

# High Desert Dispatch: November 2020

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.**

The Program Committee is working on scheduling at least two Zoom Programs per month for the foreseeable future. Watch for the UU Listserv e-mails for zoom programs and save the links. **Chellee Chase**, RE director, has taken on the role of moderating for our zoom speakers if they would like her help. Thanks, Chellee!

**REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time ends Nov 1 (Turn clock back)**

**Nov 1st 10am Zoom program Azima Lila Forest** will present "**Day of the Dead, Within and Without**". Cosmic influences are very strong now for the death of what no longer serves, making way for the birth of the entirely new. We will explore this and engage in conversation as she shares her perspectives and encourages those present to share theirs.

**Nov 15th 10am Zoom program Annual Meeting of UUFSC**  
see more info in News from the Board p. 2

## UU Family Programs message from Chellee:

Hello again, Ivy, Liam, Samantha, Junie, Kit, Angela, Marius, and Amara. I hope you had a fun Halloween. Now we have more holidays to enjoy, and I thought I would share a couple of fun ideas for Thanksgiving.

How about designing placemats for everyone who's joining you for dinner? Mats could be personalized with people's names and pictures of some of their favorite things, or you could write funny Thanksgiving riddles or make Thanksgiving word-find puzzles. It would make everyone at the table feel special and thankful!

If COVID is keeping your favorite people away at Thanksgiving, what about performing a Zoom play that day and inviting all of your faraway people to watch? I bet they'd be really happy to see your smiling faces!

Remember to have fun and spread the happiness! I love you all!  
Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Your friend, Chellee

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## Website

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**Our mailing address is  
P.O. Box 4034  
Silver City, NM 88062**

## 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.

### **Notes from Your Chair:**

Fall has arrived (Brrr), and our Annual Business Meeting of the UUFSC is coming to you soon via Zoom. Mark Sunday, November 15th, 10 am on your calendar and join us to vote in our new leadership team, and hear about our projects and Fellowship activities that have occurred since we were last together. We will also celebrate 80 years of the UU Service Committee, changing lives worldwide. Note: If we do not have a quorum of voting members, we will need to vote by email...so please help us keep it simple. Join us and cast your second vote this November!!!

I feel that I don't have to encourage anyone on our listserv to vote in the upcoming election on November 3rd...we all know how important it is to vote our values and to make a difference from Silver City to Washington D.C. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this messy thing called democracy.

Each Wednesday I get a huge energy boost by helping out at our UU donations drive for the shelter and refugees in Palomas. I get to say hello to many of you as you drive up to unload. Helping package sacks of Halloween goodies for our UU children and friends was also a joy this week. It makes me a little sad that we will probably not be able to gather for any holiday outdoor events at our building this year due to COVID increases...but I want everyone who reads this paragraph to know that you are appreciated and special!! And I am thankful that you continue to support our Fellowship as we support those in need. If you need a hand with anything, please call, email or text me. Together, we will make this work!  
Carol Morrison, Board Chair

### **NUUs from the Board**

The new Google group list-serv that was set up for sharing news and discussion unrelated to UUFSC business is getting established. We now have 2 Google groups that have been referred to as a list-serv. To avoid confusion, we decided the UUFSC business group [silvercityuu@googlegroups.com](mailto:silvercityuu@googlegroups.com) will still be referred to as the UU Business list-serv. The new UU forum group [silveruuforum@googlegroups.com](mailto:silveruuforum@googlegroups.com) will be referred to as the UU Discussion Forum.

Please only use the original list-serv if your message has to do with UUFSC committee announcements and business. If you haven't signed up yet for access to use the new forum Google group, please email John Mooney at [jmoonsilver@gmail.com](mailto:jmoonsilver@gmail.com). Regarding our annual UUFSC Holiday events, Thanksgiving/Solstice/Christmas, we still can't have a sizeable outdoor gathering due to Covid-19 restrictions, so all holiday in-person events are on-hold. Our November 15th Annual Meeting will be on Zoom.  
Susan Price, Secretary

**NEW Directory** If anyone wants the new directory sent to them electronically, please email Sandra at [sandramichaud1981@gmail.com](mailto:sandramichaud1981@gmail.com).

**There's been a request** to collect info on monthly birthdays and each month in our newsletter to wish those folks a happy day. It would be a way to maintain our community connections. Anyone want to organize this idea?

**From the Treasurer:** Thank you to those members and friends who have paid their pledge or send in payments. Our Fellowship continues to pay our staff (4 people) through this pandemic as well as utilities, UUA dues, insurance, etc. Pledges can be sent to our PO Box or contact DeAnna Mooney if you'd like to set up an automatic payment from your bank to Fellowship bank.

**Possible UU go-to resources to use during the pandemic closure:**

- For Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces -- Sunday service (10am)  
**<http://www.uuchurchlc.org/>** (uses Zoom format)
  
- For First Unitarian of Albuquerque -- Sunday service at 11:00 am  
**<http://uuabq.com/>** (uses Zoom format). First Unitarian also offers a Vespers program on Wednesday at 7pm via Zoom on the same website.
  
- From Deena Gentle - Tucson: Every Sunday, the Baja 4 ministers post a Sunday Service video. The video is available for viewing on our YouTube page  
**<https://www.youtube.com/user/MVUUCongregation>**  
We recommend viewing it at 10 am & then joining our community for an online Fellowship Hour at 11 am!
  
- For Lotus Center schedule of meditation & yoga programs –  
go to <https://lotuscentersc.org/events/> They are now live streaming and you can sign up for classes.  
Jeff Goin is facilitating a meditation program (Zoom) at 10 am on Sundays.
  
- The UU Church of the Larger Fellowship site has articles as well as zoom meetings and other resources on their website: **[www.questformeaning.org](http://www.questformeaning.org)**