

High Desert Dispatch: June 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.

June 4: Carlos Price "UUA Article 2 Proposal." Article II, last amended in 1985, is an essential part of the UUA's by-laws, laying out important statements defining what UU is and what its member congregations hold as values. The new version is intended to call us to action.

June 4: The Social Justice committee is having a free pizza party on Sunday, June 4th from 3-5pm to thank everyone in the community for participating in our Border Justice Project for the last 4 years. Please come! If you can, contribute simple side dishes, finger foods or desserts (chips, crackers, cookies).

June 11: Lisa Jimenez – "Preparing for the 'Silver Tsunami' The Role of Death Doula at the End of Life. "Lisa Jimenez is a certified death doula, who will discuss the role of the doula at end of life, as well as how to begin now to create one's own *good death*.

Moderator Nancy Cliff

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

June 18: Joannie Connors - "How Does War Trauma Affect Adult Children of Veterans?" Joanie Connors PhD is a local psychologist, therapist and writer who explores trauma, love and relationships. She has written several psychological articles and two books of poetry.

Moderator Nancy Stephens

June 25: Rev Christine Robinson - "Liberalism" is the title of the Video sermon that will be presented. Christine retired from serving as minister at the UU congregation of Albuquerque.

Moderator Art Thorn

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJJOXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

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News from the Board from Board Secretary Susan Price -- Our May 21st Semi-Annual Meeting began with a delicious potluck brunch followed by the business meeting. Two important items approved by membership: (1) We accepted our new annual budget for June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024; (2) We approved the submission of an application to the UUA to be accepted as a Welcoming Congregation. We have completed the 10 UUA requirements necessary to apply. Upon acceptance, UUFSC will be formally recognized, and listed on the national website as a Welcoming Congregation.

Joanne DeMichele, informed us more on using the new church management software for online giving, looking at calendars and events, etc. Watch for more info coming on how to use.

A Draft of the meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board in the Community Room. The next business meeting of the membership will be the Annual Meeting in November 2023

Note from your Board Chair Carlos Price -- Summer is a season of growth. The flowers and vegetables we planted as seeds or small seedlings in the Spring and nourished through sudden cold spells, insect attacks and other hazards can now grow and flourish. May we, like the plants in our gardens, use the summer as a time of growth. In many congregations, attendance and participation drops in summer as families go on vacations. May we use our renewed relationships and the sites we see in our travels as inspiration for personal growth. Stronger and healthier individuals translate into a stronger and healthier fellowship.

Note from your Board Treasurer Joanne DeMichele – If you have any questions about contributing to the UUFSC, please email: treasurer.uufsc@gmail.com

 **June Welcoming Days of Observance - June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.** Pride Month is celebrated each June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community. Stonewall was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. The last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the United States the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQIA+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. More information is available at <https://www.history.com/topics/gay-rights/pride-month>.

June 2 is Native American Citizenship Day. This commemorates the day in 1924 when Congress passed legislation recognizing the citizenship of Native Americans. Almost 125,000 out of the estimated 300,000 Native Americans did not have citizenship in 1924 because of interpretations of the 14th Amendment that excluded Native Americans. More information at <https://nationaltoday.com/american-indian-citizenship-day>.

June 19 is Juneteenth. Also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, Juneteenth was established as a U.S. federal holiday in June 2021. This celebration honors the day in 1865 when slaves in Texas and Louisiana finally heard they were free, two months after the end of the Civil War. June 19th thus became the day of emancipation for thousands of African Americans. More information at <https://www.juneteenth.com/>.

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

The Soul Collage group will meet on Wed June 14 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.

Join us June 18 at 9:30am on the patio for Drumming. We will be celebrating the Summer Solstice - *Litha* - in the Pagan Wheel of the Year. Midsummer in the northern hemisphere, on June 21, marks the longest day of the year, the celebration of the height of the Sun's power.

Join the conversation at the next "Life Cafe" on June 29 at the Church of Harmony, 609 N. Arizona St. For more info contact Lisa lmjimenez13@gmail.com or (575) 574-5473.

June birthdays	Andy Payne 6/1	Lillian Connelly 6/3	Breck Smith 6/6	Barbara Gabioud 6/8
Linda Price 6/12	Ivy Stephens-Etheridge 6/13	Susan Golightly 6/16	Kris Neri 6/24	

Want to see your birthday in the newsletter? Contact Lynda at lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com