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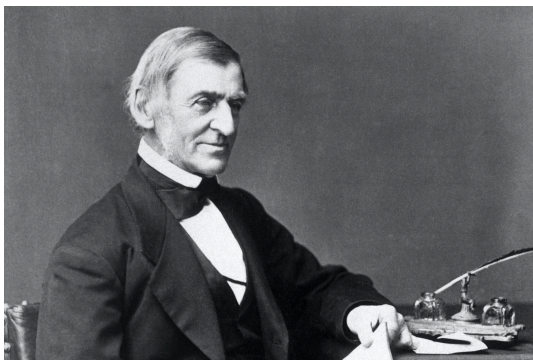
Attend our weekly services in person or via Zoom on Sundays at 12:00pm CST. We are located at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, San Lucas 19, Riberas del Pilar.

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UPCOMING SERVICES



This Week: Apr 27, 2025

"Emerson Sunday"



Next Week: May 4, 2025

"We Are The Gratitude People"

**Presenters: Members and Friends
of LCUUF**

**Service Associate: Donna
Burroughs**

Ralph Waldo Emerson considered art as a way for the artist to express their inner self, their "spirit," and to share a deeper understanding of the world with others. He believed that there should be no strict separation between different art forms like painting, music, and poetry, as they all stem from the same creative impulse. He defined life in terms of creative capacity and helped redefine creativity as an innate, impulsive, and ubiquitous quality

Our service will celebrate Emerson Sunday - an honoring of the arts in all it's forms, music, visual arts, performing arts, textile arts, and more. There will be displays in the garden at Saint Andrews beginning at 11:00am, prior to the service.

Presenter: Rev. Matt Alspaugh

Service Associate: Ted Fahy

UU Minister Galen Guengerich believes our unique religious virtue is gratitude, saying, "In the same way that Judaism is defined by obedience, Christianity by love, and Islam by submission, I believe that Unitarian Universalism should be defined by gratitude." He goes on, "Our bumper sticker could be: We are the gratitude people." We'll consider what it means to be 'gratitude people': why and how we might practice gratitude in our daily lives.



Kriss Gang, Board President

The LCUUF Board met for its April meeting on Monday the 21st. All board members were present. Here are some of the topics discussed:

New accounting system: Ted Fahy, bookkeeper and VP, working in collaboration with treasurer Larry Pihl, has nearly completed the conversion of the LCUUF accounting system to Quickbooks, a laborious task that will now give the treasurer a greater and easier ability to track and report the Fellowship finances. In addition to moving to Quickbooks, Ted and Larry have been updating and improving how Fellowship revenues and expenses are tracked and reported to more accurately reflect our overall financial situation. Ted has also created a comprehensive "LCUUF Structural and Financial Primer"- treasurer's manual- a 37-page documentation of all Fellowship financial processes and procedures. This document will be an invaluable aid to future LCUUF treasurers. Many thanks to the countless hours spent on these important and overdue tasks.

Congregational Mission and Vision planning: The board continued its discussion about how to plan and implement a Mission and Vision workshop for the Fellowship. LCUUF currently does not have a mission or vision statement. The importance of having a Mission and Vision is to provide the congregation with a sense of purpose and direction and to provide the leadership with guidance for program planning, social action priorities and Fellowship budgeting. Matt and Kriss are currently looking into potential "professional" facilitators to guide us through this important process. The board is also looking at attendance records to determine the most optimal time to initiate this process.

Social Action: The Social Action Team and Matt will be reviewing a proposal for two sessions on 1) History of US/Mexico and then 2) Culture in Mexico and relationships between Mexico and the ex-pat community. These would be either 3-4 one-hour sessions or two two-hour sessions. The workshops would be bracketed by Sunday services covering the workshop topics. The timing of these workshops and presentations is still being discussed.

Music Director: With the pending departure of Michael Reason as LCUUF Music Director (to focus 100% of his time on the Lake Chapala Orchestra), the Sunday Service Team will take on the task of determining the current and future direction of the LCUUF music program. This will be a featured topic at their upcoming day-long retreat on April 30th. Stay tuned for upcoming information about how the music program will be moving forward.

The LCUUF Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 1:30 at St Andrews. All board meetings are open to members and friends. (Note: Our May meeting on Monday the 19th will be held at June Wilson's home due to heat conditions in May at St. Andrews.) Contact Kriss at krissgang@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or have any question about board business.



Sue Kelley Memorial Service

IMPORTANT: NEW DATE AND TIME

A memorial service for founding member of LCUUF, Sue Kelley will be held at St. Andrew's on Friday, May 9th at 2:00pm.

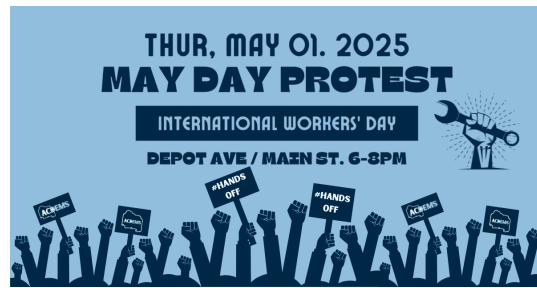
**Hands Off Peaceful and Respectful Gathering:
May 1**

Save the Date! May 1, 10am -11am
Hands Off! Social Security, Medicare, -
Reproductive Rights, Voting Rights, and
more!

Join your fellow U.S. citizens at a Peaceful & Respectful Gathering in La Floresta In front of the "Airplane Sculpture" near Pranzo Bistro (Ajjic). Let's keep sending a moral message to the new U.S. Federal Government: Hands Off Our Social Security and more.

Next Thursday, May 1, 2025 (International Labor Day) This gathering is in solidarity with recent Hands Off events across the U.S. and beyond.

Wear your LCUUF shirts!!!Bring your friends—U.S., Mexican and Canadian!\\



May Share The Basket

Recipient: Poco A Poco

Poco a Poco supports youth and women in the San Pedro Itzican and Mezcala area east of us through education, teaching local organic food growth, providing food and drinking water to renal patients, feeding over 300 children 5 days a week, offering health services, as well as literacy and English as a second language classes.



April Humanist Discussion Video



May Humanist Group Discussion: Wednesday, May 28th

In macroeconomics, the "chess vs. checkers" analogy is often used to describe the difference between strategic planning and reactive decision-making. Chess, with its complex rules and diverse piece capabilities, represents a proactive approach where players anticipate and plan for long-term outcomes. Checkers, on the other hand, with its simpler rules and limited piece movement, is more about immediate, reactive

moves. Go, with its vast board and focus on territorial control, offers a nuanced perspective, suggesting a balance between strategic planning and the need to react to

evolving circumstances. We will explore these distinctions as applied to our current global situation

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet **Wednesday May 28** at 11am Central Standard Time Via Zoom. Please note that some US states will be on Daylight Savings Time. The zoom link is:

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

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



Video Recording For Sunday April 20



Mindfulness With Richard Clarke: Thursday April 24

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.

trudycrippen@gmail.com

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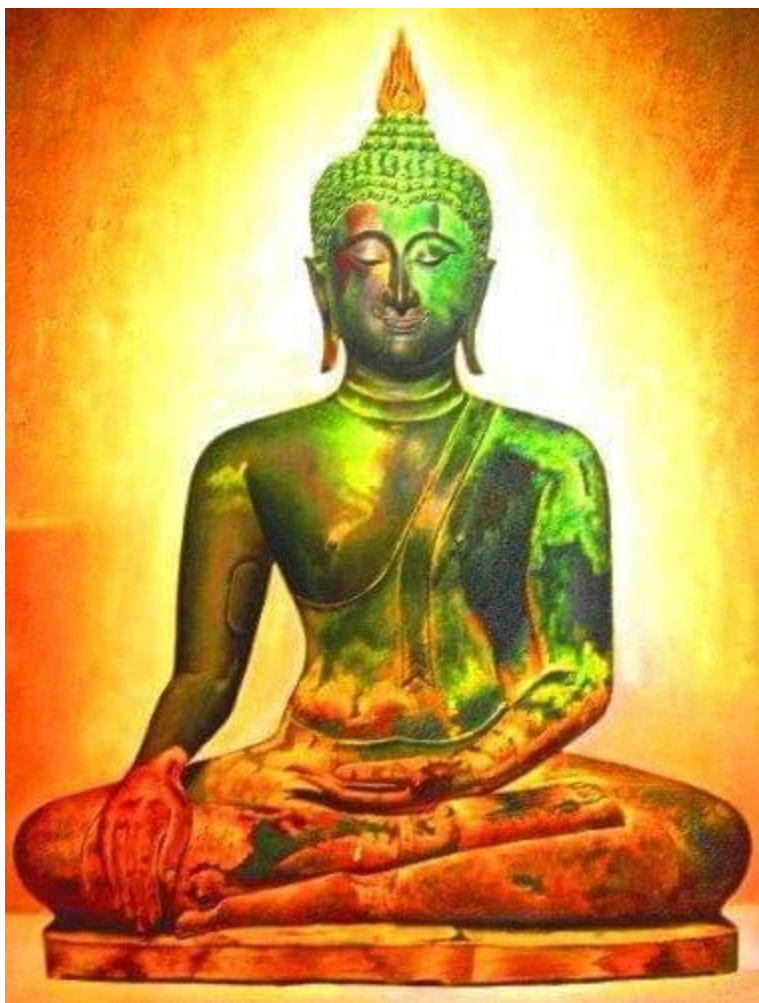
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Women's Group: 1st , 3rd and 4th Mondays +

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

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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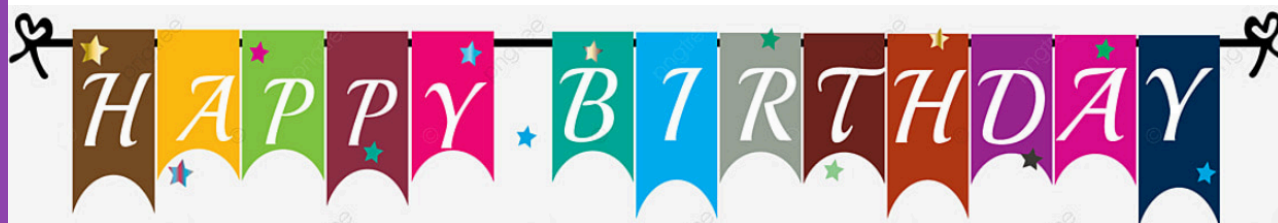
Meet other UUs for weekly conversations at Los Gringos (above the ice cream place) on the Plaza. Bring a friend!

Open Zoom Conversation: Fridays 2pm

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

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sharon Woods, April 29

Dave MacMillan, April 30

Doug Mattoon, May 3



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