
[lcuuf] LCUUF News of the Week, December 14, 2025

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Trudy Crippen via groups.io <trudycritten@gmail.com@groups.io>
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To: lcuuf@groups.io**This Week's Service**

Reverend Matt Alspaugh will give Sunday's sermon, *Practicing Hope*. December is a time of darkness, even here in Mexico. The winter solstice reminds us to wait, for the dark times will turn. But what if hope feels naive, or impossible, given the state of the world? This Sunday, we explore the difference between wishing for hope and the spiritual discipline of practicing hope in dark times. Matt Alspaugh will be the service associate.

The Link for Sunday Services

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233941792>

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This Week's Music

Here are this Sunday's hymns. Cesar will play.

Hymn 146: *Soon the Day Will Arrive*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkT7SMbZeSA>

Closing Hymn - #225, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5INDuen3fs>

Both hymns have UU lyrics that may be new to you. The lyrics will be on the screen.

Next Week's Service, December 21 at 11:45

Welcome to our holiday service, December 21, full of joy, tradition, and music, lots of music. Heidi MacLennan will share stories from the many places she has lived and the associated traditions. Doane will be here to accompany us in person.

At the end of the service everyone is invited into the garden for stollen and hot apple cider. So stay and enjoy the fellowship!

**Note we are starting the service early at 11:45 AM

Pass the Basket

December's basket proceeds will go to Tepehua. The Tepehua neighborhood is situated on the hillside above downtown Chapala. It is considered one of the poorest neighborhoods in the state. The poor of the village can go for food, water, counseling, education, guidance and help of any kind.

Taco Fiesta!!

We will be selling tickets for our annual New Year's Day Taco Fiesta this Sunday. This is a long standing LCUUF tradition and it should not be missed. Watch the tortillas being made by hand. There are fillings that accommodate vegans and vegetarians as well as the omnivores. This is, in my opinion, the best event of the year. Don't miss it.

The Taco Fiesta will be from 12:00 to 2:00 on January 1. Bring drinks and holiday leftovers to share, \$200 per person.

ANNUAL LCUUF
NEW YEARS DAY

TACO Fiesta

Good Food

Good Friends

Good Vibes

200 PESOS PER PERSON

JANUARY 1, 2026
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Please bring drinks and



left over Christmas treats to share!

St. Andrew's Garden, Calle San Lucas #19

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Mark Your Calendars

Thursday morning, meet fellowship members and friends at 10:30 at Los Gringos, above the ice cream shop on the Ajijic plaza.

Thursday afternoon, join the weekly mindfulness and meditation Zoom session from 3:00 to 4:00. To join the meditation use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81298848822>

Friday afternoon, join an open discussion on Zoom at 2:00. To join the conversation use link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89922434303>

Music for Christmas

We need song leaders for the Christmas service on December 21. The service will have a lot of Christmas carols from around the world. We would also like to do a choir piece, Lo, How a Rose. help or have any questions. Either see Bob at any of the services, or at bobkoches@gmail.com. Rev Mary Doane will be playing for the service in person.

Birthdays, thanks to Doug Mattoon, our greeting cards master

David Rosh, December 14

Carol Speirs, December 15

Susie Seibert, December 17

Links, thanks to Richard Clarke, our master of the videos

Last Sunday's Service, *We Are All Just Walking Each Other Home*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCoJmngQMag>

Meditation, *Turning Kindness Inward* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lms4kctEqbs>

Preparing For the Future

On January 4th's Sunday Service, Sheila Cameron will be speaking to the Fellowship. At that time she will tell you about the *Just in Case* binder and the accompanying *Getting Organized* workbook available to answer your questions.

You will also have the opportunity to look at a binder and register for one of her workshops. The cost for both a binder and a two-hour workshop is \$800 pesos. The Fellowship is offering scholarships but are financially strapped. Please contact Adele St. Pierre at astpierre2345@gmail.com if you would like a scholarship.

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