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Sep. 17 - Sep. 24 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](#)

Click Here To Send Your Joys And Sorrows For Sunday Sept. 17th

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THIS WEEK: Sunday

September 17th

"Minimalism"

Rev. Matt Alspaugh

Rena Swan: Service Associate



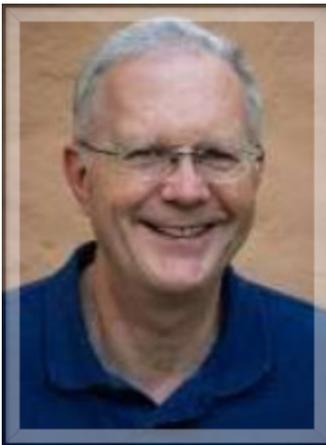
While minimalism developed as a style of art and architecture, it has been extended to a lifestyle. This form of minimalism focuses on identifying what is

opportunity for the Fellowship to socialize and explore the location that we will be moving to in 2024.

YOU MUST SIGN UP BY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th in order to have lunch. The cost is \$300mx per person at the Fellowship on Sunday 7th or email Barley Donahue barleydonahue@gmail.com and arrange payments by September 17th.

The fiesta will be catered by Viva Mexico and the cash bar will feature Viva Mexico's margarita plus beer and wine. Cost to range from 20-100 pesos. Here is a schedule for this event:

- **Reception: 1:00 pm** featuring guacamole, salsa, and tortilla chips and cash bar
- **Lunch: 2:00pm** for those of you who pre ordered food . Note for lunch you must pre-order. To pre-orders please Select one: Chicken fajitas, beef fajitas, meat lasagna, gluten free veggie lasagna. Include your lunch selection when you sign up and pay at the Fellowship or with Barley.



Matt's Message: Sept 2023

Quite a while ago I took some workshops in improv theater, and one of the most important lessons we learned was the idea of “yes, and.” When you’re doing improv on stage, “yes, and” means that no matter what a member of your troupe offers up as an idea, you take it and run with it, adding your own ideas to it. This is saying “yes” to their idea, adding “and” with your idea. To say “yes, and” to anything requires a huge amount of trust, that none of your troupe members is going to hand you anything that will make it impossible to say “yes, and” to. You trust that even if your improv partner takes a risk, and drops a bit of a dud of an idea in your lap, you know it wasn’t intentional, and that you are trusted to take a risk with your idea, so that the show can go on.

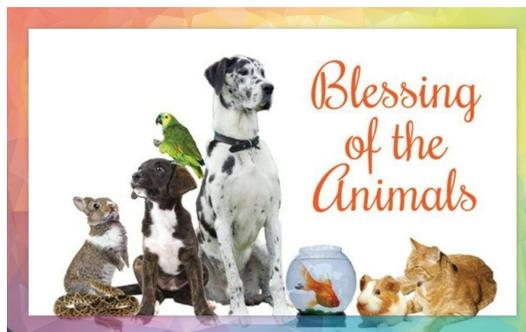
As we confront our relocation, we are having to make many decisions quickly. One could say we are improvising. I’ve appreciated that we, as a fellowship, have created that level of trust that is allowing folks to say “yes” to things that come up, and to also offer their “ands” as needed.

I’m delighted that our relocation task force was given that trust to quickly locate possible places to consider, and to work with the board to narrow those choices down to St. Andrews as our current choice. My fear was less that we’d make a poor choice, but that we’d hobble the team with numerous checkpoints, presentations, surveys, and straw votes. In other words, we’d create an environment lacking in trust, likely pushing the decision out to the last possible month. I hope we can build on this trust, as we deal with numerous decisions large and small that the relocation will entail. What time is our service? (This may be more our choice than we think). What altar elements can we include? (Chalice, joys and sorrows candles, and others). How do we do our tech setup? (Noting that there will be differences, but some at St. Andrews are very interested in learning from us.)

I also note that we will be interacting with two other groups in this move: the congregation at St. Andrews, and Bare Stage, which is also planning to lease from St. Andrews. I hope we can develop a trusting, "yes, and" relationship with both these other groups as we occupy the same space. I'm grateful for the trust that exists in our fellowship's culture: "yes, and."

Upcoming Service Request

Our service on Oct. 8, 2023 is "**Animal Blessings**". Please send one photo of the animal you want blessed by September 22nd to roy_haynes@aol.com. Include your animal's name.

A video thumbnail for a performance. The main image shows a silhouette of a man in a cowboy hat playing a guitar against a large American flag. A play button icon is centered over the image. In the bottom left corner, there is a small inset photo of Alan Jackson wearing a cowboy hat. Below the main image, the text reads: "Prelude Video", "Where You When the World Stopped Turning That September Day?", and "Performed By: Alan Jackson". In the bottom left corner, it says "Lake Chapala UU".

Prelude Video
"Where You When the World Stopped Turning That September Day?"
Performed By: Alan Jackson
Lake Chapala UU

Missed Sunday's service? Here is the video recording for Sunday September 10th

Follow-up to Sunday Sept. 10th Presentation:

Here is an article from our Denominational Magazine: **UU World** shared by Trudy Crippen that describes how Unitarian Universalists, both laypersons and clergy responded in the days following the 9/11 Tragedy.

HOW UUs RESPONDED TO 9/11

Weekly and Monthly Events

Click on the + for info and links

Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Sep 27 +
11am



Wednesday September 27th. 11:00am on Zoom (CST)

Demography affects each and every aspect of our lives – from the world economy and social policy, to city planning and climate change. Demographic analysis is key to understanding the complex dynamics shaping the future social landscape. We will explore how demographics are used as an indicator for these global changes. If you want to get the readings on this topic contact Bob Koches at : 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 for topics

Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3-4pm Thursdays +

Richard Clarke, Facilitator. To find out more contact: riberasmeditation@gmail.com

Click to join on Zoom

Coffee "Above" The Plaza: Thursdays
10:30am

+

Meet other UUs for weekly at Los Gringos (above the ice cream place) on the Plaza. Bring a friend!

Open Zoom Conversation: Fridays 2pm

+

Conversation is open to all questions. Email Richard Clarke at arunachalakindle@gmail.com

Click to join on Zoom



Birthdays Through September 2023

Terry Glenn 9/20

Annie Morris 9/25

Lori Fjelsted 9/26

Ted Fahey 9/29

Nancy Jordon-Zanot 9/30

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

newsletter@lcuuf.org

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Monthly newsletters from 2015 through March 2023 are available on the website.

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

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