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

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UPCOMING SERVICES



This Week: Jan 5, 2025

"Rewriting the Stories of our Lives"



Next Week: Jan 12, 2025

"Stories of our Lives"
Presenter: Ted Fahy

Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Elly Cantreras, Service Associate
January 5, 2024

We all have stories about our lives. Some of these stories may be unconscious, they may be limiting, they may no longer be true, they may have never been true. Others may be invigorating, life affirming, hopeful, purposeful. But to make space for more stories like these, we may need to unearth and change or drop those limiting stories. We'll explore how we might rewrite those stories. For this first Sunday of the year, we will have a boring bowl, in which we (ritually) let go of parts of our old stories that no longer serve us, so that we can begin to rewrite new stories.

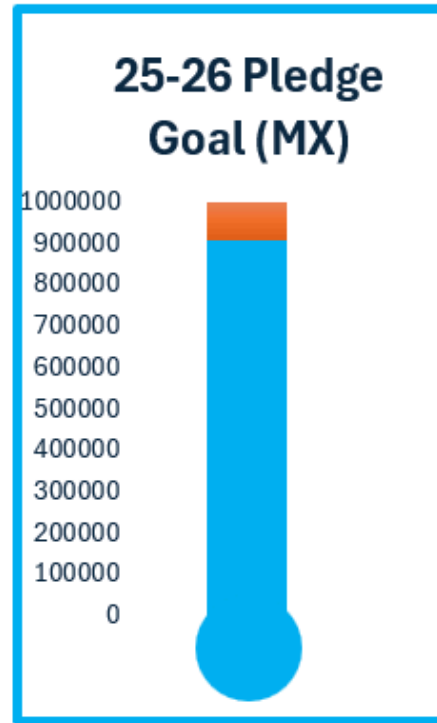
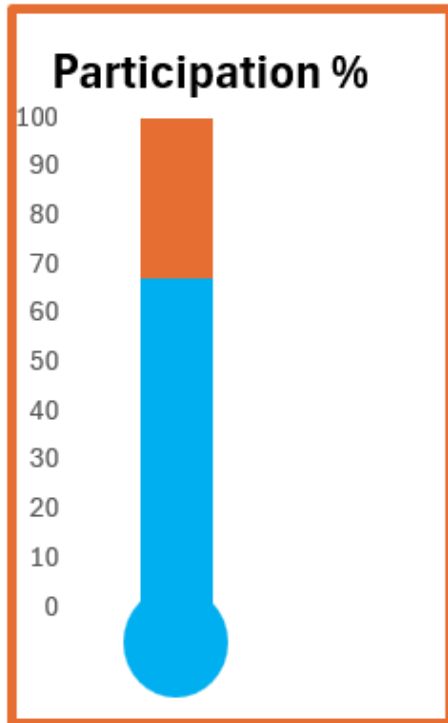
Service Associate: Priscilla Taylor

Each of us has endless and endlessly different stories about ourselves. Sunday's service is an exploration of how our personal narratives are formed and reinforced, although they may bear little resemblance to the realities we have lived. It requires effort, open eyes, resilience, and humility to discover our untruths and to rescue ourselves from our myths while preserving our essential selves.

FINAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN RESULTS

A total of \$907,035 pesos was pledged by 74 pledging units out of a potential 111, which represents a participation rate of only 67%. Both pesos pledged and participation are less than 2024-2025. The proposed budget will now be adjusted downward, approved by the board and presented to the congregation at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 19th for approval.

Many thanks to all who participated and pledged



Annual New Years Taco Party

The annual New Year's Day Taco Party included great food and good friends. Thank you Barley Donahue for organizing this very popular event.



Sign Up For Circle Suppers Now Through January 15th

A new year of Circle Suppers will begin for January –

March. Circle Suppers are a great way to socialize and meet new members and friends outside of the Fellowship. Participants gather in small groups and share a meal together. As these suppers will be during high season, we hope seasonal friends and members will participate.

If you would like to attend or host, email paulaodom01@gmail.com. Please indicate travel dates January-March, food allergies, and other special requests.

If hosting, please indicate how many attendees (including yourself) you can accommodate. Hosts will reach out to attendees to set the date and time of the gathering.

Sign-up will conclude January 15th.

January 2025 Share The Basket Charity



The Share the Basket recipient for the month of January will be Tepehua. The Tepehua neighborhood is situated on the hillside above downtown Chapala. It

is considered one of the poorest neighborhoods in the state of Jalisco. Their vision is to help a village to help itself, to create a place the poor of the village can go for food, water, counseling, education, guidance and help of any kind.



Thank You For Your Generosity This Past December

Share The Basket for December raised an impressive \$ 914.55 (MXN 16,462 pesos) to Poco a Poco. Thank you to all who gave.



**Video Recording for the December 29th
Service**



Mindfulness With Richard Clarke for Thursday, January 2nd

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. Please contact Trudy if you plan to attend.

trudycrippen@gmail.com

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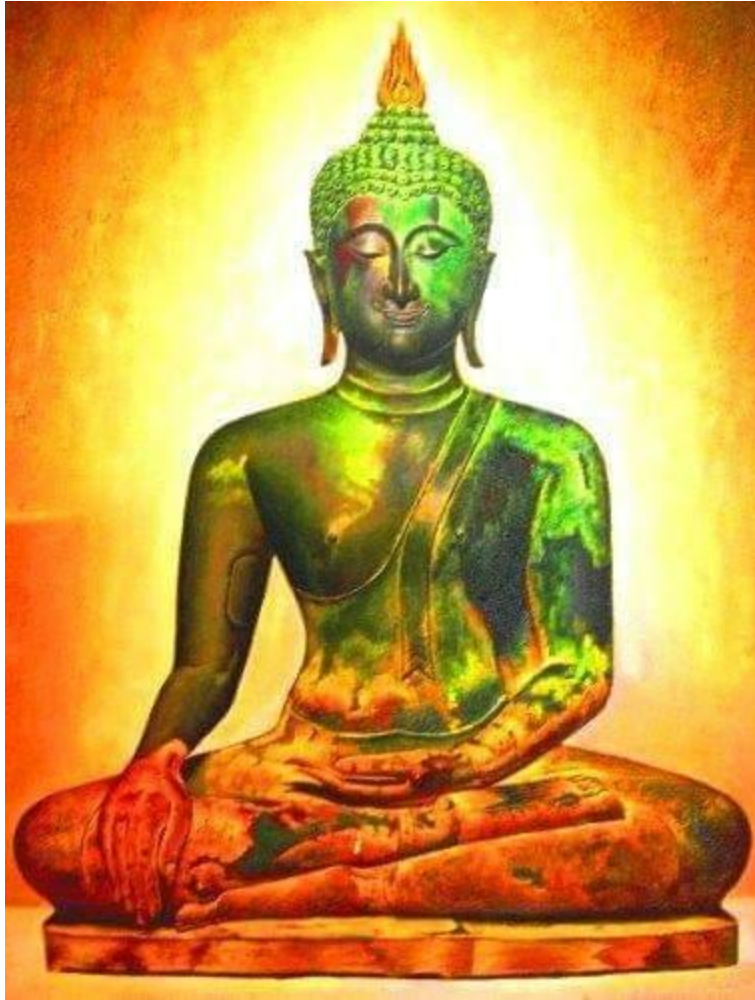
For our January Unitarian Universalist (UU) humanist discussion, we will delve into the pressing challenges of global depopulation and replacement, exploring how technology and artificial intelligence (AI) might offer innovative solutions. The conversation will focus on the potential of AI to enhance societal resilience and address demographic shifts, while also considering the ethical implications of such technologies, including issues of equity and the preservation of human connections. The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Wednesday Jan. 22 at 11am Central Standard Time Via Zoom. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863> If you wish to be added to the reading list please email Bob Koches at bobkoches@gmail.com

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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

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**

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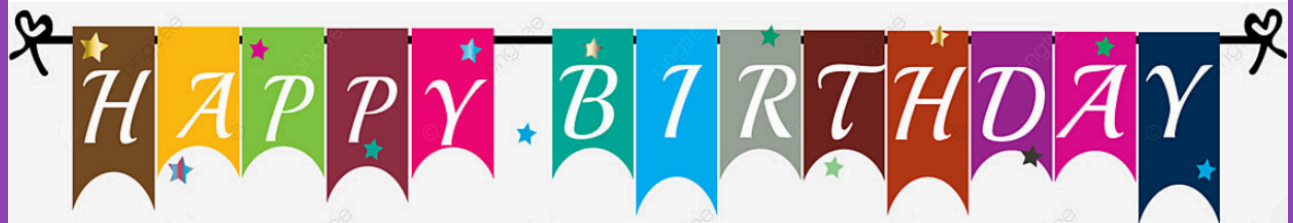
Meet other UUs for weekly conversations at Los Gringos (above the ice cream place) on the Plaza. Bring a friend!

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 WEEK

Bill Frayer, January 8

Johannes Bjorner, January 9

Roy Haynes, January 10

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