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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](#)

Click Here To Send Your Joys And Sorrows For Sunday Nov. 19, 2023

Send Joys and Sorrows Now

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THIS 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.

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday
November 26th
"Generosity"**



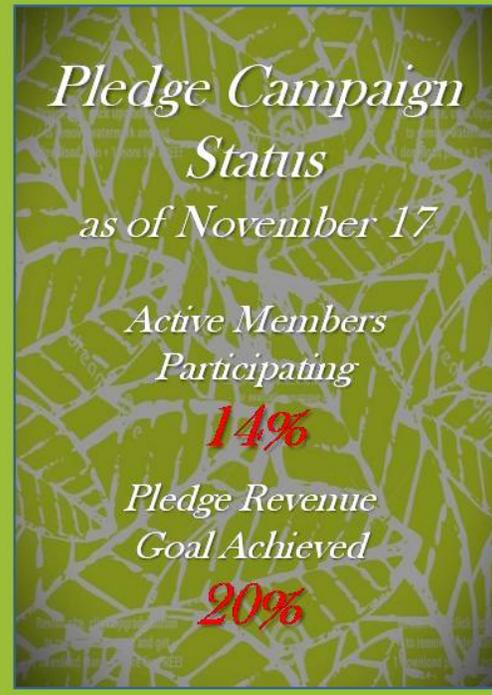
Sermon: Rev. Matt Alspaugh

D'vorah Kelley: Service Associate

Generosity, giving thanks, and gratitude are closely related qualities. Generous people tend to be grateful people, and grateful people tend to be more generous. Perhaps these qualities are a trait of human nature, or perhaps they can be learned - or unlearned. We'll explore the nature of generosity, and gratitude.



Credit: "What Peace Looks Like" by 13-year-old Anja Mazon, a primary school student in Slovakia



Building The Beloved Community: Update

As of November 17th, 14% of active members have pledged and we have reached 20% of our pledge revenue goal.

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)

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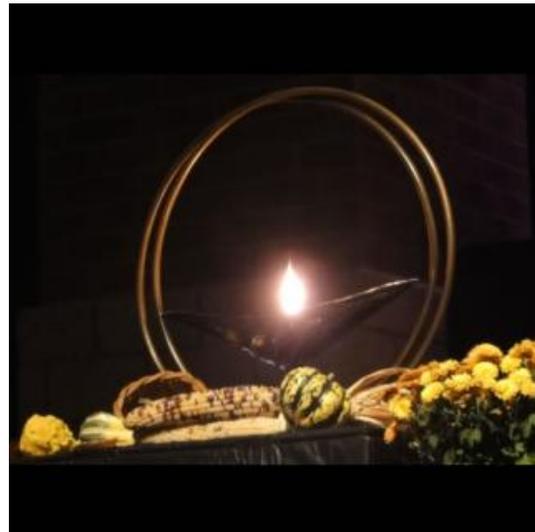
Each week throughout the pledge campaign a pledging member of the Fellowship will be sharing their story about why they pledge. If you are unable to attend in person or on Zoom, a recording of their presentation will be featured each week in this newsletter.



Why I Pledge: Lorna Deane, Sunday November 12th, 2023

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

PEACE RALLY POSTER MAKING PARTY!

You are invited to the Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Hidalgo 261, Riveras on the carretera next to Cafe Doppio) on Wednesday afternoon December 6th at 3:00pm to make posters/signs. All materials will be provided.

To RSVP for the poster making party or if you have any questions, please contact Catherine Luria at CLuriaARNP@gmail.com.

You are not required to come to this prep session in order to participate in the rally.



New Member Service and Orientation: Saturday December 9th and 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



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

Topic: 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. If you wish to be added to the reading list 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](#)

Neutral



“Into the Neutral Zone”

Rev. Matt Alspaugh, Speaker

Tim Boeve, Service Associate

November 12, 2023

Lake Chapala UU

Missed Sunday's service? Here is the video recording for Sunday, November 12th



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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