

# High Desert Dispatch: July 2023

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. Our Fellowship celebrates diversity and welcomes all, of every race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, mental and physical ability or disability, socioeconomic condition, and family structure. **Please join us.**

**UUFSC Safety Protocol: On Sundays, masks are recommended, but optional. Refreshments and potlucks can take place in the building, as well as (weather permitting) on the patio.**

**July 2: Independence Day Picnic on the Patio.** Starts at 11AM. Bring a dish to share (please label ingredients). Bring your own place settings and silverware. The Fellowship will provide non-alcoholic drinks. Help setting up and taking down tables appreciated.

**July 9: Marianne Smith** - "Helping To Build a Strong Community: the Grant County Archaeological Society." Marianne volunteers in a variety of archaeological areas, including the Grant County Archaeological Society where she acts as their current president.

**Moderator Carlos Price**

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

**July 16: Ron Troy**- "NM Land Conservancy." The NM Land Conservancy works to preserve wild lands, open spaces, watersheds, and heritage lands from future development. Ron Troy is the Program Manager for southwest NM. **Moderators Lynda Aiman-Smith & Cathleen Norman**

**July 23: Cyril Nalty** - "Update on Grant Count Gay Pride" As president of LGBTQ Grant county, Cyril will provide an overview of the agency's work of providing support and fostering a sense of community for local LGBTQ individuals. "We believe that everyone deserves to feel accepted and loved for who they are, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation." He will highlight the upcoming 2023 Pride Festival -- September 9th at Gough Park. **Moderators Ron Gabioud & Barbara Bush**

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**July 30: Video sermon by Rev Bob LaVallee (UUABQ)** - "What's so Bad about Being Woke?" **Moderator Pat Sterling**

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJQXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhwZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

**News from the Board from Board Secretary Susan Price** -- DeAnna Mooney was appointed as our UUA General Assembly delegate this summer. She Zoomed into the numerous meetings rather than going to Pittsburgh.

A proposal for a new service team to support end-of life-ministry, with already 10+ engaged in the group, was approved. A name for the group has not been determined.

Outreach coming up: Cobre schools event will be the last Saturday in July. Contact Gay Hedges for more information. Have a fun and safe summer!

**Note from the Board Chair Carlos Price** -- On July 4 we celebrate our national Independence Day. As Americans we value independence and self-reliance. Our national elections are often decided not by Democrats or Republicans, but by political Independents. We sometimes describe Fellowship as a group of religious independents. Independence implies freedom to act on our own without constraint. But is independence overrated? Strong families, strong fellowships, and strong communities require relationships marked by interdependence. We rely on others and allow them to rely on us. Maybe interdependence is more important than independence.

**Note from the Board Treasurer Joanne DeMichele** – We are beginning our new fiscal year (June 2023-May 2024). You can now make donations online. If you want to make pledge payments online, you can arrange for a one-time transfer or can set up periodic payments by using the following link:

<https://d4613cbd4d2624d9.chmeetings.com/Giving/D4613CBD4D2624D9>

1. Enter your amount; 2. Please consider clicking to pay the processing fee (for example: \$2.53 on \$100); 3. Drop down to designate where your donation will go. Default is Pledge, but you can also make your Border, social justice or building fund or other donations this way; 4. If recurring, enter the frequency of the payments (one-time, monthly, etc); 5. Click on the "Give" button, and you will be directed to PayPal. If you have a PayPal account connected to your bank account, you can do a bank transfer through PayPal. If not, you can pay with your credit card or debit card. Questions? Email UUFSC Treasurer [treasurer.uufsc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.uufsc@gmail.com)

**July Welcoming Days of Observance – July 14 is International Non-Binary People’s Day.** This day celebrates and raises awareness of non-binary people—who do not exclusively identify as a man or a woman, or who may identify as both a man and a woman, or may identify outside of these categories altogether. Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and—as of April 2022—the United States, include non-binary options in their passports. In 22 U.S. states—including New Mexico—a resident may select “X” to mark their gender on driver licenses, and 27 states—also including New Mexico—will issue a new birth certificate and not require sex reassignment surgery nor court order in order to change the gender marker. This date has been celebrated since 2012 and was chosen as it falls precisely midway between International Women’s Day on 8 March and International Men’s Day on 19 November. More information is available at <https://www.hrc.org/news/celebrating-the-diversity-of-the-non-binary-community-for-international-non> and [https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps/identity\\_document\\_laws](https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps/identity_document_laws).

**July 4 is Independence Day.** This commemorates the day in 1776 that the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. This set down what Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963, to be a “promissory note to which every American was to fall heir”—that “all [persons] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

**July 26 is Disability Independence Day.** This day celebrates the anniversary of the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The landmark legislation has served as a de facto bill of rights for Americans with disabilities by assuring them access to economic and civic opportunities. Its passage represented an unprecedented bipartisan effort to acknowledge the centuries of discrimination suffered by the disability community, and a fundamental change to how they live their lives. More information is available at <https://www.inclusionhub.com/articles/national-disability-independence-day>.

**Please donate food contributions for the Commons Food Pantry** in the basket near the front door.

**The Four Agreements Discussion Group** will meet on Friday, July 7 at 11 am at the UUFSC Fellowship Hall.

**The Soul Collage** group will meet on Wed July 12 from 3-6 pm in-person in the Community Room. All are welcome. All instructions and supplies are provided. Masks are optional, we run the air filter for better ventilation.

**The UUFSC Social Justice Committee** meets Friday, July 14 at 11am in the Community Room. All are welcome to attend, participate or merely observe. Send non-border agenda items by July 13 to Joe Neri at [joe12bar@gmail.com](mailto:joe12bar@gmail.com)

**Want to SING more as part of our UUFSC?** We sure do! Please contact Becky at [becky57harwood@gmail.com](mailto:becky57harwood@gmail.com) or Lynda at [lynda\\_aimansmith@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com) if you are interested in working together on some simple songs to sing during programs.

**Join the conversation at the next "Life Cafe" on July 27 at 4PM at the Church of Harmony, 609 N. Arizona St.** For more info contact Lisa [lmjimenez13@gmail.com](mailto:lmjimenez13@gmail.com) or (575) 574-5473.

<b>July birthdays</b>	George Austin 7/8	Jeanne Martin 7/9	Harriet Rogers 7/11	Zoey Cronin 7/14
Becky Harwood 7/20	Beryl Raven 7/29	Em Cliff (Nancy's mom) 7/30	Denise Smith 7/30	

*Want to see your birthday in the newsletter? Contact Lynda at [lynda\\_aimansmith@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com)*