



## LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER August 2018

### **Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services**

**August 5: "What I Learned From Charlie"** Lew Crippen will talk about how his view of death has changed over the years; from a young man to a 76 year old.

**August 12: "We Are One"** Paul Bennett will give the sermon, taken from Peter Morales' sermon reflecting on his family home, Mexico, and how we overlook our own status as immigrants. Trudy Crippen will be the service leader.

**August 19: "Elderhood Traditions Around the World"** Richard Clarke will talk about Elderhood traditions around the world and Carol Johnson will show, "*The Magnificent Chariot of Peace*," the Elderhood Rite given to Richard for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in South India. There will also be discussion, asking "What should we do here at Lake Chapala?"

**August 25: "Song Circle Service"** Catherine Luria will lead us in a song circle service. We will sing the songs of our lives and hearts.



## WELCOMING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

If you haven't noticed the newly designed "Visitor's Flyer", it is posted on the bulletin board. Nancy Jordan-Zanot is the very talented lady who designed this elegant and appealing handout to be given to our visitors.

Guests: If you bring family members or friends to our Fellowship, please remember to have them sign our Visitor's form and ensure they have a nametag made before you continue introducing them to our congregation members.

Please think about being an "Assistant Greeter" for only 30 minutes by choosing a Sunday of your choice during August. The sign-up form is on the rectangular table. *In advance, thank you for your support!*

Marty Weston, Chairman



## SHARE THE BASKET

The Share the Basket recipient for the months of June, July and August is the children's music program in San Juan Cosala. *Musica para Crecer AC, (Music to Grow AC)* has 90 - 100 students, ages 5 - 22, who weekly sing and learn to play instruments. One-half of the weekly offerings which are not designated as pledge money, will go to this organization



## HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet on Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Fellowship. Information on our topic and readings for it will be sent out prior to the meeting. For those who want the readings and are not already on the list, contact [bobkoches@gmail.com](mailto:bobkoches@gmail.com).



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Val Marcum     | 08 Marty Weston    |
| 10 Jeanne Haely   | 10 Els Abercrombie |
| 18 Sandy Wallin   | 31 Carol Johnson   |
| 31 Teresa Boyczuk |                    |



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CLAIRE JENNEY

It's a shame that Claire and Hugh Jenney are snowbirds, (here four months and in Canada eight months) because they are both such a delight and an asset to our ex-pat community. We had so much fun and laughter during our interviews. Claire was born near Boston, but as a young adult, she met Hugh at McGill University, married him and became a Canadian citizen. She says the citizenship ceremony was one of her proudest moments, standing there with all the other new citizens, dressed in their various cultural finery.

Her childhood was fairly typical of many UU's. She describes her father as a devout atheist and she and her younger brother received no formal religious training, but got a good education in mythology. Her father was a fan of Joseph Campbell and he passed on to Claire the knowledge that people have always needed their myths, and that so much of our culture, our literature, our art, and our music is enriched by our mythology. One very interesting piece of family lore, not related to mythology, is that during the Revolutionary War as the Redcoats approached, all the books from the Harvard Library were stored in theirs' and their neighbors' barns. It is fair to say that act saved the tremendous Harvard Library from destruction.

One of Claire's earliest memories was of her father going off to war and of her mother being so sad, even though she didn't understand exactly what "sad" was. To this day, she hates leave-takings.

As a child she wanted to be an architect and loved designing floor plans for houses in snow. It wasn't long before she discovered that math was involved in architecture, so she decided to raise puppies instead! Following high school, Claire attended Tufts University near Boston and received a BA in English Literature. After moving to Canada she received training at the University of Toronto School of Library Science and earned another BA in Education from the University of Toronto.

One of the events that changed Hugh's and Claire's lives was the adoption of a fetal alcohol syndrome Ojibway baby. Jamie had a difficult life (not much was understood in those days about fetal alcohol syndrome) and he tragically died young, but it awoke the Jenneys to the plight of the indigenous peoples in Canada. It was sad to lose their son, but after fifteen years of trying, Claire says "out popped Caitlin", their surprise daughter. Caitlin now lives in Denver with her husband, and son, Hudson. Hudson had an interesting arrival in the world. He was premature and Caitlin assumed they had lots of time to visit her parents, as it was the beginning of November, and still make it back to Denver in time for the birth, expected the end of January. Hudson had other ideas, and was almost born on a ferry. They just made it to the hospital and he weighed in at less than three pounds. He stayed in an incubator in Kingston for two weeks and then was flown to Denver, becoming a very young jet setter. He is now a robust toddler.

Claire enjoys reading authors like Lily King, cooking (Mediterranean is her favorite,) and politics – all countries. One of her pet peeves is being awakened from a siesta. She also loves classical music, in particular the Northern Lights Festival held here annually, Bach for her head and Chopin for her heart.

They looked forward to returning to Ontario into a new home. No more worrying about leaving property behind when they travel, now they just turn the key on their condominium and off they go. One good thing about the change of home is they will now have access to another Unitarian Congregation in

Kingston “a double dose of Unitarianism – how wonderful is that?” They have been members of LCUUF since 1998.

Claire and Hugh recently (March 16) celebrated Hugh’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and are looking forward to his 90<sup>th</sup>. I asked her if she wants to do anything over again and she replied, “No, I want to do new things!” A true adventurer! When I asked what her most pressing need is after the basics are met, she responded, “Hugh put down sex, and I said a library. Do you think there is any hope for this 57 year marriage?”

Claire would like to be remembered for her kindness and sense of humor. She says the greatest compliment you can give her is “What a great orator you are!” because that would mean she has overcome her fear of public speaking.

Submitted by Jan Manning



## Fellowship Meal

The fellowship August luncheon will take place Sunday, August 26 at Delicia’s in Chapala. The restaurant is on the Careterra as you go into Chapala, the mountain side of the road near immigration. The address is Hidalgo 271.

Sign-up sheets will be on the welcome table for two weeks prior to that Sunday so we can give the restaurant a good headcount. Please join us for this fellowship social.



**PLEASE remember to bring your own cups to UU events.** The fellowship doesn’t want to use Styrofoam cups, so please, bring your own and encourage others to not forget!



## SUNDAY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Sunday Service Coordinator for August is Trudy Crippen and the Sunday Service Coordinator for September is Linda Conklin. Information regarding services can be found on the LCUUF website under “What’s Happening.”



## WOMEN’S MOVIE GROUP

The Women’s Movie Group will meet on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. The location and movie title will be announced by mid-August. If you would like to suggest a movie please contact Kathy at [kkoches@gmail.com](mailto:kkoches@gmail.com)



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