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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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**NEXT WEEK: Sunday
November 12th
"Into The Neutral
Zone"**



Sermon: Rev. Matt Alspaugh

Tim Boeve: Service Associates



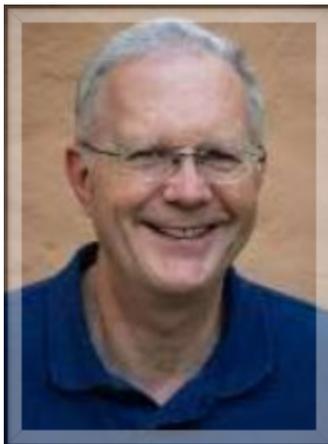
**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**"A Unique Faith, Open
to All, Exclusive to
None"**

Presenter: Cate Howell

**Service Associates: Michael
Sword**

Western history has a long tradition of different religions laying claim to an exclusive truth and restricting membership and participation to a chosen few, who then must participate in a designated ritual to certify their acceptance into that community. Unitarian Universalism is the only religious faith that does not hold to a specific creed, that welcomes seekers of truth regardless of their origins, and provides a positive outlook for the future through social action and serving as a public conscience. This service will explore the earliest manifestations of this faith in Eastern Europe during the 15th and 16th centuries.



Rev. Matt Alspaugh:

I've been thinking a lot about change, as I prepare a service on that topic: "Into the Neutral Zone." I'm thinking about our varying comfort levels dealing with change around us. What feelings come to mind when you encounter change? For some of us, we feel excitement, optimism, and hope for something better. For others, fear of disruption, loss of the familiar. I suspect our response to change is a bit more nuanced. That is, while I'm pretty positive about a lot of change, too much change, too fast, can push me into being change-phobic.

We'll be dealing with a lot of changes as we prepare to relocate to the St. Andrews Anglican Church building at the end of January. We'll have to shift our Sunday meeting time to later. We will be sharing space with both the Anglicans and Bare Stage. We will have more limitations on how we can rearrange the space. We'll also have to work with them to share space for midweek meetings and programs.

On the other hand, the Anglicans are quite interested in having us in their building. Part of that certainly, is the rent money we will provide. But they are very interested in our video technology, and are interested in broadcasting their services on Zoom as we do. They are also interested in working with us on areas where we share interest, like Social Action.

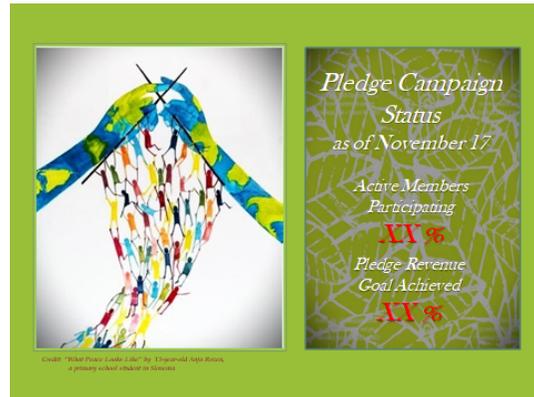
I am humble enough to realize that managing change perfectly is not often possible; however, we try. We are already working to plan our move, hoping to gradually move our video equipment to St. Andrews over the next few months. Charlie Jacobs and possibly our techs, Fernanda and Jesús, will work with the St. Andrews folks as they begin to offer their services on Zoom. In this way, we will seek to have everything ready for us when we do make the move.

We'll try to be sensitive to frustrations and problems as they come up. This is a learning that came from working with Bare Stage in the past.

We are doing what we can to anticipate and solve issues. For example, we've already planned quarterly meetings among the three groups to discuss concerns that might arise. Transitions are never easy. But I have faith that LCUUF has the wisdom and patience to navigate whatever issues come up as we move through this process together.

Building The Beloved Community: Update

Starting next week, pledge campaign progress updates will be posted here. This year we will not be using a "thermometer" to show weekly pledge updates, instead we will feature the graphic to the right with a weekly progress report. We will also be providing a separate video of each week's "Why I Pledge" talk in case you miss it on Sunday.



Click on the link below to open a PDF file of the pledge form that you can save to your computer and and print out. (When open, right click on the PDF to get the menu, click "save as" to download to your device and print out)

[Get A Pledge Form Here](#)

Celebration of Life for Kathy Koches: November 11, 2023

A Celebration of Life service in honor of Kathy Koches will be held at LCUUF on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 2PM CST. There will be a Reception following the service.



Please use the following ZOOM link for the service.

Join the Celebration on Zoom

Reminder: If you placed an order for an LCUUF t-shirt, they will be available for pickup at the Fellowship this Sunday.

Join Us For A Thanksgiving Dinner

Sue Kelley is organizing Thanksgiving dinner for LCUUF members and friends at Casa Linda at the LCS location. Cost is \$500 peso. **Seating is filling up fast** so contact Sue at skelleymexico@gmail.com for further details.



November Humanist Discussion Group Topic

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet **Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023** at 11 am Via Zoom. Remember we are on Central Standard Time . The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>

The Middle East is a real quagmire of relationships. It is further complicated by the raid by Hamas on Israel on Oct. 7 and all the neighboring States possibly stopping the Israel/Saudi detente. The people of Palestine are not loved by their Arab neighbors creating refugee problems of acceptance. The real losers are the civilians on both sides caught in the political middle. The history of the conflict goes back centuries. We will take a look at its antecedents and history, current affairs, and regional and global implications.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES



HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN-UP TIME!

The year is slipping by quickly and with so many activities in December. It is time to sign up to attend a LCUUF Holiday Party. These are parties held at members' homes where 10-12 members get together for holiday cheer. The hosts set the date and time. Guests bring appetizers and drinks to share.

Contact Paula Odem if you would like to host or attend as a guest: paulaodom01@gmail.com

Hosts:

If you would like to host, please let me know the date, time, and number of guests (including yourself) you would like to host.

Guests

If you would like to attend, please let me know food allergy/preferences, and dates you are *not* available (travel, organized events). I will do my best to accommodate everyone's schedule based on Host availability.

To sign up to host or attend, contact Paula Odem
paulaodom01@gmail.com

Celebration of Life For Francisco Urzua

A Celebration of Life service in honor of Francisco Urzua will be held at LCUUF on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 1PM CST.

Reception following the service.

Please use the following ZOOM link for the service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233941792>



LCUUF Social Action Team To Host Interfaith Peace Event

The Social Action Team is hosting an Interfaith event to promote Peace, Light and Love. All are welcome!

When

Friday Dec 8, 2023 · 5pm – 6pm
(Eastern Time - New York)

Location

Pranzo, Boulevard Ajijic 105, Floresta,
45900 Ajijic, Jal., Mexico



New Member Service: Sunday December 10th, 2023

The next LCUUF new membership orientation will be Saturday, December 9th at 1pm at the Fellowship. New member ceremony will be Sunday, December 10th

during the service. Please sign up at the Welcome table or send an email to Paula Odom at paulaodom01@gmail.com

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

Click on the + for info and links

Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Nov. 22 11am

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Wednesday November 22. 11:00am on Zoom (CST)

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Click to join on Zoom

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

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

Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3-4pm Thursdays

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

Click to join on Zoom

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

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

Open Zoom Conversation: Fridays 2pm

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

Click to join on Zoom



The image is a video recording thumbnail with a green background. On the left is a photograph of a large, colorful human sculpture made of people holding hands, forming a shape that resembles a dove or a heart. On the right is a text box with a green background and white text that reads: "Building The 'Beloved Community'", "Speaker: Al Castleman", "Service Associate: Lynn Cleek", and "November 5, 2023". A black play button icon is centered over the text box. At the bottom left of the thumbnail, there is a dark green box with the text "Lake Chapala UU".

Missed Sunday's service? Here is the video recording for Sunday, November 5th



November Birthdays!

John Cleveland 11/16

Christy Caldwell 11/21

Dave Miller 11/22

Norman Woods 11/24

D'Vorah Kelley 11/24

Candy Fields 11/25

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