

LCUUF NEWS OF THE WEEK



Lake Chapala Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship



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

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UPCOMING SERVICES



This Week: Dec 15

“What Does a Good Day Look Like?”

**Rev. Matt Alspaugh, Presenter
Ted Fahy, Service Associate**

Surgeon Atul Gawande is the writer of the book “Being Mortal.” He learned, he says, too late in his career as a physician, that the central question for his patients was “What Does a Good Day Look Like?” Not questions about fighting, or fixing, or when to give up. We’ll explore this question, “What Does a Good Day Look Like?,” not just in the context of end of life, but in the larger sense of how our good days define a good life. There will also be a New Member Welcome Ceremony during this service.



Next Week: Dec 22

“Dwelling in the Darkness”

**Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Carol Johnson, Service Associate
December 22, 2024**

We have just experienced maximum darkness, with the Winter Solstice one day previous. While this is a season of light, in many traditions, what underlies that joy is the dark. Are we afraid of the dark? Do we avoid it? Or can we engage the darkness with the light?



Pledge Campaign Status as of Dec 12

Active Members Participating	41 %
Pledge Revenue Goal Achieved	59 %

Please Make Your Pledge For 2025- 2026 NOW!

Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have not yet made your pledge you can contact Al Castleman at ajcastleman@yahoo.com or click on the button below to get a pledge card. Here where the campaign stands to date:

The sooner we hear from you the sooner we will know about all the things we can afford to do in 2025

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THANK YOU!

"Thank you to all those who purchased a jigsaw puzzle at our table in the garden last week. All the puzzles are now gone and we raised a total of \$2900 pesos for the fellowship. Thanks again to Trudy Crippen for donating Lew's large collection of puzzles to the fellowship."

Please Help Operation Feed Collect Personal Items For Their Families

Operation Feed is collecting personal items for their families this holiday season. The list of items needs is on the right. There will be a basket to collect the items which will be by the entrance of the church starting this coming Sunday.

Operation Feed is collecting *Personal Care Products* to pass out to our Families at Christmas Time.



- Bar Soap
- Liquid Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Pads
- Body Wash
- Body Lotion
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Shampoo

New Years Day Taco Party

It is time to purchase tickets for the annual LCUUF New Year's Day Taco Party. The event will be held in the garden area at St. Andrew's starting at 1:00pm. Please bring a beverage to share and left over cookies or snacks to share.

The cost for the event is \$200 pesos per person. You must purchase your tickets in advance. There will be no ticket sales on the day of the event.



Tickets can be purchased before or after services on Dec. 2, Dec 15 and Dec. 22. For questions or information, contact Barley Donahue at barleydonahue@gmail.com.



For The Love Of Chocolate and LCUUF

Hanna Frederick, LCUUF member and professional chocolatier, has brought her talent and treasure to LCUUF in the form of the most wonderful Chocolates. She has been crafting her custom chocolates and selling them before and after services. This holiday season she will be selling her

chocolates every Sunday from now through Christmas. (except November 30th)

Hanna uses 70% dark organic chocolate made in Tabasco MX by CACEP. Lo carb, no sugar added to the ganache. Real fruits, nuts, no artificial stuff. Very Healthy!

The cost is 15 pesos per chocolate. If possible bring a plastic container or plastic bag for your purchases.

100% of the proceeds will go to LCUUF. A most delicious way to support our congregation.

**“The Virgin of
Guadalupe:
A Myth
for Our Time**



**Presenter – Noris Binet
Service Associate - Tim Boeve
December 8, 2024**

Video Recording for the December 8th



Mindfulness With Richard Clarke

Recorded on Thursday December 12th



December Humanist Discussion Group Holiday

The Humanist Discussion Zoom Meeting will be on Holiday Break during December. We will be back in January. If anyone has topics they would like to discuss this next year, please email them to bobkoches@gmail.com. Happy Holidays.

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. Please contact Trudy if you plan to attend.

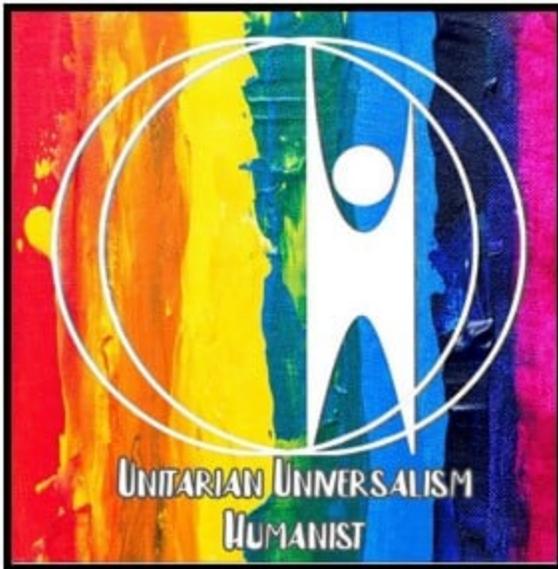
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WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

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Humanist Discussion Group Dec Break

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No Discussion for December

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

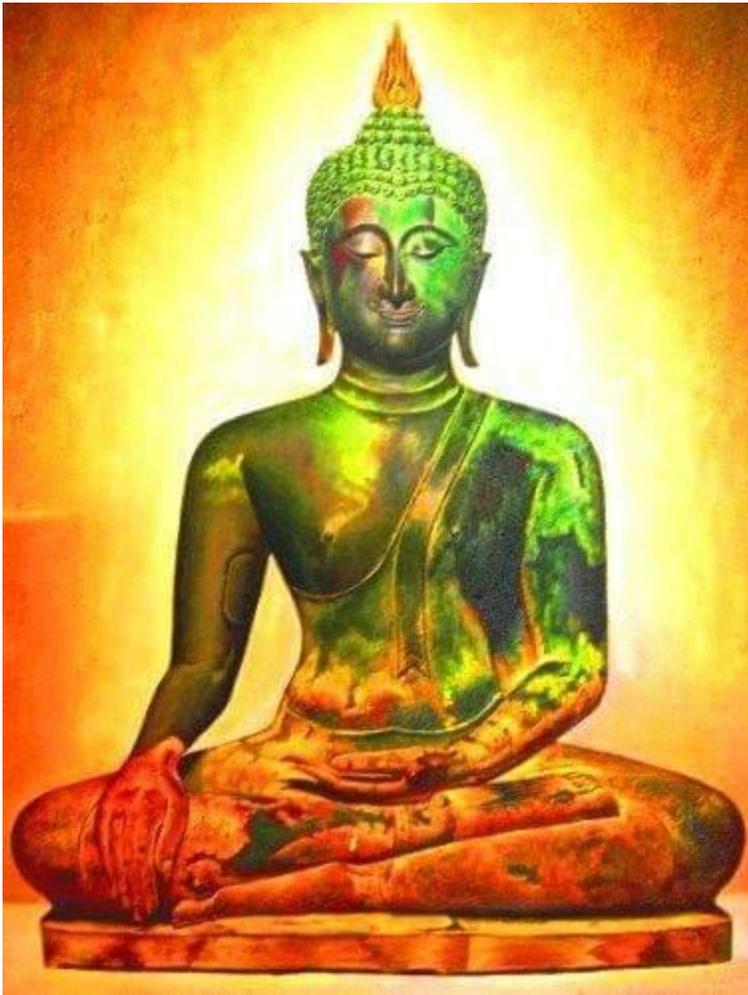
12pm - 1pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Monthly Catherine Luria, Facilitator: Contact CLuriaARNP@gmail.com for topics. Now you can join us for a brown bag lunch on the 4th Monday of each month at Trudy Crippen's house. RSVP Trudy if you plan to attend. trudycrippen@gmail.com

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

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**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 arunachalakinle@gmail.com

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Bill Frayer, December 8

Johannes Bjorner, December 9

Roy Haynes, December 10

David Roush, December 14

Carol Powell, December 15

Carol Cumming Spiers, December 15

Susie (Seibert) Seattle, December 17

Linda Jessen, December 25

Larry Pihl, December 26

Flo Rhodes, December 26

Richard Clarke, December 28

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