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THIS WEEK: May 28, 2023

"Taize Service on Forgiveness"

No Presenter For This Service

Service Associates: Cat Barnett, Heidi MacLennan

A contemplative service on the theme of forgiveness with songs, readings, meditation and no sermon.

NEXT WEEK: JUNE 4, 2023



“Flashes of Delight”

Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Michael Sword, Service Associate

Oftentimes life offers up little gifts of joy and delight, sometimes unexpected, even intense, oftentimes brief, though the warm memory of such gifts lingers. Like a gemstone we hold up to sunlight, the delight sparkles in unexpected patterns. Delight is rarely something that we can make happen, beyond our holding up the gemstone. Yet what a gift when we receive it. In this service, we'll explore some little flashes of delight from the gems around us.



From The Board...

Greetings to you from the secretary of the LCUUF Board of Directors. Lately I have been thinking about bamboo. Over the last six months, some of us on the board had been looking at the plants in the back of our fellowship space (they were a bit messy!) and thinking about how to improve the looks of the plantings there. There is a local organization, Bamboo Warriors, promoting the planting of bamboo for a number of reasons. The board would like to thank LCUUF Member, Barley Donahue who came to us recommending we consider using them. One primary reason is the conservation of water. Conservation of water? If I ever thought about bamboo, I mostly thought that I would not plant it anywhere I lived, as it grows so fast and is difficult to remove. If asked to guess, I would have said bamboo used a lot of water. I really had much to learn. I did know a few uses of bamboo as a renewable resource, such as in construction, flooring and fabric, but here are some things I have recently learned about bamboo. Do you know:

- A grove of bamboo releases 35% more oxygen into the atmosphere than a similar size stand of trees.
- Bamboo acts as a reservoir by collecting and storing large amounts of water in its rhizomes and stems during the rainy season and returning water to the soil, rivers and streams during droughts.
- Because of its ability to store and release water, bamboo helps reduce soil degradation and desertification.

So during the last two months, the board hired Bamboo Warriors to clear out the untended beds in the back of our fellowship, leaving only the trees that were there, and plant bamboo. It already looks much better there. And the bamboo we have planted cannot spread as it is contained in flowerbeds. We are now thinking about the front portion of the space; the crown of thorns plants there do not seem to be thriving and it's being used as a kitty potty. We want to make sure that anything we plant does not need much maintenance or water and is native to Mexico.

In other news, I have personally ordered 12 grey and 12 teal hymnals for the fellowship. This is a gift from me; the fellowship did not pay for the books. I know that people have

different feelings about hymns, but since we gave up on the small books of copied hymns (there may have been copyright issues there) that we used to use, those of us who like hymns or might like to try harmonies while the congregation sings them have had no music to look at. Robert and I will bring the books back from Texas in July when we return from two weeks there visiting family. I am planning to bring them out every Sunday so that anyone who would like to have one can use them. They will be stored in the mountain side bodega where other books belonging to the fellowship are stored.

Thank you all for my place on the board. It is my first time being on the board of anything, and I have been honored this past year and a half to be part of the leadership of my beloved community.

Cat Barnett



LCUUF Book Library

The LCUUF library of books is again available. The books are located in the mountainside bodega. There is a clipboard and a sheet to sign out and sign in books. It is an honor system so please be aware of the time you keep the books and please be sure to return them. There are at least a dozen books on UU history and others that may be helpful in planning future services. Thank you Sue Kelley for your support of an LCUUF library and Cat for reorganizing it in a way to represent to the congregation. Click on the link below to see a list of books that are currently available.

List of Books

Weekly and Monthly Events

Zoom Women's Group: 12pm - 1pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Monthly
Catherine Luria, Facilitator: Contact CLuriaARNP@gmail.com for topics

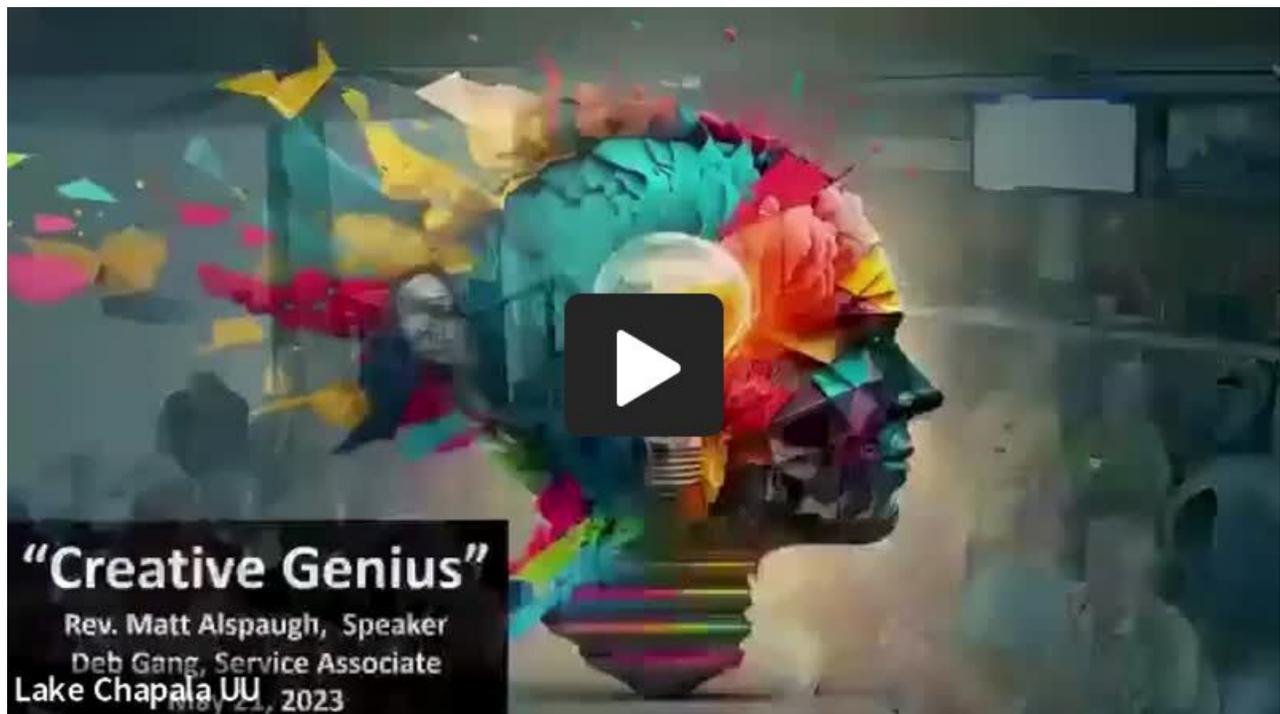
Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3pm - 4pm Weekly on Thursdays Richard Clarke, Facilitator. (Click to join Zoom) Contact: riberasmeditation@gmail.com

Coffee on the Plaza: 10:30am - 11:00am Weekly on Thursdays at Black Coffee on the plaza in Ajijic. Bring a Friend

Monthly Humanist Discussion Group: Wed. May 24th 11:00am CST. Bob Koches Facilitator (Click for Monthly Topic and Zoom link)

Friday open "Zoom" conversation--2:00 pm. Open to all questions: e-mail Richard Clarke at: arunachalakinde@gmail.com (click to join on Zoom).

Sunday May 21st Video Recording





Birthdays This Week

Kaya Reed 5/31

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