



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

January 2016

Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services (Sundays at 10:30 at Rio Brava 10A)

January 3 "How Climate Change Will Impact our World".

Speaker: John DeWaal; Service Leader: Lew Crippen.

January 10 "Religious Liberty - Key to Refugee Crisis".

Speaker: Tom McClure; Service Leader: Karyn Carpenter.

January 17 "Why I Go to Church".

Speaker: Fred Harland; Service Leader: Bill Frayer

January 24 "Where Everybody Knows Your Name"

Speakers: Paulette Lichtman-Panzer and JoAnn Flanagan, visiting lay pastoral care workers from Accotink UU Church in Burke, Virginia.

January 31 "How Organized Are We for Health Emergencies and End of Life Issues?" Speaker: Lynn Cleek, Service Leader: Pixie Frayer.

(Potluck and Annual General Meeting to follow the service.)

President's Report



Happy New Year to all; and welcome back snowbird members and friends!

We have an important month ahead of us. **Pastoral Care Workshops** will be held at the Fellowship on Jan. 22 and 23. We'll be hosting the workshop trainers, JoAnn Flanagan and Paulette Lichtman-Panzer (see their bios below), as well as participants from the UU congregations in San Miguel and Mexico City. My thanks to all providing accommodation to our visitors and to all participating in these important workshops.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held following the service and potluck on Jan 31st. This meeting provides us with an opportunity not only to reflect on the work and events of the past year, but also to look ahead. Members will have the opportunity to approve a budget and elect members of the board (see report of the Nominating Committee). The facilities search committee chaired by Lew Crippen has been busy. The Board will report to the AGM on any developments. Only members can vote, but everyone is welcome to attend.

Pastoral Care Workshops January 22 and 23



Fri. January 22, 2 to 4 p.m.

This workshop is an introduction to **Pastoral Care** and is open to all. Board and Committee members are especially encouraged to attend.

Sat. January 23, 10 to 3 (Lunch provided)

This is a hands-on workshop for those providing Pastoral Care services and those who might be interested in doing so in the future. Please talk to President Fred Harland if you are interested in participating.

Fri. Jan 22nd 5 to 8 p.m. Congregational



**at Karyn Carpenter's (Juarez #15).
Please plan to attend and
welcome our visitors. Bring lots of
food and drinks to share. All are
welcome!**

Visiting Pastoral Care Workshop Facilitators



JoAnn Kennedy Flanagan (L) has been a member of Accotink UU church in Burke, Virginia since 1988. She has served on numerous church committees and several other leadership roles. She was a founding member of the Accotink Pastoral Care Team and over the past ten years has worked as a lay pastoral caregiver.

In her professional life JoAnn has a solo pediatric occupational therapy practice that she founded in 1999. She recently earned a clinical occupational therapy doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University with a concentration on the impact of sensory experiences on the social and emotional well-being of children. Her last visit to Mexico was in 1981 when she lived with a family in Cuernavaca for two months and provided therapy to children with physical disabilities. She now lives in Fairfax, Virginia with her husband who recently retired from his federal career as a professor of information science.

JoAnn spends her free time gardening, visiting museums, corresponding with friends, and collecting beautiful photos from the internet.

She and her husband continue to travel and celebrate life with their grown son, daughter, extended family members, and friends.

Paulette Lichtman-Panzer (R) writes: I was born in Chicago, Illinois and am a graduate of Northeastern Illinois University with a BA in American Literature. I began working in the area of survey research in 1973 and continued in that field until I began my employment with the Federal Government at the Census Bureau in 1978. I was the manager in charge of liaison and communication with Congress, outside Advisory Committees, the Government Accountability Office, and the general public on matters dealing with the decennial census.

I joined the South Bend Unitarian Universalist Church in 1974 and moved to the Fairfax VA area in 1978 where my husband and I joined the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) in 1980. I served in many capacities at AUUC including being a Board member, Chair of the Membership Committee, member of the Commission on Our Ministry, (which looks at long-range planning for the church,) and a member the Pastoral Care Team.

My husband and I have three children and five grandchildren and have lived in the Fairfax County area of Virginia for more than 35 years. In my spare time I am an avid reader and bridge player.

Member News



On December 13th, we welcomed new member **Hania Kloc**, a snowbird from Toronto.

Over the past few weeks, we have had the great pleasure of welcoming back many **snowbird members and friends** – too many to name here; but please know that it is a joy to have each of you back!

Committee News



The **Outreach Committee** is looking for a new committee chair effective February 1, 2016. If you are interested, please contact Susan Miller at ssmiller999@gmail.com.

Mezcala Food Program. LCUUF helps fund, through a percentage of our Sunday offerings as well as earmarked donations, a food program for students at a secondaria school in Mezcala. Run by Tania Ruiz, this program feeds lunch to 27 students every school day.

Outreach Opportunities. If there are programs in which you would like LCUUF to participate or which you would like LCUUF to help fund, please jot them down. On Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, you will be asked to complete a short Outreach survey, the results of which will be presented at the annual meeting. Also, at the annual meeting on January 31, 2016, the congregation will vote on whether or not to continue funding the Mezcala food program.

The current **Nominating Committee** composed of Cate Howell, Lew Crippen and Heidi MacLennan report that they will put the following names in nomination for Board positions up for election at the Annual General Meeting on Jan.31st:

President: Fred Harland
Vice President: Teresa Sande
Member- at- Large: Joan Jaquish
Member -at -Large: Heidi MacLennan

Our bylaws state that “nominations from the floor shall be accepted for all elections”.

Events/Activities



Join us for a **potluck luncheon** after the service on January 31st and before our annual meeting. **Please bring dishes that do not need to be refrigerated or heated up, as we do not have kitchen facilities available.** We will provide table service, but please bring serving utensils.



DISCUSSION

GROUP

The January meeting of the Atheist, Agnostic & Humanist Discussion Group will be January 25th at 3pm at the Fellowship.

We have always said that we are a congregation “of a certain age” but we have never really explored the consequences of what that means. A number of our members have recently faced serious problems that have brought this home. Our discussion will focus on both individual and congregational implications. This is a follow-up to the Pastoral Care service.

CIRCLE SUPPERS



It's time to sign up for the January/February/March Circle Suppers. The signup sheet is on the Welcome Table. Please also indicate if you can be a host and how many you can accommodate. This has proven to be one of our most popular activities and is a great way to get to know other members in a small group atmosphere, especially now that our snowbirds are back!



CHOIR NEWS

We welcome returning choir members, Linda Jessen, Mary Helen Montgomery, Marguerite Ponder and Pixie Frayer.

We have exciting music planned for the next several months, but we need more singers, especially tenors!

In January we will be singing an “Alleuia” based on Pachelbel’s Cannon, in February we will be singing “The Storm is Passing Over” and in March we will be singing the “Benedictus” from the “Misa Brevis pro Michael Servitus”, a Unitarian Mass written by a UU composer. Rehearsals will be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Fellowship. See Bob Koches, Choir Director if you would like to participate or contact him at bob.koches@gmail.com.

The **LCUUF Women’s Movie Group** was cancelled in December, due to a low response. If you are interested in this group, please contact Kathy Koches either in person or via e-mail at kkoches@gmail.com to indicate what day and time works best for you. We will try to schedule a movie in January based on responses received.

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