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Nov. 26- Dec 3, 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
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.



Message from the LCUUF Board

Your board met for its monthly meeting on Monday November 20th. The main agenda item this month was budget planning. As we grow as a congregation, so grows our budget in both pesos and complexity. This

year treasurer Al Castleman has introduced a new process whereby program teams/committees were asked to present their 2024-2025 program plans and budgets to the board. Programming goals and proposed budget requirements for the Social Action Team (SAT) and the Sunday Service Committee (SSC) were presented by D'Vorah Kelley (Co-chair of the SSC and co-team lead for the SAT). Programming and budget needs for the membership, hospitality and welcoming teams were presented by board member Paula Odom. Their proposals and budget requests accurately reflected the growing needs of our fellowship and corresponding funding requirements. The treasurer will use this information to build the final 2024-2025 budget that the board will vote on this December and the congregation will vote on at our annual general meeting in January.

The final and most critical part of the budgeting process is the pledge drive. We will only be able to fully fund our programming needs if we meet our pledge campaign goal of 1 million pesos. In the weeks to come I will ask the Committee/team leads to share their plans for the coming year and you will be able to see how your pledges will translate into the programs and activities that reflect our UU values.

You can see a list of LCUUF Committees, Teams and Volunteers on our website by clicking on the link below:

<https://lakechapalauu.org/about-us/our-governance/committees...>

Kriss Gang

Board President



**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2023**

**"Mind/Body/Universe
Connection"**

Presenter: Cat Barnett

Service Associates: Robert Barnett

Your brain can't tell the difference between reality and imagination. The chemicals released by your brain when you are happy or stressed are the same whether you are experiencing or just thinking about the experiences. This means you should consider your habitual ways of thinking and change them if they are negative. Your body also produces an electromagnetic field that interacts with the fields of all the living things around you. In this way, you influence your personal reality.



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



Building The Beloved Community: Update

As of November 24th, 19% of active members have pledged and we have reached 25% 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)

Get A Pledge Form

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. Tomorrow, Nov.26 Trudy Crippen will share her pledge story. (due to technical difficulties, last week's pledge story, by D'vorah Kelley is currently not available as a separate video.)

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES



December Humanist Discussion Group Topic

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet **Wednesday, Dec 27th, 2023** at 11 am Via Zoom. Remember we are on Central Standard Time . The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>

We will explore the ethical dilemmas around disinformation and the use of narratives and emotions in manipulating reality. An increasingly influential stream of research demonstrates the integration of cognition and emotion in political decision-making. Political cognition is emotionally shaped. The role of narratives in shaping people's minds has become an important area of research and debate, in particular in recent years when entire societies have made choices that seem "rationally" counterintuitive in this Post-Truth Era.

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 Dec. 27
11am



Wednesday Dec. 27 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](#)



Missed Sunday's service? Here is the video recording for Sunday, November 19th



**There Are No birthdays
between Nov. 26th and Dec.
3rd. December birthdays will**

be listed in next week's News of the Week!

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