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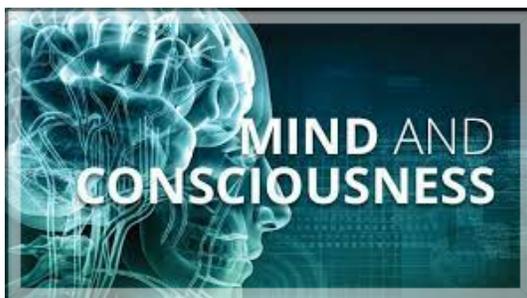
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**Attend our weekly services in person or via Zoom on Sundays at 10:30am CST. We are located at 261 Hidalgo, Riberas Del Pilar. To participate on Zoom use this link:**

[Sunday Service Zoom Link](#)

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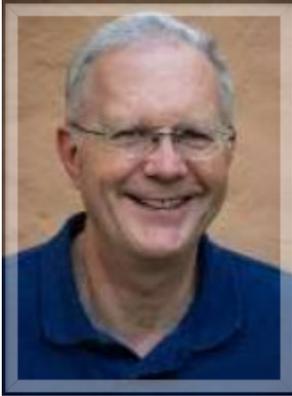
## THIS WEEK: JULY 16, 2023

**"The relationship between mind and consciousness"**

**Presenter: Richard Clarke**

**Service Associate: Carol Johnson**

We all know consciousness; it pervades us, and we experience it every moment. But what is consciousness? Physicists these days talk about "The hard problem of consciousness." Maybe the physicist's problem comes from their assumption that consciousness emerges from matter. Richard Clarke talks about this from the ancient Indian perspective of Advaita Vedanta, the teaching of nonduality, which he has studied for more than 30 years.



## A Word From Rev. Matt Alspaugh

I recently returned from almost two months away from the fellowship. I'm very glad to see that things have been going well in my absence. I'm also very glad to be back, to reconnect with all of you, and to reenergize my ministry work. I spent nearly a month in North Carolina, visiting Liz, and hosting my sister and her husband, whom we haven't seen for almost four years. They live in Australia, so this was their first trip to the United States since before the pandemic. My brother also joined us from Puerto Rico, so it was a small family reunion. The better part of a second month I spent in Spain. Although I did visit several cities, Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, exploring art and architecture, the focus of this trip was hiking. A total of 14 days on the t rail, in three areas of northern Spain: Picos de Europa, and Ordesa and Maladeta Massif in the Pyrennes. A typical hike would be 8 miles, with perhaps 2500 feet of elevation gain. However, we were day hiking, not through hiking, and so returned to our hotel and a warm shower or even a hot bath, each day. The views were stunning, the time in nature restorative, and the exercise has quite possibly has put me in the best physical condition I've been in my life. Now, I'm back on the local Ajijic trails, which are stunning in themselves, and I'm delighted to be watching the hillsides explode with green and flowers after the rains this last week. Here is a picture from a hike in the Picos de Europa, with a view of the Atlantic Ocean, some 15 miles away. A great trip, and I'm glad to be back with you.



**NEXT WEEK:  
JULY 23, 2023**

**"God Wants You  
To Be Rich"**

**Rev. Matt Alspaugh**

**Mario Padillo: Service Associate**



**Missed Sunday's Service? Here is the video Recording for Sunday July 9th.**

## Weekly and Monthly Events

Click on the + for info and links

Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Jul 26  
11am

+



Wednesday, July 26th 11:00am CST. Discussion on AI and the Future of Humanity has sparked a great debate these last few months. It is time to revisit this

discussion . If you want to be included in the reading and video list please contact Bob Koches at [bobkoches@gmail.com](mailto:bobkoches@gmail.com)

Click to join on Zoom

### Zoom Women's Group: 1st and 3rd Mondays +

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

### Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3-4pm Thursdays +

Richard Clarke, Facilitator. To find out more contact: [riberasmeditation@gmail.com](mailto:riberasmeditation@gmail.com)

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### Coffee on the Plaza: Thursdays 10:30am +



Meet other UUs for weekly at Black Coffee on the Plaza. Bring a friend!

### Open Zoom Conversation: Fridays 2pm +

Conversation is open to all questions. Email Richard Clarke at [arunachalakindle@gmail.com](mailto:arunachalakindle@gmail.com)

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# July Birthdays!

**Jane Castleman 7/04**

**Bobbe Dannenbrink 7/20**

**Lamar Allan 7/26**

**Lew Crippen 7/28**

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



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