

# High Desert Dispatch: May 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.

## May 9<sup>th</sup> "Mother of Us All" Rev Azima Forest (Zoom)

Join us as we honor our great Mother Earth and reflect on what part of her life we are. Discussion will be a large part of the service.

**May 16 Semi Annual Meeting** Hope to see lots of smiling faces at our SAM to be held on **Zoom** at 10am. Our proposed 2021-22 budget will be presented to you for your approval. See you there!

**May 30 - "Creation Care" Rev. Pamela Hyde**, Canon for Creation Care in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona (**Zoom**). Rev Hyde will talk about Creation Care Ministries. She is in charge of the overarching ministry of caring for the Earth for Episcopalians across most of Arizona, as well as working with and helping the churches develop and run with their own creation care ministries. We might learn how this program is similar/different to the UUFME (UU Ministry for Earth).

## 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.

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**News From The Board:**

Preparations are being made for the Semi-Annual Meeting that will be held on Zoom on May 16th at 10:00. We reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2021-2022, which all members will vote on at the SAM. Please watch for upcoming reminders about the SAM meeting that Susan Price will email to the list-serv, and separately, the Proposed Budget from DeAnna Mooney to members.

Paul Michaud gave a progress report on the art mural that Lillian Connelly is busy painting. It will be 8'x10' with steel and wood framework, altogether weighing as much as #300. It will have a protective coating, and will be a long-lasting, permanent addition to the outside wall of our building. When the time comes to install it, Paul will be asking for some strong-arm assistance. We are excited and grateful for this special, beautiful artwork that will grace our building.

We'd like to again express our gratitude to the Social Justice Committee for their thoughtfulness and generosity in delivering pizzas to health care workers at locations in our community. Thanks again to the youth who have provided their hand-made thank-you cards to go with the pizzas. You all are providing valuable and joyful community Outreach from UUFSC.

We decided to send out an anonymous Survey Monkey to members regarding their thoughts on reconvening in person during June or July, though we know it depends a lot on the state of the virus in our county at that time. Our intention is to make sure that people are as safe and comfortable as possible when we are given the go-ahead by the city to meet again. Thanks to all who completed the survey.

Susan Price, Secretary

**Notes from the Chair:** Our thanks to Zoey Cronin for setting up our anonymous Survey Monkey that went out to the UUFSC listserv. And thanks to the 47 individuals who responded! The responses will help our program committee and board plan for our return to indoor UU activities and programs. We will be sharing the results.

-Carol Morrison ([carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorr@gmail.com)) (575-223-8972).

**The Social Justice Committee** meets via Zoom on the first Friday of the month at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to attend and participate. If you are interested, and are not already on our Zoom invitation list, email Joe Neri at [joe12bar@gmail.com](mailto:joe12bar@gmail.com). The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7.

**The UUFSC music group (aka Silver City Slickers)** meets every Tuesday at 2:00 PM, at the fellowship hall. All singers and players of any experience level are welcome to come by. No registration or reservation required - just show up if you are interested. Masks are required. We practice social distancing and follow COVID guidelines for group gatherings.

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**.

**May Birthdays:** Here's a shout-out to all our May birthday babies, and there are a whole lot of them!!

May 13 Ivy Ethridge  
May 16 DeAnna Mooney  
May 16 Katherine Feist  
May 18 Wendy Graves  
May 21 Samantha Armstrong  
May 22 Alayna Cronin  
May 24 Joe Neri  
May 25 Don Graves  
May 28 Anita Williams  
May 31 Ronald Gole

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