

# High Desert Dispatch: January 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 serving food or drinks in the building until further notice. Masks will need to be worn in the building at ALL times. We will continue to serve refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.**

**Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** This program will be **Open Mic**. Susan Golightly will facilitate. You are invited to share poetry or a reading, artwork, play music, do a dance, or even a short skit. Each presentation should be no more than 3 – 5 minutes. This first Sunday program is in honor of the late John Catsis, a beloved member of UUFSC, who felt Open Mic was the best way to start the new year.

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup> The Interplay of Creativity, Spirituality and Intuition -- Maryam Weidner** Everyone is creative; everyone has the impulse for creative expression of some kind. Various forms of this include cooking, gardening, singing, painting, writing, decorating, and visual arts...just to name a few. (see pg 2) **Moderator Heidi Ogas**

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Bridge Community Village - Senior Housing options for Silver City -- Aimee Jaurequi** The Bridge Community is a non-profit organization established in 2012 to create a transitional living community for seniors in Grant County. The development of an affordable housing community, with transitional care services, has proven to be challenging but remains the goal of the organization. (see pg 2) **Moderator Ron Gabioud**

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> "Nazare"** – a novel by **JJ Amaworo Wilson** (Writer-in-residence at WNMU). "Nazare" was inspired by the Arab Spring and other movements for social justice. The book has been described by U.S. Poet Laureate Emeritus Juan Felipe Herrera: "I celebrate *Nazaré* for its power, tenderness, and transcendence. A rare, ground-shaking novel", and (see pg 2) **Moderator Pat Sterling**

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** Al Gore is featured in a TED talk (2020): "**How to make Radical Climate Action the New Normal**" with discussion to follow. We also plan to be welcoming several new members. **Moderator, Carol Morrison**

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## Calendar of Building Events

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

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**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** As humans, we also have the inclination to explore our spiritual essence and sometimes receive 'hunches' or intuitive hits. Is our desire to create connected to our spiritual nature and our innate intuitive abilities? How might they support and stimulate each other? In this presentation, Maryam Weidner will share her own experience of the ways in which creativity, spirituality and intuition have come together to impact her artwork and her life. She is an intuitive artist who plays in clay, paint, and words. She is also an ordained minister, workshop facilitator, and advocate for creative expression who studied and taught at the Creative Problem Solving Institute in Buffalo, NY.

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>** As the board continues to raise funds and explore various housing options, the needs of seniors to safely remain at home often go unmet. To help address these needs, the Bridge Community is seeking additional members to assist in the creation of a "Village", based on a national volunteer network model to help seniors age-in-place, as long as possible.

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** by American Book Award winner Daniel Chacón: "This brilliant novel will earn JJ Amaworo Wilson a spotlight on the main stage of world fiction." JJ will sell and sign copies this Sunday.

**Notes from your Chair:**

May you welcome the New Year with open arms. The holiday gathering on December 26th found 20 hardy folks having a good time in the waning sun and wind of the afternoon. Members of the Program planning and Hospitality groups and your Board helped with set up and clean up; and those who came also shared goodies and laughter. Regretfully, no music or fire outdoors happened due to the chill factor! Thank you to all who helped and who came and shared.

**WEATHER!** We are now entering winter! Snow and low temps may blow in the new year. Remember to stay tuned for any UU program cancellations. You can always call me at 575 223-8972. We will try to post as early as possible and remain open as much as possible...even if it's for coffee and conversation. (And no snickers from the Alaska contingent that believes no New Mexico weather is that bad!)

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS!** Now is not the time to ease up on safety protocols. (1) In short, you gotta wear a mask at all times inside, and no drinking or eating or singing. (2) You also need to wear a mask outdoors as well, unless you are eating or drinking on the patio after service. (3) And remember, if you do test positive after recently attending a UU program, be responsible and let your Chair know 575 223-8972, [carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorr@gmail.com) so that I can alert members/guests to a possible exposure. It's the right and caring thing to do

**Here's a big shout out for our January babies!**

If you'd like to see your birthday here, please send an email to: [carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorr@gmail.com).  
6<sup>th</sup> Geri Sanders, 11<sup>th</sup> Jane Riger, 20<sup>th</sup> Juniper Armstrong, 21<sup>st</sup> Azima Lila Forest & 26<sup>th</sup> Melinda Austin

**News from the Board:**

The Board welcomed two new people to the December meeting and the yearly Board retreat on December 9. Joanne de Michele will be shadowing DeAnna Mooney. She is already taking on increasing responsibilities of the Treasurer position. Nancy Stephens is starting her term as At-Large representative, while she has also committed to staying on the Program Committee in 2022. We are grateful for Joanne's and Nancy's contributions already!

The monthly Treasurer's report showed our first internet billing including installation. Going forward the monthly bill will be approximately \$90. Also, this month we received \$45 from "Amazon Smile", a quarterly donation. If you haven't signed up with "Amazon Smile" to contribute to a charity with each purchase you make, we would welcome your support in signing up UUFSC as your chosen charity. For our monthly meetings we decided to continue meeting on the 3rd Sunday following the morning service. The next meeting will be on January 16, 2022. Any UUFSC member is welcome to attend any Board meeting. Susan Price, Secretary