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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 YOUR UUFCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES — OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS MARCH 15, 2025 AT 11:30 AM

At UUFCC, our Annual Meeting is where the Fellowship does its real business. It's not just a formality or a recap of the year —

**This is the moment
when Fellowship members
step into their role
as the governing body
of the Fellowship.**

At its core, the Annual Meeting is about three things:

1. Stewardship & Transparency

Leaders report on the year behind you — finances, membership, programs, ministry, outreach. Members see clearly how pledges and donations were used and how well the Fellowship lived its values. It's accountability in action.

2. Vision and Direction

This is where the budget for the coming year is presented and voted on. Approving a budget isn't just approving numbers — it's deciding priorities.

**Are you funding religious education?
Music? Social justice work?
Technology? Staffing? NEW IDEAS?**

The budget tells the story of what matters most.

3. Shared Governance

Members elect board members, officers, and General Assembly representatives. In Unitarian Universalism, authority rests with the Fellowship. HERE, the Annual Meeting is democracy in practice — every member has a voice and a vote.

Why it matters:

- It strengthens trust through openness.
- It aligns the Fellowship around shared goals.
- It reminds everyone that this is not “someone else’s Fellowship” — it belongs to the members.
- It keeps the congregation healthy, legally compliant, and mission-focused.

**Without participation,
governance becomes
a small-circle exercise.**

**With participation,
it becomes community ownership.**

In short, the Annual Meeting is where mission meets mechanics — where ideals become action plans. It may not be flashy, but it's one of the most important gatherings of the year because it determines how the fellowship moves forward together.

— Shelly Canterbury
UUFCC Treasurer 2025-2027

STAR CLIPPER



A group from the **UUFCC VEGAN FUN CLUB** set sail on a journey through the Caribbean aboard the majestic Star Clipper — a four-masted beauty. While cruising the Caribbean, they indulged in **world-class vegan cuisine.** This was not just a cruise; it was a voyage for the soul

THIS IS YOUR ALL VEGAN FLOATING HOTEL

THE UUFCC VEGAN FUN CLUB REALLY IS HAVING FUN!



L-R: Cheryl Deuley, Betty Pritchard, Nyna Sykes.
Seated on R: Sandy Telander. — Taken in Grenada by Nyna Sykes

Lunch in Grenada, all grown on property.
— Provided by Cheryl Deuley



Rev. Robert (Bob) Murphy
UU Community Minister FL

SHAMROCKS



Where have you been old man?

I injured my spine and I'm learning how to move again after surgery. I can sleep in a bed with a minimum of discomfort. My occupational therapist arrived this morning and we went for my first walk outside.

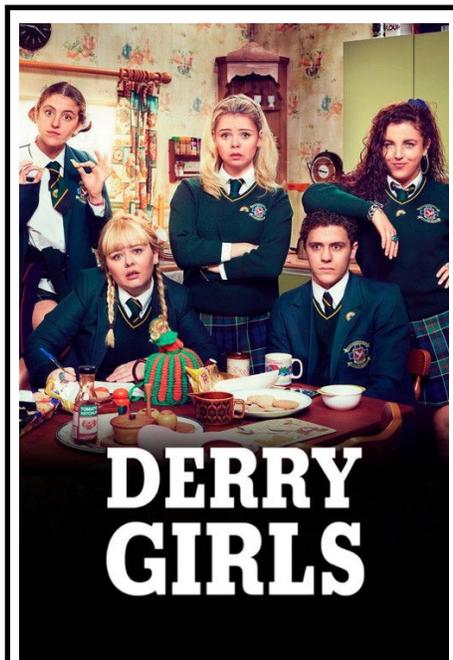
**"These are my shamrocks,"
I said, as I moved from
my home into the sunshine.**

I grow shamrocks at my front door. They're an ancient symbol for Ireland. In Florida, shamrocks make a grand appearance in March for Saint Patrick's Day and the first days of springtime.

I watch old episodes of Derry Girls during my recovery. It's a television series about teenagers in Northern Ireland during the 1990s. British soldiers patrol the streets. The girls rehearse their resistance speeches. Luggage on the bus to Belfast may contain a bomb. There are lots of references to "the troubles."



St. Patrick holding a shamrock.



Sitcom set in Derry, N. Ireland.

The Celts have a dark sense of humor and Derry Girls can be hard to explain in some moments. Still, I've had plenty of experiences with the Irish and with Irish-Americans. The Derry Girls series brings back memories. My family was destroyed by religious and cultural conflicts during the last century.

Nowadays, there's tension and the threat of civil war in cities like Minneapolis and Los Angeles. There are voices on American television as vicious as the voices heard in Derry thirty years ago. Political and religious leaders who encourage hatred may live to see conflicts that will last for decades.

Keep the Irish experience in mind.

Slán (pronounced "slawn")
— common way to say
goodbye in Ireland, and
believed to be the origin of
the English phrase "so long"



The word *shamrock* comes from Irish *seamrog*, which is the diminutive of the Irish word *seamair* and simply means "young clover."



ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ FREEDOM VIGILS

Every Sunday, a freedom vigil is held at Alligator Alcatraz outside the Everglades Detention Center. UU Congregation of Fort Myers, UUFCC and others gather to demand due process, humane treatment and conditions, and to offer prayer for the detainees.

UUFCC SJC participates on 3rd Sunday each month.

NEXT TRIP: MARCH 15, 2026

**UUFCC joins the bus that departs at 1:15 pm from
UU Congregation of Fort Myers
13411 Shire Lane, Ft. Myers FL**

**To ensure enough buses are organized, SIGN UP AT:
<https://forms.gle/LN834ruDYaQS6w216>**

Pictures taken by Betty Barriga on 02-15-2026 trip.



WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE DEMOCRACY?

**Attend the Save Democracy for All Conference, March 28, 2026
Venice Community Center – 326 Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL
Doors open 8AM Conference hours 9AM-2PM**



Democracy Is Facing a Defining Moment.

Around the world — and here at home — authoritarian movements are weakening democratic institutions, undermining the rule of law, and threatening fundamental rights.

They rely on **fear, division, and retribution** to silence opposition and erode public trust.

Democracy will not sustain itself. It depends on informed, engaged communities.

In this moment, preserving democracy requires more than resistance—it demands action. Join your friends and neighbors at the Venice Community Center for a conference on building a democracy that not only withstands authoritarianism but thrives.

If you're rallying in Venice, join us either before or afterward at the **Venice Community Center**.

<p>START THE DAY WITH US: SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL Conference</p> <p>Venice Community Center March 28, 2026</p> <p>Registration 8:00AM Conference: 9AM-2:00 PM</p> <p>Conference Sessions, Food & Fellowship</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Katherine Stewart author of "Money, Lies and God: Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy"</p> <p>REGISTER HERE</p>  	<p>JOIN US:</p> <p>You'll still have plenty of time to attend rallies in:</p> <p>Sarasota • Port Charlotte • Naples</p> <p><i>Continue the energy.</i></p> <p><i>Deepen the conversation.</i></p> <p><i>Build next steps.</i></p>
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Buld Community. Protect Democratic Values. Take Action.

	<p>Social Justice Alliance of the Florida Suncoast</p>	<p>Website: sjafs.org Email: sjalliancefs@gmail.com</p>
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SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL CONFERENCE on Sat., 03-28-26 (from p.5)

The Social Justice Alliance of the Florida Suncoast (SJAFS), the group that hosted the 2024 RIGHT TO READ FESTIVAL which drew over 800 attendees, is hosting this event.

SJAFS is dedicated to fostering a more equitable and inclusive society.

SJAFS Mission: To recognize and address systemic barriers, promote fairness, and empower marginalized communities to thrive.

UUFCC is part of the SJAFS coalition of 25 faith-based & nonprofit area organizations.

UUFCC SJC has committed \$500 towards this FREE EVENT.

UUFCC Board and non-Board fellow members like Betty B, Myrna C, Patrick E, Joseph F, Randy G, MaryLou PK, and Ted Z are all involved with planning this event.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KATHERINE STEWART

NY Times best-seller and author of

"Money, Lies and God:

Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy"

WORKSHOPS

FREE & FAIR ELECTIONS — LWV of FL President Jessica Lowe-Minor

CIVIL DISCOURSE — Michelle Jewell, SURE Executive Director

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY — UUCOV Reverend
Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

HUMANE IMMIGRATION — Maria Ines Robayo, former Professor,
Cundinamarca University, Colombia

PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS — Carol Lerner MSW, Protect Our
Public Schools founding chair



CONCRETE EVENT TAKEAWAYS TO BE PROVIDED

A closing panel discussion will summarize workshops, include Q&A time, and address:

What individuals can do now and going forward to save democracy.

And NO KINGS DAY RALLY is the same day? DO BOTH!

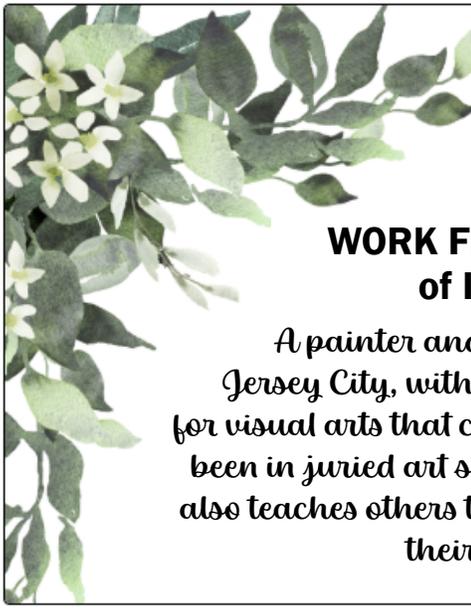
National NO KINGS organizers scheduled the March 28th rally after SJAFS had scheduled this **SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL** event. SJAFS immediately began working with area No Kings Day Rally organizers to tweak/coordinate schedules in order to enable attendance/participation at both events.

Start here, then go there!

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

WORK FROM THE STUDENTS of Instructor Kitt Moran

A painter and celebrated singer from Jersey City, with a deeply rooted passion for visual arts that converged in 2008. She's been in juried art shows, won awards, and also teaches others to discover and manifest their inner creative energies.

Students in this show include:

- Sue Welsh**
- Patricia M. Robins**
- Patricia "Trish" Adams**
- C.M. Londoni**
- Holly Scherzi**
- Kathy Wengel**
- Mirta Barnet**
- Vicky Bundy**
- Valerie Ann Peterson**





BRINGING FAIRFOOD TO U.S. CAMPUSES

— Excerpted by Theodore Zawistowski with CIW permission

See full article at: <https://ciw-online.org/>



A new initiative calling on universities to join the Fair Food Program is rapidly gaining momentum across the country. The need to dramatically expand the FFP's reach is therefore more urgent than ever, and the new Fair Food University initiative aims to do just that.

Recently, CIW shared an update from **YALE UNIVERSITY** where students are leading a movement urging Yale to become the first to join the Fair Food Program as a Participating Buyer.

Now that momentum is carrying over to the **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR**, where hundreds of students are joining the growing campus-based campaign, leveraging their demand for fresh fruits and vegetables to expand the FFP to new fields where workers remain in desperate need of the program's life-saving human rights protections.

2019 University of Michigan Advisory Committee:

“The FAIR FOOD PROGRAM is the most comprehensive social responsibility program in the U.S.,” and the best thing that the University of Michigan could do in order to improve labor standards would be to “become a signatory to the FAIR FOOD PROGRAM.”

According to Nola De Graaf, a current student at the University of Michigan:

“The best part of this program is that it is an organization that amplifies the voices of workers, not attempting to speak over them but rather making them the forefront.

Is your university a
Fair Food University?



“I also love that the very set goal: joining the FAIR FOOD PROGRAM.

“With this alliance between workers and students, it’s attainable and real, something that can make lasting, permanent change.”

During the Ann Arbor visit, more than 200 students took part in classroom presentations, luncheons, film screenings, panel discussions, and organizing meetings to hear from the CIW and student allies. Students learned how farmworkers with CIW developed a cutting-edge analysis of the food supply chain, identified

where the power to guarantee farmworkers' dignity truly lies: at the top of the massive food industry, with major produce buyers like Taco Bell and smaller institutional buyers such as the University of Michigan.

Students, faculty, and staff heard from CIW staff member and farmworker leader **CRUZ SALUCIO**, who described overcoming immense odds to forge — and ultimately scale — the **FAIR FOOD PROGRAM** by building lasting partnerships with consumers, growers, and buyers alike.

A CALL TO ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI:

- **Stand with farmworkers in their fight for justice in the food industry.**
- **Join a growing national movement.**
- **Get your university to join this Presidential Medal-winning Fair Food Program to ensure the school-served produce comes from farms that protect farmworkers' freedom.**



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.



A new Oxford study published in The Lancet shows that a worldwide shift to a plant-based diet would create global investment in fruits, vegetables, legumes, and nuts that would require up to 56 million more workers to meet global demand, while disinvesting from the meat and dairy industries would save as much as \$995 million.

The source for this meme is Lancet via VegNews Meme, Vegan, Plant-Based, Investment, Jobs, Savings, Oxford, The Lancet.

<https://www.veganstreet.com/go-vegan-create-jobs.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>

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
941-235-0269 –or–
revannbarker@gmail.com

The Women’s Group meets **twice a month on Tuesdays at 2pm** 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.

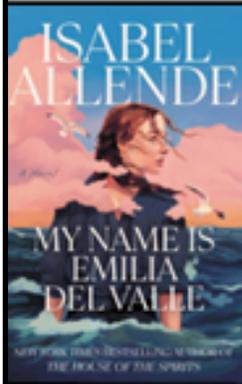
The Goddess Group

meets **every Wednesday at 2pm**, 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 at 10am** 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.

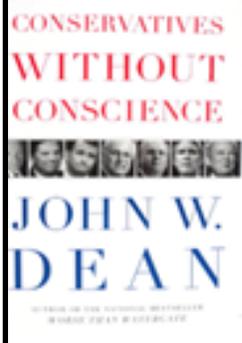


10-28-25 — Fiction
MY NAME IS EMILIA DEL VALLE
 by Isabel Allende

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.

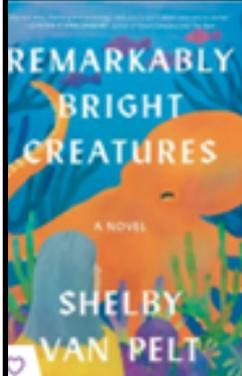


11-25-25 — Nonfiction
CONSERVATIVES WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
 by John Dean

Denounces political conservative practices, charges current Admin with using religious morality and propoganda-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.

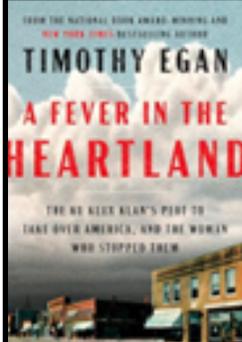
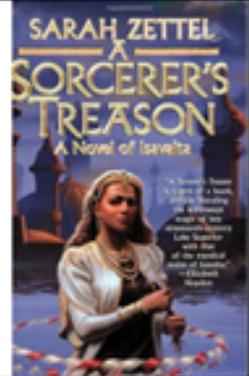


12-30-25 — Fiction
REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES
 by Shelby Van Pelt

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.

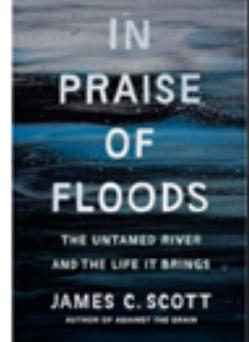


01-27-26 — Nonfiction
A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND
 by Timothy Egan

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.



GO VEGAN



COMPASSION



NONVIOLENCE



FOR THE ANIMALS



FOR THE PLANET



FOR THE PEOPLE



DELICIOUS VEGAN OATMEAL COOKIES!

**One-bowl vegan oatmeal raisin cookies that are incredibly delicious!
Packed with flavor from brown sugar, cinnamon, chewy oats and a hint of maple syrup.**

A BIG HIT AT UUFCC's SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATION AMONG FRIENDS!

PREP TIME: 20 minutes

COOK TIME: 12 minutes

SERVINGS: 16 cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vegan butter,
room temperature
- 1 TBS maple syrup or molasses
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose plain flour
or gluten-free
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
(quick oats will work in a pinch)
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- 1-3 TBS dairy-free milk if needed
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup walnuts (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PREHEAT OVEN** to 350°F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. **ADD WET INGREDIENTS** — butter, brown sugar, maple syrup and vanilla — to a large bowl (if using a hand mixer) or the bowl of a stand mixer with the paddle attachment. Beat until fluffy and well combined.
3. **ADD DRY INGREDIENTS** — flour, oats, cinnamon, baking soda and salt.



Jory Ackerman



4. **ADD RAISINS AND WALNUTS** and mix until just combined.
5. **USE A MEDIUM COOKIE SCOOP** or your hands to divide the cookie dough into 16 balls (2 TBS each). Flatten the balls into small flat discs and arrange them on your prepared baking sheets. Leave around 2 inches between each cookie as they will spread a little.
6. **BAKE** the cookies for around 11-13 minutes. The cookies are ready when the edges are golden brown (the centers will still look uncooked). They will continue baking on the trays. For softer cookies, bake the cookies for shorter; for crispier cookies, bake the cookies for longer. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 15 minutes on a wire rack.
7. **ENJOY** the cookies warm or at room temperature.
8. **STORE** leftover cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week, in the fridge for up to 2 weeks or in the freezer for up to 2 months.

LOOK AT THIS



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/>

5 Calls



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 judgment
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



Co-Chair Shelly Canterbury

**NEWS FROM THE
WORSHIP
COMMITTEE**

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

LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE ...

YOU ARE INVITED to join Reverend Shayna Appel for a boost of positive energy and fun. On **March 25, 26, and 27 from 9 am to 1 pm**, Rev Shayna will host **A PLAYSHOP** for worship leaders and those simply trying to hold onto their centers in these destabilizing times! The big idea here is to pay better attention on what matters to you. How can you engage in developing your spirit more deeply? We meet on Sunday mornings and this time is our regular gathering as Unitarian Universalists. How can we make this time more meaningful?

Session #1: Swingers, Shapers, Thrusters and Hangers. These personality types are also reflected in aspects of Sunday services. In which are you most at home? Which ones require you to stretch? How do these 'types' inform the waft and weave of worship?

This work is fun, it bonds the group, it gives us insight not only into ourselves but helps us understand how we interact in teams. It will also give your group a common language when thinking about and planning worship.

Session #2: Using an ancient framework for worship, (Gather, Welcome, Prepare, Listen, Respond and Go Forth) we will reimagine the fellowship's framework for Sunday mornings...flexible enough to hold the wide array of spirit we have in our houses of worship, but stable enough to ensure a sacred trajectory!

Session #3: Building on the work of Sessions #1 and #2, let's co-create a Sunday morning worship experience!

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.



03/02 Trudy Gerhardt

03/10 Debbie Conrad

03/11 Trisha Lane

03/18 Ken Brennen

03/31 Myrna Charry

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

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

03/02	MO	06:00pm	CC Pride Cmte Meeting
03/03	TU	02:00pm	Women's Group
03/04	WE	02:00pm	Goddess Group
03/06	FR	04:00pm	Art Reception
03/07	SA	11:00am	SWFL Women Over 50 LAUGHTER PRESENTATION
03/08	SU	11:45am	Social Justice Committee
03/09	MO	02:00pm	Joanne Collins Chalice Circle
03/10	TU	01:00pm	NAACP Crim Justice Cmte Zoom
		04:00pm	Worship Associates
03/11	WE	10:00am	Caring Committee
		02:00pm	Goddess Group
03/13	FR	09:30am	SJAFS Meeting
03/14	SA	09:00am	Democratic Club of CC
03/15	SU	11:30am	Birthday Cake Sunday UUFCC ANNUAL MEETING
03/16	MO	10:00am	Art Committee Zoom
		06:00pm	PFLAG PC Support Group
03/17	TU	11:00am	Empath Presentation: HEALING OUR HEARTS
		02:00PM	Women's Group
03/18	WE	02:00pm	Goddess Group
03/19	TH	01:30pm	UUFCC BOARD MEETING
03/20	FR	10:00am	Art Take Down & Install
03/21	SA	03:00pm	VEGAN FUN CLUB
03/22	SU	12:00pm	PFLAG Steering Group
03/23	MO	02:00pm	Joanne Collins Chalice Circle
03/25	WE	09:00am	PLAY SHOP
		02:00pm	Goddess Group
03/26	TH	09:00am	PLAY SHOP
03/27	FR	09:00am	PLAY SHOP
		09:00am	Art Take Down & Install
03/28	SA	10:00am	Caregivers Support
03/29	SU	04:15pm	Secular Community

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

include, but are not limited to,

agnostic, atheist, Buddhist, Christian, earth-centered,
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www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are

Links

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<https://zoom.us/j/93526372148>

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MISSION: UUFCC is a liberal religious community committed to justice, a place where spirituality, diversity, reason, compassion, service, and fellowship meet. *(Adopted at 03-24-24 Annual Meeting.)*



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.)*

WELCOMING: UUFCC strives to practice non-discrimination by embodying what UUFCC hopes to see in the world—a just, loving community in which people are free to be themselves fully and without fear. *UUFCC Bylaws Art. IV (Adopted 03.27.22).* [UUFCC: FOUNDED IN 1969.]

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Tell us about you. What is your background? Where are you from?

Tell us about your life journey. What brought you to Florida and when?

Tell us about your career paths. Accomplishments? Interests? Hobbies?

How did you come to UUFCC? What keeps you here?

Tell us about current and past UU roles or involvement.

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