



Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services

- July 4 – Is the Declaration of Independence Based on a Lie?** - On this July 4th, Donna Burroughs, Fred Koesling, and Roy Haynes explore the origins of the United States based on this one line from the Declaration of Independence: “All Men are Created Equal”. We will discuss concepts between 1619 and 1776 as it pertains to the foundering of the United States as we know it.
- July 11 - Cravings** - Craving is part of life, at some level essential for survival. There is a continuum of craving for substances (drugs, drink, food) and experiences (work, gambling, sex) that at the extreme can lead to unhealthy behavior and to addiction. It’s hard for many of us to control these cravings, and the moralistic judgements our society places on people who can’t manage their cravings doesn’t help. We’ll explore some new ideas (and some very old ideas) in controlling cravings. Susan Miller is the Service Leader.
- July 18 - Seaside Sustainability** - Eric Magers, the son of Dee Dee Camhi, has founded two organizations. Seaside Sustainability is a non-profit located in Gloucester, Massachusetts, dedicated to cleaning up the oceans. The National Stem Honor Society is a national honor society for students from kindergarten through university who have demonstrated significant interest in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math). This Sunday this mother-son team will focus on sustainability—what it is, what it is not, and how to live it in our lives.
- July 26 - “There Will Come Soft Rains”** - "There Will Come Soft Rains" is a poem by Sara Teasdale, written during the first World War and 1918 Flu Pandemic. It considers the state of nature if humankind disappeared completely. We will also consider such questions: What of our future? What will become of the world if--more likely when--we're gone? What does this mean for each of us, as individual persons?



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.





Rev. Matt Alspaugh

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Lorna Dean, Treasurer

LCUUF FINANCES

Pledges

LCUUF has pledges of MXN 737,050 pesos for the 2021-22 fiscal year. During February-May 2021, we have collected MXN 355,203 pesos or 48.2% of the total pledges for the year. David Hudnall is planning to send out pledge statements after the end of July, which will be six months into the fiscal year. If you want to know the amount you pledged or your pledge balance you may contact Lorna Dean, Treasurer, Treasurer@LakeChapalaUU.org

Share the Basket

In May, we collected MXN 7,716.40 pesos for Tepehua Centro Comunitario <http://tepehua.org/> through our Share the Basket program. Up to June 19, we have collected MXN 6,114.30 pesos for FoodBank Lakeside <https://foodbanklakeside.org/> for the June Share the Basket donation. In July, the Share the Basket donation will go to Operation Feed

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Assets

LCUUF assets total MXN 3,591,464 pesos as of May 31, 2021. This includes three U.S. dollar accounts (Actinver-one account, SunTrust and Schwab) converted to pesos at our standard exchange rate for the year of 20:1. The SunTrust and Schwab accounts are owned by Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalist Fund, Inc., but are included in the LCUUF accounts in pesos.

Actinver Investments	MXN	687,646
Actinver Checking	MXN	220,124
SunTrust Checking	MXN	264,625
Schwab Brokerage	MXN	2,393,333
Petty Cash	<u>MXN</u>	<u>25,736</u>

Total Assets	MXN	3,591,464 pesos
		(about USD 179,573)

Income

LCUUF tends to receive more pledge payments early in the year, so our Income totaled MXN 408,760 pesos for February - May, compared to the budgeted Income of MXN 255,000 pesos. In addition, LCUUF received a donation of stock worth MXN 2,019,713 pesos, plus the gain on the value of the stock has been MXN 373,620 pesos. The stock donation is excluded from the above Income compared to the Budget to make the numbers more comparable.

Expenses

LCUUF's total Expenses for February - May were MXN 238,289 pesos, compared to the budgeted Expenses of MXN 253,472 pesos. Some of the new equipment was not recorded in the Expenses by the end of May.

If anyone has questions about the finances or would like a copy of the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statements prepared each month, contact Lorna Dean, Treasurer, at Treasurer@LakeChapalaUU.org



SHARE THE BASKET

The LCUUF Share the Basket program donates MXN 5,000 pesos or more to an organization providing food to the Lakeside community during the coronavirus crisis. Our July recipient is Operation Feed, which provides food assistance to local families. We appreciate the congregation's support for the Share the Basket program separate from your pledge payments. If we collect more than MXN 5,000 pesos in any month, the full amount will go to an organization providing food to the Lakeside 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. Please designate your donation for "Share the Basket" when you use one of the usual payment methods (PayPal, Bill Pay or pesos.) If you have questions contact Lorna Dean at: lmdean695@gmail.com



JULY BIRTHDAYS

20	Bobbe Dannenbrink	26	Lamar Allen
25	Tom Dowdy-Winslett	28	Lew Crippen



HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, July 28th at 4pm. Note the new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863> Climate change increases the odds of worsening drought in many parts of the United States and the world in the decades ahead. Regions such as the U.S. Southwest are at particular risk. Have we reached the tipping point? What about Mexico and the rest of the world? If you wish to receive the reading materials prior to the meeting and are not on the mailing list please contact Bob Koches at: bobkoches@gmail.com



The LCUUF Newsletter is produced to provide LCUUF news to members and friends. Deadline for contributions to the August newsletter is July 20th and should be sent to Editor Kathy Koches, at: kkoches@gmail.com



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