

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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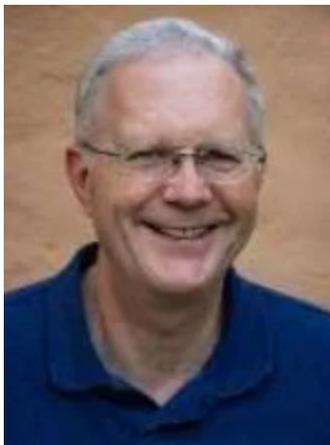
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Aug. 6-Aug. 13, 2023

**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](#)



## Important Message From Rev. Alspaugh

We learned on Tuesday that our lease for the Fellowship will not be renewed, and we will have to move by the end of January. This was quite a surprise. The board and I have taken immediate action, beginning to assemble a task force which will work on finding a new location for us, most likely another rental, though other possibilities may emerge. The board will meet on Sunday to affirm the task force and discuss their overall direction. The team will have to move

quickly, as we'd love an earlier move if possible.

We've moved quickly on things before. When the pandemic hit, we quickly pivoted to Zoom services, and later to hybrid on-line and in-person services. Before that, when our relationship with First UU Houston ended, we quickly ramped up LCUUF, Inc, our US 501(c)(3) entity to support giving and payments in US dollars. And before that, we've had several location moves, sometimes with even less notice than this one. Some of you may remember those: Melanie's restaurant, Pedro's Gourmet, the synagogue (LCJC), and Sol y Luna on Rio Bravo.

So I'm very optimistic that we will be able to find something reasonably suitable, affordable, and within our time-frame. Whatever we find, I encourage us to remember that

"the perfect is the enemy of the good", that what we get will likely have shortcomings, just as our other places have. And it's good to remember that initial shortcomings can sometimes turn into advantages: the lack of walls in our current place was a big reason we could keep operating safely during the pandemic.

Losing our lease is a frustration. However, in the longer term, being in another temporary place may be good for us. It will give us more data on what works for us and what doesn't. It may push us to seriously consider a more permanent home (whether we build, buy or lease long-term). It may cause us to be more creative in discerning what we need and how we afford it.

Meanwhile, let's remember this: "The fellowship is not the building." The fellowship is all of us, the people that make up this wonderful community. We will continue being a fellowship: meeting, connecting, worshiping, serving the community, doing all the things we do, even as we work through this relocation task. We'll keep being this amazing Lake Chapala UU Fellowship.

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**THIS WEEK:  
August 6, 2023**

**"Bring Forth What  
is In You"**

Rev. Matt Alspaugh

Robert Barnett: Service Associate

The title is from a saying in the Gospel of Thomas, "If you bring forth what is in you, (it] will save you; if you do not bring forth what is within you, (it] will destroy you." We explore what we bring forth, through our first Source, that is, our "direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder ... which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life."



**NEXT WEEK:  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 13,  
2023**

# "Embracing the Sacred Threshold: The Gift of Liminal Space

**Presenter: D'vorah Kelley**

**Service Associate: Pam Cuchinell**

Each threshold we encounter in our lives offers an opportunity for change, for renewal, for transformation, from what we were and what we are, to what we can be. In our fast-paced lives, liminal space can act as a refuge, where we can find solace in the mysteries of life and deepen our connection with the divine.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

The July Share The Basket collection was shared with Operation Feed in San Juan Cosala. Through your generosity we were able to send them a total of 12,767 pesos/\$638.35. Thank you everyone for your generosity!



## Share The Basket For August is Tepehua

For the month of **August** we will be supporting Tepehua Centro Comunitario. The Tepehua neighborhood is situated on the hillside above downtown Chapala. It is considered one of the poorest neighborhoods in the state of Jalisco. Their vision is to help a village to help itself, to create a place the poor of the village can go for food, counseling, guidance and help of any kind.

If you are not attending the Fellowship in person, please donate to "share the basket" when you pay your pledge. Donate to "share the basket" separately or indicate what part of your donation is for "share the basket".

Learn more at their **website: <https://tepehua.org/>**



Missed Sunday's Service? Here is the video Recording for Sunday July 30th.

## Weekly and Monthly Events

Click on the + for info and links

Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Aug 23  
11am

+



Wednesday August 23rd. 11:00am on Zoom

Billions of people around the world lack adequate access to one of the essential elements of life: clean water. Although governments and aid groups have helped many living in water-stressed regions gain access in recent years, the problem is projected to get worse due to global warming and population growth. Meanwhile, a paucity of international coordination on water security has slowed the search for solutions. Water stress can differ dramatically from one place to another, in some cases causing wide-reaching damage, including to public health, economic development, and global trade. It can also drive mass migrations and spark conflict. Now, pressure is mounting on countries to implement more sustainable and innovative practices and to improve international cooperation on water management. We will discuss the implications and solutions to this problem. If you want to get the readings on this topic 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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## **Birthdays This Week!**

**Dee Dee Camhi 8/7**

**Mario Pardillo 8/7**

**Marty Weston 8/8**

**Alicia Macnamara 8/8**

**Brenda Herold 8/9**

**Jeanne Haely 8/10**

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**[editor@lcuuf.groups.io](mailto:editor@lcuuf.groups.io)**

## Newsletters are Available on our Website

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**Weekly newsletters are now online!**

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



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