



## Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services

**Sept. 6 – Famous UU Women.** Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, Sue Kelley will talk about famous UU women in the areas of suffrage, labor, and others. Carol Johnson is the service leader.

**Sept. 13 - Striving for Utopia: Unitarian and Universalist Intentional Communities**  
Rev Matt Alspaugh will give the talk. The 19th century was a time of fervent religious exploration in the US and Canada, and many intentional communities were founded by religious leaders or denominations during that time. Few such communities survived long, and only a handful survive today. We will explore three Unitarian and Universalist intentional, idealistic communities, their founders, their reasons for being, and how they ended. In these utopias there may be lessons for us as we try to live in community (however broadly we define that community). Dee Dee Camhi is the service leader.

**Sept. 20 – Poetry.** Bill Frayer, Kathy Koches, Cat Barnett and other members of the congregation will share poems that they have written, or that have influenced their life. Cate Howell is the service leader

**Sept. 27 – World Out of Control.** Fred Koesling will speak about the challenges of the pandemic, and specifically the people who don't have what they need here at Lakeside. Donna Burroughs is the service leader.



For the foreseeable future, we are meeting on-line, at our usual time, Sundays at 10:30, using a service called Zoom. Here's how to get set up. We suggest you do this before the meeting.

To join via video on your computer, tablet or smartphone, please click the link below – you will be stepped through downloading a free app that will let you connect to the meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/233941792>

Meeting ID: 233 941 792

Or, for audio, just dial-in by your location

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Elsewhere? Find your local phone number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/u/fnTR4N3JJ>

We encourage you to try to connect early, to get things set up. However, you won't be able to join the service until about 10:00am on Sunday. But it's good to get set up early.





## THE LCUUF TECH TEAM

We recently established a Technical Team as a subcommittee of the Sunday Service Committee. The Technical Team produces and records the weekly video Sunday service, produces a video of each service to be posted on social media, establishes and maintains a LCUUF YouTube site, and maintains the LCUUF web site.

Sundays are different now at the Fellowship, or should I say, “The Studio.” Instead of people arriving early for coffee and conversation, a much smaller “crew” comes in more than an hour before the service. They need to set up and debug the production system so they are ready to present the Zoom video of the service. They have to set up several computers, video cameras, microphones and lights. Everything must be tested and ready to go “on the air” for the 10:30 service.

The Fellowship hall is not very full. There are empty chairs, with tables – the computer “workstations” – cameras and lights between the chairs and the podium. Michael and his piano are in their usual place in the corner; meanwhile the remote crew is admitting people to Zoom where they can see one another and chat before the service. Then the bell rings, everyone is muted, and the service begins. We then begin recording everything, so that the service can be put on our web site, YouTube and posted to Facebook.

After the service the remote crew will put people into small “breakout rooms” where they can chat in a more intimate setting. The community aspect, the ability for our members to see and talk to each other, is an important part of the service.

There are two parts of the Technical Team—the Sunday crew, and Social Media support.

- Sunday Crew

- Onsite

- Crew Chief  
Charlie Jacobs
    - System startup and debug  
Charlie Jacobs and  
Rev. Matt Alspaugh
    - Studio operator  
Charlie Jacobs
    - Slide Presentation  
Cat Barnett and  
Robert Barnett
    - Camera  
Roy Haynes
    - Monitor  
Lew Crippen
    - Support, Candles  
Jan Manning

- Offsite

- Slide Preparation Roy Haynes
    - Greeter/Breakout coordinator  
Colleen Beery

- Assistant Greeters Trudy Crippen,  
Paula Odom, Pamela Cucinell
- Remote speaker coordinator  
Richard Clarke
- Video Production and Upload  
Richard Clarke
- Social Media support  
Richard Clarke
- Website maintenance  
Richard Clarke



As you can see from all the people who are involved each Sunday, this is a significant volunteer effort for our membership. One thing that each of them would say, though, is how happy they are to be able to contribute in this way, by helping to put on the Sunday web services. I think this will continue when we are able to meet in person again; we have found out just how much these services mean to those who cannot be here in person.

There is one big issue facing the Tech Team: the need for more members. Critical jobs to produce each Sunday's service require some know how, and there is only one person who knows how to do most of these. So we need backup. What if, during this epidemic, someone gets sick? Ideally, with three more people, we could form a backup Sunday Crew. We will train you, and work with you until you are ready to "go live." We also need someone with enough video editing skills to take the Zoom recording, add titles and credits and post it on social media. If you want to help contribute to our Fellowship in this important way, email [Richard@infinitepie.net](mailto:Richard@infinitepie.net)

Submitted by Richard Clarke



David Hudnall invites you to a virtual Celebration of Life Service for Paulina "Pam" Hudnall on behalf of her family to be held Sunday August 30. Please join her son, David, her grand-daughter, Darby Hudnall, plus other friends and family members to honor a life well-lived.

This is not a sad occasion. Even if you didn't know Pam personally, you probably know someone like her. Please join in tribute and laugh along with us at some of the funnier moments of her life as we share photos that span 83 years.

Lake Chapala UU is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join the Zoom Meeting on Sunday August 30, 2020 at 6 pm EDT, 5 pm CDT, 5 pm Ajijic Time

Click on the link below.

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**MESSAGE FROM  
REV. MATT**

It's been almost six months since the COVID-19 pandemic became real for us, and our fellowship made the very quick pivot to end all in-person gatherings and meet on-line. Like other UU congregations, we've been feeling our way along in this new and uncharted territory, finding out by trial and error what works and what doesn't. We've made some choices that in hindsight may seem arbitrary — producing live Sunday services rather than pre-recording them, for example. We've emphasized some things (like Sunday) over others (small groups, for example). All this as we journey week by week through this strange wilderness that is the world of pandemic.

We also are realizing that we'll be in this territory for a while. The Unitarian Universalist Association recommends that its congregations not plan on in-person services and gatherings until at least the middle of May 2021. We remain cautious as we see infections spike in many early openings of schools, businesses and churches. So your board and I accept that we will be doing something like what we are doing now for some time.

But it's been almost six months, and we realize that in our hurry, we haven't asked you what you think. We haven't asked you how things are going with your connection with the Fellowship. We haven't asked you what you love about what we're doing now, what you wish could be different, what ideas you might bring for change. So my column this month is an invitation to offer the board and me feedback.

**What's working for you in this time? What would you love to change? Where might we focus our energy and priorities? What do you miss?**

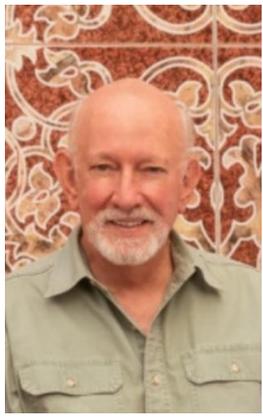
We invite you to jot your thoughts down in an email, and send it to me ([minister@lakechapalauu.org](mailto:minister@lakechapalauu.org)) or to Lew, our board president ([lewcrippen@gmail.com](mailto:lewcrippen@gmail.com)), or if you prefer, any other board member. Short or long, plus or minus. It's all ok with us. Your input can and will help plan better services for you.

Please remember that we can't accept anonymous feedback, as we may need to ask questions or have a dialog as we consider your comments. Also, no third-party information, because we might need to speak with that person directly for clarification. We will share your comments only with the Board and those that need to know, for example, to address a concern. We will share general comments as we report back on what we are learning. But overall, we very much want to hear your feedback, for we're all in this together, and it will take all of us, together, to get through. Gracias in advance.



**LCUUF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Fred Koesling, MAL

## FROM THE BOARD

“Time You Old Gypsy Man,  
Will you not stay,  
Put up your caravan  
Just for one day?”

Ralph Hodgson

There are a lot of us right now who, in hindsight, probably wish that time could have been brought to a standstill at the end of 2019. Remember 2019? Problems we thought we had then pale in comparison to the onslaught of difficulties and bad news that 2020 has brought. But we remember that time is always temporary, an ever moving caravan, an ever flowing river, ferrying us through both the hard bits and the good on this incredible journey through life. Distilling a few of Max Ehrmann’s uplifting sentiments from his masterpiece “Desiderata”:

“Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness, but let this not blind us to what virtue there is; everywhere life is full of heroism and hope. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world”.

For our LCUUF Fellowship there is still much work to be done. At this point in time a year ago our LCUUF Fellowship was experiencing dynamic and positive change. We were close to outgrowing our current meeting hall. Newcomers to Lakeside were finding LCUUF, bringing a range of fresh talents and welcome enthusiasms to our Fellowship. Our music programs were expanding, and Reverend Matt continued to raise the bar in spiritual guidance, presentations and participatory group encounters, focused on social justice and other forward thinking programs.

Our membership responded generously and enthusiastically by supporting our 2020 - 2021 Pledge Campaign. Today, under very different circumstances, we are undertaking the start of our 2021 - 2022 LCUUF pledge drive. The need for substantive funding for our community of free thinkers and progressive sensibilities remains as necessary as ever. There is still much work to be done. Here are just some of the reasons why:

Continued support for our part time minister.  
\*Continued support for our music director and upgraded instrumental equipment. \*Continued support for our community outreach programs, more necessary than ever in this time of heart-rending need. \*Continued support for the obligatory and ongoing expenses of maintaining our Fellowship Hall. \*Continued investment in our whole new world of technical systems and equipment to bring enhanced internet/video Zoom services and general communications to our membership. \*Our continued determination to prepare for LCUUF’s future.

Here are the basics of this years “Big Dreams in Challenging Times” Pledge Campaign:

The Pledge Campaign will support our Fellowship and our priorities for the fiscal year February 1, 2021 through January 31st, 2022.

Our Pledge Campaign begins on Sunday, October 4th and runs through Sunday, November 29th of this year.

The Pledge team has established a goal of MXN 700,000 pesos, below our realized pledges of MXN 777,500 pesos for the current fiscal year, taking into account the unsettled state of world affairs affecting us all.

A detailed PowerPoint presentation will be given by Lorna Dean, our treasurer, during the Zoom service on Sunday, October 4th, regarding such practical matters as currencies, method of pledging, and more.

Pledging instructions are posted on our LCUUF website: <https://lakechapalauu.org/pledge/>

Both the LCUUF Board of Directors and the Pledge team are committed to an open and transparent accounting of funds received and spent. Your privacy and security of information as pledge donors are of tantamount importance. The 'need to know' is restricted to our financial team and our minister.

Pledging is neither a requirement nor an obligation to celebrate with our Fellowship. All involved recognize that just as we join in with our own backgrounds, life experiences and temperaments, we each have varying individual financial resources available. That said, I close by referencing my own personal philosophy on 'giving' for whatever cause or reason. I believe we exist in an extraordinarily beautiful and exhilarating but morally blind universe where it is up to us as thinking, sentient individuals to support those causes and institutions that sustain us and bring meaning into our lives, and the lives of others in the communities and world around us. If we don't do it, it's not going to happen. Simple as that!

"I wondered why somebody didn't do something. Then I realized, I am somebody." Author Unknown

"Every Minute of every hour of everyday you are making the world just as you are 'making' yourself, and you might as well do it with generosity and kindness and style. Rebecca Soint



### **DISCOUNTED WILLS IN SEPTEMBER**

In September 2020, all *notarios* in Jalisco are offering to prepare wills at a discounted price. So if you have been thinking of getting a Mexican will, make an appointment with the *notario* of your choice in September. If you wish to leave a bequest to LCUUF in your Mexican will, see the instructions under Legacy on our website at <https://lakechapalauu.org/legacy/>



### **SHARE THE BASKET**

The LCUUF Board will revive our Share the Basket program with a donation of MXN 5,000 pesos for September to FoodBank Lakeside <https://www.facebook.com/FoodBankLakeside/> We plan to continue donations of MXN 5,000 pesos, per month, to various organizations providing food to the local community during the coronavirus crisis.

We are asking the congregation to donate to support this program (separate from their pledge payment). If we collect more than MXN 5,000 pesos in any month the full amount will go to an organization providing food to the local community. If we collect less than MXN 5,000 pesos in donations in any month, the balance will be subsidized from the LCUUF treasury, as long as this is financially feasible.

Our Share the Basket program was suspended when we stopped having in-person services in March. Prior to that, the Share the Basket program contributed half of the loose offering (which were not pledge payments) to a local organization and half was retained for the LCUUF treasury. We now plan to donate all the funds to the selected organization each month. Please designate your donation for Share the Basket when you use one of the following payment methods:

1. From a U.S. or Canadian PayPal account, in U.S. dollars, to [lcuufinc@gmail.com](mailto:lcuufinc@gmail.com) Put Share the Basket in the Memo portion of the transaction and set it for "Send money to a friend" to avoid fees.
2. By BillPay from your U.S. bank to our U.S. charitable organization, Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalist Fund, Inc. Contact Susan Miller [ssmiller999@gmail.com](mailto:ssmiller999@gmail.com) for bank information and tell her you are making a Share the Basket donation.
3. In cash in Mexican pesos. Contact Lorna Dean [lmdean695@gmail.com](mailto:lmdean695@gmail.com) for drop-off addresses or to have someone pick up your donation. Put the pesos in an envelope with your name, the amount, the date, and Share the Basket on the envelope.



Eric Luria  
Member at Large

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

I was born and raised in Detroit, MI, the oldest of three boys. After graduating from high school, I went to the University of Michigan where I earned a bachelor's degree in zoology and the necessary requirements to enter medical school.

I had always planned to be a dentist and follow in my father's footsteps. He was someone I always looked up to. However, I decided it would be more interesting to go into medicine. I got my medical degree after four years at the University of Rochester (NY) School of Medicine and Dentistry. During that time I met my wife Catherine at the end of my first year. We found each other at an evening conference on the challenges of providing health care to migrant laborers. This was a major problem due to the large agricultural farms in the region.

I guess it was love at first sight. We started dating and got married the day before medical school graduation. Catherine was an inner city public health nurse and helped organize a program that would eventually lead to what we now call Nurse Practitioner training. She was able to be "grandfathered in" because of all the advanced training that she had arranged for the nurses at the health center. We spent the next year in Lexington, KY, where I did my Internship in Internal Medicine. Catherine taught Pediatrics in the School of Nursing.

I really hadn't found my niche in medicine there. So we took a break and both joined the Indian Health Service, a branch of the US Public Health Service. We spent one year in Gallup, NM, and then a second year in Kotzebue, Alaska, which is 50 miles north of the Arctic Circle off the Bering Sea.

After those two years, I realized that I wanted to go into family medicine. We started looking for a place to work. We drove from Seattle all the way across the country to Albany, NY, visiting both sets of parents along the way. We ended up actually finding a job in Gig Harbor, WA, which is about an hour south of Seattle. A year later we had our daughter, Sacha, who was born on December 26th of 1977.

We decided to open our own private medical practice, just the two of us plus staff. Both of us had a dream of having a medical practice that would allow us to spend quality time with our patients. We wanted to provide whatever individual care they needed. We made sure that their concerns and issues were heard. It was very rewarding. We felt that we provided something that most practices couldn't or wouldn't do. We retired in 2013 after 35 years in private practice together.

After retiring we came down and visited some friends who had moved to Ajijic in 2009 and fell in love with the area. We came back a couple of winters, and then decided to move here permanently. At the end of our first visit, we actually found the Fellowship. It is at UU that we have made most all of our good friends. We have been very happy and plan to stay here for a long time.





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 06 Penny Humphreys | 19 Esther Jones       |
| 09 Tonya Murphy    | 26 Lori Fjelsted      |
| 17 Heidi MacLennan | 30 Nancy Jordon-Zanot |



## HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will resume meeting in September, via ZOOM. However, I need to know **which day and what time would be best for everyone**. In addition I need to know **who is interested in receiving the notes for the talks**. Please contact me at [bobkoches@gmail.com](mailto:bobkoches@gmail.com) so I can create a new mailing list. (The old list has disappeared after my being gone for six months.)

Our topic for discussion will be the UAE/Israel peace agreement and the implications for the Middle East. **Trita Parsi who writes for The New Republic** states that Israel, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia are girding for a post-American Middle East. President Trump has signaled a desire to withdraw the US military presence, and those countries have been “the foremost benefactors of America’s military domination in the region, gifting them a beneficial power balance that they could not have achieved on their own,” Parsi writes. “With the US seeming to want to dial back, the threat of Iran is just a convenient distraction.”



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Nina Chakrabarti



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