#### LAKE CHAPALA UU FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER-MARCH 2021



#### **Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services**

**March 7, 2021 –** "Hope: The Ultimate Motivator "- Hope: "A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen". Janice Kimball, Francisco Urzua, and Pam Cucinell will reflect on how using hope as the ultimate motivator has helped in their lives. Kathy Koches will be the service leader.

**March 14, 2021 -** "One Year In" - On March 15, 2020, the Fellowship canceled its service due to COVID-19 concerns. We have met online since. Every aspect of our community has been touched by the pandemic. We'll take stock of where we are, one year in, and attempt to foresee what the coming months may be like. Rev. Matt Alspaugh will give the talk and Susan Miller will be the Service Leader

**March 21, 2021 –** "In Celebration of Spring" - During this time of uncertainty and differences, some things do not change. On March 20, the Spring Equinox will come and bring a balance of night and day. Esther Jones, Fred Koesling, Fred Harland, and Bob Koches will provide us insight into the celebration of spring. Kaya Reed will be service leader.

**March 28, 2021 -** "Passover" - The Jewish Passover holiday starts on sundown Friday evening, March 27, and continues for a week. The holiday celebrates the escape of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Thus this holiday is about freedom from oppression, touching larger themes of justice and fairness for all. Rev. Matt Alspaugh is the speaker and Dee Dee Camhi, Catherine Luria and Eric Luria are the Service Leaders









For the foreseeable future, we are meeting on-line, at our usual time, Sundays at 10:30, using a service called Zoom. Here's how to get set up. We suggest you do this before the meeting.

To join via video on your computer, tablet or smartphone, please click the link below – you will be stepped through downloading a free app that will let you connect to the meeting.

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/233941792

Meeting ID: 233 941 792

Or, for audio, just dial-in by your location

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Elsewhere? Find your local phone number: https://us04web.zoom.us/u/fnTR4N3JJ

We encourage you to try to connect early, to get things set up. However, you won't be able to join the service until about 10:00am on Sunday. But it's good to get set up early.



Rev. Matt is on vacation and will return next month.





Lorna Dean, Treasurer

## BOARD MEMBER MESSAGE

At the LCUUF Board Meeting by Zoom on February 19, we welcomed two new Board members, Cat Barnett and Kriss Gang. I want to thank former Board members Joan Ward and Fred Koesling for their service. They completed their terms on January 31, 2021.

The Board members will participate in the annual Board retreat on February 26-28. This year it will be three Zoom sessions led by Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Executive Director of Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio. The sessions are to get to know each other, learn some LCUUF history, and to review the values the congregation began to develop before the pandemic. We will also review our goals from last year and set new goals.

I am starting a new two-year term as Treasurer. We are fortunate that the LCUUF finances are solid. As of January 31, 2021, LCUUF has MXN 988,789 pesos (about USD 50,000) in assets. Thank you to everyone for being so reliable about making your pledge payments and donations.

For January, our Share the Basket contribution amounted to MXN 14,235 pesos which we donated Tepehua Centro Communitario, <a href="https://tepehua.org/index.php/programs/">https://tepehua.org/index.php/programs/</a> As of February 20, we have Share the Basket donations of MXN 4,270 pesos accumulated for FoodBank Lakeside <a href="https://foodbanklakeside.org/about-us/">https://foodbanklakeside.org/about-us/</a>

I pay the Share the Basket donations to the selected organization early on the last business day of each month,

If you have questions about your pledge payments or other LCUUF financial issues, you may contact me at Imdean695@gmail.com or 376-766-6112.



SHARE THE BASKET

The LCUUF Share the Basket program donates MXN 5,000 pesos or more to an organization providing food to the Lakeside community during the coronavirus crisis. Our March recipient is Operation Feed, http://www.operationfeedsjc.org/ which provides dispensas (bags of basic food) to low income families in San Juan Cosala. We appreciate the congregation's support for the Share the Basket program separate from your pledge payments. If we collect more than MXN 5,000 pesos in any month, the full amount will go to an organization providing food to the Lakeside community. If we collect less that MXN 5,000 pesos in donations in any month, the balance will be subsidized from the LCUUF treasury, as long as this is financially feasible. Please designate your donation for "Share the Basket" when you use one of the usual payment methods, PayPal, Bill Pay or pesos. Contact Lorna Dean, Treasurer, Imdean695@gmail.com if you have questions.





#### **LCUUF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Member at Large Eric Luria
Member at Large Cat Barnett
Member at Large Kriss Gang



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

07 Joan Ward
15 Lorna Dean
16 Marie McGregor
19 Michelle Naquaiya
27 Paul Bennett
30 Susan Miller



# HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The Zoom link is:

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

The question we will discuss is "Are we losing our ability to think critically?"

If you wish to receive the reading materials prior to the meeting and are not on the mailing list please contact Bob Koches at: bobkoches@gmail.com









## General Assembly: The Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual Meeting

The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution making the 2021 UUA General Assembly a **100% virtual event**. Let's reach record-breaking attendance **June 23-27**, **2021!** For more information go to: <a href="https://www.uua.org/qa">https://www.uua.org/qa</a>

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The LCUUF Newsletter is produced to provide LCUUF news to members and friends. Deadline for contributions to the April newsletter is March 20th and should be sent to Kathy Koches, at: kkoches@gmail.com