

High Desert Dispatch: July 2021

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.**

July 4th Pot Luck picnic 11:00 am (see page 2)

July 11th -- "End of Life Options: Dignity, Choice and Comfort" – Nancy Cliff

Nancy, UUFSC member, will be presenting this program. It will be a description of our new state law that makes medical aid in dying possible. Discussion to follow.

July 18th -- "The Chiricahua & Warm Spring Apache's Impact on Southwest NM -- Past & Present" – Joe Saenz

Joe Saenz, President of the Chiricahua Apache Nation, will join us to shine light on the historical influences of the Apache and share their life ways and traditions. He will also bring us up to date on the future of the proposed Apache Headquarters at Fort Bayard and the 2021 Red Paint Pow-Wow on September 25 & 26, 2021. There will be a dedicated offertory this Sunday.

July 25th – "Silver City Recycles" -- is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized to promote community activities in the Grant County, NM area that:

- *Reduce waste deposited in landfills
- *Research resource conservation
- *Educate the public about reductions in consumer waste
- *Increase the demand for recycled products
- *Innovate through the reuse and repurposing of waste materials
- *Incubate businesses that do any of the above
- *Create a platform for networking between different recycling-based businesses

Masks are encouraged.

If you are unvaccinated: For the protection of others please practice social distancing and wear a mask except when eating or drinking.

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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.

July 4th service (Cont'd from page 1)

July 4th Picnic is on!! **Sunday, July 4th, 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship.** We will celebrate with our usual potluck and some great music from the Silver City Slickers! **We will also be celebrating Harriet Rogers' 90th birthday, just a week early.**

Tables will be set up on the patio (with shade cloth) and in our main room. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch if you do not wish to join in the potluck. Folks can also bring their own place setting or we'll have paper plates, etc. available. Iced tea, lemonade and ice water will be provided. There will be no grilling due to fire restrictions. Please follow our approved safety protocol.

News From The Board:

The Board is excited with the plan to open the building for services and to visit with people in person, our first event being the July 4th outdoor potluck picnic, starting at 11:00. There will not be a grill for out-door cooking this year due to fire restrictions. The food will be set up indoors and will have only 1 line; Masks are to be worn while in line.

Nancy Stephens shared the schedule of interesting Sunday programs from the Program Committee, beginning July 11th through the rest of the year, where there are only a few openings not filled! The Children's program will not start until at least September.

Look for a Membership Renewal List on July 4th, to sign up again as a member of UUFSC, which was not done earlier this year due to the building not being open. This list will continue to be posted in the lobby.

Paul announced that the new mural will be installed on June 30th. A celebration of the mural will be held at the UUFSC building on Sunday, July 18 after the service with PR notices going out to the community. Please put this special event on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you all again!

Susan Price, Secretary

Notes from the Chair:

We are in full swing to re-open our building for Sunday programs starting with our July 4th picnic. Hooray!! As you join us in Fellowship, please follow our approved safety protocol listed in this newsletter. We want to STAY open!! And remember to follow our listserv for announcements in case we must post changes due to Covid restrictions. We remain thankful for good health within our Fellowship.

Our building has continued to hum with activity since we had to close our doors to large gatherings. We will soon schedule a dedication of our beautiful mural to adorn our Swan Street-facing side of our building. Our packing of food Gobags for our border humanitarian work has been moved back to the Quonset Hut. We continue to accept donations on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3 – 3:30.

We plan to begin our children's RE program sometime after Labor Day, and we hope to set up a toddler nursery in early 2022. In between, we have band practice, our men's group continues to meet, and Ron Gabioud spearheads the effort to keep our outside plantings alive and thriving. Stay tuned! Carol Morrison

With services moving back into the building and Family Program on hold until after school starts, Family Programs Coordinator and Zoom Moderator **Chellee Chase** is taking the summer off.

Note to Kids:

Hey kids, hope you are having a fun summer so far. If you want to make it even better, try building up some happiness muscles with these fun tips: (1) SMILE as much as you can... smiling makes you happier, healthier, and smarter! (2) BRAIN FOOD is as important as body food... fill your brain with ideas that are fun, uplifting, and inspiring! (3) REMINDERS are great for keeping your mood bright... hang up signs and pictures that feel good to you and look at them often! (4) SHARE the goodness... "The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay; love isn't love till you give it away!"

Lots of Love from your friend, Chellee

The Social Justice Committee meets via Zoom on the first Friday of the month at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to attend and participate. If you are interested, and are not already on our Zoom invitation list, email Joe Neri at joe12bar@gmail.com.

The UUFSC music group (aka Silver City Slickers) meets every Tuesday at 2:00 PM, at the fellowship hall. All singers and players of any experience level are welcome to come by. No registration or reservation required - just show up if you are interested. Masks are required. We practice social distancing and follow COVID guidelines for group gatherings.

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**.

Here's a shout out to our June birthday babies!

July 8 George Austin
July 11 Harriet Rogers (Harriet turns 90)
July 14 Zoey Cronin
July 20 Becky Harwood
July 29 Beryl Raven
July 30 Em Cliff (Nancy's Mom turns 99)
July 30 Denise Smith

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