

High Desert Dispatch: May 2024

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.

May 5: Gail Stamler "American Hospitals" video. A provocative look at the cost and inequities of American Hospitals, often motivated more by money and power than providing for the healthcare needs of patients and the communities they were founded to serve.

Moderator: Carlos Price

May 12: Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change

We will present and discuss two TED Talks related to indigenous perspectives on climate change. In the first video, "Indigenous knowledge meets science to take on climate change," environmental activist Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim proposes that we need both science and Indigenous wisdom to face climate change. In the 2nd video, "How Indigenous guardians protect the planet and humanity," Indigenous leader Valérie Courtois asserts that, 'If we take care of the land, the land takes care of us.'

Moderator: Nancy Stephens

May 19: Semi-Annual Meeting Come for the potluck and meeting!

Following our tradition, we will have a potluck brunch in the front room before and during the meeting. If you are willing and able, please bring a brunch dish, a sweet bread, or a pastry to share. We will be discussing and voting on important items, including the budget.

May 26: "Memorial Day Potluck Picnic" starting at 11am

For Memorial Day celebration, we will have our traditional Memorial Day potluck on the patio (with tables inside too).

There will **not** be a program presentation at 10:00! Please bring your brunch potluck dish at 10:45 so we can get the food on the tables ready for 11:00 serving. There will be people cooking on the grill for BBQ, so you may bring your own meat, and there are often types of grilling items that others bring to share. We'll look forward to a relaxing potluck social. See you there! Susan Price, Hospitality Team

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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 by Board Secretary Nancy Stephens – At the 4/19/24 Board meeting the Treasurer’s Report showed income greater than expenses. Upcoming Give Grandly donations to Social Justice will be matched by a generous donor. UUFSC has a new insurance policy with State Farm. The new policy lists covered inventory at \$11,000. UFSC's practice is always to have at least two adults in the family program area with a sign in sheet each Sunday. The board approved the 2024-2025 budget and draft agenda for the Semi Annual Meeting (SAM) May 19, 2024. Printed copies of the budget available at the SAM. Membership is up, but the total pledge amount is down. Funds are available for 1-2 attendees (virtually) UU GAC in June.

Note from the Board Chair – One of the shared UU Values proposed for the UUA’s article II revision is generosity, defined as: “We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely and compassionately share our faith, presence, and resources. Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality.” We have many volunteers who generously give their time & talents. Consider Give Grandly on 5/4 - an annual event in our community that allows an opportunity to give to multiple non-profits that may never get as much publicity as more established charities.

Welcoming Days of Observance from Dave Becker - May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (<https://fapac.org/AAPI-Resources>) **and Jewish American Heritage Month** (<https://jewishamericanheritage.org/>). ****May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, & Biphobia.** First conceived in 2004, this aims to raise awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression of LGBTQIA+ persons & communities around the world, to celebrate sexual a& gender diversities, and to promote interest in work on behalf of the rights of LGBTQIA+ persons worldwide. The date was chosen to commemorate the 1990 decision by the World Health Organization to remove homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases. May 17 is particularly strong in Europe & Latin America, where it is commemorated with marches, parades, festivals, arts & culture events. This day is widely regarded as an initiative that is working to advance the rights of people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, & sex characteristics. In 2021, U.S. president Joe Biden used May 17 to highlight efforts to alleviate LGBTQIA+ discrimination and to call on Congress to pass the Equality Act. More information at <https://may17.org/about/> and <https://www.unfpa.org/events/international-day-against-homophobia-transphobia-and-biphobia>

Children's Programs: The children's program is exploring Nature's Gifts on second and fourth Sundays. This includes tree hugging, cloud watching meditation, taking a rock walk, bee breathing, etc. Childcare is available all other Sundays.

The Four Agreements Discussion Group will meet on Friday May 3 at 11am, in UUFSC Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

Celebrate Beltane, for the May Queen! May 3, 5:45PM, Lotus Center. Info email lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com

Our UU camping trip will be May 3-4 at Cherry Creek campground. All welcome to come for Friday or spend the night.

Join in discussing POSITIVE Futures for Earth 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 from 5 to 7PM at Javalina coffee house 117 Market. Moderated by UUFSC's Anna Caite. For info text 575-590-8436. Or email caitemaya@yahoo.com

Recovery Dharma meetings at 6:00 PM, Sundays at UUFSC, in the Community room. Recovery from addiction(s), of any and/or all including process addictions - using the Buddhist four noble truths and eight-fold path. By donation.

Bereavement Support Group meeting May 13, 2024 at 1:00pm. Women’s Club 411 Silver Heights Blvd. All welcome.

"Afternoon High Tea and Talk" On May 8 & May 22 at 2pm – Contact Barbara - mudita.ymm@gmail.com

The Soul Collage group will meet on Wed May 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.

Life Cafe - Thur, May 23, 4:00 pm location TBD. Contact Lisa Jimenez, certified death doula, at (575) 574-5473.

Save the date – June 7, 6-9PM fundraiser for Social Justice Sock-hop Dance & Social w Joey & the Cruisers. Family Fun.

May birthdays <i>Want to see your birthday in the newsletter? Contact Lynda at lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com</i>					
Denise Jones 5/4	Dave Becker 5/12	Katherine Feist 5/16	DeAnna Mooney 5/16	Wendy Graves 5/18	Samantha Armstrong 5/21
Alayna Cronin 5/22	Joe Neri 5/24	Don Graves 5/25	Anita Williams 5/28	Mary Beth Chrest 5/31	Ronald Gole 5/31
UUFSC Friends	Martha Blacklock 5/1	Waitstill Sharp 5/1	Bob Dylan 5/21		

Is a UUFSC Fellowship Member or Friend in need of a Caring card? let Lynda know at lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com

You can make your UUFSC donations online! <https://D4613CBD4D2624D9.chmeetings.com//Giving/D4613CBD4D2624D9>