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

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UPCOMING SERVICES



This Week: May 26th

"Settling The God Question"



Next Week: June 2nd

"In Search of Awe"

Presenter: Rev Tim Boeve

Service Associate: Dee Dee Camhi

The Rev. Tim Boeve will address the topic, "Settling the God Question, Maybe." Views on who God is and whether there even is one are myriad. Western civilization has come a long way from the universal Medieval view in a single, divine all-powerful being whether in Jewish, Christian, or Islamic garb. Ask anyone today what his or her belief is about God and you're likely to hear descriptions that range from my Higher Power, Divine Energy, Ground of our Being, Nature, Creator, Heavenly Father, Constant Companion, Jehovah, etc. etc. For those who have not made up their minds, the question can be vexing to say the least. But maybe the most important thing to consider is what does how we answer this question about who we believe God to be (or not be) say about us? And what relevance does having a clear conviction on the matter have for us in today's troubled world?

Presenter: Rev. Matt Alspaugh (Remote)

Service Associate: Annie Morris

I've realized that I've lived my life, in part, to search for awe. My interest in science, nature, music, art, and in spiritual things may be driven by a yearning for awe. What is this emotion of awe about? It seems so fundamental to our nature. Why do we desire it? Can we have more of it?



By Kriss Gang, Board President

May Board Meeting Report

The LCUUF Board met for their monthly meeting on Monday May 20th. As usual it was a packed agenda with all in attendance except Catherine Luria who was travelling. Rev. Alspaugh attended via Zoom. Here are the key topics discussed at our meeting:

Vetting Charities

One of the primary questions before the board this month was an issue regarding the vetting of our “Share the Basket” charities. Our official policy states that to receive LCUUF charitable donations, an organization must be part of Lake Chapala Charities and be an “Association Civil” (AC), the Mexican legal equivalent of a “Non Profit”. The issue is that currently, three of our Share the Basket Charities do not meet our policy criteria. Food bank lakeside and Operation Feed do not currently have their AC status. Ninos Sabias is not part of Lake Chapala Charities and is waiting to receive their status as an AC. Food Bank Lakeside expects to receive their AC status within a month and Operation Feed is not currently interested in applying for an AC status. The question before the board is; do we change our policy or revisit our list of acceptable charities? No decision was made at this meeting so that board members could gather more information regarding Ninos Sabia’s pending AC status and Operation Feed’s position on not applying for AC status. We hope to make a final decision at our June meeting.

Open VP Position

The board also discussed filling our open Vice President position following Carol Johnson’s decision to step down. Our By Laws state that should a board position become vacant before the term is up that the board is responsible for filling the vacancy until the next General Meeting of the Congregation where a vote to fill the vacancy can occur. Several possible names were discussed and the individuals will be asked about the interest in filling the vacancy.

Future of Ministry at LCUUF

As communicated at the retreat and as Rev. Alspaugh discussed in his monthly letter, The board needs to begin exploring options for the future of the ministry at LCUUF both long term planning for Rev. Alspaugh’s eventual retirement and short term options to currently support Rev. Alspaugh who, as a reminder, is only a part-time minister with often full-time Ministerial objectives.

Various ideas were discussed included looking within the congregation for an individual qualified and interested in supporting our pastoral care needs or possible social action outreach efforts. Another option is to look within the Lakeside community for someone with a professional background that would fulfill our needs. No board decisions are required at this time and the board has been asked to continue to think creatively as we move forward.

New LCUUF Logo Approved

Several Months ago, the board approved a plan and set aside funds to develop our own unique image. Matt and I were tasked with overseeing the process. We asked Jesus if he would be interested. He said yes and partnered with a graphic designer friend.

Jesus and his partner completed the task and produced an LCUUF logo image that meets all the criteria established by the board. In addition, they produced a graphics manual detailing how to use and not use the new image. The board approved of the new logo and it will be presented to the congregation at the Sunday Service on May 26th.





Video Recording For The Service On Sunday May 19, 2024

If you would like to view other past services click on the link below which will take you to our video archive.

[Video Archive](#)

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INVITED TO

UU SUMMER SOLSTICE POTLUCK BRUNCH

BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH
TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE

LABEL IT VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN FREE OR CONTAINS MEAT.
BYOB - WATER, TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE
DON'T FORGET TIP IN THE DONATION JAR

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JUNE

SATURDAY, AT 11AM TILL 1 PM
OR UNTIL THE FOODS ARE ALL GONE!!

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June Humanist Zoom Discussion

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet
Wednesday June 26th at 11am Via Zoom.

June Topic

Are we truly alone in this vast universe, or
is intelligent extraterrestrial life out there
waiting to be discovered? This discussion

will delve into Fermi's paradox, the ongoing search for extraterrestrial

intelligence (SETI), the controversial subject of UFOs, and critically examine ancient alien theories and the pseudoscientific claims made to support them, contrasting them with the skeptical, evidence-based approach advocated by science. Join us for a thought-provoking exploration of one of humanity's most enduring questions.

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

[Click to join on Zoom](#)



Click on the video link to watch and listen to the May Humanist Group discussion

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 Mondays. This will be held at TrudyCrippen's house. Please RSVP to Trudy if you plan to attend.

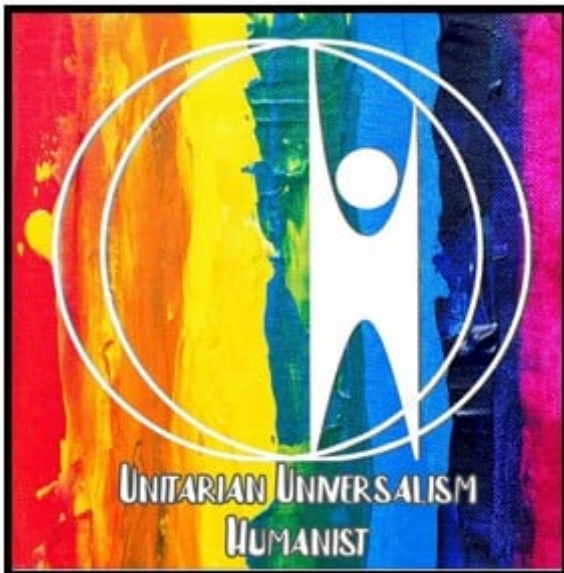
trudycrippen@gmail.com

The next meeting will be May 27 at 12N.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

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Humanist Discussion Group-June 26 11am +



Wednesday June 26, 11:00am on Zoom (CST)

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

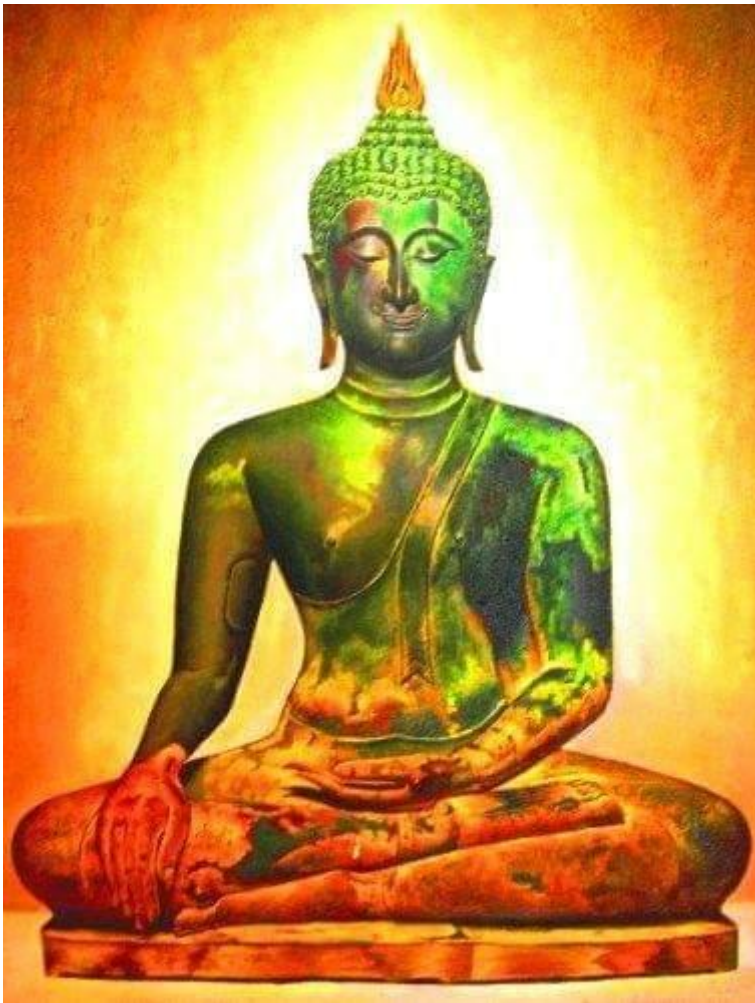
12pm - 1pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Monthly Catherine Luria, Facilitator: Contact CLuriaARNP@gmail.com for topics. Now you can join us for a brown bag lunch on the 4th Monday of each month at Trudy Crippen's house. RSVP Trudy if you plan to attend. trudycrippen@gmail.com

Healing Circle Monthly: 2nd Thursday 4pm +



This is a new group gathering to focus on healing, peace and well-being. Our methods employ Reiki distance healing. This is group, not individual work. All LCUUF members are welcome regardless of experience. Facilitators: D'Vorah Kelley and Pamela Cucinell, Reiki Practitioners

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**

+

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!

Kathy Varty, May 28th

Kaya Reed May 31st

Michael Swords, June 1st

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