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Attend our weekly services in person or via Zoom on Sundays at 12:00pm CST. We are located at St. Andrews Anglican Church, San Lucas 19, Riberas del Pilar.

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**OCTOBER 13TH SERVICE IS AT 1:00PM
THIS WEEK ONLY**

UPCOMING SERVICES



**This Week: October 13
SERVICE IS AT 1PM!**

**"Putting Love at the Center" - A
Climate Justice Sunday Revival
with Worship and Workshop**

Presenters and Service Leaders:

**Social Action and Sunday Service
Team Members**

You are invited to an exciting Climate Justice Revival on October 13th at the Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalists Fellowship (LCUUF) as we collectively reimagine a spirit-filled and liberatory future. Through celebratory worship and conversations we will begin to understand climate justice as it pertains to our Lakeside communities.

Sunday, our worship will be focused on Love at the Center of Climate Justice. Following worship we'll engage in a workshop to:

**Identify opportunities for climate
justice in our unique context**

**Develop a vision of a flourishing
future**

**Identify a clear set of potential
actions that we can take to realize**



Next Week: October 20

**"Life, Death and Everything In
Between"**

Presenter: Rev. D'Vorah Kelley

Service Associate: Priscilla Taylor

Mary Oliver was a prolific award-winning poet before her death in 2019. Her poems often touch on spiritual topics like God and prayer, even though she rarely talked much about churches, official beliefs, or other things people often associate with religion. She became an unconventional spiritual teacher for many people because she wrote a lot about God, what might come after death, and the questions all humans face about why we are here. "We all wonder about God," Mary said. "Who is God? What's going to happen when we die?"

For many long time Unitarian Universalists, she is the unofficial Poet Laureate of Unitarian Universalism. Today's service will offer seven of her poems that explore the theme of "Life, Death, and Everything In Between". There will be a Time For Reflection as part of this service.

this vision

Enable participants to understand their roles in the interdependent ecosystem of creating climate justice and collective liberation.

NOTE: QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETING FOR DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY- OCTOBER 20TH DIRECTLY AFTER THE SERVICE!

A Word From Rev. Matt Alspaugh

October 12, 2024

I'm filing my report today from Charlotte, NC, where Liz and I are waiting for our flight to Italy. We have been here a few days, hoteling it, as our Hendersonville home has had no power from Hurricane Helene until yesterday. We consider ourselves fortunate, though, as there was no flooding or damage to our house, and no one we know was injured or killed. We (mostly Liz) just faced the inconvenience of lack of power, spotty supplies, and sketchy communications.

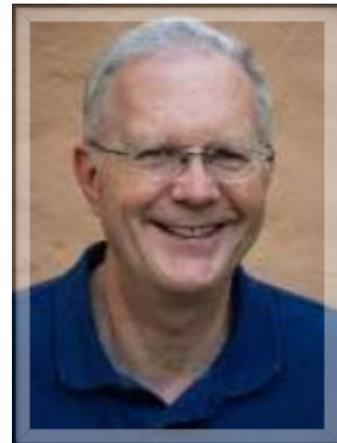
She both helped and was helped by friends and neighbors, as part of a wonderful network of face to face caring and concern.

And yet, we were bothered by the plethora of dark rumors and conspiracy theories that have circulated after the storm, spread even by family and friends. This rumor-mongering has been so bad that our normally conservative Republican representative responded with a press release debunking myths and conspiracies.

Liz and I head to the Piedmont area of Italy, where we'll connect with my brother, my sister and her husband for a few days. Then we'll head to Croatia where we'll join an organized trip with Road Scholars. This is our first time traveling with RS, but we've heard good things about them, including from some of you.

After our time in Croatia, Liz heads home, and I go back to Italy, where I'll join my brother and my other sister for some time in the Sorrento area (my brother is spending a couple months in Italy.) Finally, I'll head back to NC, where I'll spend a week with Liz, probably dealing with yard cleanup and other storm recovery efforts. I will return to Ajijic on November 16, and may see you on November 17.

Although I typically continue my ministry with LCUUF when I'm in NC, sometimes even leading services via Zoom, for the European part of the trip, I'll be treating this more like a vacation. Please reach out to congregational leadership if you have questions; they can



be in touch with me if needed. I look forward to seeing you all in late November, hopefully quite well rested!

LCUUF Congregational Survey

It has been three years since the last congregational survey. Leadership would like to learn more about how we have been doing and how we may better serve the congregation moving forward.

You will receive the survey via email this coming week. The email will include a link to the online survey. All you need to do is click on the link and it will take you to the actual 27 question survey. If more than one person shares an email, each person will be able to use the same link and submit their own response. This survey is divided into three topical sections: General Interest, Sunday Services and Demographics. You will have 2 weeks to complete the survey.

Your response is important and will help us with board and committee planning and program development for the year ahead!



October 11, 2024

Transformative Worship Workshop and Change

Recently members of LCUUF attended a series of 12 workshops exploring Transformative Worship. As a result of those workshops put on by the Unitarian Universalist Association(UUA), there may be future changes in our worship services, some subtle, some not so subtle. Unlike springing closed

curtains on an unsuspecting congregation (which has been met with very mixed reviews!) the Sunday Service Team will do our best to alert the congregation ahead of time of any proposed changes, and we welcome feedback!

Two upcoming proposed changes: 1) Information about Share the Basket recipients will be on a slide rather than being read by the Service Associate. 2) The October 20th service will incorporate a Time For Reflection following the presentation, and before the closing.

And if anyone wishes to attend our Sunday Services Team meeting on Monday, October 14th, we'd love to have you! We meet outside in the garden so let us know so that we'll have a chair ready for you.

D'Vorah Kelley, Chair Sunday Service Team

Assistive listening devices at LCUUF

We have headphones you can use to better hear the service. They have an adjustable volume control. I find they help me hear the service better than my hearing aid. Ask the Tech Team if you are interested. We only have 4 headphones, but if they are popular, we can get more.



If you need more information you can contact Richard Clarke at: arunachalakindle@gmail.com

LCUUF Climate Justice Revival

Join us for the upcoming events focused on Climate Justice here in our Lakeside communities.



October 13: 1:00-4:00 "Putting Love at the Center of Climate Justice"

Presenters: Rev. D'Vorah Kelley, Dee Dee Camhi, Catherine Luria

Revival Worship: 1:00-2:00

Revival Workshop: 2:15-4:00

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will be focused on Love at the Center of Climate Justice. Following worship, we'll engage in a workshop to identify opportunities for climate justice in our unique context.

Please RSVP for the interactive workshop to:

dvorahc.kelley@gmail.com

On Oct 27, we will have a Day of the Dead slide show featuring photos of your loved ones and friends who you want to be included. Please send the photos to roy_haynes@aol.com

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



Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner at Manix 2 on Sunday, November 10th

Join with others from LCUUF, St. Andrews, and the Lakeside Jewish Congregation for cocktails at 4:00,

followed by dinner at 5:00.

- Butterball turkey
- Gravy and dressing
- Mashed potatoes
- Sweet potatoes
- Corn souffle
- Vegetables, including brussel sprouts
- Bread and butter
- Pumpkin pie with whipped cream or apple pie with vanilla ice cream

It will be buffet style where people can go back for seconds or even thirds! The cost per person will be \$480 pesos** prepaid, plus your drinks and tips for the staff. Sign up and pay during coffee hour on the next three Sundays with

D'Vorah Kelley. (Exact amount would be appreciated!) Those who attend services on zoom, **contact D'Vorah at dvorahc.kelley@gmail.com** to make arrangements for payment. Manix is handicapped accessible.

** We don't want to exclude anyone due to finances and have a "food bank fund" available up to the \$480 pesos.

The date Sunday, November 10, that is about a month after Canadian Thanksgiving and about 2.5 weeks before American Thanksgiving. There is lots of parking – out front of the Restaurant, in a lot beside the restaurant and the side street just east of the restaurant which is a dead end with lots of parking. On Sundays, there is also parking across the street. Manix II also has a door for handicapped people to enter.

Contact D'Vorah at dvorahc.kelley@gmail.com with any questions



Video Recording for the October 6th service Dadirri



Mindfulness with Richard Clarke, Thursday

Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto.

October Humanist Discussion Group

The US presidential election is next month. It is a toss up as to whether it will be President Harris or President Trump. We will dispassionately discuss the global implications, from the view of the International Community, of either of them becoming President.



The Humanist Discussion Group will meet ,
Wednesday October 23rd at 11am Via Zoom.
Remember we are on Central Standard Time
.Those on Daylight Savings Time please adjust
your time. The zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>

If you wish to be added to the reading list
contact Bob Koches at bobkoches@gmail.com

Monthly Women's Group Brown Bag Lunch!

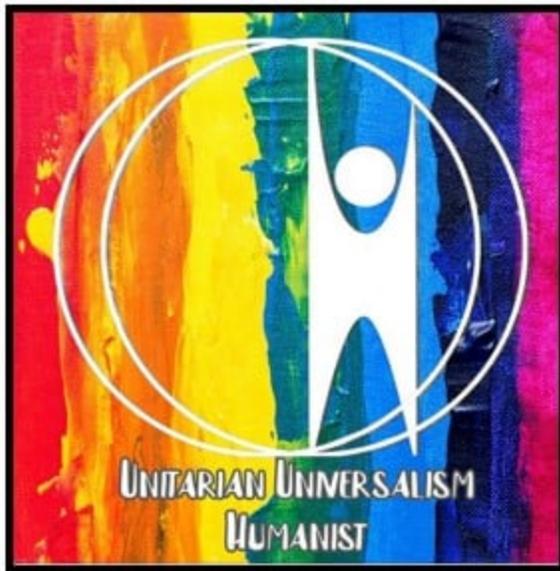
In addition to the 1st & 3rd Mon ZOOM women's group meetings we
are adding an IN PERSON BROWN BAG LUNCH at 12N on the
4th Monday. This will be held at Trudy Crippen's house. Please
RSVP to Trudy if you plan to attend.

trudycrippen@gmail.com

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS Click on the "+" for details

**Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Oct 23
11am**

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Wednesday Oct 23 11:00am on Zoom (CST)

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Women's Group: 1st , 3rd and 4th Mondays +

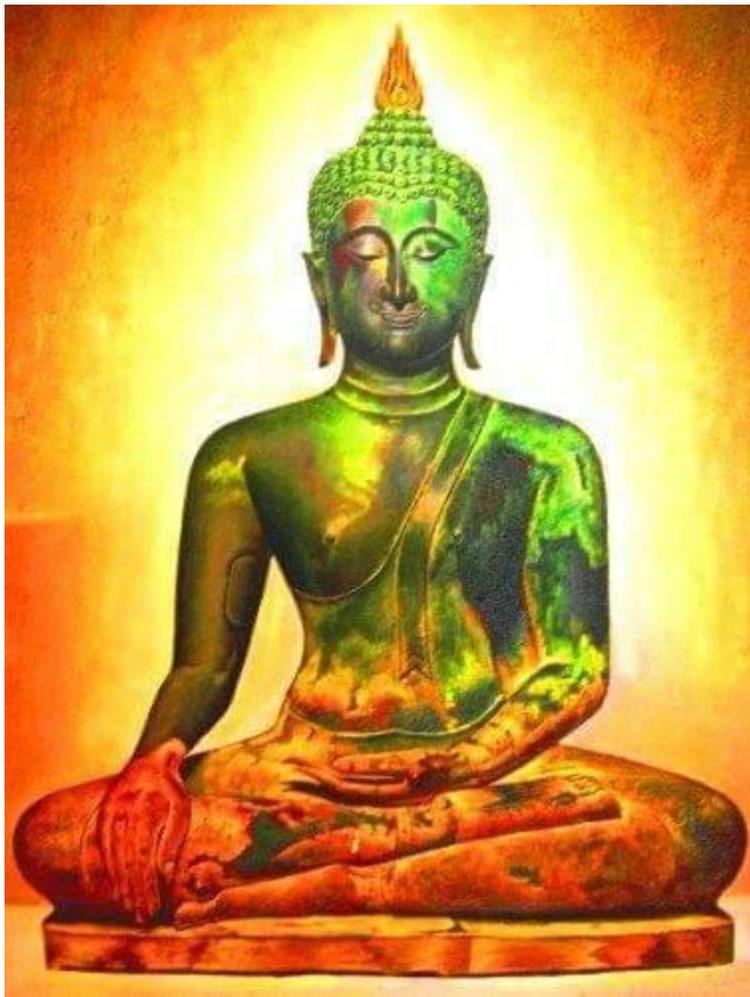
12pm - 1pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Monthly Catherine Luria, Facilitator: Contact CLuriaARNP@gmail.com for topics. Now you can join us for a brown bag lunch on the 4th Monday of each month at Trudy Crippen's house. RSVP Trudy if you plan to attend. trudycrippen@gmail.com

Healing Circle Monthly: 2nd Thursday 4pm +



This is a group gathering to focus on healing, peace and well-being. Our methods employ Reiki distance healing. This is group, not individual work. All LCUUF members are welcome regardless of experience. Facilitators: D’Vorah Kelley and Pamela Cucinell, Reiki Practitioners

Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3-4pm Thursdays +



Mindfulness is the fountain of youth for the mind. It enhances clarity, boosts mood, and keeps stress at bay. Meditation not only helps you age gracefully but also lets you savor life's every moment. 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 conversations 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

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Hyacinthe Miller , October 15

John Roam , October 15

John Bellamy, October 16

Curtis Kirker, October 17

Rachael Swan, October 20

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