

High Desert Dispatch: October 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 through December. Be on the lookout for the UU Listserv e-mails for zoom 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!

Oct 4th We will be doing a Blessing of the Animals at the Fellowship out by the labyrinth. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. You are welcome to join with or without pets. Bring a chair if you'd like. Service will be very short. **Heidi Ogas**

Oct 18th Zoom Program Catalina Claussen "Exploring Being Home" – She will tell engaging stories depicted in her recently published book "Being Home: A Southwestern Almanac". You might even recognize some of these quirky characters shaped by the seasons, the desert landscape of the Mimbres Valley and small town living. She will be available at the UUFSC Fellowship after the service with copies of her books – more on these arrangements later.

UU Family Programs message from Chellee:

Greetings to my brilliant young friends, Marius and Amara, Kit and Angela, Liam and Ivy, Junie and Samantha. It's almost Halloween, are you planning any spooky fun? What about reverse trick-or-treating? Instead of going around asking for treats, make little goody baskets and deliver them to your neighbors... won't they be surprised? (Make sure you ask your parents first!)

I found some other ideas I thought you might like:

This one's for the girls, it's a really cool spidery hairdo!

<https://simpleasthatblog.com/silly-spider-halloween-hairdo/>

This one's for all of you smarties who like to read, it's a vampire bookmark!

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/vampire-corner-bookmark/>

Here's one for everyone, mini mummy pinatas that you can fill with treats!

<https://diycandy.com/halloween-kids-craft-mummy-pinata/>

If you try any of these, take pictures so we can see how they turned out! Have a Happy Halloween! Your friend, Chellee

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Calendar of Building Events

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

From the treasurer: If you would like an automatic monthly pledge payment from your bank to the Fellowship account, please contact DeAnna Mooney (dselkmooney@gmail.com) for info on routing & acct numbers. Otherwise, pledge payments can be mailed to: UUFSC, PO Box 4034, SC, NM 88062
Thanks!

Notes from Your Chair:

Yesterday I opened the door at our sweet Fellowship building and gave a big "I miss you" sigh. I still see people, hugs, the laughter and cries of children, cookies and coffee, and most of you who are reading this newsletter! I recently sat down and read carefully each name on our directory list...page after page...and visualized seeing each of you again. Until then, there IS zoom!

Enough nostalgia for now! But some of us are to gather, socially distanced, on October 4th for the Blessing of the Animals; and hopefully again for a safe solstice/holiday outdoor gathering December 20th. In the meantime, we can all support our social justice Palomas project Wednesdays; attend excellent programs on Zoom Sundays (thank you, moderator Chellee!) and participate in our own governance by attending our Zoom Annual Meeting on November 15th. Several of you will be asked to step up and join the Board, Audit Committee or Nominating Committee. Please do so!

If you would like to check out books from our lending library, just send me an email or text me at my new phone number 575 223-8972. If you'd like to be on the Caring Connection list for a check-in call once or twice a week, contact John Heslip or me. You can also let Joe Neri know if you are interested in helping on the Social Justice Committee; or Ron Gabioud to help with program ideas; or throw out an idea on our new Forum list serve that John Mooney has set up...we all have a lot on our minds right now!

Let's use this time we are apart wisely. Let's be safe and healthy. Let's care for our Fellowship and Community. And let's hope we can celebrate together in the coming year!
Carol Morrison, Board Chair

NUUs from the Board

The Nominating Committee will be filling open positions that will begin November 2020. If you would like to train for the Board Treasurer position, or take on UUFSC Membership, please respond to anyone on the Board or Nominating Committee.

The UUFSC Lending Library will continue to be available to members. Call Carol Morrison to arrange a time to browse the books on the shelf in the fellowship room.

There is an on-going opportunity for lonely or struggling members to receive assistance or calls from a Caring Committee Partner. Please don't hesitate to utilize Caring members if you are hurting or in need. Call John Heslip (575-538-5881) or Carol Morrison (575-223-8972) to set it up.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be November 15th, on Zoom. Do you have an entertaining idea to share at the meeting to give it a little pizzazz? Let us know!

Susan Price, Secretary

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**