

# The Light

Services Every Sunday of the Year · Volume 64, Number 11

We are a transformational Force for Love and Justice in Our Community.

We gather to inspire spiritual growth, care for each other and our community, seek truth, and work for justice in the world.

## November Light

Our 64th Year

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces



It's time to “fall back” and reset your clocks back one hour at 2 AM  
on Sunday, November 3.

We suggest doing it before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2.

---

Office Administrator, Cherie Coffelt's hours will be Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 AM until 5 PM.

---

### Sermons Online

[Listen here.](#)

### Gratitude for Thanksgiving



Many of us have spiritual practices that bring our attention to gratitude. We give thanks for the lives that we have and all the things that make our lives what they are. I certainly commend gratitude as an ongoing practice. It is antidote to pessimism, complaining, and scarcity.

Gratitude can bring us into the present moment like nothing else.

This Thanksgiving and throughout the holidays, practice taking stock of your life by practicing gratitude. Focus not on the things missing from your life. Those are the small hungers that are rarely satisfied. Look, instead, to the goodness around you and find ways to give thanks.

The genius, Albert Einstein, once said, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” Look to the miracle of gratitude as we celebrate Thanksgiving once again. Everything is a miracle!

Happy holidays,

*Rev. xk*

# Choir and Music

Catherine Massey



## Music Notes

Our choir recently sang again Jason Shelton's setting of "Sawabona," a traditional Zulu greeting. It essentially means "I see you," and the response is "Sikhona," meaning "I Am Here." We are all connected, as indicated by the Zulu word "ubuntu"—"I am because we are."

Being seen is a powerfully affirming action. Our musicians who supported Rev. Xolani's Installation service in early October deserve credit for their hard work and for what they contributed to this important event. David Carlson organized a trio with himself and James Basler, Jr. on saxophone, and Scott McLaughlin on trombone to play his arrangement of a Haydn fanfare and the recessional hymn "Glory, Glory, Halleluiah." Laura Humphreys led the processional hymn "Siyahamba" on steel drum. The choir outdid themselves with Mark Miller's "Show Us How to Love." Carol Blum and Roy Van der Aa beautifully sang "The Prayer." And Mark Sukontarak enhanced the congregational hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" with flute.

It took a lot of practice, coordination and patience on everyone's part to make this work, and I believe all who heard were very appreciative. For their contributions I would therefore like to say, "Sawabona!"

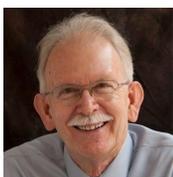
*Catherine A. Massey,*

*Director of Music*

*[AUUMN](#) Credentialed Music Leader*

# Board of Trustees

President Charlie Scholz



## Doing the Work of the Church

Our 2020 Pledge campaign, Giving for the Future is well underway. And you may have already filled out your Pledge card and turned it in. I've done ours and dropped it off at the Church Office.

You probably also know that as part of our Pledge Campaign this year we are holding Casita Meetings, opportunities for you to talk about the Future of our Church. I attended one of those last week. It was primarily for people who have recently joined our Church.

It was exciting to hear these new members talk about their previous experiences with Unitarian Universalism and the new ideas and insights that they brought. I also heard their concerns about growing our Congregation, especially with young families.

Like many of you, I've always encouraged growth. So listening to these new folks got me thinking about it, again. Why do we need more people? Is it just to fill the seats? Or is it to pay the bills? I don't think so.

You remember our new Vision statement, which we voted to adopt this year? We are a transformational Force for Love and Justice in Our Community. In other words, as a Church we are working to transform ourselves and Las Cruces. I'm sure that many people here in our city know about the good works that we do. But I don't think that's enough. They must also be made aware of the spiritual grounding that underlies our work.

I believe it's up to each one of us to reach out to the members of our Community with the Good News of Unitarian Universalism. And we must let them know that there is room for them here in our Church. Then we will grow, together.

See you in church Sunday,

*Charlie Scholz, President, Board of Directors*

## **Actions**

### **October 15, 2019, Board Meeting**

The purpose of this column is to keep you informed about recent Board of Trustee actions. Complete minutes of all Board meetings may be viewed in the office; please contact the Congregational Administrator. The board meets on the third Wednesday of the month .

The Board took no votes at this meeting, instead, we would like you to be aware of these upcoming budget events:

- Nov 20 – Board of Trustees will meet to evaluate and vote on the proposed budget and then send it to church members by email
- Dec 7 – Congregational budget information session in the library
- Dec 15 – Congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget

## **Upcoming Services**

November 3, services at 9:00 and 10:30 AM

### **Remembering and Celebrating Our Departed Loved Ones**

[Eliza Sanchez](#)

Members are encouraged to bring photos or mementos of their dearly departed. The congregation will also be given an opportunity to share their loved one's name and a sentence about them.

November 10, services at 9:00 and 10:30 AM

### **Veterans, PTSD, and Moral Injury**

[Rev. Xolani Kacela](#)

Inside the world of military veterans and an exploration of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and moral injury. How might Unitarian Universalists relate with veterans in our families and congregations, and with their own experience of trauma. *All veterans are invited to wear or bring service items ... [read more.](#)*

November 17, services at 9:00 and 10:30 AM

## **Attention and Mindfulness**

*Rev. Xolani Kacela*

*What happens when we begin paying attention to one another in a mindful way? Bringing mindfulness into focus in a different way.*

November 24, services at 9:00 and 10:30 AM

## **Thanksgiving Service**

*Rev. Xolani Kacela with SA Brooks Lewis*

*Oh, we give thanks for this precious day. Making meaning of Thanksgiving through the ongoing practice of gratitude.*

## **Upcoming Roundtables**

*Education never ends. Come join our discussions. Our goal is to learn more about all sides of issues and more about each other. If you have a comment or suggestion, email it to [roundtable@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:roundtable@uuchurchlc.org).*

### ***Roundtable: People and Places of China***

*Sun, Nov 3, 2019, 10:30 AM in the Library*

*Presenter: Glenn Schwaiger, Professor of Art, Dona Ana Community College*

*Prof. Schwaiger is a long-time resident of Las Cruces, NM. Beginning with a teaching sabbatical to China in 2015 to study the ancient craft of porcelain in Jingdezhen, he has returned several times to make artworks, practice the Mandarin language, and foster friendships. He will present photographs and tell stories about the people and places of China.*

### ***Roundtable: Prosperity – Public Banking as a Justice Issue***

*Sun, Nov 10, 2019, 10:30 AM in the Library*

*Presenter: Angela Merkert, Executive Director, Alliance for Local Economic*

*The Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity is leading a campaign for a state public bank in New Mexico that will keep New Mexico revenue safe, local and working. A goal is to develop public wealth, to enhance the well being of New Mexico communities, rather than enhancing the bonuses of global bank executives with state deposits. Two areas of need include rural economic development and infrastructure. How would that work?*

### ***Roundtable: It Seemed Like a Good Idea***

*Sun, Nov 17, 2019, 10:30 AM in the Library*

*Presenter: Dr. Joel Brown*

*“The unintended consequences of ecosystem management” or “It seemed like a good idea at the time.”*

*Our seventh principle says that we should respect the interdependent web of life. Sometimes we don't even know how things are connected, much less what will happen when we try to change things. This Roundtable will look at some notable bad decisions and see if we can find some that are happening now that we should pay more attention to.*

## *Roundtable: Manifest Destiny – The Untold Story*

*Sun, Nov 24, 2019, 10:30 AM in the Library*

*Presenter: Elisa Sanchez*

*An examination and impact of the colonization of New Mexico and the Southwest.*

## ***Please Note***

### ***These Items of Interest***

#### *Housekeeping Reminders*

- 1. Please do not attach signs, notes, bulletins, or any announcements to the painted portion of doors on our church buildings. It is very difficult to remove all of the tape and it damages the paint, particularly on some of our newly painted doors. There is a bulletin board in the Library for materials and you can always tape them to door windows. You may also discuss your publication needs with the Communication Outreach folks (nUUs and Light) and Cheri Coffelt, our office administrator who can publish announcements for you (if there is room) in the Sunday order of service. Thank you for your consideration.*
- 2. A gentle reminder to church members and groups that meet on campus. Please be sure to adjust the thermostat in the room used before you leave the room. Turn off the A/C or heating, accordingly.*

#### *Calendars for Casa de Peregrinos*

*Have you begun receiving 2020 calendars? – More than you can use? – Don't put them in recycling or throw them away! Jan Thompson is collecting calendars to distribute to families at Casa de Peregrinos. The families LOVE these calendars.*

#### *December Church Directory*

*A new church telephone directory will be prepared and sent out in the beginning of December. If you note errors in the current directory, which was sent out July 1, please contact Cheri Coffelt who is our office administrator, before Thanksgiving.*

#### *2020 Pledge Drive Update*

*Approximately 65 people attended the Pledge Drive luncheon on October 20 after the second service. A special thank you to Susan Bagby and Gayle Trantham for managing the event, and to all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, serving and clean-up. Desserts were provided by the choir again this year, which may become a new annual tradition!*

*Just a reminder that the Pledge Drive officially ends on November 24 and our target is to raise \$310,000 (a 10% increase over 2019). You can return your pledge card on Sundays (drop it in the black bin in the lobby) or by mail. If you by chance did not receive a pledge packet or misplaced your pledge card, forms are available every Sunday in the church lobby. Contact Linda Peterson or Karen Hall if you have any questions.*

### *Would You be an Occasional Volunteer?*

*Occasional Volunteer Skills Inventory forms will be set out Sunday after services for people that are interested in doing occasional volunteering at the church. Forms will be located in these areas:*

- *The lobby,*
- *By the coffee maker in the library,*
- *In the Education Building Great Room.*

*After filling them out, please drop them in the baskets. Thank you!*

*Trudy Gallegos BCH.,MA*

*Manager of Volunteer Involvement*

*Phone- 575-522-7281*

*E-mail- [trudy@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:trudy@uuchurchlc.org)*

### *Pacific Western Leadership Experience*

*Dear congregational leaders of the Mountain Desert District,*

*Our fabulous new UU leadership school—the PWR Leadership Experience—is coming in January. And the Mountain Desert District Board has generously made twenty scholarships available: 10 are need-based and 10 are first-come first-serve. The scholarships cover \$250 of the \$450 registration fee. Please SPREAD THE WORD to leaders in your congregation and those with strong leadership potential!*

*We have four locations for the in-person component of Leadership Experience this year (the online component happens in the comfort of your own home):*

- ***Washington: January 10-12 in Federal Way, WA*** with Jonipher Kūpono Kwong, Annie Scott and Jason Puracel
- ***California: January 17-19 in Danville, CA*** with Jonipher Kūpono Kwong, Sarah Schurr and Beth Ogilvie
- ***Colorado: January 17-19 in Golden, CO*** with Sarah Gibb Millspaugh, Christine Robinson and Amy Rowland
- ***Arizona: January 24-26 in Scottsdale, AZ*** with Tandi Rogers, Annie Smith, and Kikanza Nuri-Robins

*Please [learn more and sign up](#) today!*

*In faith, hope, and love,*

*Sarah Millspaugh on behalf of the whole Pacific Western Regional Team*

### *Sign Up for Your Pictures*

*We're going to have a brand new church photo directory and we want your picture to be included. We don't do these directories very often so now is your chance. Help us all get to know you a little better by allowing us to include your*

*picture in the new directory.*

*Life Touch photography is vastly different photos we've had for our previous directories. Life Touch takes meaningful, active photos rather than simple, static head and shoulder shots. Take a look at this little [video](#) to get an idea of the wonderful photos they take.*

## ***Remember to Sign Up Now***

*Life Touch Photos – Dec 3-5, shoots 9 AM until 2 PM*

***Appointment required***

*Please call Cheri at the church office (522-7281) to schedule your appointment time.*

### ***Elementary School Mentoring Program***

*Since 2010 we have been visiting Elementary Schools, usually in fifth grade classrooms. We spend 45 minutes with each of the 3 or 4 classes, dividing them into smaller groups so that they get more individual attention. We bring them artistic, scientific and cultural ideas that will encourage them to think of their future. Currently each month there are 6 adults from our church who visit the 4th graders of MacArthur Elementary School. The big reward is a field trip to NMSU in the spring. Students are introduced to museums (minerals, petrified wood, arthropods, art and cultural history). Your support allows them to enjoy the dining commons at NMSU.*

*Thank you for supporting Change for Change this quarter; it will be used to fund the Mentoring Program. Contact Peggy Devlin or Shirley Davis for more information.*

*What is Change for Change? Every year, the congregation votes on a range of possible recipients for coin donations in the Sunday plate. Four recipients are chosen yearly and each one receives three months of Change for Change contributions. In October, November, and December, donations will be directed toward the church's mentoring program.*

### ***Why I Am a Pagan***

*It just makes sense: I am an earthling, born on this planet, composed of bits and pieces found in the dirt, air, water of this place. My genetic makeup is shaped by the red clay of the Southern Appalachians mixed with the black rich soil of Central Texas. I am born out of woman. The Great Mother, Gaia, is the mother of all. It is easy to honor the commitment of the Mother while understanding the contributions of the Father.*

*I look inside myself and see manifestations of spirit; I am inspired from knowledge inborn and gained. Pagans are the people of the land. Their deities rise from personal interactions with tangible experience. The Sun rises in the East: Blessed be the Sun! The earth is under my feet: Blessed be the Mother! My body is over 70% liquid: Blessed be the Water. Each breath is first breath and last breath: Blessed be the Air. The Moon cycles, the seasons cycle, the plan is inherent and visible. It just makes sense to be in awe, to worship the real, to honor 30,000 years of Pagan pride. So mote it BE! Brooks Lewis*

### ***What is Modern Paganism?***

*Excerpted from the Human Truth Foundation, <http://www.humanreligions.info/paganism.html>*

*Modern Paganism is not a doctrinaire movement and it is based on experience rather than on blind faith. Pagans claim ancient and timeless wisdom and draw upon elements of religions from around the world, especially Western esotericism, versions of native beliefs and Indian spirituality, and share a creative use of myth and a seasonal cycle of festivals. They often have a positive and moral approach to environmentalism and feminism (or at least gender neutrality) and a generally liberal approach to human (and animal) rights in general. They do not consider the world to be bad nor ourselves to be inherently sinful.*

*Concerns abound from Christians and other representatives of world religions who are clearly worried about the new competition from this popular and young suite of newcomers to the world stage, however, it must be noted that most people's prejudices are based on misrepresentation by the media and some people still confuse Paganism with Satanism. Critics of Paganism can also be found among historians, skeptics, scientists and intellectuals based on the negative effect it can all have on common sense, and complaints also arise from the natives and other genuine gurus of the traditions from which Paganism has drawn. Despite those problems and the additional one of "Pagan" not referring to any particular belief system, there is both official and academic recognition that Paganism is a serious religion.*

*Excerpted from the Unitarian Universalist Association, <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/beliefs/pagan>*

*Many Unitarian Universalists draw inspiration from the cycles of seasons, the beauty and complexity of the natural world, and the intricate relationships between humans and all the other life on this planet. Some of us practice indigenous religions and Modern Paganism. All of these are part of the sixth source of our living tradition, "spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."*

*We...welcome those who identify as Pagans, including Wiccans, Druids, and practitioners of Goddess Spirituality. The Modern Pagan movements have many Unitarian Universalists among them. Some of our congregations have Modern Pagan groups within them, organized as chapters of CUUPS (the Covenant of UU Pagans) <http://www.cuups.org/>.*

## ***Don't Forget***

### ***These Dates***

#### ***Oct 31 Samhain***



*As October turns to November, CUUPS members will observe the sacred time of Samhain. Samhain is a festival of the Dead. Meaning "Summer's End" and pronounced saah-win or saa-ween, Samhain is a celebration of the end of the harvest and the start of the coldest half of the year. Many Pagans celebrate Samhain over the course of several days and nights, and these extended observances usually include a series of solo rites as well as ceremonies, feasts, and gatherings with family, friends, and spiritual community. Samhain is not the same as Halloween even though they fall at the same time. Although observances may include merry-making, honoring the Dead is central to Samhain and is a serious religious practice rather than a light-hearted make-believe holiday.*

#### ***Nov 2 Barking nUUs and the Cat's Meow***

*Don't Forget! On Saturday, November 2, 2019, representatives from Animal Protection New Mexico/Animal Protection Voters New Mexico headquartered in Albuquerque and Santa Fe will be visiting Las Cruces to update the community*

on ABNM/APNM initiatives and legislative priorities.

*This event is for the entire community and is being hosted by the Animal Advocates group, a part of the church's Social Justice Committee. This event will be held in the Education Building Great Room from 1:00 until 3:00 PM. Stop by! Learn about all the great things this wonderful organization is doing to promote animal welfare—domestic, companion, and wild! Questions? Information? Contact: Dave Steele, Ilene Steele, or Jean Gilbert. Animal Advocates, advocating for animals and the people who love them!*

### *Nov 6 Community and Family Night*



*Join us for a spaghetti dinner at our revised and reinvented Community and Family Night. Why do we say revised and reinvented? Years ago we had a very well-attended Community Night that fell by the wayside because of the amount of work that was mainly on the shoulders of about four people – month after month. Over the years, we've learned how many people miss Community Night and hope that the church will offer more fellowship opportunities, so we've reinvented Community and Family Night. It has a different name because we encourage you to bring all of your family members, particularly your children and guests currently in your home. Bring your neighbors and friends too. We're also hoping to share the monthly burden of feeding a large group by making the meal "semi-potluck." Semi? This just means that a group of several people will agree to supply selected food items, as opposed to everyone bringing something.*

*When: Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 PM*

*Where: Education Building Great Room*

*We will circulate volunteer lists after the services on Sunday, November 3. We still need a few people for setup and cleanup and some food items too. And please sign up to attend the meal. Signup sheets will be available in the lobby and Great Room.*

- *Yes! There will be gluten-free and vegan offerings.*
- *Yes! There will be an activity for the youth, and adults can join in as desired.*
- *To make clean up easier, we're going to try something called "Pack-In and Pack-Out" where everyone brings their own dishes and utensils, and takes them home again.*

*Come join the fun and fellowship on November 6th.*

### *Nov 10 The 30th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall*

*You are invited to a special worship service.*

*Peace Lutheran will be hosting a special service worship service with songs, stories, and prayers for peace commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall on Sunday, November 10th at 6:00 PM.*

*Pr. Jared will be leading a trip to Germany in June of 2020 (6 spots left for the trip). Many "Luther Sites" were in the former East Germany behind the Inner German Border and were largely off-limits to western tourism until the Fall of the Berlin Wall Nov. 9th, 1989, which signaled easing of tensions between West and East Germany.*

*St. Nicholas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany held weekly prayer vigils and peaceful demonstrations that rallied East German residents and eventually led to German Reunification. Come hear more about this story and other stories as we mark this special anniversary. Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001*

*Pastor Jared Carson, Senior Pastor*  
[carsonj@peacelutheranlc.com](mailto:carsonj@peacelutheranlc.com)

### *Nov 15 Dining Out*

*November Dining Out is at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 15, at Santorini, 1001 E. University Ave. Please sign up in the lobby by Wednesday (13th). Contact [diningout@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:diningout@uuchurchlc.org) if you have questions or speak with Gordon or Frances Hill.*

### *Nov 16 Multicultural Transformation Day*

*You must have pre-registered by October 11 to attend this workshop.*

*A Multicultural Transformation Day*  
*Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019, 9:00 – 4:00 PM*  
*Location: Education Building*

*In a polarized society where differences divide rather than unite us, what is a faithful response to building Beloved Community? What tools can we use to dismantle White Supremacy culture and curb micro-aggressions when they arise? How can we foster inclusion and equity by both increasing our intercultural competency and practicing cultural humility? There are a few seats left in this special workshop in which we will design our church's plan to create this community of inclusion and equity in our church and the community at large.*

### *Nov 28 Thanksgiving Dinner*



*Creative Commons image*

*You are invited to attend the annual Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner at church on Thursday, November 28, at 1:30 PM in the Education Building Great Room. This meal is hosted by Jan Thompson and her family. Contact Jan Thompson to reserve your spot at the table, [janthompson0817@gmail.com](mailto:janthompson0817@gmail.com).*

*This is always a joyous occasion – sharing a holiday meal together.*

### ***Thanks to Our Greeters***



#### *Greeters*

*Our October greeters were: Jan Thompson, Vijay Bhalla, Jo Ingel, Vickie Freeland, Robert Severance, Peggy Devlin, Lyn Pearson, Judy Licht, Jane Asche, Joel Brown, Peggy Brown, Tom Packard, Joy Goldbaum, Diane Lee, Skip Shelton, Carol Winkler, Jack Welch, Nora Brown, Jeanie Gilbert. — Peggy Devlin & Joan Dormody, Greeter Coordinators*

## **Generous Giving**

*We extend our gratitude to those members and friends who generously made special contributions to the church between October 1-29. Sally Atkinson, Len Gambrell and Lori Miller, and Karl Kohl for their contributions to the minister's installation fund. Carol Winkler for her donation to the KRWG fund. Karen Snyder for her donations to The Living Tradition Fund, Tents-to-Rents, and Hospitality for Refugees. In addition, the church was able to contribute \$831.60 to The Living Tradition Fund as a result of cash donations made during Reverend Xolani's installations service on October 6.*

*In addition to the above gifts, we also want to list all people who contributed to Reverend Xolani's installation service prior to October 1: Jane Asche, Dick and Susan Bagby, Jim Basler, Vijay Bhala, Jerry Black and Judy Licht, Nora Brown, David and Nancy Carlson, Cathy Carver, James and Katya Gonzalez, Bob and Shirley Davis, Madge Defee, Peggy Devlin, Joan and Tom Dormody, Robert Floyd, Vickie Freeland, Jean Gilbert, Joy Goldbaum, Ed Gomolka, Karen Hall, Jo Ingle, Rabbitt Loring, Martha Loustaunau, Benjamin and Ingrid Luchini, Catherine Massey and Tammy Schurr, Beverly Nelson, Elwin Nunn, Haney and Lyn Pearson, Cliff Pelton, Linda Peterson and Skip Shelton, Chris Ramsey, Linda Robers, Ron Ross and Carla Campbell, Elisa Sanchez, Rod and Marie Sauter, Robert Severance, David and Ilene Steele, Gayle Trantham and Jack Welch, Roy van der Aa, Judy Waite, Steve Welch and Janet Pitt, Mary Whittemore, Carol Winkler, and July Woody.*

*It is very easy to make a gift to the church through [InFellowship](#). Donations in memory of members and friends become part of our Endowment Fund. These are gifts that keep on giving.*

## **The Tombaugh Gallery**

### **Tradition/Innovation**

*The Tombaugh Gallery and the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces present the exhibit "TRADITION / INNOVATION" which displays new and old porcelain from China alongside modern ceramics made by the late Klyf Brown. The exhibit opens with a reception on Sunday, November 3, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and continues through Sunday, November 24.*

*The porcelain artworks in this exhibit were collected during a summer 2018 Study Abroad course offered by Dona Ana Community College. A grant from the New Mexico Potters and Clay Artists to the Potters' Guild enabled the travelers to purchase representative porcelain ceramics to display after returning to Las Cruces. The students spent a week in Jingdezhen which is recognized as the 'Porcelain Capital of the World.' The streets of Jingdezhen are a warren of small workshops with highly skilled artisans creating porcelain artworks within a millennium-long tradition.*

*Klyf Brown was a charter member of the Potters' Guild in 1981. A native New Mexican, he graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1966. His business was construction, but he also produced wonderful, creative pottery. For years he was a volunteer for the Guild and Empty Bowls; one year he made 100 bowls for the event. In 2006 he was awarded Best in Show in the Guild's Mud, Sweat and Tears 25th anniversary exhibition for 'Archaeological Find'. Klyf passed away in March 2016. He left his body of work to the Guild to raise money for workshops and community education. All of his artworks will be displayed for sale in the Tombaugh exhibit.*

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 – 2. For details, contact [Gallery@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:Gallery@uuchurchlc.org), or call the church at 522-7281. The Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 South Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM and is open Wednesday – Saturday 10 am – 2 pm. Visit the gallery on [Facebook](#).

## **Regular Monthly Activities**

*Unless otherwise stated, all events will be held at the church. Please check the church's [online calendar](#) to ensure the most recent times and places for these events. Newcomers are invited to participate in these activities.*

**Bridge Group** plays bridge on the first, third and fifth Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the church lobby. If you want to play, be sure to contact Nancy Anderson [bridge@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:bridge@uuchurchlc.org) a few days before so we know the number of players.

**Desert Spirit CUUPS** is a Las Cruces chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. We practice and educate others on Earth-centered spirituality. We gather monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6 pm for a potluck and either ritual or an informative class. All events are open to everyone interested in learning and/or growing in their spiritual path. Events held at the church unless otherwise noted. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/desertspiritcuups> or email [lascrucescuups@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucescuups@gmail.com).

**Dining Out**: A different restaurant every month and dinner with church members. Signup sheets are in the church lobby on the welcome counter. You should sign up not later than the Wednesday prior to the dinner. Look in the church newsletter “The Light” for the exact time, date and location or contact [DiningOut@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:DiningOut@uuchurchlc.org) for more information or to reserve a place for the dinner.

**Lunch Bunch** is a weekly lunch-time get together. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch to the church library every Wednesday at 12:00 noon and enjoy the company of fellow Unitarian Universalists.

**MoonSisters Group**: This women's group meets once monthly. Contact Cass Calway for more information or visit the group's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/342484072516356/>

**Quilting Bee**: The UU Bee Welcome, meets every week in the church lobby. The Bee is open to all levels of quilters, both members and non-members. It welcomes all styles of quilting work from machine-quilting to hand-quilting to appliqué. The purpose of a quilting bee is to provide an opportunity for quilters to spend time together as they work on their individual quilting projects and exchange tips of the trade, encourage and support each other, share new ideas, deepen friendships, and generally have a good time. A \$1 donation per quilter will be given at each session to cover the cost of utilities. The contact person is Kris Northcutt.

**Monthly Calendar**: To get the information you need about the many and varied activities of our church, go to <http://www.uuchurchlc.org/> and scroll down the page to the calendar and events listings.