

High Desert Dispatch: September 2019

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.**

Sunday Programs

Sep 1st Labor Day Potluck Picnic 11on the patio – Join us for the annual Labor Day Potluck Picnic on the Patio on Sunday, September 1. Bring a dish to share and if you'd like to barbecue, the grill will be set up. Bring an instrument if you like and be prepared to have a great time. The picnic will start at 11 and go on until whenever.

Sep 8th "Embers and their effects on homes during a wildfire." This presentation will draw on the extensive experiences and skills of Ellen Smith Brown, a Fire Prevention, Education & Mitigation Coordinator for the Gila National Forest. Our presenter for this program, Ellen has had 28 years of wild land fire experience on 12 National Forests & Parks, is a Qualified Fire Burn Boss, Engine Captain, and Incident Commander Type 4. Her focus is on public education, risk mitigation, and Firewise assessment. **Moderator Lynda Aiman-Smith.**
Family Program Sunday.

Sep 15th "Cut Your Waste Grant County." Allyson Siwik & Jeff Goin respond to the end of curbside recycling in Silver City. Gila Resources Information Project and The Lotus Center teamed up and created this public education initiative that provides citizens with suggestions for reducing their waste, thus pre-empting the need for recycling, and saving expensive space in our local landfill. Join them and learn more about the waste reduction campaign and ways you can get involved. www.CutYourWaste.org or [Facebook.com/CutYourWaste](https://www.facebook.com/CutYourWaste) **Nancy Cliff, moderator.**
Childcare will be available.

Sep 22nd Claire Shawhan will speak on a program entitled: "**From Episcopalian minister's daughter to a Unitarian Universalist member.**" Her talk will begin with funny storytelling about her life as a preacher's kid. Then, she will move into her life as an Episcopalian and her questioning of the Christian faith. Lastly, she will share how the Unitarian Universalist Faith fits her needs. **Moderator Nancy Stephens. Family Program Sunday.**

Sept 29th – Jewish High Holy Days This active participatory service will recognize the two high holidays known as Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur. (see page 2)

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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.

PFLAG – 1ST Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

Silver City Camera Club – 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

News from the Board: The Board last met on August 11th. We reviewed the perpetual calendar and are continuing to look ahead to the Annual Meeting which will be held November 17th . In order to be eligible to vote at this meeting, please make sure you have signed the membership roll on the bulletin board in the foyer by September 17th. Continuing membership sign up is required every year, so just to make sure you're on the list, take a look next time you're in the building. Susan Golightly continues to organize UUFSC Outreach efforts through our "booth in a box". She set it up to represent our congregation at the WNMU "Welcome Back Bash" and will do again at the Red Hot Chilli Festival at Penny Park.

Efforts to keep our parking lot safe and accident free continue. Look for exit signs and one-way arrow signs which will be installed in the near future.

Social Justice activities continue in a variety of venues. Lots of ways to be involved.

Children's Programs are humming along and Chellee Chase has signed on for another year of excellent leadership for Children's Programming.

Next board Meeting will be September 15th, after the program. All are welcome, Jane Riger, Board Secretary

Children's Programs: Making a Difference (September 8) This session introduces the concept of responsibility. It reinforces the seventh UU Principle, respect for the interdependent web of all existence, by demonstrating the idea that our action or lack of action makes a difference in the world. We will discuss how we would change the world if we could wave our magic wands (and each child will receive his own magic wand to keep). Then we'll talk about what would really need to happen for each of the changes to take place.

Courage and Perseverance (September 22) Continuing our previous conversation about "Making a Difference," the children will learn the meanings of courage and perseverance, and how they are vital qualities to develop for creating positive change in the world. We'll discuss some real-life world-changers, and children will begin to create their own comic or story book about changing the world.

Membership: Why Not Join Us?

The requirement for membership is a signature on the list in the foyer -- and an open mind.

And we are a welcoming group -- would love to have you be part of the Fellowship. Any questions, please contact Nancy Cliff or Heidi Ogas.

Sat Sept 7 - Bayou Seco at the Farmers Market with some Fiddling Friends 8:30 - 12.

Bayou Seco Music

Traditional Music from the Southwest and Music Lessons Fine violin family instruments by Ken Keppeler. Violin Family supplies and repairs. Hosts of Roots & Branches on gmcr.org or KURU 89.1FM Silver City, NM, every Saturday from 8:00 to 10:00 AM

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(Cont'd)Sept 29th – Jewish High Holidays The eve of Rosh Hashanah occurs on Sept 29 & Yom Kippur falls on October 8. The 10 days between are known as a time of charity, prayer & repentance during which people are encouraged to right those they have wronged & to forgive those who have wronged them. In the traditional liturgy, the Angel of Life opens the Book of Life on Rosh Hashanah inviting the faithful to reflect on their destinies. At the end of the 10 days, the Angel inscribes their fate in the following year into the Book. **To emphasize charity, all are invited to bring canned/non-perishable goods for the food donation basket.**

The **UUFSC music group (aka Silver City Slickers)** meets on most Tuesdays at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next session will be on September 10. All are welcome to participate - just bring your instrument and/or your vocal cords.