

# LCUUF NEWS OF THE WEEK



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Oct. 22 - Oct. 29, 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](#)

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**THIS WEEK: SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 22, 2023**

**“Heritage**

**Sermon: Matt Alspaugh**

**Service Associates: June Wilson  
and Susie Lindeman**

**“Who are We? Our Unitarian Universalist  
Heritage”**

Who are we, as Unitarian Universalists? What do you say when someone says “You are a Unitarian Universalist? What is that?” Some folks assume we’re some new-age religion, founded in the 1960’s. Others think we’re really some kind of leftist political party disguised as a church. We’ll explore what Unitarian Universalism is really about, including a bit of our long history, and our core (and evolving) values.

## SUNDAY SERVICE PLANNING MEETING

**There will be a Sunday service planning meeting following the Oct 22 service. Please join us as we plan services for the rest of 2023. There many ways you can contribute or volunteer.**

## NEXT WEEK: Sunday October 29 "Loss and Lonliness"



**Bob Koches: Presenter**

**Christy Caldwell and Jane Castleman: Service Associates**

How to handle loss , loneliness and grief with the celebration of the day of the dead., and what we can learn from our Mexican neighbors.

## From Your Board: Growth and Change

Change is inevitable, perpetual and unavoidable. How we choose to deal with it has a significant impact upon our satisfaction and enjoyment in life. How do we respond to change? Do we either actively or passively resist inevitable changes or do we accept or embrace them and do everything we can to make them as stress-free and painless as possible? In short, attitude matters!



LCUUF has been experiencing a significant period of transition during the past year ... evolving from a smaller group to a growing and changing congregation, experiencing more than 10% growth in membership just within the last six months. During that period your

Board has been focused upon strengthening infrastructure and improving processes to accommodate the growth and needs associated with it. While we've made a lot of progress in those areas, we still have a long way to go. We knew that this growth would push us ever closer to the need to address the demand for a larger meeting place -- but surprise! -- we didn't imagine how soon. When our current landlord notified us that he would not renew our lease next February our focus was immediately redirected to finding a new home.

A relocation team, headed by Paula Odom and Lorna Dean and including Larry Pihl and Joan Ward, was appointed and has done an astounding job of reevaluating previous needs assessments, updating that work, reprioritizing needs and then identifying and evaluating more than 40 available facility alternatives. They've done a remarkable job of narrowing them to the best choices and then selecting "a winner" that meets as many of our most important needs and desires as possible at a cost that we can afford. Is it the perfect new facility for us at a ridiculously low cost? Of course not! But it is the best of what is reasonably doable given the alternatives, our move timeframe and resource limitations.

We all know that moving is never easy. Unforeseen issues inevitably arise. Effectively managing the upcoming relocation to a new facility will be challenging. Paula Odom has taken on that responsibility as project manager. Please give her your full cooperation in working through the process. And please accept our thanks if you are able and willing to pitch in to help smooth the transition in any way.

**Al Castleman, LCUUF Treasurer**



### **Social Action Team Selected Six Local Charities For 2024-2025 "Share The Basket" Donations**

The LCUUF Social Action Team (SAT) spent months identifying, researching, vetting and selecting local charities for 2024-2025 "Share the Basket" collections. The board approved their recommendations at their October meeting. The six charities are:

- **Asociación ProMexico**
- **Foodbank Lakeside**
- **Niñas Sabias**
- **Operation Feed**
- **Poco a Poco**
- **Tepehua CC**

To arrive at these charities, the Social Action Team defined a process for identifying and selecting these recipients. The process (which was formally approved by the board) included identifying acceptable criteria (by LCUUF), a qualifications questionnaire for potential charities to complete, in-person visits by SAT team members and board approval. "Share the Basket" Charities will be reviewed annually.

**The Social Action Team currently includes:** D'Vorah Kelley, Colleen Beery, Eric Luria, Catherine Luria, Dee Dee Camhi, John Cleveland, June Wilson and Kathy Varty.

## LCUUF Board Approves Two New Operational Policies

Two new policies were approved by the LCUUF Board at the October meeting. They are:

**Fundraising Policy:** This policy defines how "Share the Basket" charities are identified and how special events and fundraisers are to be approved and managed.

**Gift Policy:** This policy defines the conditions under which tangible "Gift" donations are accepted by LCUUF.

To access and read these policies click on the links below:

[Fundraising Policy](#)

[Gift Policy](#)



## Last Chance to Submit Photos For The Day Of The Dead Slideshow

If you would like your loved one(s) or friend(s) to be included in this year's Day of the Dead slide show (Oct 22nd Service.) Please send a photo with name by Wednesday October 25 , 2023 to: [roy\\_haynes@aol.com](mailto:roy_haynes@aol.com)

**Photos from previous shows are in this year's slideshow. No need to resend photos used in past shows.**



## Celebrate Day of the Dead at Viva Mexico

LCUUF will celebrate Day of the Dead at Viva Mexico after the service on October 29th. Sign up and prepay \$250 (includes buffet and tip) by October 22nd at the Fellowship or contact Barley Donahue at

[barleydonahue@gmail.com](mailto:barleydonahue@gmail.com) and arrange payment. Drinks/tip are separate.

Karl Higgins Higgins Francisco Navo, & Doris Wakeman, Guest Speakers  
Lake Chapala UU

Missed Sunday's service? Here is the video recording for Sunday October 15

## Weekly and Monthly Events

Click on the + for info and links

Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Oct 25  
11am





Wednesday October 25th. 11:00am on Zoom (CST)

Topic: In the grand arc of history Civilizations rise and Civilizations fall. The Question to discuss is: Are Witnessing the First Stages of Civilization's Collapse If you wish to be added to the reading 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)

[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](mailto:arunachalakindle@gmail.com)

[Click to join on Zoom](#)

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# October Birthdays!

**Bill White 10/3**

**Rena Swan 10/5**

**Bob Koches 10/7**

**Susie Lindeman 10/9**

**Trudy Crippen 10/9**

**Eddie Gaut 10/9**

**Fred Harland 10/10**

**Jak Koke 10/12**

**John Roam 10/15**

**Jim Bellamy 10/16**

**Curtis Kirker 10/17**

**Rachel Swan 10/20**

**Michael Reason 10/23**

**Lynn Cleek 10/29**

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