



## **LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER**

**June 2016**

### **Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services:**

#### **June 5 - “UU Values”**

**Presented by Lynn Cleek; Service leader, Gary Cleek**

*Lynn will present a sermon originally given by Jim Eller from All Souls UU, Kansas City, MO.*

#### **June 12 - “UU Principle #5”**

**Speaker: Lori Fjelsted.**

*Lori will speak on the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.*

#### **June 19 - “Father’s Day, a Perspective”**

A Father’s Day presentation written by Jan Manning, produced by Karyn Carpenter, presented by Nancy Jordan-Zanot; Service Leader Heidi McLennan.

#### **June 29 - “Pride Sunday” The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.**

**Written by Tom Dowdy-Winslett; Presented by Nancy Jordan-Zanot, Donna Burroughs, and Sue Boyczuk. Service leader, Buddy Dowdy-Winslett**

# OUTREACH REPORT

By Susan Miller



*(Sylvia Flores and Fred Harland –picture contributed by Norman Woods)*

At our Annual Meeting in January, LCUUF took the decision to support a second Outreach Program, the work of Sylvia Flores and Cedejo (Centro de Desarrollo Jocotepec) AC which provides medical services, family planning, and educational services to many communities in the Lake Chapala area.

LCUUF's donations will be put to good use buying kits for Papanicolaou tests (Pap smears), gasoline for the clinic's mobile van, and brochures for teaching the clinic's adolescent education program.

## Operation Feed Clothing Drive

Members and friends of LCUUF donated approximately 25 bags of clothing, shoes, and food for the Operation Feed Clothing Drive. Here is a note from Cheryl Kennedy, who picked up our collected items.

"No single person collected and donated more than you and your fellow church members did, although many people donate a lot. The children's clothes and shoes in particular were a huge hit. They practically flew out the door! Thank you so much again!"

## Hungry Children of Mezcala Food/Cleaning Supplies List

If you are interested in providing any of these items to the Mezcala Food Program, please see **Susan Miller**.



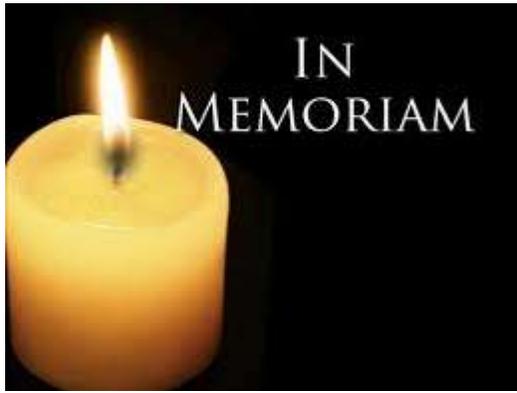
### Food

Beans, red/white  
Rice  
Lentils, dried  
Canned tuna fish in water  
Cooking oil  
Pasta fideo  
Elbow pasta  
Salsa bolognesa in cartons  
Knorr's chicken bouillon  
Canned corn  
Canned green beans  
Crackets crackers  
Mayonnaise  
Salt  
Sugar  
Also, large bottles of water

### Cleaning Supplies

Clorox  
Paper napkins  
Toilet paper  
Liquid cleanser for floors/surfaces  
Dishwashing liquid  
Powdered laundry detergent

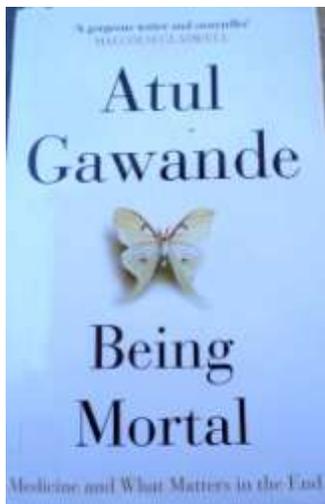
***A big 'Thank you' to Betsy Green and the late Sheldon James for very generous donations to the Mezcala project.***



### ***Sheldon James (1926 to 2016)***

*Longtime LCUUF member Sheldon James passed away on May 5<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of his life was held at the UU Center on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be greatly missed.*

Birthday greetings to the following members who were born in June (those we know about):  
June 16<sup>th</sup>: Francisco Urzua  
June 17<sup>th</sup>: Sue Kelley (sort of – ask her!)



### **Book Review by Sue Kelley** (Adapted from an Amazon Review)

This book could be a game changer, if enough people read it and take it to heart. Atul Gawande addresses end-of-life care, and how we're getting it wrong, both within the medical establishment and in our families.

Dr. Gawande's book focuses both on medical procedures and living conditions in later life. He addresses the reality that as people near the end of life, decisions about their living situation are primarily aimed at ensuring safety at the expense of retaining autonomy, especially when adult children are making the decisions. "We want autonomy for ourselves and safety for those we love," a friend tells the author.

We mistakenly treat elders as children, Dr. Gawande says, when we deny them the right to make choices, even bad choices. People of any age want the right to lock their doors, set the temperature they want, dress how they like, eat what they want, admit visitors only when they're in the mood. Yet, nursing homes (and even assisted living communities) are geared toward making these decisions for people in order to keep them safe, gain government funds, and ensure a routine for the facility.

Dr. Gawande shows how end-of-life physical conditions are most often treated as medical crises needing to be "fixed," instead of managed for quality of life when treatment has become futile. Life is more than just a stretch of years; it must have meaning and purpose to be worth living, he says. This is a familiar concept but he builds a strong case for reform through case studies, stories from his own life, and examples of how individuals are becoming victims of, or bucking, the system. He addresses assisted suicide only briefly, but he mentions it in relation to end-of-life care. "Assisted living is far harder than assisted death, but its possibilities are far greater as well." The good news is that some people are doing what they can to improve the well-being of elders nearing the end of their lives. He demonstrates the beauty of hospice care in the home. He tells a great story of a doctor who convinced a nursing home to bring in two dogs, four cats and one hundred birds! It was a risky proposal, but the rewards were phenomenal. It made the place, and the people, come alive. I am aware, though, that these movements rely on individuals, and only if enough people have a vision for change will it come about. For that reason, I hope this book makes a big splash! I hope it gives you something to think about. It is in our LCUUF Library, check it out!

## LCUUF Activities/Events



### **ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC & HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Atheist, Agnostic & Humanist Discussion Group will not be meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 25th at 3pm at the Fellowship. Information on the topic will be provided in June. For more information contact Bob Koches.



### **LCUUF WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP**

The LCUUF Women's Movie Group will meet on June 17th at 2pm at the Fellowship. We will be watching "Trumbo" starring Bryan Cranston. Bring your own beverage and snack.



## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Once a month, in lieu of coffee hour, we go to lunch together after the service. On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Mel's for Sunday Brunch. Please join us.

## Resources/Information

LCUUF is a member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. CLF provides lots of interesting information and useful resources to help in service planning and preparation. To access their resources follow the following steps:

1. Go to [www.questformeaning.org](http://www.questformeaning.org)
2. Click on **CLF** on the top of the page.
3. Click on: **Ministries.**
4. Click on: **Worship Express**
5. Click on: **Worship Express Login.**
6. Enter User Name: **WorshipExpress**
7. Enter Password: **Gather2015!#**

We are also a member of the **International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU)**. Check them out [www.icuu.net](http://www.icuu.net)

*The purpose of this monthly Newsletter is to provide LCUUF information to members and friends. Thanks to all those who contributed, especially Susan Miller, Sue Kelley and Kathy Koches.*

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