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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 29

“Enter the Silence: Awaken the Spirit”

Presenters: Rev. Tim Boeve, Rev. D’Vorah Kelley, Jane Castleman.

Join us for this Taize inspired contemplative service as we transition from 2024 to 2025. Through music, readings, and time for silent contemplation, we will Enter the Silence and Awaken the Spirit. Guest musician Areli Medeles (cello) will join our Music Director Michael Reason (piano) for classical music and chants. The service will include an explanation of Taize.



Next Week: Jan 5, 2025

"Rewriting the Stories of our Lives"

**Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Elly Cantreras, Service Associate
January 5, 2024**

We all have stories about our lives. Some of these stories may be unconscious, they may be limiting, they may no longer be true, they may have never been true. Others may be invigorating, life affirming, hopeful, purposeful. But to make space for more stories like these, we may need to unearth and change or drop those limiting stories. We'll explore how we might rewrite those stories. For this first Sunday of the year, we will have a boring bowl, in which we (ritually) let go of parts of our old stories that no longer serve us, so that we can begin to rewrite new stories.



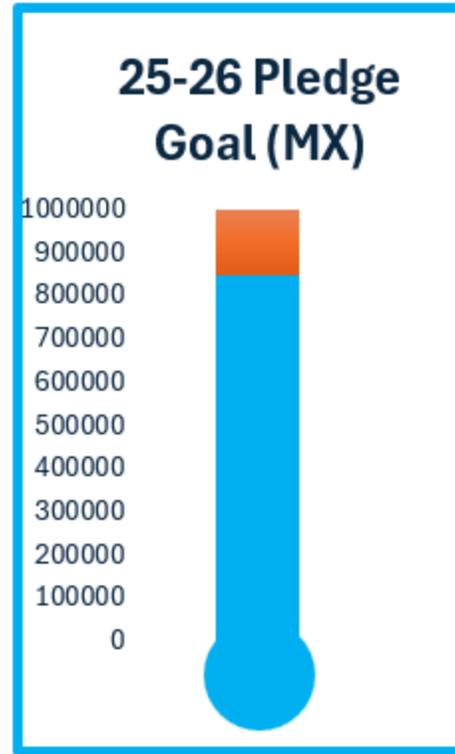
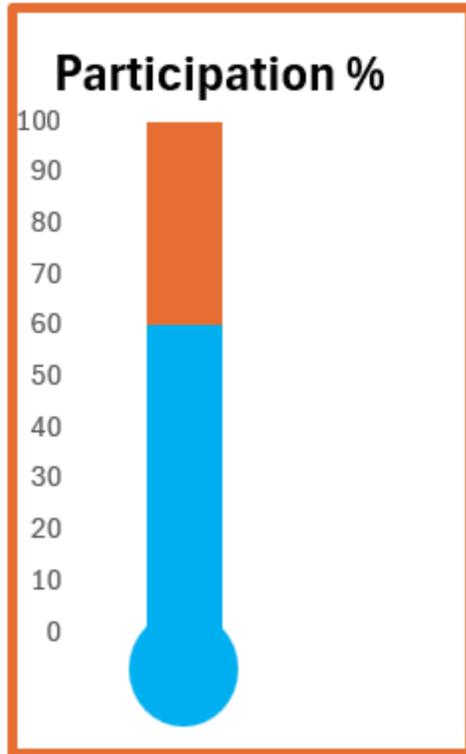
Pledge Campaign Status as of Dec 27

Active Members Participating	63 %
Pledge Revenue Goal Achieved	89 %

Please Make Your Pledge For 2025- 2026 NOW!

The good news is that we are very close to achieving our revenue goal. The not-so-good news is that only 63% of our membership has made a pledge. This is important because a pledge is NOT JUST ABOUT MONEY. A pledge is a commitment to the viability of the Fellowship and its place in your life. It does not matter how much money you pledge, if any. It's about pledging to be a part of this Fellowship. PLEASE, 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, or fill out one Sunday Dec. 29, the last week to do so. Here where the campaign stands to date:

[Make Your 2025-2026 Pledge](#)



Remembering Hugh Jenney

Please join in honoring the life of our longtime member, Hugh Jenney and sending our love to Hugh's wife, Claire, and daughter, Caitlan. We honor the Jenneys and their wonderful annual parties. Hugh was a font of knowledge and humor and we will miss him.

Thank You Chocolate Lovers!

We are very pleased to announce that this year Christmas chocolate donations collected since November 9 (6 Sundays) reached **11,015 pesos**. Double compared to last year. Sharing the venue with St Andrews certainly resulted in more sales! Thank you Hannah and thank you chocolate lovers.



“DWELLING IN DARKNESS”



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



Lake Chapala UU

Video Recording for the December 22nd

**January Humanist Discussion Group Wed.
Jan. 22**



Challenges of global depopulation and replacement

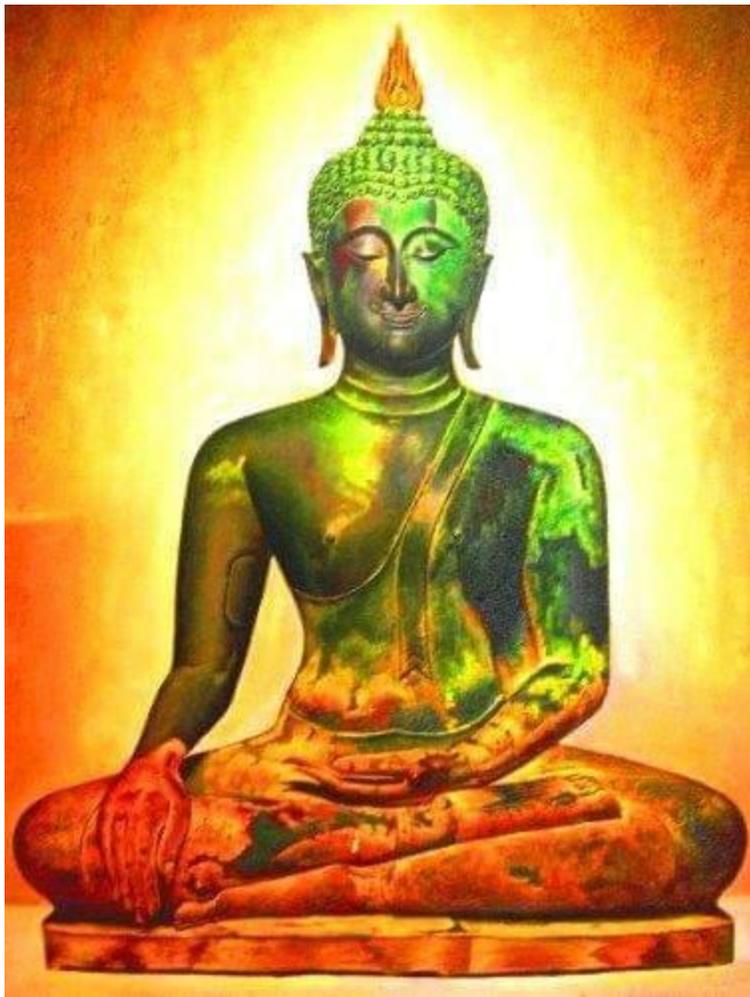
For our January Unitarian Universalist (UU) humanist discussion, we will delve into the pressing challenges of global depopulation and replacement, exploring how technology and artificial intelligence (AI) might offer innovative solutions. The conversation will focus on the potential of AI to enhance societal resilience and address demographic shifts, while also considering the ethical implications of such technologies, including issues of equity and the preservation of human connections. The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Wednesday Jan. 22 at 11am Central Standard Time Via Zoom. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863> If you wish to be added to the reading list please email Bob Koches at bobkoches@gmail.com

[Click to join on Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863)

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

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

+

Conversation is open to all questions. Email Richard Clarke at arunachalakindle@gmail.com

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Cheryl Cholavchuk, January 3

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