art. III (Adopted 03-27-22).*

VISION: Using our Covenant as a guide, we will provide expanded opportunities for ministries, programs and fellowship that inspire and support our life journeys. We will affirm: Love is the spirit of this Fellowship, and service is its law. This is our aspiration: To dwell together in peace, To seek truth in love, And to help one another. In the larger community, we will continue to be a strong, relevant voice serving justice and equality. *(Adopted 03-24-24.)*

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