

High Desert Dispatch: March 2021

Bulletin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City

3845 N. Swan Street, Silver City, NM

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.**

Watch for the UU Listserv e-mails about zoom programs/links.

Mar 14th "Becoming Aware of End-of-Life Issues"

Azima Lila Forest

We will explore the terrain, as so many of us in this and other communities to which we belong, move into the last decades of our lives. What are the practical things to take care of? What are the difficulties physically, emotionally, spiritually of entering this part of the life cycle?

Mar 28th "Healing Collective Trauma" Kristen Laney

For those of you who are interested/involved in the immigration issue, I'm taking a course on Healing Collective Trauma and am involved in a project on the collective trauma from our legacy of separation and belonging in the US, in regards to immigration- both historic and in the present. I will be presenting information on how healing collective trauma works. There's also a lot of interesting information on this website:

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/regions/united-states>

Family Programs wants to congratulate Ivy Stephens-Etheridge!

The UUFSC members and friends who watched the Sunday, 2/28 Zoom program, were treated to a special service. Ivy's Google Sites and All about Pigs program was informational & entertaining. Ivy is one of the students enrolled in our Family Programs, which is looking to be reactivated once Covid restrictions are lifted and our Fellowship can return to in-person meetings.

Calendar of Building Events

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

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News From The Board:

There was no Board meeting in February, so there is no information from the Board for the newsletter. Thanks.

Susan Price, Secretary

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR: As I look forward to Spring, vaccinations, and a "new normal" Fellowship gathering, I feel awash with gratitude to each of you who have continued to support our Fellowship and its important work in our community. Many of you are also burning up the internet and phones encouraging our legislators to pass worthy legislation. Thank you each and everyone!

Your Board will have a flurry of activity during the next three months, guiding the Fellowship through the pledging and budget process, hosting a May Semi-Annual Meeting of the membership, and initiating our annual membership renewal and directory update. Thank you for being prompt in your responses to our requests!

I was in Kalamazoo, Michigan years ago, just after the city experienced a damaging tornado in the downtown center. People everywhere were wearing T-shirts with the message: "It'll take more than a little wind to do Kalamazoo in!" I'm feeling the same about our Fellowship right now. We're coming out of this lockdown stronger and with a greater appreciation of our service to each other and the larger community!

Let me know if we can help you in any way in the days ahead. Carol Morrison 575-223-8972, carolmorr@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous:

While Nancy Cliff isn't our Membership Lead anymore, she has agreed to answer any emails from prospective new members, and has asked that we add that to the newsletter each month.

Nancy's email: ncliff49@gmail.com

I would like all my UU friends to know I am moving on February 27 to 7816 Apple Blossom Lane, Sebastopol, CA 95472. Need to get off this steep hill!!

Peggy Spofford

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**.

BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUT!! A shout-out to our March Birthdays as we celebrate Spring!:

March 23	Craig Freas
March 26	Carol Morrison
March 29	John Mooney
March 30	Sandra Michaud

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

NEW Directory If anyone wants the new fall directory sent to them electronically, please email Sandra at sandramichaud1981@gmail.com.