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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: October 20

"Life, Death and Everything In Between"

Presenter: Rev. D'Vorah Kelley

Service Associate: Priscilla Taylor



Next Week: October 27

"Dia de los Muertos"

Mary Oliver was a prolific award-winning poet before her death in 2019. Her poems often touch on spiritual topics like God and prayer, even though she rarely talked much about churches, official beliefs, or other things people often associate with religion. She became an unconventional spiritual teacher for many people because she wrote a lot about God, what might come after death, and the questions all humans face about why we are here. "We all wonder about God," Mary said. "Who is God? What's going to happen when we die?"

For many long time Unitarian Universalists, she is the unofficial Poet Laureate of Unitarian Universalism. Today's service will offer seven of her poems that explore the theme of "Life, Death, and Everything In Between". There will be a Time For Reflection as part of this service.

Presenter: June Eguchi

Service Associate: Dee Dee Camhi

On October 27, we will have a special Day of the Dead service. It will feature June Eguchi's compelling presentation entitled "What is a Near Death Experience?" She will share with us her own experience and give detailed background information about this phenomenon. The program will also honor family and friends of many of our UU members.

IMPORTANT NOTICES!

SUNDAY SERVICE PLANNING THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, October 20, there will be a Sunday Service Quarterly Planning meeting after the service, and we promise it will be no longer than one hour! We, the Sunday Service Committee members, really value the input from congregational members as we plan our next three months of services. Have an idea for a topic

you'd like to hear, or maybe even present? Want to give being a Service Associate a try? WTogether we can make it happen!!!

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS!

On Oct 27, we will have a Day of the Dead slide show featuring photos of your loved ones and friends who you want to be included. Please send the photos to roy_haynes@aol.com

Photos from previous shows are in this year's slideshow. No need to resend photos used in past shows.

REQUEST BY ST. ANDREWS

"One of our St. Andrew's members, Tom Lindsey, passed away last week. We are planning to have a short "memorial", remembering Tom after the service out by the columbarium. We would ask that people at coffee hour respect that time. Anyone who knew Tom is more than welcome to join us."

We Need Your Response To The Congregational Survey

On Thursday, you received the LCUUF Congregational survey via email with a link to the online survey. All you need to do is click on the link and it will take you to the survey. If more than one person shares an email, each person will be able to use the same link and submit their own response. If you have already responded, thank you.

You can also click on the link below to access the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FApQLSdncg1v36lmgpldjkv_...

Your response is important and will help us with board and committee planning and program development for the year ahead!



Song Leaders, We Need You!

LCUUF is looking for people who like to sing and would be interested in being song leaders for our services. You do not have to read music, just the ability to learn and hold a tune. Song Leaders will be for the hymns that we sing each service. Each week Michael will send you the music and a recording of the hymn to learn at home.

Then on Sunday you will meet Michael at 11.30am at the church and have a short rehearsal. It would not necessarily be every week. If you are interested please email Michael at mjrmusic01@gmail.com



Help Beyond The Basket

In August the LCUUF Board approved a special donation to our Share The Basket partner Foodbank Lakeside to help with an emergency repair for the kitchen that provides daily hot meals to those in need in San Antonio and Ajijic. Here is the story I wrote for the Foodbank Lakeside Newsletter.

One of the most endearing aspects of living Lakeside is experiencing what a caring and generous community this can be (by local and expat residents). Whether it is aiding victims of flooding or mudslides, rescuing animals or preparing and delivering food to those without proper resources, the good people of Lakeside will be there.

Here is another example of how El Proyecto was saved from having to interrupt their work preparing and providing food to the poor, elderly and home-bound in San Antonio and Ajijic.

For those not familiar with El Proyecto, Emily Alison described how it began in an article she wrote about the organization in the July issue of the Foodbank Lakeside newsletter.

“El Proyecto was established in 1988 by thirteen women. These women saw a need and determined to meet that need. After six or seven years there was a pause in services due to a lack of resources. An Anglo gentleman, Tom, who worked with DIF, found resources to help with the fixed expenses of the project. A couple of charitable organizations chipped in. Local churches stepped up with contributions. A stove, a refrigerator, food, and enough funds to cover electricity and gas became available.”

Recently however their water delivery system at the Centro Comunitario in San Antonio had degraded to the point where they were about to lose all access to water, which meant no food would be prepared and the 100+ local recipients would be left with nothing.

Fortunately, Foodbank Lakeside, who they have partnered with since Foodbank's founding, put out the call for help to the community and within weeks secured the funds to make the repairs to the water system in order to keep the cooks cooking. Answering the call were the Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, members of the Ajijic Hiking Group and an anonymous donor.

Under the supervision of volunteer Gary Jenanyan the entire delivery system has been replaced and is now operational. Alicia Garcia, a tireless and invaluable member of the El Proyecto team, found a system that included a 1000 liter vertical tinaco (not available Lakeside or in Guadalajara) through Mercado Libre. Before this new system they had only a trickle of water from the street system. Now the new delivery system stores and delivers clean water at a normal high pressure through their now upgraded filtration system. And because of the quick response to the request for donations, the project was completed without any interruption to the food preparations or deliveries. Dona Maria, who is in charge of the kitchen is very pleased!

El Proyecto has been solidly supported since its founding by the local as well as expat communities. Time and time again the generosity of the Lakeside residents has provided exactly what is needed, when it is needed, even when it something as mundane and uninspiring as a plumbing system.

To learn more about El Proyecto, go to the July Newsletter link below for a feature article by Emily.

July Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/foodbanklakeside.org/june2024newsletter-1...>

Kriss Gang, Volunteer



Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner at Manix 2 on Sunday, November 10th

Join with others from LCUUF, St. Andrews, and the Lakeside Jewish Congregation for cocktails at 4:00,

followed by dinner at 5:00.

- ☐ Butterball turkey
- ☐ Gravy and dressing
- ☐ Mashed potatoes
- ☐ Sweet potatoes
- ☐ Corn souffle
- ☐ Vegetables, including brussel sprouts
- ☐ Bread and butter
- ☐ Pumpkin pie with whipped cream or apple pie with vanilla ice cream

It will be buffet style where people can go back for seconds or even thirds! The cost per person will be \$480 pesos** prepaid, plus your drinks and tips for the staff. Sign up and pay during coffee hour on the next three Sundays with D'Vorah Kelley. (Exact amount would be appreciated!) Those who attend services on zoom, **contact D'Vorah at dvorahc.kelley@gmail.com** to make arrangements for payment. Manix is handicapped accessible.

** We don't want to exclude anyone due to finances and have a "food bank fund" available up to the \$480 pesos.

The date Sunday, November 10, that is about a month after Canadian Thanksgiving and about 2.5 weeks before American Thanksgiving. There is lots of parking – out front of the Restaurant, in a lot beside the restaurant and the side street just east of the restaurant which is a dead end with lots of parking. On Sundays, there is also parking across the street. Manix II also has a door for handicapped people to enter.

Contact D'Vorah at dvorahc.kelley@gmail.com with any questions

NOTE: If you plan on attending the Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner on November 10th it will need to be prepaid. Money will be collected the next two Sundays at the Fellowship. If not attending in person, please contact D'Vorah Kelley to make arrangements at dvorahc.kelley@gmail.com. And if possible, exact change is appreciated! (480 pesos per person).

Climate Justice Revival



Rev. D'Vorah Kelley, Dee Dee Camhi, & Catherine Luria, Worship Leaders
October 13, 2024

Lake Chapala UU

**Video Recording for the October 13th
Climate Revival Service**



Mindfulness with Richard Clarke for Thursday Oct. 17th



October Humanist Discussion Group

The US presidential election is next month. It is a toss up as to whether it will be President Harris or President Trump. We will dispassionately discuss the global implications , from the view of the International Community, of either of them becoming President.

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet , **Wednesday October 23rd** at

11am Via Zoom. Remember we are on Central Standard Time .Those on Daylight Savings Time please adjust your time. The zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>

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

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

trudycrippen@gmail.com

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

Click on the "+" for details

**Humanist Discussion Group-Wed Oct 23
11am**

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Wednesday Oct 23 11:00am on Zoom (CST)

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

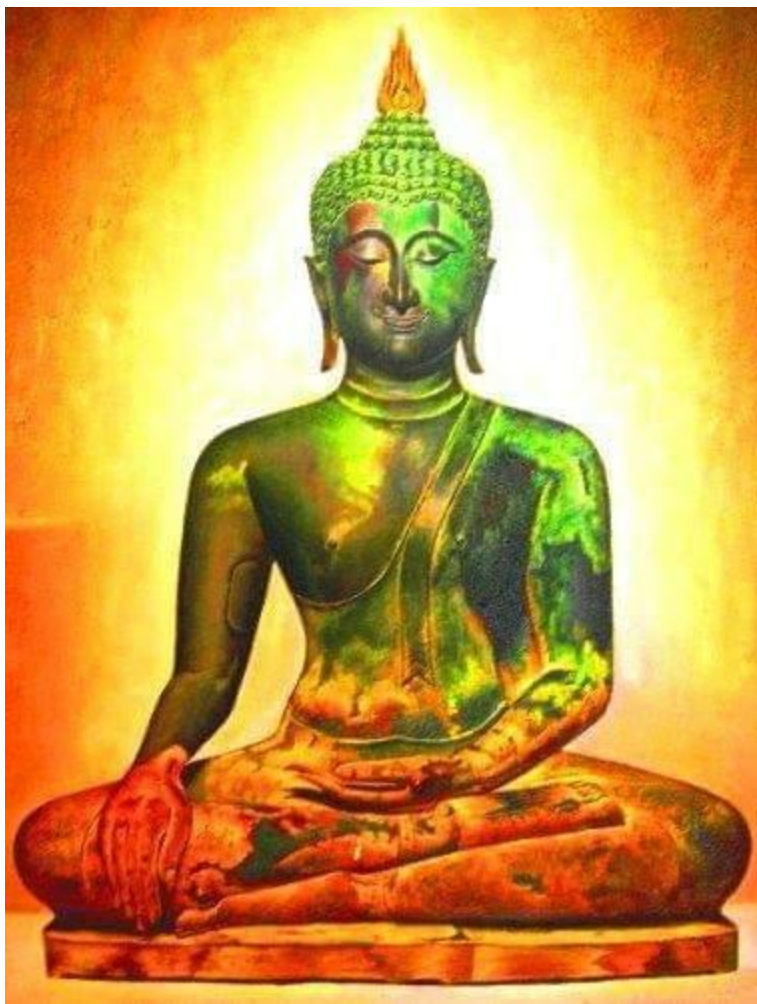
12pm - 1pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Monthly Catherine Luria, Facilitator: Contact CLuriaARNP@gmail.com for topics. Now you can join us for a brown bag lunch on the 4th Monday of each month at Trudy Crippen's house. RSVP Trudy if you plan to attend. trudycrippen@gmail.com

Healing Circle Monthly: 2nd Thursday 4pm +



This is a 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

[Click to join on Zoom](#)

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

Michael Reason, October 23

Lynn Cleek , October 29

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