

High Desert Dispatch: February 2021

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.

Feb 14th A VALENTINE TREAT! Love Poetry with Joanie Connors.

Joanie notes that in her years of practicing psychotherapy and teaching, she's learned so much from her clients and students, from their profound stories and their searches for love. She wrote 16 articles and then found that poetry was the best way to express that wisdom about love. And now she has 3 books of love poems--and some real



surprises!!

Joanie will be available after service from noon until 1:00 p.m. at the UU building with copies of her book(s). COVID restrictions in place. Proceeds of any sales will go to support the refugee shelter in Palomas.

Feb 28th Ivy's blurb

Set Your Sites on Pigs! 7th grader, Ivy Stephens-Etheridge, will give a brief overview of Google Sites, demonstrate how to make your own, and tell you all about pigs.



Calendar of Building Events

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

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News From The Board:

Even though we aren't currently meeting in person, we still need to fill the vacant Committee Coordinator slots, so that we can continue full service as soon as we are able. The Coordinator positions still needing to be filled are for Membership and Outreach. Please contact Carol Morrison or any Board member if you are interested, have questions, or you are willing to take either of these important roles.

We want to celebrate each of you as your birthday month comes around. Please send your and your children's day/month to Susan Price or Carol Morrison to get your name on our list.

On another note, for changes in your address/phone or other membership info, please send an email to Board Secretary, Susan Price, at susan2price@gmail.com. New member info should also go to Susan, until we have a new volunteer Membership Lead in place. As we annually renew our membership to UUFSC, we will need to "sign-up" again with that intent, by mid-March. Watch for an email from Susan Price regarding the email sign-up sheet.

Those without email will be called.

The Board is concerned about ways we can enhance and strengthen ties to members and friends, especially those not watching Sunday Zoom programs. We are only serving about 1/3 of our membership through the Sunday Zoom services. Remember, if you can't watch the Zoom service in person, you can see any of the recorded services later. Chellee Chase sends out an email following each Zoom service with the link. Please contact any Board member if you have other suggestions for connecting with members and friends. Let's keep in touch with each other.

Susan Price

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR: Brrrr. We are finally having winter! I know we are all breathing a little bit better these days, as we see positive changes in our national governance. Our Fellowship will continue to support our SJ border initiatives whether in Palomas or back in Deming. Thanks to all who show up to help under Barbara's capable leadership, and to all who give.

Our program committee and speakers continue to give us thoughtful Sunday zoom programs, and February will be no exception. We did experience two criminal acts on our property when our Black Lives Matter Sign was first vandalized, and then stolen. We do have another replacement sign that we will put back in place soon. A police report was lodged. We will not be silenced.

Thank you for continuing to believe in your Fellowship and to support our work and workers. I believe that there is actually a light at the end of the tunnel, and it will be a light welcoming us back into fellowship at our building, hopefully, by mid-summer. Until that time, let's continue waving on Zoom on Sundays and checking in on our neighbors and fellow UUs. AND please let me know if you need assistance in any way. We are strong together.

Carol Morrison (NEW PHONE 575 223 8972) carolmorr@gmail.com.

Family Programs:

A message for Ivy, Liam, Kit, Angela, Samantha, Junie, Marius, and Amara: Hi Friends! I hope you enjoyed the snow! February is Valentine's month, and there are lots of fun things to make. One good website I found is <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/valentines-day-crafts-for-kids/>. If we were getting together in person, we'd be making beautiful gifts for people we love, so why not do that at home?

Oh, and another fun thing in February: our friend Ivy will be presenting a whole program about National Pig Day on the 28th. Remind your parents that you want to watch that day. Maybe you'll be inspired to do a program, too! Until I see you again, be good, have fun, and remember to keep smiling!
Love, Chellee

Miscellaneous:

If anyone has Membership questions, they should call and/or email Nancy Cliff.

ncliff49@gmail.com 575-313-3750

Dear fellow outdoor enthusiasts,

New Mexico is working on a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and is seeking community input. If you haven't already done so, please take a minute to add your voice to the plan: <https://www.getoutsidenm.org/> and please, pass this along to others!

Our collective input is important in shaping the future of outdoor recreation and New Mexico's growing outdoor economy.

The **Men's "Heart Circle"** group is still going strong and open for new members who might be interested in joining. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month on Zoom and discuss topics that relate to deeper issues in our lives and the community. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please call Mike Ferris at 575 313 6733.

BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUT!! Birthday Shout Out for February, the "Month of Love". Congratulations to:

February 21 Beatriz Giraldo

February 28 Lynda Aiman-Smith

February 29 Mairi Cronin

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

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