

High Desert Dispatch: December 2020

Bulletin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City

3845 N. Swan Street, Silver City, NM

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.**

Watch for the UU Listserv e-mails about zoom programs/links.

Dec 6th Zoom Reverend Christine Robinson (retired UU minister from 1st Unitarian Church ABQ) will talk with us about Unitarians and Christmas. It will be a combination of UU history and interesting tales about our contribution to the season, "possibly starting with St. Nicholas, whose day that is, a real bishop who was so stressed out about the possibility that his trinitarian position wouldn't win the day at the Council of Nicaea that he punched the Unitarian Bishop in the nose".

Dec 20th Joe Neri As we approach the end of 2020, one of the most challenging years in recent history, please join us for our final Sunday program of the year. We'll be celebrating the holidays, especially the Winter Solstice, the astronomical moment in time of the shortest day & the longest night of the year. How appropriate that we get together for the end of darkness & the long night and the return of light and hope. So get ready to **Zoom**, Silver City holiday-style. Wear your ugly holiday sweater & put on your best bunny slippers. Show us your festive tree & decorations. Sip a cup of eggnog & enjoy some homemade holiday cookies. Maybe even listen to "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" (on mute, of course!), as we celebrate & appreciate our UU community.

UU Family Programs message from Chellee: Happy Holidays to my young UU friends, Kit, Angela, Samantha, Junie, Liam, Ivy, Marius, & Amara! I want you all to know how special & amazing you are. You are the light in lots of people's lives, including mine! If you want to feel super fantastic this holiday season, there's an easy way to do it: Put your **HEART** into it! Say nice things to people, do nice things for people, help out around the house, make something beautiful to give or share. Little tiny things can make a great big difference, and you have the power to change the world just by adding more LOVE to it. Get creative & think of ways to help others feel good; I promise it will make you feel GREAT! Lots of Love and Blessings from your friend, Chellee

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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.

Notes from Your Chair:

I'll keep this note short so that all of you can read the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Fellowship, just sent out by our Board secretary, Susan Price. We will miss having Zoey Cronin on our Board, but we are delighted to welcome Stephanie Smith onto the Board as the new Vice Chair. We remain strong.

I thank you for your continued support of our Fellowship. We had a healthy attendance at our Zoom annual meeting; we continue to see many of you dropping off donations for our service project in Palomas; and we are able to pay our UU bills and support our contract workers through this difficult break in congregational programs and gatherings. I am also certain that you will enjoy our two excellent Zoom Sunday programs this month.

Please STAY SAFE through these holidays. We are hopefully seeing a light at the end of this tunnel and need to remain healthy until we can meet again. I miss hugs. I miss my UU friends and family. But knowing you are healthy and staying safe makes it all worth it. As we ring out this 2020 year with all its pain and joys, let's be grateful for the small blessings. Happy and safe stay-at-home holidays to each of you. See you next year! Carol Morrison

NUUs from the Board

On November 15th at 10:00 the UUFSC Annual Meeting was held on Zoom. We are grateful for all 27 members in attendance who gave us a quorum! Much of the information in the meeting was sent by email on the list-serv. For those who were unable to attend the meeting, please see the detailed minutes that have been sent to the list-serv to get the updates and new information from the meeting, such as the Treasurer's report. The Audit Committee members and Nomination Committee members were re-nominated and re-elected, and Carly Preusch is joining the Nomination Committee. The slate of Officers of the Board was reviewed and re-elected, except for Zoey Cronin who is leaving Vice Chair and will be replaced by Stephanie Smith. The following people were recognized with appreciation for the roles they have served in the Fellowship: Zoey Cronin- Vice Chair, Nancy Cliff- Membership (leaving role), Sandy Michaud-Hospitality (to be replaced by Zoey Cronin), and Susan GoLightly- Outreach (leaving role). Please contact any Board member if you can volunteer for vacancies on Membership or Outreach. Outreach has been inactive in 2020 due to Covid-19 restricting gatherings, but this is a great time for new ideas to spring forth as we look forward to a healthier new year!

NEW Directory If anyone wants the new directory sent to them electronically, please email Sandra at sandramichaud1981@gmail.com.

Possible UU go-to resources to use during the pandemic closure:

- For Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces -- Sunday service (10am)
<http://www.uuchurchlc.org/> (uses Zoom format)

- For First Unitarian of Albuquerque -- Sunday service at 11:00 am
<http://uuabq.com/> (uses Zoom format). First Unitarian also offers a Vespers program on Wednesday at 7pm via Zoom on the same website.

- From Deena Gentle - Tucson: Every Sunday, the Baja 4 ministers post a Sunday Service video. The video is available for viewing on our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/user/MVUUCongregation>
We recommend viewing it at 10 am & then joining our community for an online Fellowship Hour at 11 am!
- For Lotus Center schedule of meditation & yoga programs – go to <https://lotuscentersc.org/events/> They are now live streaming and you can sign up for classes. Jeff Goin is facilitating a meditation program (Zoom) at 10 am on Sundays.
- The UU Church of the Larger Fellowship site has articles as well as zoom meetings and other resources on their website: www.questformeaning.org