

High Desert Dispatch: July 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 consuming food or drinks in the building until further notice. Masks must be worn in the building at ALL times. We will continue to enjoy refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.

July 3: Potluck Picnic! Bring a dish to share for our UU picnic on the patio. Bring your own plates and silverware – that will be a big help. **Starts at 11am.**

July 10: There's No Place Like Home

Rev. Azima Lila Forest will present a reflection on the meaning of home, and what makes us feel at home. Rev. Forest is an ordained UU Minister, and a spiritual director.

Moderator Carol Morrison

This is a Family/Childrens' Program Sunday – children 4 yrs and older have their own special activities.

July 17: Ruminations about Vacations and Revelations

Longtime resident of Silver City Heidi Ogas will share a sermon written by her stepfather Joseph S. Willis This sermon discusses what vacations are and why they are important, as well as spiritual insight about some of Rev. Willis' vacations.

Moderator Heidi Ogas.

July 24: Circles of Vulnerability

Today we will talk about Circles of Vulnerability. Jennifer Johnston will use Brene' Brown's book "The Gifts of Imperfection" as a post-Covid "life raft." Jennifer Johnston is a former mental health counselor, a current psychology professor, and a vulnerable person with imperfections, navigating her best life. **Moderator**

Ron Gabioud

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July 31: Motherhood by Choice, not Chance

This 2011 short film overviews the history of the struggle for women's reproductive rights in the United States. Particularly pertinent now.

Moderator DeAnna Mooney

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Join us by Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJOXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode (if needed): UUFSC

Notes from your Chair Carol Morrison

July 3 Potluck Picnic. It is a joy to be able to have picnic events on our UU patio! After so many months of zoom and limited contact, we can get to know each other; welcome our newer members and friends; and break bread (hot dogs and burgers!) together. Our Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day picnics are always special. We can open doors and move inside if we get a little shower. See you there.

Volunteer to Work on being a Welcoming Congregation --- Your board has made a commitment to meet UUA standards to become a certified "Welcoming" congregation. That will let us be recognized on the UUA website. This will demonstrate to potential LGBTQ members and visitors that we are an inclusive Fellowship. It is a win for all of us. That said, are you interested in being on the work committee to make this happen? It is not onerous, but it is an approximately year+ commitment. We have two volunteers already: Victoria Reece and Aubrey Thomas. If you are interested in being part, contact Carol Morrison carolmorr@gmail.com, 575-223-8972, or contact any Board member. We want your help.

Other Volunteer opportunities --- Outreach Coordinator, Nominating and Audit. Team leaders needed for Caring, Membership, and ARE.

Other July News: A Short Bit of UU history by Elaine Carlson

John Murray (1741 – 1815) was a preacher in England. In 1771 he moved to the New World. After he got here, he traveled to preach Universalist beliefs. Everywhere he went people (a lot of Anglicans and Puritans but people in other faiths as well) criticized him for his message of Universal salvation for all people. Sometimes they would try to get him banned from churches.

Once when he was preaching in Boston, someone outside threw a large rock through a window. If it had hit him, Murray could have been killed. He picked up the rock and showed it to the congregation. "This argument is solid, and weighty, but it is neither rational or convincing," is the mini-sermon within a sermon he delivered to the congregation that day.

A shout out to our July Birthday babies! Want to see your name next year? Send an email to Denise Smith denisesmith09@gmail.com

July 11 - Harriet Rogers (turning 91!)

July 14 - Zoey Cronin

July 20 - Becky Harwood

July 29 - Beryl Raven

July 30 - Emeline Cliff (Nancy Cliff's mother) turns 100!

July 30 - Denise Smith

Calendar of Building Events

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