



The Flower Ceremony is a celebration of the beauty and diversity of the world around us and the beauty and diversity among the people around us. 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of this UU celebration.



**NEXT WEEK:  
June 25, 2023**

**"All Our Births and Deaths"**

**Dave Macmillan: Presenter**

**Pam Cucinell: Service Associate**

Rites of passage signal a readiness to pass from one life stage to the next: baptisms, bar mitzvahs, graduations, weddings, preparing for death and finally the ultimate passage into death itself. Rites can also mark other passages: to conceive or to abort a child; to take one job or career or to leave them behind; to make a geographical move; to propose a marriage or a divorce; and many others. This morning we reflect on some of the approaching passages in our lives and how we might create rites of passage to mark them. People are encouraged to share with me by email some of the passages you have experienced or that you see approaching. [dmacmillan@uuma.org](mailto:dmacmillan@uuma.org)

After serving six congregations, Dave MacMillan is enjoying retirement at the Italo Hotel & enjoying the best days of his life. He has been called to guide a vision fast in China in October.

## **Member Spotlight:**

### **Linda Jessen**

I was born and raised in Quebec City, French, Catholic, and moved to Montreal when I was 14. Seeing the importance of being bilingual, my father sent my sister and I to English school. (not something that was done back then) Upon graduating from High School I went to work in the German part of Switzerland for a summer.

This turned out to be a 2 year stint in Europe, travelling and working to pay my way around.

In those days, only business people and the rich could afford to travel, unless you worked for the airlines. So in 1975 I joined the airline world where I made it my mission to travel as



much as I could. My love of languages ( my second passion) took me back to school where I studied Linguistics in University.

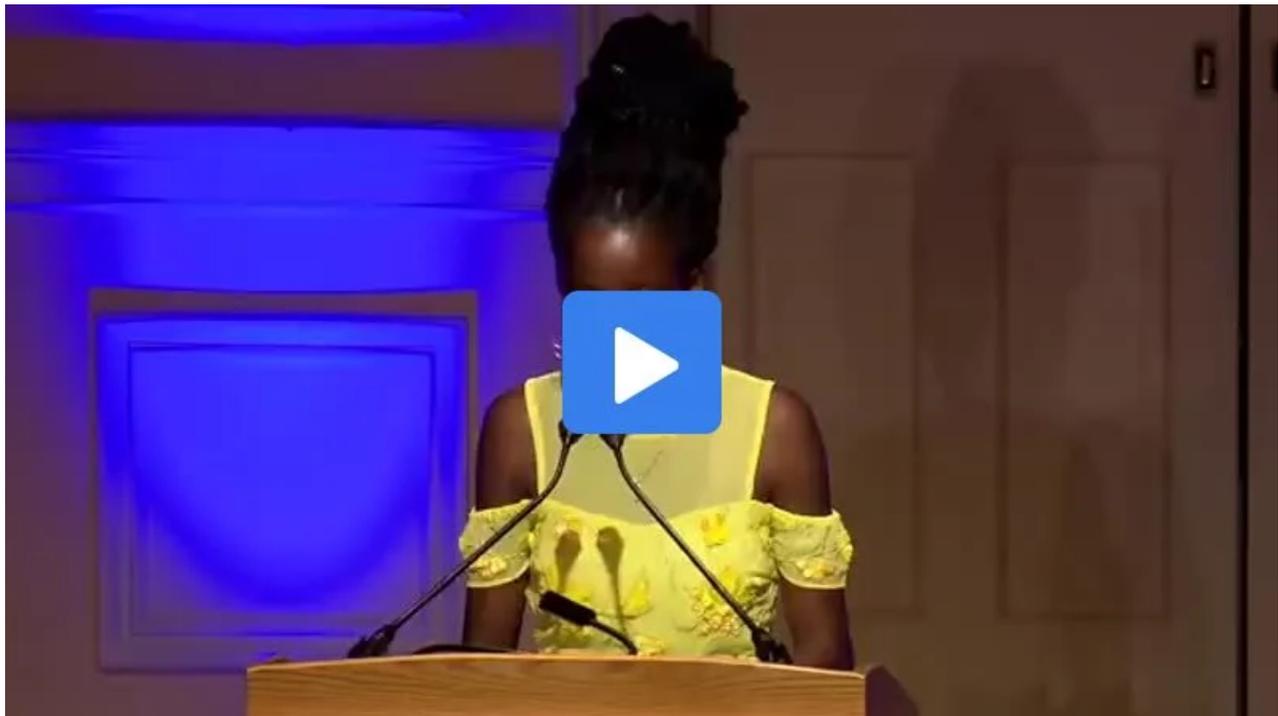
Many lives later I met ( at gate #1 at the Montreal airport ) and later married my husband, Peter. Between us we have 5 children and 5 grand-children.

We married at a Universalist Church in Montreal ( where Elisabeth Taylor and Richard Burton married the second time around ) my first encounter with UU. That was 35 years ago.

Life took us to Florida and then the Bahamas and then back to Florida. I've sung all my life but I really wanted to get more involved with singing ( my first passion) in a semi-professional way. So I joined a Symphonic Group who were the accompanying vocals for the Fort Myers Symphonic Orchestra. For 8 years I sang in numerous concerts, we did back up for many well known artist who came and performed in town and we also travelled to Europe to perform there.

But after being away from Canada for 15 years we wanted to re-establish ourselves back home and also find a place to spend our winters. In a retirement magazine we came upon a small village called Ajijic where life was simple, inexpensive and offered an expat community. We have spent 20 wonderful years of our lives in Lake Chapala and found a wonderful UU community.

Back in Collingwood Canada I continue to sing, I volunteer at the Humane Society restore where I do all the staging ( my third love is decorating) and also work at a furniture store in town part-time. My life is forever changing now and I look forward to what is to come my way. One thing I know is that Ajijic and the UU fellowship will continue to be in my life for a long time.



## Video Links for Sunday June 8th Service

For those of you who tried to watch the Sunday June 11th service, there were sound issues that made it difficult to hear some of the videos that were part of the service. The video featuring the Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman was the most difficult to hear because of the original video recording. It was played as loud as was possible. You can now click on the link above to watch and hear the entire poem. It is worth the time. Here are links for the other videos in last Sunday's Service:

Lift Every Voice and Sing - Forward Avenue

[https://youtu.be/hm4rOpYKw\\_4](https://youtu.be/hm4rOpYKw_4)

There's a River Flowing in my Soul

<https://youtu.be/LHEk4D5p9XU>

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History of Juneteenth - PBS Iowa

<https://youtu.be/Ci1HYZUqn2g>

Juneteenth: A Celebration

<https://youtu.be/ceLuRGAZLtg>

Wade in the Water - Cynthia Liggins Thomas

[https://youtu.be/7\\_euSS86dvE](https://youtu.be/7_euSS86dvE)

We Shall Overcome - Joan Baez

<https://youtu.be/nuSih-Z30TY>

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# We Remember

Beloved LCUUF member Carol Powell passed away on June 12 while being driven to Texas for medical care. Carol is currently in a funeral home close to the US border and the Care Team has contacted her son.

Carol is an original member of the congregation and in January of 2022 she presented a service where she talked about her years as a nun and her journey to Unitarian Universalism. She will be greatly missed at our Fellowship.

Please give special thoughts to Lorna Dean, Carol Johnson, and Barley Donahue, who all actively supported Carol in her final months.



## THIS WEEK: Summer Solstice Potluck

June 21st will be the first day of summer and the longest day of the year, join us to celebrate! You are invited to join us at the Fellowship on Wednesday, June 21st at 4pm for a Potluck.

Please RSVP by June 18th to Paula Odom at [paulaodom01@gmail.com](mailto:paulaodom01@gmail.com) or signup at the Fellowship.

Bring a dish to share and what you would like to drink.

## Weekly and Monthly Events

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

**Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3pm - 4pm Weekly on Thursdays Richard Clarke, Facilitator. (Click to join Zoom) Contact: [riberasmeditation@gmail.com](mailto: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: Wednesdays...June will explore  
humor, laughter and the lighter side of our nature from our UU Humanist  
perspective

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

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## June Birthdays!

**Buddy Dowdy-Winslett 6/06**

**Helen White 6/08**

**Francisco Urzua 6/16**

**Sheryl Swain 6/16**

**Luis Vazquez 6/21**

**Mary Helen Montgomery 6/23**

**Do you have a news item you would like included? Contact us at:**

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**Newsletters are Available on our Website**

Monthly newsletters from 2015 through March 2023 are now available on the website. Weekly newsletters to be added soon.

<https://lakechapalauu.org/lcuuf-monthly-newsletters/>.



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