

LCUUF NEWS OF THE WEEK



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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: APRIL 23, 2023

“Can Laughter Make Us Holy?”

“The Relationship Between Humor and Spirituality”

Presenter: June Wilson

Service Associate: D'Vorah Kelley

During this service we will be investigating the relationship of laughter and spirituality. Together we will explore the healthy effects of laughter on our bodies and our spirits as well as how our attitude affects others.

NEXT WEEK: April 30, 2023

**From the Inside: What You Didn't Know About Lakeside's Festivals -
The Key to Understanding Our Mexican Hosts**



Presenter: Janice Kimball

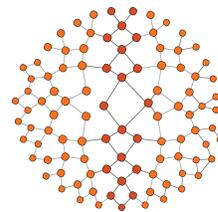
Service Leader: Lynn Cleek

Local artist and writer, Janice Kimball, explores the often uneasy but co-dependent relationships between the Catholic Church and the beliefs of the

indigenous culture that predominates in our "Lakeside" communities.

The visual presentation of Janice's personal photographs focuses most closely on the communities of Mezcala, Ajijic, and Jocotepec. They were gathered during her close ties with these communities over the 24 years she has lived at Lakeside. In the presenter's narration she will also give an overview of the historical formation and the character of the villages in between. Rather than using the usual English language descriptions about the relationships between the connecting villages, the narration will be from accounts told to the presenter by indigenous people living at Lakeside.

Thank you!



**The
Rhizome Center
for Migrants**

Everyone who attended or watched last Sunday's Service featuring Tran Dang, Executive Director of the Rhizome Center for Migrants was deeply moved, so moved that the special collection yielded \$8,000 pesos, the largest basket collection to date. In addition, LCUUF members went to the Rhizome Center Paypal link and donated an additional \$1,150us dollars! For those who would like to further financially support the Center's work, here is the Paypal link: <https://www.rhizomecenter.org/donate/>



REMINDER: The Sunday Service Committee Needs Your Help!

Please join the Sunday Service Committee after the service **THIS WEEK** for A quarterly service planning meeting. We will be looking for ideas for future services and for people to assist with the presentation of services.

Member Spotlight: Adele St. Pierre

My life really began when I was 7, or at least the direction that my life was to take. I was born into a Roman Catholic home in 1945 in Methuen, Mass, outside of Boston. I had



three brothers. From kindergarten through high school I attended Catholic schools, taught by an order of nuns called the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec where it was founded. When making my First Holy Communion I felt the overwhelming presence of profound unconditional Love. I had no words to put to this experience, especially as a child of 7. I never spoke to anyone about it, but I knew it to be a meaningful event and one that was drawing me into the arms of Love. From that moment on I wanted to dedicate my life to this Love. Some of the

teachers I had over the years inspired me. I was eager to become a teacher myself. This led me to enter the order of the Good Shepherd Sisters because that appeared to be the best way to live my ideals of a life that included prayer as well as service to others. I taught math, and then became a pastoral counselor, working in parishes, hospitals and nursing homes. Over time the rigidity of convent life began to burden me. At 41 I finally had the courage to leave. Living in the Portland, area I found employment with an insurance company. The cold winters drove me south to Wilmington, NC where I served as a Hospice bereavement counselor and then as a massage therapist. The hot and humid summers, along with the frequent threat of hurricanes, made me yearn for a more temperate climate with abundant sunshine and a slower pace of life. Through the encouragement of friends I was led to Ajijic, Mexico in 2019.

In mid 2021 I began volunteering at LCS, since Covid had subsided. That's where I met Deb Gang. In June, 2022 I attended my first LCUUF service with Deb and Kriss. Since that initial visit it has felt like my new and more mature spiritual home. The welcoming attitude, inclusiveness, and friendliness of everyone, along with the spiritual depth of Rev. Matt Alsaugh, made me realize that I had landed once again in the arms of Love.

Do Not Forget These Upcoming Events!



- The Monthly Humanist Discussion Group Zoom meeting is **THIS WEEK:** Wed. Apr. 26th 11:00am CST. Bob Koches Facilitator [Click for Monthly Topic](#)
- All Fellowship Lunch after Service: **April 24th at Adellita's.** RSVP to Sue Kelley_skelleymexico@gmail.com

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: 2pm - 3pm Weekly on Thursdays Richard Clarke, Facilitator. (Click to join Zoom) Contact: reberasmeditation@gmail.com

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

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

Join Cat Burnett after our Sunday services weekly from 11:30-12:30 for a chat about the service or any other topic on your mind. Contact Cat Barnett, cat77074@gmail.com with questions

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Ramana Mini Satsang
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Sunday April 16th Video Recording



Birthdays This Week

Gary Cleek 4/24

Mardele Harland 4/24

Catherine Luria 4/24

Sharon Woods 4/29

Dave MacMillan 4/30

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