



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

August 2016

Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Service:

August 7 - "Rain and Renewal"

Speaker: Kathy Koches; Service Leader: Bob Koches

Kathy will discuss how we need to stop every now and then and let our spirits be refreshed and renewed, much like the rain renews the earth.

August 14 – "What is Religion and why should Atheists, Agnostics or Humanists Care"

Speaker: Lew Crippen; Service Leader: Frank Howell.

Lew will discuss the importance of religion. Due to time constraints, religion will be considered mainly according to the Judo-Christian tradition. Having defined religion and stated why it is important, religion will be considered in several differing ways."

August 21 – "Peter Rabbit and Unitarianism"

Speaker: Helen White; Service Leader: Bill White.

Helen will talk about the extraordinary life of Beatrix Potter who was brought up in a Unitarian family and became a world renowned author, illustrator and conservationist.

August 28 – "An Indian Way of Death - Part 2"

Speaker: Richard Clarke; Service Leader: Carol Johnson

Richard will continue his presentation regarding the way death is viewed and celebrated in India. There will be discussion and questions following the presentation.

Member News



We were delighted to welcome three new members to LCUUF on Sunday, July 17th: (L to R) Buddy Dowdy-Winslett, Thomas Dowdy-Winslett, and Wesley (Wes) Weston.

Buddy grew up on the east coast in Virginia and graduated from Virginia Tech with a major in Political Science and a minor in Business. He had a 32 year career with the Federal Government (OSHA and the Postal Service); working in L.A. (7 years), and San Diego (28 years). Buddy loves the outdoors (walking, hiking and biking) and animals. He and husband Tom were legally married in 2008 at the San Diego Unitarian Church where they were members and served on the Adult Education Committee.

Tom was born in Alabama, moved to California in 1986, and then to Florida in 1990, where he found the UU. At the Tampa UU, he served two terms on the Board and as President, before relocating to California in 2000 where he met Buddy. Tom enjoys gardening, cooking, and travel. Tom and Buddy moved to Lakeside in August, 2015.

Wes was born in Illinois and joined the USN after graduating from high school. He married Marty in 1965, and served two tours in Vietnam.

Wes started college in 1970, graduating with a degree in Political Science, with minors in Sociology and Psychology. He worked with the police department for 8 years; 3 1/2 years working undercover narcotics. Wes then worked for 30 years in Bremerton, Washington for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as a Mechanical Test Engineer for Submarines and Surface Crafts. He is the father of a son and daughter and grandfather of 5 grandchildren. Wes and Marty have been married for 51 years, and he hopes to be married to her for another 51 years “God (Zeus) willing and the creeks don’t rise”! Wes retired in 2006 and Wes and Marty moved to Mexico.

August Birthdays

“Happy Birthday” greetings to the following members and friends who have birthdays this month: August 1 - Val Marcum; August 8 – Marty Weston; August 10 – Jeanne Haely; August 18 – Sandy Wallin; August 31 – Sue Boyczuk and Carole Johnson.

Healing Thoughts

Our healing thoughts and very best wishes are with the following members who are dealing with medical issues: Sue Kelley, Maureen Peterson and Susan Miller.

Membership Committee Request

Membership Committee greeters can’t always do an adequate job greeting new comers, especially if more than one comes at the same time. This becomes more problematic during the winter months. Therefore, we ask the congregation to consider assisting. **This gives congregation members an excellent opportunity to meet visitors, plus help the committee.** Just select the Sunday of your choice on the sign-up form at the greeter’s table. Thank you.

President's Report



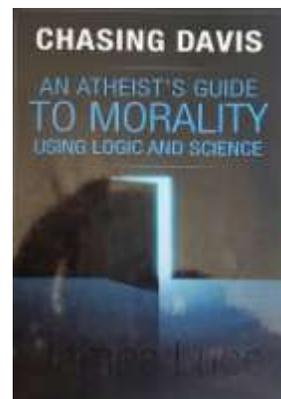
During July, **Vice President Teresa Sande** oversaw a congregational consultation process on the question of whether LCUUF should consider seeking an Intern minister. An Information session was held following the service on July 10th. The Service on July 17th provided a forum to further discuss the option. In addition, LCUUF committees were asked to discuss several questions, and a Questionnaire was distributed to all LCUUF members and friends. Teresa presented an Intern Consultation Report to the Board at their meeting on July 22nd.

The Report demonstrated a high level of support for the idea and identified a wide range of issues to be considered and addressed. The Board approved continuing to investigate this option and has agreed to broaden our investigation by also looking at people who have already completed internships but are not yet looking for regular ministerial positions.

The next step is to start putting together a package of information that could go out to prospective applicants describing our congregation and what we could offer. Teresa will also take responsibility for this next part of the process. Our thanks to Teresa, and to all members and friends who participated in the consultation.

I will be away all of August. Please forward announcements and any issues that arise to Teresa Sande in my absence.

Book Review by Norman Woods



When my friend (the author) **James Luce** was a boy, his father once summarized his moral philosophy of life in one sentence: Your rights end at the tip of my nose. Many years later, after embarking on his own voyage of reflection, Jim finally understood his father's words. In **Chasing Davis**, he shares a set of unique ethical tools and blueprints that can be conceived and implemented by either societies or individuals, ultimately creating a moral life solely guided by logic and science rather than superstition or belief in divine guidance.

Jim believes it is time for a new genesis of moral living. He relies on several decades of research and contemplation as well as ancient and newly acquired wisdom as he carefully examines the difference between good and evil, the importance of self-awareness, and the reasons that morality is not dependent upon the existence of any god. Seekers of the truth and new ideas will learn the meaning and consequences of perception, as well as how to train ourselves to think more productively and morally and why laws, government, and religions are symptoms of our immorality. *Chasing Davis* provides a practical, objective set of behavioral and cognitive guidelines that will help anyone live a moral life, regardless of an individual's culture, religion, or philosophy. In our library – check it out!



ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC & HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Atheist, Agnostic & Humanist Discussion Group will meet August 26th at 3pm at the Fellowship. We will be discussing the question "What's a Good Reason for Believing Anything?" We will explore why we believe in anything or if we believe in anything without the bias of faith or religion. For more information contact Bob Koches.



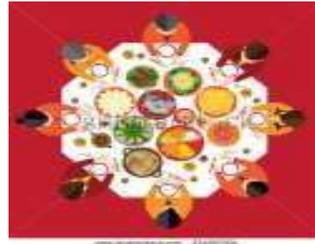
LCUUF WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

The LCUUF Women's Movie Group will meet on August 24th at 2pm at the Fellowship. The movie title will be announced at Fellowship and in the updates. Bring your own beverage and snack.



CHOIR NEWS

The LCUUF Choir will resume rehearsals the first Monday in September, which is September 5th at 9:30 am at the Fellowship. Please contact Choir Director, Bob Koches to let him know if you are returning to the choir or would like to become a new member. bobkoches@gmail.com or 766-2299.



CIRCLE SUPPERS

The assignments for the July/August/September Circle Suppers are posted on the bulletin board. Hosts will receive an e-mail listing their guests, and will then contact them to set up a convenient date and time for their group's Circle Supper. This is a great way to get to know other members in a small group atmosphere. If you missed signing up for the Summer Circle Suppers, we will have a sign-up for the Oct. Nov. and Dec. circles in late September.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

One a month, in lieu of coffee hour, we go to lunch together after the service. On Sunday, August 28th we will be going for traditional *Mexican buffet brunch at Restaurant Diego & Nicole in Riberas. From the Fellowship go west on the Carreterra to Calle San Diego (exit before the Mirasol entrance) and turn left towards the lake. Go to Calle Los Angeles and turn right and go one block to Av. De Pilar and turn left. The restaurant is at the end of the road, right on the lakefront. The buffet brunch is a full buffet and includes coffee, tea and juice. The cost of the buffet is 130 pesos. It is sevicio completo which means it includes all food, coffee, juice and the tip. Please join us.*

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