

High Desert Dispatch: May 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 serving food or drinks in the building until further notice. Masks will need to be worn in the building at ALL times. We will continue to serve refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.

May 1st "Serving With Grace" The business of our Fellowship can be as spiritually transformative as our Sunday programs, when we choose to see it as one of our spiritual practices. UUFSC board members will share a new perspective on service. While the focus is on our UU Fellowship, the topic is relevant to all who seek to elevate their community service and avoid burnout. You'll also have the opportunity to review your own interests and learn from others. This program is based on the book, "Serving With Grace", by Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom. **Moderator Nancy Stephens**

May 8th "How to Overcome Fear – Some ideas to help us." **Susan Golightly** will share some of her experiences and ideas on how to not let fear guide our lives.
Moderator Pat Sterling

May 15th Semi Annual mtg We will have an opportunity to learn about the last 6 months of our UUFSC activities. The main focus is on the Budget for FY 2022-23 and a vote to approve it. Members & friends are invited. Please plan to stay until 11:30 or a little later. Finger foods are welcome.

May 22nd TED talk "Our refugee system is failing. Here's how we can fix it" (Alexander Betts, 2016)
We will watch the TED talk and discuss the ideas presented then and how they relate to what is happening here and now.
Moderator Jane Riger

May 29th "Memorial Day Potluck Picnic"
Remember it starts at 11:00 am. It will take place on our Patio. Come one, come all! Bring a dish to share. Hospitality will provide drinks. Bring an instrument if you'd like.

Calendar of Building Events

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

Board Members

Carol Morrison, Board Chair
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Notes from your Chair: It's time for our Semi-Annual Meeting of the Fellowship, a time where you can catch up on what's happening across our volunteer teams; and a time to vote on our annual UUFSC budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023. Our budget should reflect our UU values and Mission Statement. Come and join us. We will not be having a potluck but we will have finger foods. Our "business of the Fellowship" meetings usually last about an hour and a half. See you there!

Carol Morrison

News from the Board Board members discussed the start up the Family Program in early May. It was decided to have a program for the children available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. There will be an adult volunteer, 1 or 2 teenage volunteers, as well as another back-up adult whenever needed. Go-Bags currently in the Q-hut will be moved out of the space. Carol Morrison is spear-heading this activity.

In the absence of an Outreach Lead or Social Justice Coordinator, Kris Neri organized the UUFSC table for the Earth Day festival April 23 at Gough Park. The proceeds of sale items benefiting Social Justice raised \$19 for the Border project, and \$290 in sales for the SJ General Fund. Items were also sold later at the Fellowship on Sunday, April 24. Many thanks to Kris and volunteers who helped!

May 15 will be the Semi-Annual Meeting at 10:00 at the Fellowship Building. All UUFSC members are urged to be present to learn updates of activities in the past 6 months, and to vote on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget. See you there!

Susan Price, Board Secretary

Other News

UUFSC members Joanne DeMichele and Nancy Cliff are both volunteers for the New Mexico End of Life Options law. This went into effect June 2021. If you have questions or comments about the law, they would be happy to attempt an answer or direct you to more resources.

Nancy Cliff

A shout out to our May Birthday babies! Want to see your name next year? Send an email to carolmorr@gmail.com.

May 1 Ronald Gole

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