

High Desert Dispatch: November 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.

REMEMBER – NOV 5 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS - "FALL BACK"

Nov 5: Barbara Gabioud - "I Believe in Bumper Stickers" What's the value of bumper stickers? Are they crass, in your face, finger wagging? Or are they a friendly nonviolent method of communication? What do your bumper sticker say about you? Are they in line with our 7 principles? These are a few of the ideas that may be discussed. Barbara Gabioud is a long time resident of Grant County, a founding member of the UU Fellowship and a connoisseur of bumper stickers. She will share her ideas and if you'd like, you can share your own bumper stickers, past or present.

Moderator: Ron Gabioud

Nov 12: Heidi Ogas - "The High Desert Humane Society" Heidi Ogas, President of the Board of Directors of the High Desert Humane Society, will talk about some of the history of HDHS, what programs they have and services they offer to the community as well as their hopes for the future. She will also touch on "no kill", Trap Neuter and Release feral cat programs and the Silver City and Grant County animal control ordinances.

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

Nov 19: Annual Meeting - Instead of our usual program, the meeting and potluck will begin at 10:00 am. Please bring your potluck dishes at 9:45 so we can have everything on the tables in the Community Room to begin serving at 10:00. *Please come to the meeting* to learn updates of happenings in the volunteer teams since last May, and to vote for new candidates who will be coming onto the Board, or for Board members who are changing roles. We also vote for the member volunteers who will serve on our Audit Team and Nominating Team. See you there!

Nov 26: Siriddharharma Khalsa - "Looking At the End of Our Lives" This will be an interactive and meditative program on the topic of death and dying. Siridharma worked in hospice, & has long taught meditation & yoga, giving her a unique perspective on the depth of the human spirit.

Moderator Carol Morrison

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJQXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

News from the Board from Board Secretary Susan Price – Many donations have come to our UUFSC in memory of Nancy Cliff. The donations have been put into a designated fund, the *Nancy Cliff Memorial Fund* to which members and friends may donate at any time. Nancy was instrumental in beginning the formation of a team of people who would help to meet the needs of people in end-of-life circumstances. The Board has voted to give responsibility of the use of the Nancy Cliff Memorial Fund to the custodial care of the "The Nurturing and Caring Community for End of Life Team." If you would like to join with this team or want to know more about developing projects for 2024, contact Joanne DeMichele at joannedemichele2010@gmail.com

Note from the Board Chair Carlos Price – Save the Date! Mark your calendar! Tie a string around your finger! However you remember important dates, be sure to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov.19, 2023. Learn about the work and accomplishments of our Fellowship over the last months and vote on a new slate of board members and committee positions recommended by our nominating committee. It is also a great time to gather with our community to renew friendships and revitalize your commitment to the mission of our Fellowship.

Welcoming Days of Observance – November is Native American Heritage Month. This month celebrates the traditions, languages and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities to help ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. As early as 1916, when New York became the first state to declare an "American Indian Day," efforts have been underway to acknowledge the many contributions and achievements of Native peoples. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution of Congress designating November as "National American Indian Heritage Month." More information is available at <https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

November 12 is Diwali. The Hindu festival of lights, along with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions, symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. Diwali is typically celebrated throughout a five-day festival that marks one of the biggest and most important holidays of the year in India. More information is available at <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/etimes/trending/when-is-diwali-2023-date-significance-puja-timings-and-more/articleshow/104760003.cms>

November 16 is International Day of Tolerance. First proclaimed by the United Nations in 1996, this day affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. Tolerance recognizes the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe. More information is available at <https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/international-day-tolerance-16-november>

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance. One of the UUA's LGBTQ+ / TGQNB Days of Observance, Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to honor the memory of those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Transgender Day of Remembrance was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. More information is available at <https://glaad.org/tdor/>.

UU Fellowship Trivia Team will launch at the Toad on Wednesday, 11/1. Sharpen your memory as we gather around a table for merriment! Claudia, John, Mana'ar & David need your unique trivia smarts! Let us know you'll come so we get a good table. Look for your UU friends at the Toad on 11/1, 7-9PM! Questions - ask Claudia at celferdink@comcast.net

The Four Agreements Discussion Group will meet on Friday Nov 3 at 11 am at the UUFSC Fellowship Hall.

Non-violent Communication Training A weekend of training in nonviolent communication, as developed by Marshall Rosenberg, author of *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*. Friday, Nov 3, 6:00 to 8:00 PM – A get-acquainted mixer at the UUFSC Saturday, Nov 4, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – A day of training in nonviolent communication, also at the UUFSC. Sunday, Nov 5, 1:00 – 3:30 PM – A special training on providing and receiving "collaborative feedback," also at the UUFSC. Cost: Sliding scale: \$30 -- \$70 (the fee includes a copy of the text). For full info - <https://insights.lotuscentersc.org/2023/10/03/a-weekend-workshop-in-nonviolent-communication-with-karen-starz/>

The Soul Collage group will meet on Wed Nov 8 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 a free international webinar - UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN POWER OF WOMEN IN UU HISTORIES.

Captions will be available in English, Hungarian and other languages. Registration is now open for the Webinar to be held on Thursday, Nov 9, 2023 7am Pacific Standard Time ; 8am Mountain Time, 10am Eastern. To register follow this link:

https://sksm-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EXZgzBN-Rr-zVXDGYJMgFw

The Social Justice Team meeting is Friday November 10th, 2023 at 11 a.m. at UUFSC. All are welcome to attend. Interested but not able to attend? Contact Maree McHugh; email: marypatazonia@gmail.com

"High Tea", "Afternoon Tea" or "Tea and Talk" – at UUFSC! Brought to you by Barbara Bush & Linda Price, this is a group activity where everyone attending can pitch in by bringing a tea, a treat, or a conversation game. Please contact Barbara Bush @ (mudita.ymm@gmail.com) for more information or to be added on the list & share what you would like to bring. High Tea will be on the 2nd & 4th Mondays each month from 2-3 OR until 4pm - stay for an hour or longer! In November: Tea on 11/14 and 11/28. All are welcome.

Join the conversation at the next "Life Cafe" on Nov 30, 2023 at 4PM at the Silver City Public Library.

For more info contact Lisa lmjimenez13@gmail.com or (575) 574-5473

Workshops on Developing a Nurturing and Caring Community for End of Life start in 2024. The first one, *Getting Comfortable with Talking about Death*, will be Tuesday Jan 9, 2024 from 10am to noon. We will be meeting in the UUFSC community room, limiting workshops to 15 participants. More info and sign-up information coming in Dec from Lynda lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com

Nov birthdays	Ann Lowe 11/8	Barbara Bush 11/13	Chellee Chase 11/17	Paula Lynch 11/19
	George Ruebelmann 11/23	Robert Bryant 11/28	Sunny Kellerman 11/29	

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

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