



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER July 2018

Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services

July 1 – The San Juan Cosala Children’s Music Program, Música para Crecer

We explore music programs that have made a difference in the lives of at-risk children and learn about Musica Para Crecer (Music to Grow), the San Juan Cosala’s program that has touched so many children in recent years. Program President Maria Socorro Woncheé Montaña will give the presentation, Karyn Carpenter is service leader. Children from the San Juan Cosala chorus will perform.

July 8 – “If There Is To Be Peace – written by Rev. Matt Alspaugh, presented by Trudy Crippen. Bob Koches will be the service leader. This sermon is one of several we will have this summer that will use the words of Unitarian Universalist leaders to help us understand how we, as UU’s, can respond to the ethical challenges facing the world in general and the USA in specific.

July 15 – “Where is Home?” – written by Rev. Sue Browning, presented by Joan Bellamy. Trudy Crippen will be the service leader. This sermon begins with the premise that home is a place where no one should be afraid. This continues our summer exploration that will use the words of Unitarian Universalist leaders to help us understand how we, as UUs can respond to the ethical challenges facing the world in general, and the USA in specific.

July 22 – “What UU Ministers Say About Immigration” – written former UUA President, Peter Morales and current UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray as they each reflect on their commitment to justice, which included imprisonment. It will be presented by Karyn Carpenter and Bill White. The service leader will be Helen White. This service continues our study of how Unitarian Universalists show leadership in facing the ethical challenges facing the world in general, and the USA in specific.

July 29 – TBD – speaker Donna Burroughs and service leader Liz Moulder.



President's Message

President Lew Crippen

As Trudy and I have been traveling for the last month, this report will be brief.

As you know Matt gave his last sermon of the season a couple of weeks ago. He and Liz have returned north of the Rio Grande for a well-deserved rest. The Board under the leadership of Fred Harland renewed Matt's part-time ministry (with a raise) for another year. We look forward to his return for another 10-month term later this summer.

In anticipation of the completion of his next term, we will have a general meeting of the Fellowship after the service on Sunday, June 24. The sole topic on the agenda will be the consideration of the congregation to extend Matt's ministry for another term. This will not be a decision meeting, but rather one to explore how the congregation feels about continuing to fund a minister in the medium-term. Please plan to attend as your views are valuable. In the event you are unable to attend, write me so that I can present your views to the congregation.

On another note, Marguerite Ponder has donated her electric piano to the Fellowship. This gift is greatly appreciated. More importantly, she has also donated her musical instruments to the youth musical program in San Juan Cosalá. Included are four flutes and a violin. We plan on presenting these to the program on Sunday July 1, when the children's choir will sing for us. Don't miss this service!

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SUNDAY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Sunday Service Coordinator for July and August is Trudy Crippen. Information regarding services can be found on the LCUUF website under "What's Happening." The Music Sub-Committee is working on revising our LCUUF Hymnal.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 20 – Bobbe Dannenbrink
- July 25 – Tom Dowdy-Winslett
- July 28 – Lew Crippen



MÚSICA PARA CRECER (MUSIC TO GROW)

Most of us have heard them perform. The energetic group of talented children that we know as the San Juan Cosalá Children's Choir. They sing for our fellowship at least once a year and have delighted audiences throughout the area.

The group, known officially as Musica Para Crecer, or Music to Grow, began 5 years ago - the vision of Maria Socorro Woncheé Montaña, Daniel Medeles, Gustavo Medeles, and Marvin and Helaine Hartcock. Socorro and Daniel remain involved as President and Music Director.

The program is modeled after El Sistema, a Venezuelan organization that began in 1975 and which has trained over one million at-risk students in that country. The concept has been adapted in 26 countries around the world with over 80 inspired programs in the US alone and their numbers are quickly increasing.

Maria Socorro explains "Musica Para Crecer is a social rescue program." The organization grew quickly, with 70-80 children joining in the first two weeks. Currently they have about 70 children involved from ages 6 to 18, and have 8 teachers.

Originally established to build an orchestra, the coordinators realized that a choir would have to come first as they gathered, and continue to accumulate instruments.

The program demands that involved students attend school, and while their research shows that most of the students' grades remain steady, they see an increase in their self-esteem.

Our fellowship recently donated our piano to Musica Para Crecer, and Sunday, July 1, the organization's president, Maria Socorro Woncheé Montaña, will give the Sunday service, backed up by about 30 voices from the Children's Choir, led by Daniel Medeles.

Submitted by Karyn Carpenter



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 Cosalá. *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



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT HUGH JENNEY

Hugh has a wonderful huge smile and it matches his huge concern for what we are doing to our poor beleaguered planet. One of his fears in the next ten or twenty years he has left to him, is starving as he watches the world burn up due to out-of-control and irreversible global warming. He hopes he is wrong.

Hugh was born in Timmins, Ontario in 1938 of German, Irish, Scot and Huguenot ancestry and his earliest memory is of sledding with his mother while the family dog, Rupert a Newfoundland, pulled the sleigh. Suddenly Rupert spotted a cat and off he shot in hot pursuit. Hugh loved it, finally some speed, and couldn't figure out why his mother was screaming. Finally Hugh decided he had enough and rolled off the sleigh into the snow. He was three years old.

He always wanted to be a teacher and achieved his dream by earning a BA from McGill University in Montreal. One of the requirements to earn the business certificate from the Ontario College of Education was to gain work experience and so his first job was as a furniture labeler for the Canadian company Curtis Wright. He hated it. One excellent thing came out of his university career – he met Claire in his last year in a French summer school class and it was she that got him through his final year. He says now of Claire that he met brains when he met her, and she has kept the serious Hugh laughing throughout their long and happy marriage. They are working on reaching their sixtieth anniversary soon so that they may receive a letter of congratulations from Queen Elizabeth.

The highlight of his life was the birth of his daughter Caitlin after 15 years of marriage. She now lives in Denver with their one grandchild. By the time Caitlin arrived they had adopted an Ojibwa baby boy with fetal alcohol syndrome, and even though they did their absolute best, he died young.

Hugh is passionate about politics, especially Canadian machinations and notes that one of the things you might not know about him is that he ran for parliament twice under the New Democratic Party banner in 1979 and 80. His wanted to change the laws that he felt weren't working. He didn't win, which in retrospect might have been a good thing given his caring and his passion for helping people, his sensitive nature, and the roadblocks that must be overcome in making any progress in political careers. But he says it was a good experience.

The Jenney's have been snowbirds for about 10 years and discovered LCUUF nine years ago. They own their house in upper La Floresta and rent it out each year while away. They recently bought a condo in Kingston and will go back to it instead of their 1850's historical home on 12 acres of land on Amherst Island in Lake Ontario.

His two pet peeves are people talking during meditation in UU services and the fact that there is no longer physical education in schools. The goals he is still trying to accomplish are surviving as he ages and puttering around his homes. He wants to keep his Casa Cobblestone in good repair and also remodel their new condo. That is one of the things he enjoys most these days: puttering and repairing.

His advice: Be of service, be a part of your community and then die painlessly. He wants his tombstone to read "He left the world a better place", which can be taken two ways. LOL

Submitted by Jan Manning



Fellowship Meal

We will be going to Gosha on Sunday, July 9th for our monthly luncheon out together after the service. They are located on the Carretera, across from Prisa's on the lake side. 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.



HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet twice this month at the Fellowship. On Monday July 2 at 3 pm our discussion will cover Humanism and Process Theology. This is a follow-up to Rev. Matt's talk on the subject. The emphasis will be from a Humanist perspective. The jumping off point will be the interconnected web of life. One of the questions we will consider is how to apply this process philosophy to our spiritual journey and our individual interactions with the real world.

On Monday July 30, the fifth Monday of the month, we will meet at 3 pm to discuss "Alternate Facts in a Post Truth World." This is a worldwide phenomenon that is attacking the core of science, reason and logic while giving rise to Nationalism, Protectionism and Tribalism. Readings will be sent out early this month as I will be traveling to the States. For those that want the readings and are not on the list contact bobkoches@gmail.com.



The UU Writer's Group has space for a few new members. Please contact Kathy Koches at kkoches@gmail.com for more information if you are interested in joining.



MEMBERSHIP

The newly designed "Visitor's Flyer", it is posted on the bulletin board. Nancy Jordan-Zanot designed this elegant and appealing handout to be given to our visitors. 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. Please consider volunteering to be an "Assistant Greeter" for only 30 minutes by choosing a Sunday during July or August. The sign-up form is on the rectangular table. *Thank you for your support!*

Marty Weston, Chair



The LCUUF

Newsletter is produced to provide LCUUF news to members and friends. Deadline for contributions to the August newsletter is July 20th to be sent to: Editor: Kathy Koches at: kkoches@gmail.com