

Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces

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May Light

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Services Every Sunday of the Year

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.

Office Administrator, Cheri Coffelt Working Remotely M-F 9:30 – 4:30

Church Office Open: Monday thru Friday 10:00 – 1:00

Join us for Zoom Worship Sunday at 10 AM, See past worship services on our YouTube channel

Deadline for Light submissions is the 25th of every month.

Our Consulting Minister

The Reverend Gary Kowalski



On My Mind

Spring is the season of new beginnings and, as Munro and I round out our brief ministry with the UU Church of Las Cruces, I see many signs of renewal. Thanks to the fine work of your Search Team, my savvy and experienced colleague the Reverend Rod Thompson will soon be in your midst. Ten new members have joined the church since January.

This is a congregation with a strong commitment to climate justice, reproductive rights, animal protection, racial healing and full inclusion for the rainbow of humanity.

You have great music, inspiring worship, and a growing number of Covenant Groups with opportunities to build genuine networks of care. Your staff is outstanding.

In recent months, your Board has also made efforts to address the sources of organizational dysfunction that troubled the congregation in the past. Several members are being trained by the UUA to restore the Right Relations Covenant as a working document that can help repair crossed wires. The Committee on Ministry is reconsidering how to ensure healthy communications between laity and clergy in the future.

Dori and I thank you all for the warm reception we have received. The “Chat and Chews” and Sunday lunches at Nopalitos have been great times to just hang out and enjoy the camaraderie.

In keeping with best practice, Munro and I will keep a professional distance from UUCLC after our tenure ends in mid-May, but you will remain in our hearts and our hopes accompany you on the road ahead.

Adiós y adelante con fe y coraje. Go forward with faith and courage.

Our Incoming Minister

The Reverend Rod Thompson



Greetings/Saludo from Warren, Ohio. It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I want to let you know that I can hardly wait until August when I will join you as your Half-Time Contract Minister.

I already know many of you (though we're all 10 years older), so we'll need to catch-up and get reacquainted. I am also looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone else. Regardless, please, plan to wear your name tags, and I'll wear mine.

Between now and then, I have a lot of preparations to accomplish (not necessarily in this order): decide what to take/pack, discard, or donate (downsizing again from my spacious condo to an apartment); contracting with a moving company (not easy); finding an apartment in Las Cruces (also not easy by long distance); figure out how to give away one of my 3 cats (no apartment will accept more than 2), and then figure out how to drive them across country (without killing them or me); then be ready to meet the staff, meet with the Board, the Sunday Services Team, the Committee on Ministry, and the Caring Committee, then be prepared to lead two Sunday Services in August.

But it will be worth it!!



Our President

Susan Hychka



There's good news to share!

Rev. Rod Thompson has accepted our call to serve our congregation as our halftime Contract Minister for a year beginning on August 1, 2023. Many of you will remember Rev. Thompson, who served as UUCLC's Interim Minister from 2010-2012. Newer members will enjoy getting acquainted this fall as he helps us to move forward. Together we will plan and implement ways to pursue our mission and vision. The Ministry Search Team, with the help of our Consulting Ministers, spent countless hours putting together our Congregational Profile, talking with candidates, and concluding a successful search.

Rev. Gary Kowalski and Rev. Munro Sickafoose, our Consulting Ministers for the last five months, have helped us find our way through the difficulties we faced last year. Their words and actions helped restore our faith that our community is strong and will continue to be a

vibrant and welcoming spiritual community guided by love. We will thank them for their service during their final Sundays with us – Rev. Munro on May 7 and Rev. Gary on May 14. Watch for details about these celebrations and plan to participate!

Taking advice from Rev. Gary, seven members agreed to participate in a UUA training program for Right Relations Teams. When that training ends in two weeks, these individuals will take steps to help our congregation learn to live by our Covenant of Right Relations in all we think, say, and do. Respecting, honoring, and celebrating our individual differences and unique gifts can lead to better outcomes for ourselves and our congregation's future.

Board of Trustees

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Full board minutes are sent to church members in a private emailing.

Religious Education

Kellie Ingram, Director of Religious Education



While this MAY be a little backwards (pun intended!) I'd like to take time this month to talk about Religious Educations achievements in April..

Our dedicated teachers started the month off determining that one day celebrating the Earth was simply not enough for our climate advocating students. Instead, we devoted the entire calendar to Earth centered lessons. While our older students participated in class by preparing short speeches on fossil fuels and the importance of water, our nursery students got into the swing of things by creating crafts representing how important it is to care for our planet. Easter was

celebrated by having all of our youth participate in a Scavenger Hunt! Classes ended early that Sunday so that our students could join together in finding and reading clues that led to goody-filled baskets!

The return of the Children's Auction was a fun-filled success! Over a dozen students (from toddlers to teens) munched on fruit-pop's while bidding on over two dozen different items ranging from art and science kits, to stuffed animals, to drones. The Religious Education program appreciates Everyone who took the time to make the auction come together! We are already looking forward to next year!

In honor of the actual Earth Day holiday, we took advantage of the wonderful weather by setting up an outdoor classroom. After a brief lesson on the importance of how plants (much like people) have individual needs in order to flourish, our combined classrooms then spent time repotting plant clippings and flowers. Dirt was flying, water was flowing, and everyone went home with a new little recycled gift.

Religious Education's monthly potluck included a round of "Guess Who", as our youth tried to figure out who their (secret pal) Bunny Buddy had been for the last several weeks. Lots of laughs and foods were shared! A great, big, Thank You to everyone who participated in this fun tradition. Students are excited to end April by joining CUUPS in the rising of the Maypole! Religious Education is looking forward to the coming month, May we all be embraced by the warmer, longer days.

Music and Choir

Catherine Massey, Director of Music



MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes will be back soon!

Administration

Cheri Coffelt



Organizing Our History!

The UUCLC has decades of historical documents and photos in need of sorting and organizing. This information needs to be archived and cataloged to preserve for future generations of the UUCLC. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Cheri in the church office.

Committees and Programs

2023 Auction Committee Report by Charlie Scholz

It was a success! You made this Down to Earth Auction a Winner! We'll have the final numbers in a few days, but we are very pleased. And the number of compliments we've received is heartening. You liked the food, you liked the music and you liked the variety of events and offerings.

In our review session this morning we looked at what worked and what needed work and came to some conclusions about what we will recommend to the next Auction Committee. We also agreed that we will hold an online Art and Furnishings auction in September.

Our tentative date for the next Auction will be April 20. 2024 See you then.

Annual Church Gila Campout

July 21 – 23

History & Traditions

In the 1960s our church was a Fellowship located in a converted house where the UUs met on Sundays and the Jewish Community on Saturday. It was there I met my wife. In January of 1966 I underwent a conversion from 30 year old bachelor to husband with 2 boys. As summer approached, Marilyn suggested; "For summer vacation, why don't we go camping in the mountains? All it will cost is the gas to get there, and it will be a good opportunity for you to bond with the boys." Marilyn was stretching the truth a bit on the cost. We paid an extra \$20 for an army tent our dentist told us his neighbor had for sale. We enjoyed our campout enough that it became a must do every summer even if only for a weekend.

By the summer of 1983, our Fellowship had become a Church, we had purchased our current church property, and we had a minister. My family was camped in the Sapillo campground in the Gila forest near Lake Roberts and Silver City. My 3rd son and I were hiking some distance from the main camping area when we spotted a Volkswagen bus. "That looks like John's van." We investigated and it was John Trantham our minister. He was alone but said his family loved camping too. John posed the question would enough members of the congregation attend a church campout to make it worthwhile? After some discussion, the conclusion was *let's give it a try*.

John organized a church campout at the Sapillo campground. It was so successful that it became an annual event. The tradition still continues 40 years later. The date is usually the 4th weekend in July; far enough into the rainy season for the forest to green up and the fire danger low enough to allow campfires. The 2.5 hour drive from Las Cruces to the Gila campsite is a negative, although much of it is a scenic drive. John tried several other places closer to Las Cruces including Cloudcroft, but the Gila remains the preferred location.

There is no charge for the campout, as Marilyn said, only the cost to get there (and choice of options). Check out the campout display Sundays at church where you can ask questions, get a brochure with directions to the campsite, and sign up to attend. The purpose of the sign up sheet is to give us an attendance estimate to plan for, and contact information to keep everyone informed as planning progresses. You can also get information from basler36@gmail.com Do you think of camping as a chance to sleep on a bed of rocks with a bolder as a pillow and an ant hill as a neighbor? No need to argue the point, you do have other options. There are cabins, a lodge, and motel by Lake Roberts. The supply is limited so you should make reservations early. Another option is to just drive up for the day on Saturday when most of the activities take place. This means getting an early start which will cost you some sleep.

You will be at an altitude of about 7,000 feet. It will be cool enough that you might need a jacket or sweater in the morning and evening. The forest is predominantly ponderosa pines. It will be a quiet weekend with only sounds of birds and the wind through the trees.

Elwin Nunn served a pancake breakfast with a variety of flavors on Saturday morning for many years. He has retired as pancake chef, but the campout team keeps this tradition going. Supper Saturday evening is potluck, bring something to share. All other meals are your responsibility.

About 10AM Saturday, 2 hikes are offered. One easy short one suitable for kids. The other more challenging for hikers in good health. The non-hikers gather under the shade canape, drink cool drinks, nibble on goodies, solve all the world's problems, and sharing life adventures.

Hale Huber started a tradition for our gathering around the campfire at dusk, reading the humorous poem set in Alaska entitled ***The Cremation of Sam McGee***. As an added twist, when there are enough kids at the campout, they get to build an effigy of Sam from old clothes, branches to construct arm, legs and neck, then stuff it with pine needles. At the appropriate point in the poem, the effigy is placed in the campfire so Sam can finally get warm.

Not an event that will attract everyone. I can make strong arguments for and against my continuing to attend, but decided to keep attending and adding notches to my marshmallow stick marking another quality weekend with my old and new UU friends.

**Communications by Lyn Pearson –
webmaster@uuchurchlc.org**

Church Sound System

Last month I mentioned that our audio/visual system failures were due to cascading problems. Along with Facilities and our audio/visual technicians we have managed to dam up the cascade and we've been told our streaming church services have gotten much better. Next week, we'll implement the final upgrade when we install a new network cable at the audio/visual work station. This cable will connect directly to the internet and improve picture and sound quality. It should also eliminate any sound lag; i.e., what the speakers are saying will match what their lips are doing.

CUUPS

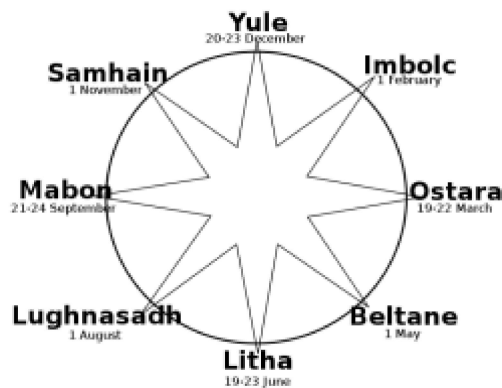
“Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.”

The Sixth Source of Affirmation
of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Monday, May 1, is Beltane, a Pagan holiday, and one of the eight sabbats. It falls about halfway between the spring equinox (Ostara) and the coming summer solstice (Litha). The holiday celebrates spring at its peak and the coming summer. Beltane also sometimes goes by the name May Day. It is a celebration of fertility in the literal sense, for the many things we can accomplish in our lives, and dreams that can become reality. In many Pagan traditions a Maypole dance is held in celebration.

Our Maypole will be erected and the dance will begin after the Beltane service on **April 30**, join us. Many hands make the work light and we will all be less dizzy!

You are invited to join CUUPS on April 15 at 6 PM. We begin with a potluck at 6:00 and ritual at 7:00. Come meet our CUUPS members, bring a dish and, if you like, stay for the ritual.



Wheel of the Year

Yule: Celebrates the winter solstice.

Imboc: An ancient festival welcoming the first wave of spring.

Ostara: Celebrates the spring equinox

Beltane: Celebrates May Day

Litha: Celebrates the summer solstice

Lughnasadh: Celebrates the beginning of the harvest season

Mabon: Celebrates the autumnal equinox

Samhain: Marks the end of summer, and the end of the harvest season. It signals the beginning of winter. On this day, pagans believe the veil between the living and the dead is especially thin.

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is an organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified Unitarian Universalists (UUs), educating people about Paganism, promoting interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified Unitarian Universalist religious professionals.

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) was chartered by the Unitarian Universalist Association at the General Assembly in 1987 for purposes of enabling:

- networking among Pagan Identified UUs; providing outreach of Unitarian Universalism to the broader Pagan community continentally.
- providing educational materials on Paganism for Unitarian Universalist congregations and the general public.
- promoting Pagan – Jewish and Christian dialogue; encouraging the development of theo/alological and liturgical materials based on earth and nature centered religious and spiritual perspectives.
- encouraging greater use of music, dance, visual arts, poetry, story, and creative ritual in Unitarian Universalist worship and celebration.
- providing support for Pagan-identified Unitarian Universalist religious professionals and ministerial students; and *fostering healing relationships with our mother the Earth and all her children.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Facilities by Charlie Scholz – facilities@uuchurchlc.org

Good News From Facilities

This was a ordinary month for our Committee. We spent some time on repair and replacement, moving items around and doing a little cleanup. We flushed the water system in the Religious Education building as there were reports of black water in the bathrooms. We replaced the overly large refrigerator in the Religious Education building kitchen with a unit that fits under the cabinets. We've kept the other fridge as a backup, of course.

We re-arranged the chairs in the Sanctuary several times to accommodate the performance of Emma's Revolution and for the Down to Earth Auction.

Finance by Katie Fitzgerald – finance@uuchurchlc.org

Financial updates will be sent to members by email.

Hospitality

HOSPITALITY: Thanks to the various covenant groups and committees that take turns supplying the goodies, setting up and cleaning up for fellowship after our Sunday services. You may have noticed the plexiglass box on the serving table inviting your free will donation. Your donation helps cover the cost of tea, coffee, creamers, cups, etc. that the Hospitality Committee ensures is on hand each Sunday so we can concentrate on the goodies and each other! Thanks for your generous support. Ed Gomolka and Bill Fitzgerald

Hospitality Rotation Schedule

This schedule is now permanently located on the Members page of our website under Sunday Hospitality Rotation. A new addition to the hospitality rotation is the Caring Committee, which will be handling 5th Sundays throughout the year.

Library by Rabbit Loring

Library Clean Sweep!

The air is clear, the temperature mild. The breeze is balmy (usually). The birds are chirping. Ahh...Spring! The time when our fancy turns to... spring cleaning!!

The library has been enjoying a wonderful influx of new books. Our shelves are brimming—some to overflowing. The time has come to do a little thinning out. There are old, tired volumes with outdated information. There are duplicates that we really don't need. Some areas can be broken down into sub-categories that will make the section more useful to folks looking for specific information. All of this means moving lots of books, sorting, deciding which books go into which sections. We could use some help.

If you love books, if you have an ordered mind, or if you just like lugging around heavy boxes, come join us in a library Clean Sweep Day. Since I will be away on vacation, it will have to be some time in the middle of May. Contact me by email (margaretloring@yahoo.com) if you would like to help and we can all work out a good time to do this very satisfying work and help make our library even more inviting! See you in the library!

Membership by Lyn Pearson – membership@uuchurchlc.org

Lyn Pearson, Cathy Cox, Jeff Harris, Janet Martinez, Lori Miller, Jodie Nachison, Lindsay Neal, Carol Stanfill, and Mark Sukontarak are your Membership Committee. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month in the library.

2023 New Members

As Rev. Kowalski stated in his article, we have 10 new members since January 1, 2023. Please take time to greet these new members:

- Carol Allen
- Darryl Decker
- Johanna Grasso
- Kevin and Lena Fitzgerald
- Danny and Deborah Hawkins
- Ed Long and Linda Ruchalla
- Sylvie Peale

Thanks to Our April Greeters

In April, our greeters were: Diane Lee, Peggy Devlin, Steve Hychka, John Seeley, Jane Asche, Robert Severance, Ginny Herrick, Mark Sukontarak and Cathy Cox.

Roundtable

Sunday, April 30, *Don Kurtz – Electrify Everything: Four and a half personal decisions that will save the planet. A worldwide move toward electrifying transportation, buildings and industry offers the best path to addressing a rapidly warming climate. This presentation will discuss that movement and what it means for each of us personally. Don is a professor at NMSU and the author of several books in addition to being a climate activist.*

Social Justice – SocialJustice@uuchurchlc.org

The Social Justice Committee supports several needs in our community for our various ministries.

Change for Change

The Change for Change recipient for the second quarter (April through June) of 2023 is Border Servant Corps. This charitable organization operates a Hospitality Center to help asylum-seekers get to their sponsors in the U.S. Migrants usually only spend one or two

nights at the center. As they exit the ICE buses that bring them to Las Cruces, it is their first breath of freedom in this country and is a very special moment for them, the Center staff, and for the volunteers. At least 8 members of this congregation volunteer at the Center.

FEMA and Homeland Security provide funding for basic services. Your Change for Change donations will be used for items not supported by federal funding such as books, toys and playground equipment for the children. More than 11,000 children and their families (more than 32,000 people) from more than 50 countries around the world were served by Border Servant Corps in 2022.

Our Climate Action Group by James Caufield

Our group started just as the NM legislative session began, and we met weekly because there was so much to learn and do. There were many promising bills, but only a few passed which would have cost less than .5% of the total budget. Even this paltry amount was vetoed by the Governor. That was disappointing, especially because some bills would have allowed NM to tap huge federal funding.

As a break from all the seriousness we watched the film, "Don't Look Up." My favorite part is just before the Earth is destroyed, where the anti-hero notes that many are praying for all the lives that will be lost, but no one is praying for all the things that will be destroyed. So he gives a prayer for fine watches, deluxe apartments, etc! It's a very funny film!

We are now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, 7 PM.

We are still working on organizing our team. Among other things, Dan Hawken has offered to help Cathy Cox and James Caufield with electronic messaging. Katya Gonzalez is working on notes.

Jane Asche, Cathy Cox, Dave Rice, and Charlie Welch are working to determine what becoming a Green Sanctuary congregation would mean for our church. Charlie Welch, James Caufield and Dave Rice are trying to get info about our energy bills, and many CAG members are trying to attend Zoom events sponsored by the UUA.

Earth Day activities included a booth at the auction, where Ginny Herrick explained our induction hotplate auction item. James Caufield, Katya Gonzalez, Cathy Cox, and Mark Sukontarak put up maybe 12 educational posters. Thanks to Steve Hychka and the Auction Committee for arranging a stay in an Earthship as an auction item, a poetic touch for Earth Day indeed. Ginny also collected notes about what people are doing to help with the climate crisis, and this will be an ongoing process. You might be surprised by how many things people are doing! Please start thinking of things you might be able to add to our list. And start dreaming of activities and celebrations for Earth Day next year!

Finally, if you are looking for guidance, there will be a Roundtable next Sunday APRIL 30, 2 PM, with Don Kurtz. Among many other things, Don worked a lot to put together the recent “PowerUp Las Cruces” expo that was held in January. His talk is entitled “**Electrify Everything: Four and a half personal decisions that will save the planet.**” A worldwide move toward electrifying transportation, buildings and industry offers the best path to addressing a rapidly warming climate. This presentation will discuss that movement and what it means for each of us personally.

Sunday Services by Charlie Scholz and Katie Fitzgerald – SundayServices@uuchurchlc.org

May Services

Time seems to have flown by and already we are talking about May and its worship calendar. The countdown has begun: Catherine and the choir will be gracing the Sanctuary only three more times before their summer hiatus and our two consulting ministers each will have one more turn at leading a service.

- **May 7** – Rev. Sickafoose kicks off the month with *What Do We Talk about When we Talk About Love*.
- **May 14** – Rev. Kowalski then discusses “*How To Be Nice*” With division and discord rife in our society, how can we ensure that our congregations remain havens of civil discourse, tolerance and goodwill? This morning Gary suggests that the real question for churches is not whether to fight, but how to do so without permanently damaging the relationships we treasure.
- **May 21** – Charlie Scholz will be Service Associate and John Seeley will share thoughts on creativity.
- **May 28** – To round out the month, on May 28th, Katie Fitzgerald will take a creative look at how musicians have led resistance movements in many times and eras. Her homily is entitled *Where Have the Flowers Gone?*

We hope that you will join us live in the Sanctuary or livestreaming on YouTube: UULasCruces.

Requests and Items of Interest

Request: Little Free Pantry Needs a Facelift

On April 17, 2021, our Little Free Pantry was dedicated with a blessing service. With the generous contributions of this congregation and the dedicated Pantry Crew volunteers, it has been stocked with food for the homeless every day since. This is a humanitarian project of

which UUCLC deserves pride and recognition.

One problem, though. After two years in the wind and a little rain, the structure is looking a bit shabby. It needs a facelift. If you can volunteer for this task (we will pay for all necessary materials), please see Dave Rice or Jan Thompson.

Request: Sign Up For Qi-Gong

Carol Allen, a trained instructor, invites you to sign up for her April 5 – June 21 Qi-Gong classes. There is a \$15 registration fee for the series and all money goes to the church. Carol teaches Qi-Gong with Indian club movement. It is a gentle movement class that increases strength, balance and concentration. Classes are Wednesdays at 11:45 AM in the Religious Education great room. Seven people can sign up for this class. Please use this electronic sign up form.

Request: Sign Up for J. Paul Taylor Center Fine Dining Experience

Haney Pearson is asking for participants in the quarterly May Fine Dining at the J Paul Taylor Center. The event is scheduled for May 13. That is the easy part. The hard part is coming up with a main dish that we can create and interesting side dishes that are attractive to the young men in the center.

We have been successful thus far with pulled pork sandwiches, baked spiral cut ham, and Elwin's spicy meatballs. Now, I am thinking about something Mexican, perhaps Doña María Mole!!

It sure is good that I am married to a very sensible woman. Well, so much for fixing mole chicken for 20.

Back to the drawing board.

For the spicy meatball dinner, we had a very interesting mix of people, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. But then Unitarian Universalists always seem to enjoy themselves when there is good food and conversation.

If you would like to participate in the May dinner, please complete this form and we'll discuss what is needed for the dinner.

Generous Giving by Jack Welch

We thank nine of our members for their generosity this past month.

Lyn Pearson made donations to both Casa de Perigrinos and Tents-to-Rents Fund. Elwin Nunn made generous gifts in kind by purchasing two ladders and a mirror for our church.

Our Social Justice Fund in support of the Little Pantry received special gifts from Nancy L Anderson, Cathy Carver, Doyle and Pamela Daves, Bob and Joan Pipkins, Dave and Ginny Rice, Jan Thompson, and Susan West. In addition to Little Pantry, Doyle and Pamela made a special gift to our Change-for-Change Fund. Again, we offer our thanks to all.

Events of Note

APR 30 – Roundtable

2 PM on Zoom. Don Kurtz – Electrify Everything: Four and a half personal decisions that will save the planet.

MAY 19 – Eating Out

In May, Eating Out will be on May 19th, 4rd Friday at 5:30. We will be going to Zeffiro's Pizzeria Downtown at 136 N Water St Suite A. They serve Neapolitan pizza and other Italian food.

Don't forget to RSVP Janet Martinique at EatingOut@uuchurchlc.org or you can complete this form.

JUN 21-25 – 2023 UUA General Assembly

Save these dates. General Assembly 2023 will be held June 21-25 in Pittsburgh as well as virtually from right here in Las Cruces. More information will be forthcoming. The theme is Faithfully Becoming.

We are at a threshold moment for our faith, and will choose the next path in our journey. We will consider new articulations of Article II (including our Principles and Purpose) and elect a new President to lead our Association. These are decisions that will shape who we are and how we respond to and grow through these times. These changes offer us possibilities for becoming more connected, courageous, inclusive, generous, and continuing our ongoing journey of becoming Beloved Community.

Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly website

July 21 – 23 – Annual Church Gila Campout

The Tombaugh Gallery

The Tombaugh Gallery is normally open Thursday through Saturday, from 10am to 2:00pm and Sunday, 11:00am to 2:00pm. Gallery@uuchurchlc.org

Regularly Scheduled Activities

1st and 3rd Monday – Climate Action Group

The 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM May through December 18, 2023, join us on Zoom for a Climate Action Group meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88911933049?pwd=WkVPdTdyTitJbVpqdHA4U3JybC9VUT09>

Every Tuesday

T'ai Chi, 10-11 AM in the Religious Education Building great room.

T'ai Chi, 5:45-6:45 PM in the Religious Education Building great room.

Library Hours – 1-3 PM in the library in the Administration Building

Every Wednesday

Caring Conversations meets on Zoom from 9-10

AM. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87064121421?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87064121421?pwd=QmNhYVlrUTltK1cxRDhSRVdOU01rdz09)

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Weight Watchers meets at 9:30-11:30 AM in the Religious Education Building great room.

Qi-Gong meets at 11:45 AM-1:00 PM in the Religious Education Building great room.

The Bridge Group plays bridge every Wednesday at 2 pm in the church lobby. If you want to play, contact Nancy Anderson by email, phone, or at church to let her know you would like to be on her weekly contact list.

Every Thursday

T'ai Chi, 10-11 AM in the Religious Education Building great room.

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Every Friday

Yoga, 12 noon until 1 PM in the Religious Education Great Room.

T.G.I.F. – Zoom Together. A great way to end your with your fellow Unitarian Universalists. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5755227281?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5755227281?pwd=OEp3RTNkcWNid0tTNHFDNHEzUFNIUT09)
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Meeting ID: 575 522 7281
Passcode: 7777777

Every Sunday

Library Hours — 11:00 to 11:30 AM.

First Friday Game Night

Game Night Cancelled for May, Then on Haitus for Summer

Game Night for May 5th is cancelled due to both facilitators being absent. In addition, Game Night will be on hiatus for the summer. In August, a survey will be given to see what folks desire in a Game Night. Be thinking of some ideas this summer.

2nd and 4th Saturdays

UU Crafters

Crafters in May will meet on the 2nd Saturday in May, that's May 13th at 1pm in the Religious Education Great Room. Sara will have candle making available with emphasis on twisted and braided candles. Level – easy. All are welcome.

3rd Thursday

Death Cafe

Please join us the third Thursday of each month for an opportunity to sit with others and share your experiences with death and grieving. In the church Library 6:30-8:00 PM.
Contact Brooks Lewis at DeathCafe@uuchurchlc.org or leave a voice message at 512-826-1472.

3rd Saturday

Desert Spirit CUUPs is the 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.