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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](#)

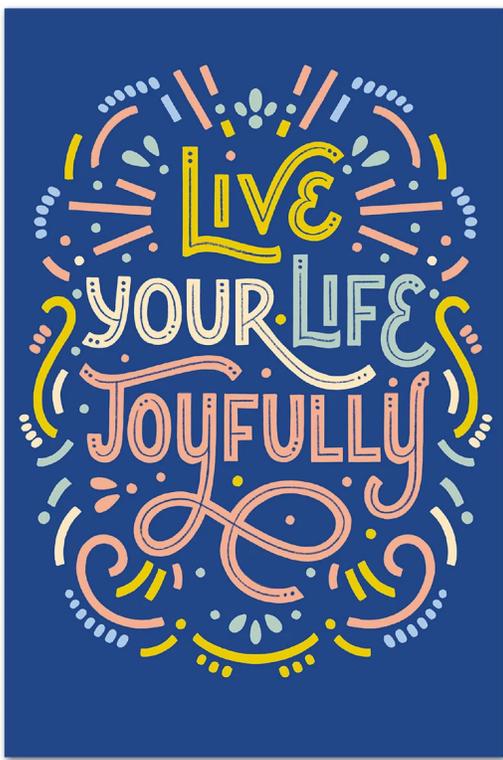
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THIS WEEK: SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2023

"Living Joyfully"



Presenter: Jane Castleman

Service Associate: Rena Swan

“Living Joyfully: Embracing the Gift of Joy” will explore the transformative power of joy. Joy is not a fleeting emotion, but a way of living—a choice we make every day. It is a gift we give ourselves and share with others, cultivating a sense of wonder, gratitude, and delight in our lives. Join us as we celebrate this last service of 2023 with joy for all that we have shared.

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday
January 7, 2024**
"Your Year To Live"

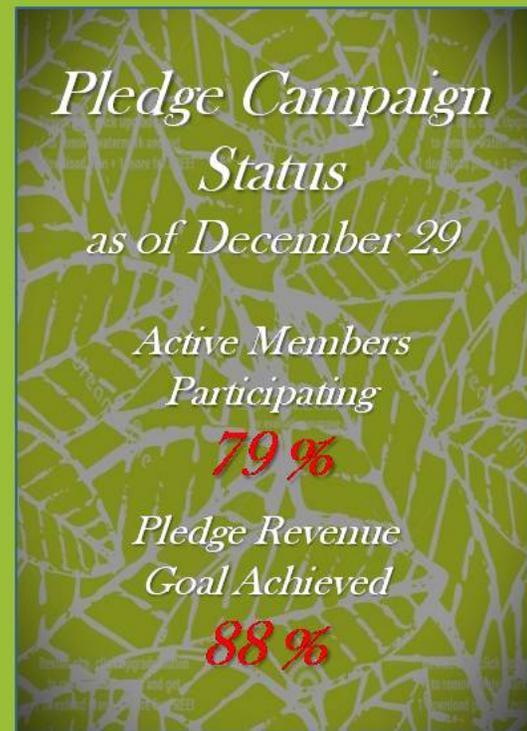
Presenter: Rev. Gary Kowalski
Eric Luria: Service Associate



"Your Year To Live" It's a truism that everyone knows they are going to die, but no one really believes it. This morning our guest speaker is Reverend Gary Kowalski who suggests that embracing mortality can be a doorway to richer and more abundant living. Gary is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and the author of several books on nature, spirituality, history and science. He lives with his wife Dori Jones in Santa Fe, New Mexico and looks forward to this return visit to Lake Chapala.



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



Building The Beloved Community: Update

As of December 29, 79% of the Fellowship has submitted a pledge totaling only 88% of our pledge goal. **WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE** so we can continue to provide the Sunday Services, quality of music and host events like the Peace Vigil presented below. You can e-mail your pledge to

ajcastleman@yahoo.com

January "Share The Basket"

For the month of **January** we will be supporting Poco a Poco which helps people in the San Pedro Itzican area. This organization supports youth and women in this indigenous area, through education, teaching local organic food growth, providing food and drinking water to rental patients, feeding over 300 children 5 days a week, offering health services, as well as literacy and English

as a second language classes. One of the services they provide is feeding children and adults who are vulnerable to kidney disease. They now have 6 community kitchens in the area. This year, Poco a Poco has received the gift of a piece of property near Mezcala with a warehouse, and is now in the first steps of creating a community garden with a kitchen so that the people they serve can learn about planting and maintaining a garden, harvesting and cooking all in the same place.



Poco a Poco wants this garden to be only planted with heritage plants, so that they can be harvested, seeds collected and new plants grown. At this time they need seeds, tools and helpers for the project.



January Humanist Discussion Group Topic

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet **Wednesday, Jan 24th, 2024** at 11 am Via Zoom. Remember we are on Central Standard Time . The zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>

Where will all the people go? With wars in Somalia, Gaza and Ukraine, with migrations to the US from Latin and South America , with climate change, with water scarcity and various other disasters around the world, where will the Global Migrations be and how will we handle them? We will discuss this topic at our next Humanist Discussion Meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024 at 11 am CST.



Miss The Service Last Sunday?

Here is the video recording for Sunday December 24, 2023.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

Click on the + for info and links

**Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Jan. 24
11am**



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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 This Week!

Cheryl Cholavchuk 1/03

Hanna Frederick 1/07

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