



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2016

Upcoming Services

November 6 – “The Challenges of Dialogue with Tolerance for Different Beliefs” (A Chosen Faith, chapters 5 and 6)

Speaker: Paul Bennett; Service Leader: Fred Harland

November 13 – “Unusual Expectations: The Good Samaritan and other stories” (A Chosen Faith, Chapters 7 and 8)

Speaker: Fred Harland; Service Leader Catherine Luria

November 20 – “Working for Women’s Health”

Speaker: Sylvia Flores; Service Leader: Norman Woods

November 27 – “Giving Thanks”

Speaker: Susie Lindeman; Service Leader: Kathy Koches

President's Report



We were pleased to have **Rev. Daniel O'Connell** visit us **October 15th to 19th**. In addition to the service on Stewardship, Rev. O'Connell took part in a number of meetings which, I believe, will prove to be very important to our Fellowship in the future. The meetings covered a number of issues and generated lots of discussion. Here are the highlights:

Rev. O'Connell discussed how a Stewardship/pledging program could work and how it would assist us to predict revenues and expenditures and thus plan better. Such a program would be essential to putting in place ministerial or other support, and to providing stable Outreach funding.

He pointed out the many benefits of having a trained minister; and he outlined a proposal for hiring a half time contract minister who would be situated at Lakeside but part of the Houston Ministerial team that now services both the large First Unitarian congregation in Houston, as well as several smaller congregations.

I am grateful to Heidi MacLennan and Dave Miller for their work in organizing follow-up meetings to Daniel's visit. The Board will discuss the issues raised at its Nov 11th meeting and will, I expect, have some recommendations for us. Thanks to everyone who participated in the discussions. These are exciting times!

Photo Gallery



Rev. Daniel O'Connell speaks on Stewardship, October 16th.



Lori Fjelsted & Lynn Cleek- Dia de los Muertos Service, October 30th



Happy Birthday Greetings to the following members who have birthdays in November:

David Miller (November 22nd)
Norman Woods (November 24th)

Mezcala Soccer Program



By Frank Howell

As many of you know, we have extended our outreach in Mezcala to include a soccer program for the youngest children in the primaria, ages 6-10. We have been running the program twice a week since mid-September, on Tuesdays and Fridays. We normally have between 15 and 20 children, both boys and girls, coming out to play.

We are very fortunate to have a local soccer coach assisting us, as without him, we would be seriously hampered in our ability to do this. He is Chevy Hernandez, and he calls himself a "jack of all trades." We are paying him a modest stipend, as we discovered he was turning down paying jobs to be able to come and coach for us. One of his primary jobs is driving people to Guadalajara or to the airport. (If you can use his services, his phone number is [331-207-5106](tel:331-207-5106).) He speaks fluent English and is very reliable.

We are distributing refreshments to the youngsters after every practice. So to continue to do this and to pay Chevy, we need your weekly donations. **Please put your generous donations in the brown box on the welcome table each week.**

Committee News



From the Membership Committee:

Donna Burroughs has been and continues to be very busy due to personal circumstances; therefore **Marty Weston** has agreed to be the Membership Committee Acting Chairperson.

Our committee is looking for one or two additional members. New committee members can be either full or part-time members. Please let one of our committee members (Jan Manning, Ellen McFarland, Trudy Crippen or Marty Weston) know if you are interested.

Currently our committee is looking into developing new name tags. We will keep the congregation informed of our progress.

From the Sunday Service Committee:

The Sunday Service Coordinator for January, February and March is **Mardele Harland**. If you have any suggestions for topics and/or speakers, please talk to or e mail Mardele. The Sunday Service Committee is looking for additional members. If interested, please speak to Chair, Kathy Koches or any member of the committee (Nancy Jordan-Zanot, Lew Crippen, Richard Clarke, Teresa Sande or Mardele Harland).

LCUUF ACTIVITIES



Thanksgiving Dinner November 24th

One of the highlights of the year is sharing thanksgiving dinner at Trudy and Lew Crippen's home. Please be sure to sign up, as seating is limited. For information e mail: trudycrippen@gmail.com



CIRCLE SUPPERS

Fourth Quarter Circle Suppers (October, November and December) have been assigned. The list is posted on the bulletin Board. Hosts will be contacting their guests to set a date and menu.



CHOIR NEWS

Choir Practice for November has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 9:30 at the Fellowship. We will also practice on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at 9:30 and will perform on Sunday, Nov. 27th. Please contact Choir Director, Bob Koches, if you are interested in joining the choir at 766-2299 or bobkoches@gmail.com.



ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC and HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Atheist, Agnostic & Humanist Discussion Group will meet November 28th at 3pm at the Fellowship. When we speak about our UU principles and about a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, we are careful to say we draw our faith from a variety of diverse sources: science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. So, is it time now to also include 'technology' as a source for our "living tradition"? For information contact Bob Koches.

LCUUF WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

The LCUUF Women's Movie group will meet on December 18th at 2pm at the Fellowship. The title will be announced at the Fellowship and in the updates. Bring your own beverage and snacks.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide LCUUF information and news to members and friends. The deadline for contributions to the December edition is November 20th. Editor: Mardele Harland mardeleharlandmx@gmail.com