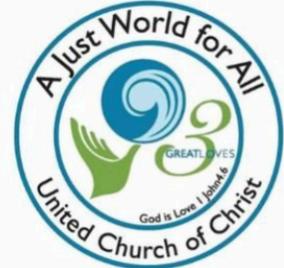


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VUCC  
**Connect**

...binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.



## Our VUCC Vision

United in Christ's love,  
a just world for all



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here!*



**Women's Luncheon at the  
Art Center Caffe  
12:00 Noon  
Monday, March 2**

A sign-up sheet is on the clipboard table in  
Naar Hall.

You must RSVP and **make your menu selection** for this popular event.  
Copies of the menu are available for you to see.

Questions? See Marilyn Schwab

## Organizational Members

Blue Lotus Buddhist  
Meditation Center

Congregational United Church of  
Christ Punta Gorda

First Responders for Democracy

Florida Veterans for  
Common Sense

Immigration Justice Coalition SWF

Jewish Congregation of Venice

League of United Latin Americans  
Charlotte County

NAACP Charlotte County

PFLAG Charlotte County

Quaker Friends Meeting Sarasota

SURE: Sarasota United for  
Responsibility and Equity

SEE: Social Equity through  
Education

Suncoast Citizens 4 the Separation  
of Church and State

Suncoast Jewish Alliance

Suncoast Metropolitan Community  
Church

Support our Schools

Temple Emanu-El Sarasota

Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Venice

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
of Charlotte County

Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota  
Venice Pride

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church  
WSLR Fogartyville



# Join Us!

for a

## Justice Social

March 4

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

### Hotel Venezia

425 US 41 Bypass N, Venice, FL

Interested in connecting with others who share similar values and perspectives about the need for a more socially just Florida?

Hear the latest updates on our "Save Democracy for All" community conference about Civic Engagement on Saturday, March 28 and how you can become involved.

Learn more about the Social Justice Alliance and consider joining as we work to build an equitable and inclusive society.

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

**Come, get involved, be part of the solution.**

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Social Justice Alliance of the Florida Suncoast  
[www.sjafs.org](http://www.sjafs.org)

**IMMOKALEE NEWS**  
**People are moving to "real" housing!**

**VUCC has helped...  
and will continue to help...  
provide opportunities for  
our neighbors.  
Details on March 8.**



**Parker's Place Community Center**

(Photos taken in January 2026)

Save the date:  
**March 8, 2026**

Come to Naar Hall after church during Fellowship Hour for a presentation by Alan Penick and Tammy Richelieu from the **Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance**. They will have lots of updates and answers to our questions.



**Join us on St. Patrick's Day**

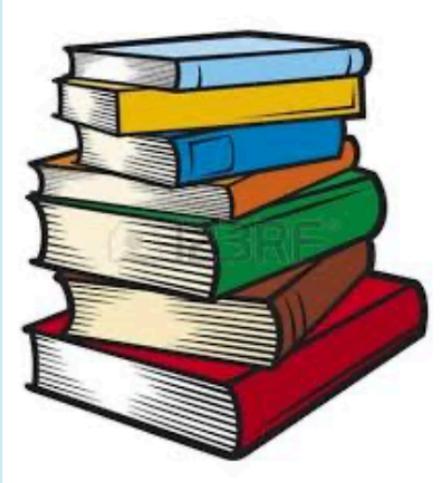
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
in Naar Hall - 11:30AM - 1:30PM**

**WARM UP with a hearty SOUP!**

**sponsored by Church Family Life**



**You can sign up  
in Naar Hall or on  
the APP in the  
Church Events  
Calendar.  
*See ya there!***



## Book Discussion

Imagine, one day, opening your door and finding a small wooden box that will tell you the exact number of years you have left to live. Imagine, everyone in the world receives a box for them as well on that very same day. Where did these come from? Would you open the box? What are the implications to not only you, but to society as a whole?

This is the theme of the book *The Measure*, written by Nikki Erlick. It is a book listed in this year's Reading for Renewal selection.

After reading it, I wanted to discuss it with others. Please join me on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 1:00 PM in the Parlor at VUCC. The church library has a copy of the book, and it is in some of the Sarasota County library branches.

Also, if you found another book on the Reading for Renewal list that you found to be outstanding and one that could lead to a good discussion, bring it along and share it with us.

Any questions or thoughts about this? I can be reached at 414-708-3058 or

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