

High Desert Dispatch: August 2021

Bulletin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City

Join us at 3845 N. Swan Street, 10:00 a.m. Sundays

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City is a diverse group of religious independents seeking knowledge, spiritual sustenance, fellowship and opportunities for service to others. Our programs encompass humanism, liberal Christianity, earth-based spirituality, Buddhism and many other traditions. The members themselves plan and present the Sunday programs. **Please join us.**

Aug 1st Sharman Apt Russell will read from her recent book *Within Our Grasp: Childhood Malnutrition Worldwide and the Revolution Taking Place to End It* (Pantheon Books, April, 2021) & answer questions from the audience. One-fourth of the world's children are stunted physically & mentally due to a lack of food or nutrients. These children do not die but endure a lifetime of diminished potential. *Within Our Grasp* is an important, hopeful book that looks at successful approaches and programs working to end this unnecessary suffering. **(Cont'd on page 3)**

Aug 8th Carol Ann & Mike Fugagli "The Urgency of Now" The science is clear; the time for action on climate is NOW. Please join local climate activists Mike and Carol Ann as they provide the latest science on climate change, and show, unequivocally, that we have entered a decisive decade for humanity's future on our rapidly warming planet. **(Cont'd on page 3)**

Aug 15th Todd Miller "Build Bridges, Not Walls: A Journey to a World Without Borders" By the time Todd Miller spots him, Juan Carlos has been wandering alone in a remote border region for days. Parched, hungry and disoriented, he approaches and asks for a ride. Miller's instinct is to oblige, but he hesitates: Furthering an unauthorized person's entrance into the U.S. is a federal crime. **(Cont'd on page 3)**

Aug 22nd Claire Shawhan "Famous Women of New Mexico" Through use of dramatic art and storytelling, Ms. Shawhan will explore the lives of three notable, historical New Mexican women, including one from Silver City. Ms. Shawhan is a member of the UU Church of Las Cruces and frequents the UUFSC when she stays at her summer place in the Burros. **Ron Gabioud, moderator**

Aug 29th Christina Wolford, Exec Director for SPIN (Supporting People In Need) will speak about the SOS (Seasonal Overnight Shelter) & housing a difficult to house population, and how people can use their time, talent, and treasure to help. She will discuss the services provided and the services they are working to provide in the near future. Q & A to follow. **Carol Morrison, moderator**

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Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office coordinator uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com for scheduling.

REMINDER: UUFSC Safety Protocol

Masks are encouraged.

If you are unvaccinated: For the protection of others, please practice social distancing and wear a mask except when eating or drinking.

NUUs From The Board:

There have been well-attended gatherings since our re-opening! Approximately 54 people attended the first Sunday potluck and good numbers have attended our July services. Kudos to the Program Committee for scheduling interesting and important topics for the services every week through the fall!

The Membership list to renew your membership, or begin new membership for the 2022 year was activated on July 4. For those who haven't signed the list, it is located in the lobby area or pinned to the lobby wall. Returning & new members need to sign-up by early September in order to vote at the UUFSC Annual Meeting in November. We sure enjoy our potlucks & already look forward to our Labor Day potluck. With good luck for monsoon rains we are hopeful to have a grill for the potluck.

Enjoy your summer travels, stay well, and we'll see you at Fellowship! Susan Price, Secretary

Notes from the Chair:

The rains came. And for the UUFSC, the doors were flung open for a July 4th picnic and excellent July programs. The program committee has just one or two slots left for 2021; the flowers are thriving on our patio, and we just dedicated a mural by Lillian Connolly for all to enjoy. How about that?

Please schedule a slot with Zoey to help with hospitality on Sunday mornings, or offer a program for this winter, or ask to be a greeter--a fun way to get to know our members and visitors. And welcome back to fantastic part-timers, Michael and Sachiko Selman! Your Chair, Carol Morrison

Membership 2021-2022: Please remember to sign the annual membership list in the lobby if you are a returning member of the UUFSC. If you wish to sign as a returning member but are NOT attending programs at present, you may request that your name be added by proxy. Please let Board Chair Carol Morrison or Office Coordinator Sandra Michaud know by sending an email request: carolmorr@gmail.com; sandramichaud1981@gmail.com. If you are wanting to become a NEW member, please contact Nancy Cliff, Carol Morrison or any member of the UU Board. Thank you!

The Social Justice Committee meets on the first Friday of every month at 11am at the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend and participate. Contact is Joe Neri (Joe12Bar@gmail.com).

Here's a shout out to our August birthday babies!

August 06 Marty Eberhardt

August 07 Peggy Spofford

August 08 Dave Krisch

August 15 Frank Ogas

August 28 Karen Murphy If you want to be on our birthday listing, please send name(s) and birthday(s) to carolmorr@gmail.com.

Cont'd from page 1 Aug 1st As a longtime nature/science writer, **Sharman** believes that environmental & humanitarian goals are aligned. A healthy Earth requires healthy children, just as healthy children require a healthy Earth. She believes in the miracle of the body: how we turn food & nutrients into thought & the power of a good story. "We are the story-telling animal," she writes. "Feeding all our children is such a good story." Sharman will talk about her travels in Malawi researching this book, why the empowerment of women is key to eliminating childhood malnutrition, & what economists have to say about the costs & benefits of ending hunger. **Nancy Stephens, Moderator**

Cont'd from page 1 Aug 8th

As co-coordinators of the Upper Gila Watershed Alliance's climate justice and youth empowerment program, Thinking ON a Mountain, **Mike and Carol Ann** will also talk about their local work with area youth, and provide a roadmap for climate action at the local, state, national, and international levels. Keenly aware of the psychological toll that climate change and biodiversity loss can have on youth and adults alike, Mike and Carol Ann will also talk about their personal struggles with ecological grief, and the tools they use to stay motivated, hopeful, and sane in the face of mass extinction.

Heidi Ogas, Moderator

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Todd Miller has been reporting from international border zones for over twenty-five years. In his talk, he invites listeners to join him on a journey that begins with the most basic of questions: What happens to our collective humanity when the impulse to help one another is criminalized? Is it possible to imagine a borderless world? How could it emerge, and how might it be better equipped to solve the global emergencies that threaten our collective survival?

Ted Whittemore, Moderator