

High Desert Dispatch: January 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.

Jan. 3rd Chellee Chase -- "Your Time to Shine". ZOOM

Prepare for 2021 -- your greatest year yet! It's never really been about "what will the future bring?" It's always been about "what will you bring to the future?" So, now is the time to bring clarity to your vision, and learn how to raise your vibrational frequency to resonate with, and hence attract, all that you wish to be, do, and have. You have complete creative control over your life experience. What you project becomes your future, so make it a habit to project powerfully and intentionally. It all begins here!

Jan. 17th Catalina Claussen -- "Holding Onto Hope" ZOOM

In her recently released book Catalina Claussen explores the complex realities facing immigrant families and community members living under constant deportation threats. Join us as Catalina delves into the process of writing about immigration issues in her latest young adult novel.

Catalina is a southwestern storyteller, young adult novelist, and poet whose works include young adult novels *Diamonds at Dusk* (2016), *Diamonds at Dawn* (2018), *Holding on to Hope* (2020), and the humorous short story collection *Being Home: A Southwestern Almanac* (2020). Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and now a long-time resident of the Mimbres Valley, Claussen has gained a deep appreciation of the people and the land.

Following the program, Catalina will be available from 12 - 1pm at the UUFSC Fellowship Hall with copies of her publications for sale. Please adhere to Covid protocols (face masks and distancing required).

Jan 31st Allyson Siwik -- "Meeting Southwest New Mexico's Water Needs under the Arizona Water Settlements Act" ZOOM

Now that the Gila River diversion project is off the table, how can we put the remaining \$80 million in Arizona Water Settlements Act funding to good use? Allyson Siwik, Executive Director of the Gila Conservation Coalition, will discuss next steps for building water supply resilience for everyone in southwest New Mexico.

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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.

News From The Board:

The board did not meet in December, nor did we have anything come up for email discussion, so we have nothing to report.

Susan Price

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR: I think we all welcome the New Year with hopes for a more just, kind and responsive national government. Within our Fellowship, I am thankful that our programs, social justice project and caring connections continue to thrive. I am thankful that we can continue to support our contract employees and care for our building and property. (Our UU parking lot is a beehive of community SJ activity every Wednesday from 2:30 until 3:30!) I send thanks to all of you who continue to support the Fellowship with your time, your talents and your financial resources. You make a difference!

We stay in touch through our listserv, our UU forum, our monthly newsletter, and our Sunday zoom programs. If you have not joined us for a zoom Sunday service, please give us a try. Zoom instructions are pretty clear. If you need a bit of technical advice to download the app or join in, let me know, and I'll get one of our techno wizards to talk you through it by phone or email. I asked for help myself!

I resolve to be the best possible Chair I can be during this time that we are physically separated. Please share any suggestions you have about how we can better serve each other and the Fellowship.

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

Miscellaneous:

Jan White, friend of the Fellowship, has decided to move to senior housing. Her health issues have forced this decision. She has made arrangements for re-homing her cats, but is looking for a good home for her American Blue Heeler, Jack, "a great trail hiking dog." Jack is about 50 pounds and four (4) years old. Jan will provide a photo if you'd like. Please contact her at janlee.white57@gmail.com or by phone 575-654-3353

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!! January brings birthdays for four UU members and friends:

Geri Sanders	January 6
Jane Riger	January 11
Juniper Armstrong	January 20
Azima Lila Forest	January 21

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.

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**