

# The Light

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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.

## March Light

### Our 65th Year

#### Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces

Note: January 5, there will be only one service at 10:30 AM.

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

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#### Sermons Online

[Listen here.](#)

## Board of Trustees



President Ilene Steele

### Transparency

I am humbled to be selected for my position. A Board goal this year is to be as transparent with the Congregation as possible. We are publishing the Board meeting agenda in the NUUS the Thursday before our meetings so the Congregation knows what we are discussing and members may choose to attend. Members are always welcome at our meetings, the third Wednesday of each month in the library at 6 pm. Also, feel free to talk with one of our Board members if you have concerns or want to let us know what we are doing right.

Thank you all for your support,  
*Ilene Steele, President, Board of Directors*

## Actions

### February 19, 2020, 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 Office Manager, Cheri Coffelt. The board meets on the third Wednesday of the month .

The board voted to:

- Elect its officers — President Ilene Steele, Vice President Katya Gonzalez, Secretary Sara Thomas, and Treasurer Mark Sukontarak

## Choir and Music

Catherine Massey



### Music Notes

There has been a time gap since my last monthly column. I simply ran out of words—a combination of being overwhelmed and weary from work at school and from our current world. But my words are back now. I'm even more convinced that the singing and music we share as a congregation keep me alive and well, and my hope is that this nourishes us all.

I am going to share here once again something I ran across on Facebook (writer unknown): “Sometimes in band or choir, music requires players or singers to hold a note longer than they actually can hold a note. In those cases, we were taught to mindfully stagger when we took a breath so the sound appeared uninterrupted. Everyone got to breathe, and the music stayed strong and vibrant. Yesterday, I read an article that suggested the administration’s litany of bad executive orders...is a way of giving us “protest fatigue” – we will literally lose our will to continue the fight in the face of the onslaught of negative action. Let’s remember MUSIC. Take a breath. The rest of the chorus will sing. The rest of the band will play. Rejoin so others can breathe. Together, we can sustain a very long, beautiful song for a very, very long time. You don’t have to do it all, but you must add your voice to the song.”

I had to take a breath there for awhile, and will again, I’m sure. Right now I am focused on something suggested on a recent airing on NPR’s “This American Life.” Ira Glass said that in these somber, anxious times they were doing a piece of counter-programming, and they did a whole show on “Delights.” It included various people talking about experiences that brought them delight. And it really articulated my most recent approach to external negative influences.

We went to Seattle to celebrate an important 50th birthday, and played tourists as well. I felt real joy meeting our dear friend Jenn’s longtime friends, and witnessing their appreciation for her. We brought sunny days from home to the Northwest for a stunning stop at Snoqualmie Falls, a garden walk at a friend’s house, and a day with beautiful views from the Space Needle. We basked in the visual treasures of Dale Chihuly’s Garden and Glass exhibit next door. I took a little time to work photos and info (including science) about the Space Needle and Chihuly into lessons with my students. Perhaps that decision paved the way for several really sweet and funny interactions with a few of my most challenging students, who seem to be as weary and anxious as the rest of us. In fact, I dropped a hip hop beat for one student to present a report on earthquakes in rap form, to the delight of the class.

I hope that we can all find a way to experience delight each day. And let us join in the song with each other when we have been able to take a breath.

*Catherine A. Massey,*

*Director of Music*

*[AUUMN](#) Credentialed Music Leader*

## **Upcoming Services**

March 1, services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### **Applied Wisdom**

[Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Lowe with SA Brooks Lewis](#)

The true value of any philosophy is determined when that philosophy is applied in how one lives.

March 8, services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### **Women's Wisdom**

[Maggie Locatelli with SA John Seeley](#)

Women have historically been honored and feared for what is perceived to be their special wisdom. In the context of Women's History Month, we'll explore the richness of women's wisdom.

March 15, services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### **Finding Your Inner Baby is the 1st Step in Caring**

[Rev. Xolani Kacela with SA Gillian Leng](#)

There's a baby in all of us. How does finding the baby lead to better care in a community? We'll find out how on this Caring Sunday.

March 22, services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### **The Journey of Grief**

[Chaplain Linda Pribble with SA Robert Floyd](#)

Mourning the loss of someone we love is usually life altering, even when anticipated. The question becomes how do we accompany ourselves during a loss? How do we accompany mourners who are or have experienced significant losses? Recalling the words of Sri ... [read more](#).

March 29, services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### **The Wacky World of Community**

[Rev. Xolani Kacela with SA Janet Martinique](#)

We celebrate the gift of new members this Sunday and the many ways that being in a spiritual community fortifies our lives. And what is this wacky thing called community anyway?

April 26, services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### **What Color is Your Climate: Reflections on the Climate Crisis**

## **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: Maya Weavers and Alternatives to Capitalism

Sun, Mar 1, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenter: Christine Eber, Ph.D. Anthropologist

The full title of this presentation is “Maya weavers creating alternatives to capitalism in Chiapas, Mexico.” The Mexican government’s development projects continue to ignore the needs and realities of the original peoples of Mexico. In the face of this, Maya women and their families in Chiapas are taking development into their own hands through participating in weaving and other collectives. Weaving for Justice, a volunteer group in Las Cruces, assists weaving groups in Chiapas to sell their textiles through fair trade markets in order to stay on their lands and avoid having to migrate. Dr. Eber will discuss the origins and development of this project as well as her new novel dealing with the topic.

### Roundtable: Gangs of the El Paso-Juarez Borderland Region

Sun, Mar 8, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenter: Mike Tapia, Ph.D.

Mike is a graduate program director and associate professor in Criminal Justice at New Mexico State University. He also earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from Ohio State University. Teaching and research interests include street crimes, race and crime, juvenile justice, and crime theory. His latest works include, “Gangs of San Antonio 1915-2015,” which examines Chicano street and prison gang organization in a historical perspective. Dr. Tapia will be discussing “Gangs of the El Paso-Juarez Borderland Region”, his latest work from University of New Mexico Press (2019).

### Roundtable: NYTimes and AP Photographs

Sun, Mar 15, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenter: Alan E. Solomon, photojournalist

Alan will display and discuss a variety of photos from a lifetime career working for the New York Times and Associated Press. The large variety of photos includes one of the first he had taken on assignment of Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher arriving at Idlewild Airport in New York City after they departed from an Air France Jet, many years ago.

### Roundtable: The NM Boarder and Oil and Gas

Sun, Mar 22, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenter: Antoinette Reyes

Antoinette has a Masters in applied economics and a Bachelors in anthropology and is an organizer for the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club. The complete title of this Roundtable is “Organizing against the border wall and oil and gas production in New Mexico.” Antoinette will be discussing the harsh reality of the oil boom in the Permian in relation to human health, climate change, and economic development. She will also discuss the symbolism behind the Trump administration’s border wall, the destruction of sacred burial grounds, public land, wildlife habitat and borderland communities.

### Roundtable: Video Presentation of “Undeterred”

Sun, Mar 29, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

We will be presenting a video entitled “Undeterred,” which deals with a crisis of death and disappearance in the borderlands. “Rural community residents find themselves as inadvertent first responders, caught in the cross hairs of border policing.” This is an intimate portrait of one Arizona town mobilizing to demand its civil rights and an end to policies which funnel migrants and refugees across a wilderness desert. **NOTICE: This film runs for 76 minutes, which is 16 minutes longer than our usual programs. We believe the film is well worth it.**

### Roundtable: An Overview of Climate Change Issues

Sun, Apr 5, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenters: Joel Brown and James Caufield

### Roundtable: Man-made Climate Change

Sun, Apr 12, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenter: Donald Neidig

The full title of this presentation is “Man-Made Climate Change and Man’s Reluctance to Stop It: Why We Don’t Respond to an Environmental Imperative?”

### Roundtable: Why Free Markets Are the Best Means of Improving the Environment

Sun, Apr 19, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Rio Grande Foundation

### Roundtable: Risky Business: How Are We Going to Deal With Climate Change?

Sun, Apr 26, 2020, 10:30 AM in the Library

Presenter: Joel Brown

## Social Justice

### Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters (Amos 5:24)

#### Barking News and the Cat’s Meow

A big THANK YOU to the members of the UUCLC congregation from the Animal Advocates contingent of the Social Justice Committee for your response to our thank you note writing campaign to our local state senators and representatives. During the Animal Protection Lobby Day at the Round House on Thursday, February 13, Dave and Ilene Steele were able to deliver a total of...(drum roll)... 112 notes to the offices of three state senators and four state representatives, thanking them for their outstanding support on animal welfare issues. Over 100 animal welfare advocates and activists converged on the Round House on that day and our presence was noted. Your letters and notes

multiplied the effect. SB 57 establishing a permanent fund to help income qualified families in New Mexico spay/neuter their dogs and cats has a fighting chance of passing during this session. We are hoping that by the time you read this report that bill will be on the way to the governor who is committed to signing it. Thank you again for your support in celebration of our seventh principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence..." Dave Steele, Ilene Steele and Jean Gilbert; Animal Advocates of UUCLC, serving animals and the people who love them!

**Barking NUUS and the Cat's Meow has an offer we hope you won't refuse.**

The Animal Advocates would like to remind all of the hosts and attendees at auction events (and everyone else in the congregation as well) that we have a good solution for the problem of what to do with all of the empty aluminum beverage containers that are left over from the fun and frivolity associated with the event. Collect them, bring them in to the Education Building Great Room and deposit them in the Cans 4 Critters receptacle. We'll make sure those discarded aluminum cans get turned into cash to assist with the veterinary expenses of families needing assistance with those bills. Thanks much to the church family for caring about the welfare of animals and the people who love them! Questions? Contact Dave Steele, Ilene Steele or Jean Gilbert.

## Please Note

### These Items of Interest

#### Thanks to the Membership Committee

At the January 12th Membership Business Meeting the Leadership Development Committee recognized outgoing church leaders from the Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, and the Leadership Development Committee. However, we forgot to thank the Membership Committee for purchasing the Unitarian Universalist Association lapel pins each leader received. Thank you Membership Committee for your thoughtfulness and team spirit! *Sincerely, Tom Dormody and Marie Sauter, LDC Co-Chairs*

#### A Brighter Great Room

You may have noticed how bright and clean the Education Building Great Room and Kitchen are these days. Dynamic Painting and Drywall spent three days cleaning and painting the ceiling and the walls of both rooms this past week. Our custodian, Brandon, washed the upper windows and cleaned all of the blinds. The painters also cleaned the white sound-absorbing panels that are on the upper level of the Great Room. It was decided to clean them instead of replacing them because they are glued to the wall. Removal would have destroyed them. Best of all, the painting and cleaning came in \$500 below the original estimate. Thanks to Ed Gomolka and Shirley Davis of the Hospitality Committee and all the others who helped to take down the rooms and set them back up. *Charlie Scholz, Chair of Facilities Management*

#### Dining Out

The Dining Out group will really miss Gordon and Frances Hill as they move back to be with family. We thank them for all their time in handling the Dining Out for so long. We are happy to announce that the group will continue on the 3rd Friday, March 20th, at 5:00 p.m. at Enrique's at 830 W. Picacho Avenue. A sign up sheet will be in the Sanctuary Lobby on March 1st. You can also e-mail: [diningout@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:diningout@uuchurchlc.org). Make your reservation each month by the Tuesday before the event. All member or friends are welcome to join us. *Your new organizers are Annette Turrentine and Janet Martinique.*

## Service Associate Training This Month

Have you ever imagined yourself assisting with a Sunday worship service? What is holding you back from making that daydream a reality? The Sunday Services Committee is always eager to include new volunteers in our ranks of Service Assistants and Associates. Early in the new year, we will be having training to prepare volunteers to be service assistants and service associates. Please contact either Haney Pearson or Maggie Locatelli if you would like to help with Sunday worship. *Co-chairs: Haney Pearson and Maggie Locatelli*

## Silver City Program – March 8 and March 22

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Silver City – two Sundays in March 2020 – Free and Open to the Public

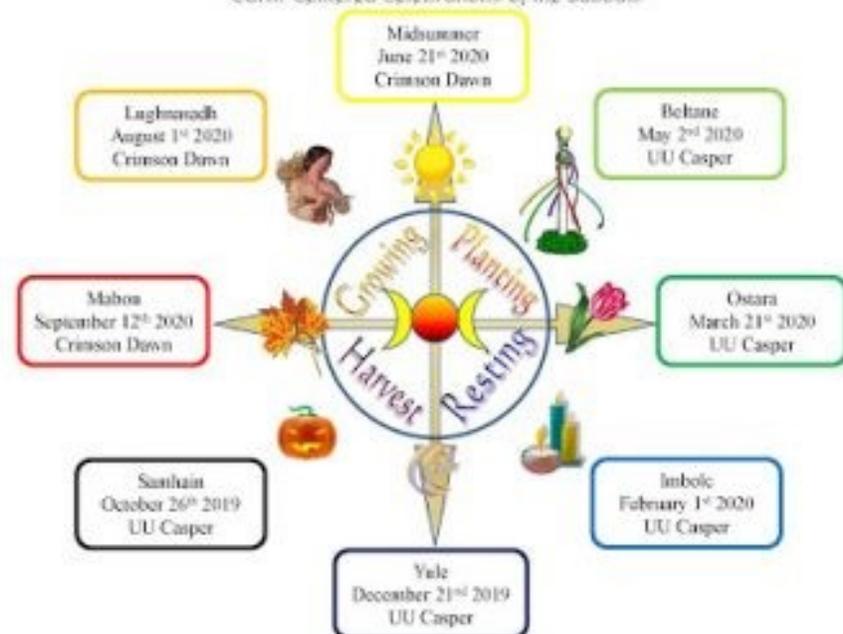
Presented by Rev. Claudia Elferdink, Unitarian Universalist Researcher and, since 2013, a Collaborator with the Hungarian Unitarian Church Archives in Kolozsvár, Transylvania. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, she served New England Unitarian Universalist congregations including Amherst, MA, and Madison, CT, and now lives in New Haven, CT and Silver City, NM with her extended family.

Get a head start! Try this short and highly-recommended background reading: “Our Roots” by Dan McKanan, in the Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide, Susan Frederick-Gray, Ed. 2019, pp.93-105. \$6. Available at UUA Bookstore, Amazon and in the UUFSC library.

[Flyer explains entire program.](#)

## Paganism: The Month of March

### UU of Casper Wheel of the Year Samhain 2019 - Mabon 2020 Earth-Centered Celebrations of the Sabbats



Ostara  
is one  
of 8

neopagan sabbats, or holidays, that make up the Wheel of the Year.

This year, in the northern hemisphere, the spring equinox falls on Thursday, March 19. Ostara marks the time when the sun passes over the celestial equator. Wiccans and other neopagans observe the day as a celebration of the season's change from dark winter to brightening spring.

## Don't Forget

### These Dates

#### Mar 3 Dining Out

Join us for Dining Out on Friday, March 20th, at 5:00 p.m. at Enrique's at 830 W. Picacho Avenue. A sign up sheet will be in the Sanctuary Lobby on March 1st. You can also e-mail: [diningout@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:diningout@uuchurchlc.org). Make your reservation each month by the Tuesday before the event. All member or friends are welcome to join us. *Your new organizers are Annette Turrentine and Janet Martinique.*

#### Mar 8 Spring Forward >>>>



Remember to set your clocks forward >>>> on Saturday night, March 7, so you'll be ready for Sunday services on March 8. Spring and summer are on the way.

#### Mar 8 Soup's On!

Soup's On Luncheon on "Spring Forward Sunday" March 8 at 11:30 am. Church members and friends, please join as we celebrate the spring forward to Daylight Savings Time with a "Soup's On" luncheon. Beginning at 11:30 AM, members of the Hospitality Committee and other volunteers will provide a variety of soups, breads and desserts for you to enjoy. All you need to do is remember to move your clocks forward one hour and come to your favorite service at 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM. For those who come to the first service, there will be coffee available at 10:00 AM. Then enjoy the Roundtable discussion, coffee and conversation, or a walk in the sunshine before we gather with the second service folks at 11:30 AM to enjoy food, fellowship and a fine early spring day.

If you want to contribute your culinary skills, that would be great! Please contact Susan Hychka, Ed Gomolka, or Shirley Davis at [hospitality@uuchurchlc.org](mailto:hospitality@uuchurchlc.org), to offer a soup, dessert or bread for the occasion.

#### Mar 14 Creating a Safe Space

On March 14th at 4 PM in the Library there will be a discussion group on "Creating a Safe Space." The idea for this discussion grew from the group who met to discuss the book *White Fragility*. However, it is not necessary to have read this book to participate on Mar 14th. Those who attended the Intercultural Development Inventory workshop given by Jonipher Kwong are particularly encouraged to attend, though all are welcome of course. The list of antidotes generated from the workshop will also be discussed as possible next steps. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Davis or Sara Thomas.

#### Mar 21 Worship Leader and Associate Training

Saturday, March 21st, 8:30 AM until Noon. Breakfast provided!! The Minister, Director of Music, and the Sunday Services Committee invite you to Worship Leader and Associate Training. Sign up in the Sanctuary lobby or contact

Haney Pearson or Maggie Locatelli if you are interested in helping with worship services. We will provide a tasty and nourishing breakfast immediately before the training begins. Come and learn “the ropes” for assisting in or leading worship services. See you then!

### Apr 1 Watch For Your Census Packet (2nd reminder)

#### BE COUNTED!

We are calling all superheroes to protect the future of Las Cruces. The US Census takes 10 minutes of your time and shapes 10 years of your life. By April 1, all homes should receive an invitation to participate in the Census and you will have three options to respond: Online – Phone – Mail

Programs impacted by the Census: CHIP – MEDICAID – MEDICARE – WIC – SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM – SECTION 8 PUBLIC HOUSING – PARKS & RECREATION – TRANSPORTATION – HEADSTART – CHILD CARE – SNAP – EDUCATION

[Las-Cruces.org/Census](http://Las-Cruces.org/Census)

Questions call: 575-541-2100

### Apr 25 Annual Auction



#### Dress for the Event

We want to see lots of hats and dresses, bow ties and jackets, crazy patterns and colors a must, and some jockey fanfare too at the 2020 Auction, “An Evening at the Derby”. Come donning your favorite Derby Garb on Saturday, April 25th from 5-9 PM.

#### March 15 Donation Deadline

Personal Donations for Events, Services, Baked Goods, Meals, and Gift Certificates are the essential components for the auction to happen. There are only 2 weeks left until the March 15th

deadline for donation forms. Please turn in your donation forms to the lobby, library or great room trays as soon as they are completed. The deadline to submit your donation form is March 15th.

#### No Space?

If you don't have enough room at your house, the Education Building is available. Please check with Cheri in the office to schedule your event before you turn in your donation form.

#### Need Ideas?

Donated events are really fun and build congregational community relationships with other members. You could host a themed dinner event, a happy hour with tasty tapas, a fun brunch or an entertaining game or movie night.

Perhaps you could provide a service such as cooking a nice meal and delivering it or offer a dessert several times during the year. Have a truck, you could offer to haul off discarded items. You could offer pet sitting for members on vacation or away from home for medical reasons.

## Will You Volunteer?

Thank you to our Sunday helpers who lassoed in so many volunteers for the night of the auction, Ilene Steele, Linda Peterson, John Seeley, Katie and Bill Fitzgerald.

Help needed: there are some open shifts on the volunteer schedule and help needed before the auction. Bid sheet preparation Friday, April 10th from 1-4 PM; Bid sheet preparation and table set up Saturday, April 11th from 10 AM -2 PM; Pre-bidding Monitor Sunday, April 19th from 11:15 AM to 12 PM; Trash patrol the night of the auction, Saturday, April 25th from 7-9 PM If you can help please contact Kathy Willoughby, in the church directory. We appreciate our volunteers!

## Will You Be a Beverage Sponsor?

Beverage Sponsors needed, envelopes may be found on the back of the chairs in the sanctuary and can be put into the collection basket on Sundays. You can also donate to be a beverage sponsor on the church website and pay with a credit card. Just select Your 2020 Auction Beverage Sponsorship. Here is the link: <https://uuchurchlc.infellowship.com/onlinegiving/givenow/step1>

## Questions?

If you would like to volunteer or if you are a new member and would like to know more about joining in the fun at our annual auction; please contact the Auction Chair, Kathy Willoughby in the church directory. Directories are available on the church website and in the lobby.

**Jan 9, 2021 Watch For this Event at the Auction**

### Celebrating Gregor Mendel and Beans!

Date: 2021-01-09

Time: 12 noon until 4:30 PM

Location: Education Building

Open to 22 people

Auction event offering bean-based foods for folks to try. A variety of beans will be showcased. Gregor Mendel passed from this life on January 6, 1884, and is best know as the man who founded the modern science of genetics. His pea plant experiments led to a clearer understanding of heredity. Beans (relatives of peas!) are part of the 3-Sisters-Food-Trinity of the Southwestern Native Peoples, and are a major source of protein. Join us as we explore several heirloom varieties using interesting and different vegetarian recipes. Bring your appetites. Non-alcoholic beverages provided. Families welcome. Beano will be available. Hosted by Jo Ingle and Sally Atkinson.

## Thanks to Our Greeters



### Greeters

Our February greeters were: Dianne Lee, Jo Ingle, Robert Severance, Gail Trantham, Jack Welch, Judy Licht, Susan West, Julie Woodie, Peggy Devlin, Skip Shelton, Linda Peterson, Jane Ashe, Peggy Brown, Tom Packard, Vicky Freeland, Ilene Steele, Carol Winkler, Jean Gilbert, David and Nancy Carlson. Thank each and everyone of you for greeting this month. — *Peggy Devlin & Joan Dormody, Greeter Coordinators*

## Generous Giving

Former member, Cathy Bailey, made a special donation in honor of her dear friend, Vijay Bhalla's, 80th birthday day. Cathy now resides in Huntsville, AL. She remains in contact with our church and we thank her for her continued support. Vijay has been an active member for 42 years. We give sincere thanks to both ladies for all they do.

Julie Woody made a special gift to "honor all who help and support others". Jeanne Gilbert made a special contribution in support of our Religious Education director's position. Thank you Julie and Jeanne for your generosity.

*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

### Beyond Words – One Word Two Visions



The Tombaugh Gallery features artists C. C. Cunningham and Noël Sandino with the exhibit "Beyond Words – One Word Two Visions".



The show opens on Sunday, March 8, with an Artist Reception, 11:30 am to 1 pm. There will be a second artist reception on Friday, March 27, from 5 – 7 pm, with A Collaboration Paint Event.

Noel and C.C., both abstract artists, admired each others' work and came up with a unique idea for the Tombaugh exhibit. They decided to create a list of 18 words and challenged each other to paint their own vision of each word. C.C. described the process, "with a sense of discovery, playfulness, emotion, and thoughtfulness, we developed a body of work illustrating how we as process, abstract artists responded to our challenge."

Noël, a native of California, moved to New Mexico in 2017. Drawing has always been a part of her life. She taught art at the elementary level and worked as a professional decorative painter and muralist, building a lucrative business. After retiring she began printmaking studies and started painting on canvas. She teaches printmaking workshops and has many shows and awards to her credit. She is currently president of ArtForms of Las Cruces and is a member of the Agave Artists co-op in Mesilla.

C.C. Cunningham grew up in eastern Oklahoma exploring the hardwood forests and rolling hills, creating small sculptures out of local red clay and pastoral scenes from moss, twigs, and pebbles. After working in social services,

rearing children and building a successful business in Denver, she moved to New Mexico in early 2000. Inspired by the beauty of the desert Southwest, she started her career as an artist, including incorporating red desert sands in her highly textural pieces, recognizing the connection with her earthy childhood creativity.

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 [lasrucescuups@gmail.com](mailto:lasrucescuups@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.