

# High Desert Dispatch: June 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.**

## **June 5: Eight Years on the Town Council**

In this presentation Lynda Aiman-Smith will lay out lessons learned from her time serving as a local elected official. She will describe what the work of being a Town Councilor actually encompasses - the different challenges and periodic accomplishments. **Moderator Nancy Cliff**

## **June 12: The Change Game**

Humans are creatures of habit. We have our morning, daily, and monthly routines. Our program presenter, Jeff Goin, will encourage us to change our perception, and thereby change our habits. **Moderator Heidi Ogas**

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

## **June 19: Somewhat Dusky Skin: Mary Seacole in the Crimea**

In the 1850s, war broke out in the Crimea. Mary Seacole, a Jamaican British citizen, decided to use her skills volunteering to serve overseas. Traveling to London, facing extreme prejudice, tested her determination. Our presenter, Dr. Campbell, will talk about the challenges Seacole faced, and how she overcame them.

**Moderator Pat Sterling**

## **June 26: Changes at Gila Mimbres Community Radio**

Establishing a community radio station started in 2005, and took almost a decade to realize. In early 2014, Gila Mimbres Community Radio obtained a full non-commercial license. GMCR is a true community radio, completely supported by its members and committed to serving our local community. Our presenter, station manager Marcus Hanson, will discuss new programming and other activities. **Moderator Joe Neri**

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## **Board Members**

Carol Morrison, Board Chair  
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Nancy Cliff, Heidi Ogas

## **Caring Team Lead**

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Join us by Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJOXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhhVz09>

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

## Notes from your Chair Carol Morrison

**About our UU listservs:** The UUFSC has two separate listservs. The one most commonly used is the [silvercityuu@googlegroups.com](mailto:silvercityuu@googlegroups.com) - This should be for UU "official" business. UUFSC business can be UU events, information about a UU member or friend in need, or topics of interest or specific to our Fellowship. This is where our Sunday programs are announced, etc.

A second listserv is for topics of interest and discussion NOT related to the official business of the Fellowship and its members/friends. That listserv is [silveruuforum@googlegroups.com](mailto:silveruuforum@googlegroups.com) - That forum is for posting issues, opinions, and dialogues about that issue to be discussed. Please note that the UUFSC has a policy of not discussing political parties and endorsing/supporting candidates. A discussion of the *issues* can occur on our forum listserv. To join either or both listservs, please send an email to John Mooney at [jmoonsilver@gmail.com](mailto:jmoonsilver@gmail.com)

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

## News from the Board about the Semi-Annual Meeting

Forty people attended the semi-annual meeting on May 15. The Fellowship welcomed Denise Jones and Bill Paff as new members. Signing of the membership roll for FY 2022-2023 was begun. All members must re-sign annually in the new fiscal year to maintain membership - the sign-up sheet is at the front entrance of the building. The new FY budget passed by voice vote. Then volunteer team reports were reviewed with updates. (For more information see the minutes posted in the Community Room.) Our UUFSC will begin the *UUA certification process as a Welcoming Congregation*, which may take 18 months. Two other notices were announced that will be voted upon at the November Annual Meeting: We will begin the process of learning and moving to accept the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle, and our Bylaws are being reviewed for changes and language revisions. We look forward to the Children and Family Program beginning May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and to a revival of other activities! **By Susan Price, Board Secretary**

**Other June News:** June is LGBTQ Pride month. June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. June 21 is the Summer Solstice. We all love the sun, and are grateful for it! However, please beware the UV - wear sunscreen, hats, & long sleeve shirts.

**Drum Circle:** Please join us before the June 19 Sunday service for the first in a series of drum circles commemorating the four solar festivals of the year. We'll be meeting on the Fellowship patio at 9:30 am for a Summer Solstice ((Litha) celebration. All are welcome. Bring your drums, rattles, bells and other percussion instruments. Maybe even your chanting voice and your dancing moves. No formal program - let's just let nature take its course!

**A shout out to our June Birthday babies!** Want to see your name next year? Send an email to Denise Smith [denisesmith09@gmail.com](mailto:denisesmith09@gmail.com)

June 1 - Andy Payne

June 8 - George Austin

June 3 - Lillian Connelly

June 13 - Ivy Etheridge

June 6 - Breck Smith

June 24 - Kris Neri

June 8 - Barb Gabioud

## Calendar of Building Events

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