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Lake Chapala Unitarian  
Universalist Fellowship



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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: Dec 8

### "The Virgin of Guadalupe"

**Presenter: Noris Binet**

**Service Associate: Tim Boeve**

Ms. Noris Binet, a resident of Lakeside for the past six years (along with her husband Tim Boeve) and graduate of the University of Guadalajara when in her twenties, in recognition of Mexico's celebration on December 112, will bring a message centered around The Virgin of Guadalupe, whose apparition to Juan Diego first appeared on Dec. 12, 1531. Binet, a visual artist, writer, and spiritual teacher spent much of her life as a sociologist studying ancient cultures especially here in Mexico. Her talk will underscore the importance of myth -- particularly the preeminent myth in Mexico of the Virgin of Guadalupe, in helping us reach our full potential as human beings, integrating both masculine and feminine qualities into our lives. The Virgin of Guadalupe provides one doorway for us to bring about this important transformation.



## Next Week: Dec 15

### "What Does a Good Day Look Like?"

**September 22, 2024**

**Rev. Matt Alsbaugh, Presenter  
Ted Fahy, Service Associate**

Surgeon Atul Gawande is the writer of the book "Being Mortal." He learned, he says, too late in his career as a physician, that the central question for his patients was "What Does a Good Day Look Like?" Not questions about fighting, or fixing, or when to give up. We'll explore this question, "What Does a Good Day Look Like?," not just in the context of end of life, but in the larger sense of how our good days define a good life. There will also be a New Member Welcome Ceremony during this service.



## Pledge Campaign Status as of Dec 5

Active Members Participating	32 %
Pledge Revenue Goal Achieved	40 %

**Please Make Your  
Pledge For 2025-  
2026 NOW!**

Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have not yet made your pledge you can contact Al Castleman at [ajcastleman@yahoo.com](mailto:ajcastleman@yahoo.com) or click on the button below to get a pledge card. Here where the campaign stands to date:

The sooner we hear from you the sooner we will know about all the things we can afford to do in 2025

**Make Your 2025-2026 Pledge**



## Thank You For Your Generosity Throughout November

The Share The Basket Recipient for the Month of November was Operation Feed. Thanks to your generosity they will be receiving U.S. \$ 670.06 (MXN 12,061 pesos)!

## Please Help Operation Feed Collect Personal Items For Their Families

Operation Feed is collecting personal items for their families this holiday season. The list of items needs is on the right. There will be a basket to collect the items which will be by the entrance of the church starting this coming Sunday.

Operation Feed is collecting  
*Personal Care Products* to pass out  
to our Families at Christmas Time.



- Bar Soap
- Liquid Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Pads
- Body Wash
- Body Lotion
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Shampoo



## "ATTENTION JIGSAW PUZZLE LOVERS"

Trudy Crippen has generously donated her and Lew's entire collection of jigsaw puzzles to the fellowship. These are high quality, adult puzzles. Most are 500 pieces but there are also some 1000 piece puzzles. All are complete and in

excellent condition; some have never been opened. These puzzles would make great gifts for the puzzle lovers on your Christmas list. They will be on sale before and after the service for the next two Sundays (December 8 and 15). Prices range from 100 - 200 pesos, depending on size and whether in new or used condition. All proceeds will go to the fellowship."



# New Years Day Taco Party

It is time to purchase tickets for the annual LCUUF New Year's Day Taco Party. The event will be held in the garden area at St. Andrew's starting at 1:00pm.

The cost for the event is \$200 pesos per person. You must purchase your tickets in advance. There will be no ticket sales on the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased before or after services on Dec. 2, Dec 15 and Dec. 22. For questions or information, contact Barley Donahue at [barleydonahue@gmail.com](mailto:barleydonahue@gmail.com).



# For The Love Of Chocolate and LCUUF

Hanna Frederick, LCUUF member and professional chocolatier, has brought her talent and treasure to LCUUF in the form of the most wonderful Chocolates. She has been crafting her custom chocolates and selling them before and after services. This holiday season she will be selling her

chocolates every Sunday from now through Christmas. (except November 30th)

Hanna uses 70% dark organic chocolate made in Tabasco MX by CACEP. Lo carb, no sugar added to the ganache. Real fruits, nuts, no artificial stuff. Very Healthy!

The cost is 15 pesos per chocolate. If possible bring a plastic container or plastic bag for your purchases.

100% of the proceeds will go to LCUUF. A most delicious way to support our congregation.



## Video Recording for the December 1st



## December Humanist Discussion Group Holiday

The Humanist Discussion Zoom Meeting will be on Holiday Break during December. We will be back in January. If anyone has topics they would like to discuss this next year, please email them to [bobkoches@gmail.com](mailto:bobkoches@gmail.com). Happy Holidays.

## 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.

## WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS

Click on the "+" for details

### Humanist Discussion Group Dec Break



No Discussion for December

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[Click to join on Zoom](#)

### 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](mailto:trudycrippen@gmail.com)

## **Healing Circle Monthly: 2nd Thursday 4pm**

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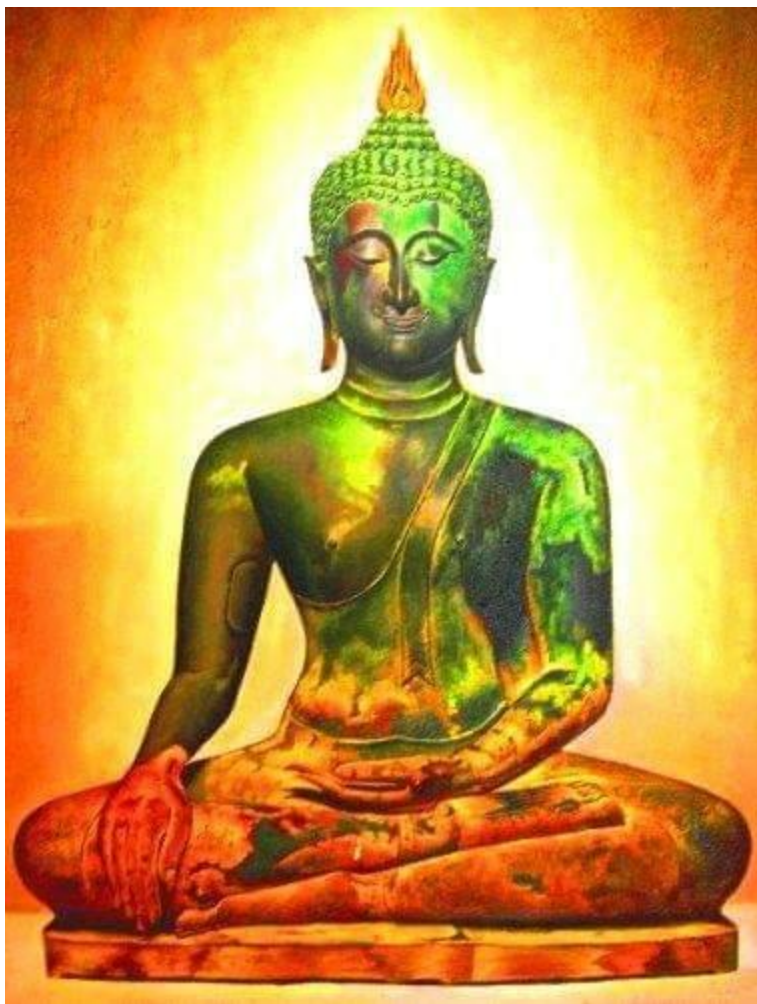


This is a group gathering to focus on healing, peace and well-being. Our methods employ Reiki distance healing. This is group, not individual work. All LCUUF members are welcome regardless of experience. Facilitators: D'Vorah Kelley and Pamela Cucinell, Reiki Practitioners

## **Zoom Meditation Lessons: 3-4pm Thursdays**

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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](mailto:riberasmeditation@gmail.com)

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### **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  
arunachalakinle@gmail.com

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

**Bill Frayer, December 8**

**Johannes Bjorner, December 9**

**Roy Haynes, December 10**

**David Roush, December 14**

**Carol Powell, December 15**

**Carol Cumming Spiers, December 15**

**Susie (Seibert) Seattle, December 17**

**Linda Jessen, December 25**

**Larry Pihl, December 26**

**Flo Rhodes, December 26**

**Richard Clarke, December 28**

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