

# High Desert Dispatch: August 2022

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.**

**UUFSC Safety Protocol: We will not be consuming food or drinks in the building until further notice. Masks must be worn in the building at ALL times. We will continue to enjoy refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.**

**Aug 7: Allyson Siwik - Building Climate Resilient Greenways in Silver City.** The Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) and partners are implementing projects local creeks. This riparian work address a variety of issues, including erosion and invasive plants. They work to re-establish drought tolerant, native vegetation beneficial to wildlife and pollinators. Allyson is the Executive Director of GRIP.  
**Moderator Nancy Cliff**

**Aug 14: Zoe Wolfe – Artworks.** Join local Artist Zoe Wolfe on a journey of her work celebrating our essential being. She will engage us by telling stories and sharing images. Zoe is a full time artist, working mostly in clay, with a breadth of experience and honors. **Moderator Nancy Stephens**

*This is a Family/Childrens' Program Sunday – children 4 yrs and older have their own special activities.*

**Aug 21: Carlos & Linda Price - UU General Assembly.** Carlos and Linda Price represented our UUFSC as delegates at the 2022 UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon this summer. They will share some of the highlights of the conference and their impressions as first-time attendees. The Prices moved to Silver City in November 2021 from Bayou Vista, TX where they were part of the UU Fellowship of Galveston Co.

**Moderator Art Thorn**

**Aug 28: Alicia Edwards - Engaged vs Educated: The Evolution of an Elected Official.** Emotion now dominates how citizens engage with issues and with elected public officials. This means that emotional outrage is taking over rational thought, discussion, and action. Alicia Edwards will discuss this with us on 8/28. Alicia's experience includes important non-profit leadership roles in our county. She is currently a County Commissioner. **Moderator Lynda Aiman-Smith**

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<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJOXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode (if needed): UUFSC

## Notes from your Board Chair Carol Morrison

*Youth liven up our space.* How delightful seeing sweet young faces at the cookie plate after our Sunday UU programs. July 24th we had six young people in attendance. Ivy is our youth teacher; older Liam mentors younger Liam; and our Child Care worker Teja helps with Alayna, Mairi and Zenah. Gay Hedges is our Family Program Director.

*Mark your Calendar for a Workshop!* The Fellowship and The Lotus Center are negotiating co-sponsoring a weekend workshop on Non Violent Communication. The certified instructor will be Karen Starz of Truth of Consequences. The tentative weekend is November 11-13, Veterans Day Weekend. Karen will also offer ten follow-up sessions using the work of Marshall Rosenberg. She is available to us at a steep discount because we are a faith community. Stay tuned!

*Becoming a Welcoming Congregation.* Four UUs have stepped up to help us become a certified UUA Welcoming Congregation to the LGBTQ community. Needed - Four more volunteers! Victoria Reece and Aubrey Thomas raised their hands (Aubrey via Zoom from CA); and Joanne deMichele and Stephanie Smith will be joining the work group from the Board. Joanne researched the work involved in this project and feels that we can meet our goals by the next Semi-Annual Meeting in May of 2023 rather than November of 2023. Much of the foundation is already in place here in our small but mighty congregation. Come and be a part of this important work.

*Engaging More - You, too, can lead!* We are still in need of an Outreach Coordinator, Caring and Membership Team Leaders, and someone to head up Adult Religious Education. You can contact Carol Morrison, [carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorr@gmail.com) or 575 223-8972 for referral to the right contact person. Many thanks go out to those volunteers already faithfully at work!

### **Celebrate Lammas / Lughnasadh – The Cross Quarter Holiday marks Start of Harvest**

Visualize the Wheel of the Year – a circle with eight equal segments. The cardinal points of the directions are the solar holidays (North – Winter Solstice; East – Spring Equinox; South – Summer Solstice; West – Autumn Equinox). Between each solar holiday is a “Cross Quarter” holiday. Celebrated on August 1 & 2, Lammas or Lughnasadh is a Cross Quarter holiday falling between the Summer Solstice and Autumn Equinox. It is celebrated by baking bread, blessing the fruits of the first harvest, and making corn dollies from stalks that are left after picking grain or corn. The folk song “John Barleycorn” is for this holiday.

**A shout out to our August Birthday babies!** Want to see your name next year? Send an email to Denise Smith [denisesmith09@gmail.com](mailto:denisesmith09@gmail.com)

Marty Eberhardt 8/6

Peggy Spofford 8/7

Dave Krisch 8/8

Frank Ogas 8/15

Karen Murphy 8/28

### **Calendar of Building Events**

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