

[lcuuf] LCUUF News of the Week, October 26, 2025

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**This Week's Service**

Our annual Day of the Dead Celebration is this Sunday, October 26, 2025. In Mexico we take time to remember our loved ones. Bob Koches will reflect on his journey of loss with his message titled *They are Always with Us*. There will be a slide show of our members' loved ones. Rev. Mary Doane will provide the music. Carol Johnson will be the service associate.

The link for Sunday services is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233941792>

Next Week's Service

On November 2, 2025, Rev. Matt Alspaugh will give the talk *Grateful Despite it All*. It seems that so much troubling is happening all at once: climate change is accelerating, democracies are under attack, capitalism is fissuring a growing inequality, this on top of our own individual struggles, health challenges, issues with family and friends. Is it possible to be grateful even in the face of all this? Should we even try? We will explore the potential of gratitude in times like these. Michael Swords will be the service associate.

The link for Sunday services is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233941792>

Pass the Basket

For over 30 years, Operation Feed volunteers have been providing food and improving the lives of the very poor and marginalized people of the village of San Juan Cosalá. They provide weekly food dispensas to 150 families and individuals who would go hungry without the aid. Operation Feed also supports new program initiatives like cooking classes and crochet projects to involve the people in developing additional income sources and skills.

This Week's Music

Our opening hymn is *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place, Singing the Journey* #1008, and the closing hymn is: *Come, Sing a Song with Me, Singing the Living Tradition* #346

All singers are welcome to join the practice on Sunday at 11:30,

Here is the video for *When our Heart is in a Holy Place*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tn00zJ9ukpY>.

Here is the sheet music: <https://fpuucanton.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/hymn-1008-when-our-heart-is-in-a-holy-place.pdf>

Here is the video for *Come, Sing a Song with Me*:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/oisrO48boDQ>.

Here is the sheet music:

<https://www.scribd.com/document/813372609/Come-Sing-a-Song-With-Me>

Mark Your Calendars

Monday the women's brown bag lunch will meet at 12:00 at Trudy's home, Paseo de la Colina, La Floresta, 33 1372 4249, trudycrippen@gmail.com.

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. Contact Richard Clarke, riberasmeditation@gmail.com, for more information.

Friday afternoon, join an open discussion on Zoom at 2:00. Contact Richard Clarke at arunachalakindle@gmail.com.

The communications team is meeting 4th Saturdays (so October 25th) from 11-12:30 at St Andrew's in the office Kriss will be running the meeting

Birthdays Thanks to Doug Mattoon, our greeting cards maestro.

Lynn Cleek, October 29

Links Thanks to Richard Clarke, our master of the videos.

Sunday - Intimations on Infinity - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6uArMt3URE>

Humanist discussion - Compassion and empathy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YE4zNQpJ7CE>

Humanist Discussion

The humanist discussion group will meet on Zoom on November 26 at 11:00. We will explore the intersection of biocentrism, quantum physics, and consciousness, emphasizing rigorous scientific inquiry. We will examine how emerging scientific theories challenge traditional views of reality and life's centrality; the scientific principles underlying biocentrism, and how life and consciousness are integral to understanding the universe. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>. If you wish to be added to the reading list contact bobkoches@gmail.com.

Harvest Festival

Each year for many years, St. Andrew's Anglican Church had a harvest meal between the Canadian and American Thanksgivings. Last year the Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and the Lake Chapala Jewish congregations joined the Anglican congregation at Manix II for this delicious and fun event. The Lakeside Presbyterian Church will join us this year.

The Harvest Comida 2025 will be at Manix II on Sunday, November 9. Appetizers will be at 4:00 p.m and dinner at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$520 per person, plus drinks. There will be a basket on each table for tips.

The menu will include appetizers, turkey, gravy and dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, corn souffle, vegetables, bread and butter, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream or apple pie with vanilla ice cream.

The gluten free and vegetarian options are azteca soup, or minestrone soup, or potato leak soup, and quinoa salad with black bean, corn, sweet red peppers, jicama, artichokes, herbs, mango with balsamic vinegar dressing.

Someone from the fellowship will be there to take names and payment of \$520 pesos per person. Reservations are limited to 25 people from each of the four congregations.

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