

High Desert Dispatch: September 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 these 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!

Our next scheduled Zoom Programs at 10am will be:

Sep 13 "Safety, Community, Connection" Healing Community – Stacey Cox, speaker Safety, community, and connection matter more than anything when trying to build strong and resilient communities and should be our goal as we learn to take care of each other. On the heels of the last 6 months of the pandemic, this couldn't be more clear. Let's talk about how they are integral in individual and community healing.

Sep 27 – "Food Insecurity" – Alicia Edwards more info to come

UU Family Programs message from Chellee:

Hello to my brilliant young friends: Samantha, Junie, Ivy, Liam, Angela, Kit, Marius, and Amara. I hope you're enjoying getting back to school, learning lots and having fun.

Did you know that you can make your own scented paints? (Make sure to ask your parents first.) All you need are some different colored packets of Kool-aid, water, paint brushes, and paper to paint on. Mix each Kool-aid packet with enough water to get the thickness you want... and then paint away. The colors will be bright and your artwork will smell fruity-good!

Question: What do you get when you cross a cow with a trampoline?
Answer: A milkshake!

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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.

Reminder from the treasurer: : Please continue to send pledge checks/donations as we continue to pay all staff and other usual bills for our fellowship. Thank you to those members who have already paid their pledge for 2020-21 in full. (UUFSC, PO Box 4034, SC, NM 88062)

Notes from Your Chair:

Something new is in the works!! It is a way to connect Fellowship volunteers with anyone who would like to receive a check-in and chat phone call once or twice a week. We are calling it CARING CONNECTIONS. Whether you are young or older, single or part of a couple, rural or in town, you might enjoy having one of our Caring Connections volunteers check in with you on a regular basis. Sound like a good idea? You can contact John Heslip (unplannedjourney@gmail.com) or Carol Morrison (carolmorr@gmail.com). John will arrange a check-in and chat phone visit set up with a friendly UU volunteer. You'll be glad you did!

Something else is in the works! Want to access our ample lending library while our building is closed? You can come to our UU Building 1-2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and select your books. We have philosophy, religion, social justice, art, etc. There is a sign out/sign in sheet by the bookcases. I will need to close the building back up right at 2:00 p.m. before the Deming/Palomas donation drive begins, so please be prompt. That hour doesn't work for you? Just email carolmorr@gmail.com, and we can arrange a time. And while you are at the building, you can get a "We Believe" yard sign. A \$10 donation is suggested but not required.

We have a couple of UUs who are still working toward setting up a "forum of ideas" separate from our UU "business" listserv. Stay tuned! Also, our thanks to all the landscape and facility workers, office coordinator, zoom moderators, Program Committee folks, Social Justice workers, and to each of you who are living our principles through community involvement. We must support each other as we also keep our Fellowship strong. Please stay well. And please let us know if you have a personal need we can help with or just a great idea.

Carol Morrison

Membership Committee

1. The latest Directory is available. Ask Sandra for an electronic copy if you want one.
2. According to our Bylaws, membership is open to anyone who is 18 years or older, who believes in the purpose of the Fellowship and the principles of the UUA (Art. III, sec. 1), who signs the annually renewable membership commitment (Art. III, sec. 2), and makes a monetary contribution of record during the congregational fiscal year (Art. III, sec. 3). The last also provides for a 60-day deadline prior to a meeting requiring a vote.

Nancy Cliff

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