

High Desert Dispatch: August 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. It is a Welcoming Congregation that celebrates diversity and welcomes all, of every race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, mental and physical ability or disability, body size or shape, health condition, 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.

Aug 4: Joanne DeMichele & Holly Noonan – "Creative Solutions for Sustainable Affordable Housing." Joanne & Holly will discuss alternative, sustainable, healthy, equitable, people-focused solutions to preserve and expand housing, health, & community living.

Moderator: Maree McHugh

Aug 11: Nancy Stephens & Panel- "Emerge-Democratic Candidate Training Program for Women & Non-binary Leaders" Emerge New Mexico is the state's premier organization that recruits, trains, and provides a powerful network to Democratic women and non-binary individuals who want to run for office. Emerge aspires to change the face of power, politics, and leadership in this country in order to have policies that are responsive to all Americans. Hear from local Emerge graduates including Senator Siah Correa Hemphill, Commissioner Alicia Edwards, Town Councilor Guadalupe Cano, Cobre School Board President Gabby Begay, Karen Canaday, Renee Provencio, and Nancy Stephens.

Aug 18: Joyce Barela - "Silver Schools Mental Health Grant." The Silver City consolidated school systems received a \$6million mental health grant from the state. Joyce Barela, the mental health liaison, will explain the mental health issues facing students, and how the grant has been used to address those needs.

Moderator: Art Thorn

Aug 25: Joanne Connors - "Writing as Healing" We will look at how and why writing heals, the difference between therapeutic versus nontherapeutic writing, and how to use writing to heal ourselves, our relationships and our world. Please bring something to write on (for your own use, nothing will be collected). Joanie is a UUFSC member, a psychologist, and has spoken before about her poetry books.

Moderator: Heidi Ogas

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJOXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

Note from Board Chair Carlos Price - Watching the Olympic athletes can be inspiring and educational. We are inspired by the dedication that the athletes show to their sport; the many hours each day and the many years they spend perfecting their performances. It is also educational to see what the human body can achieve. Each Olympic Games see old records for achievement surpassed. We can learn that no matter what our past levels of achievement, we can get better. If we have ever successfully completed a task, then it is possible to do it again or even improve on it. We can strive to make the extraordinary the ordinary.

Welcoming Days of Observance from Dave Becker - August 9 is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. An estimated 476 million indigenous peoples live in the world, across 90 countries. Less than 5 per cent of the world's population, they account for 15 per cent of the poorest. They speak a vast majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures. Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite cultural differences, indigenous peoples around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples. Indigenous peoples have sought recognition of their identities, their way of life and their right to traditional lands, territories and natural resources for years. Yet, throughout history, their rights have been violated. Indigenous peoples today, are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect their rights and maintain their distinct cultures and way of life. To raise awareness of the needs of these population groups, every August 9th commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva in 1982. More info - <https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day>

August 26 is Women's Equality Day. This day celebrates the anniversary of the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote. Congress and the President have proclaimed Women's Equality Day every year since 1973. More information on the holiday is available at <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/commemorations/womens-equality-day/> and on the suffrage movement at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/the-internationalist-history-of-the-us-suffrage-movement.htm>

Children's Programs: The QUU Hut is open, & childcare is provided all Sundays. Religious exploration programming is on 2nd & 4th Sundays. In August they are exploring yoga.

The Four Agreements Discussion Group will meet on Friday Aug 2 at 11am, in UUFSC Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

Join the Gila Friends remembrance of Hiroshima/Nagasaki Aug 4, 12:30PM Gough Park. Bring a chair, water, hat.

Social Justice Team meeting Aug 9 at 11am. For agenda info contact Maree McHugh marypatazonia@gmail.com.

Men's Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thurs of each month at UUFSC at 6:30 pm. Our topics vary from light such as "What were your favorite activities as a child?" to deeper ones such as "What are your spiritual connections" Join us. All men are welcome. Questions? contact Carlos Price at cgp775@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group meeting Aug 12 2024 at 1:00pm. Women's Club 411 Silver Heights Blvd. All welcome

"Afternoon Tea and Talk" On Aug 12 & Aug 26 at 2pm – Contact Barbara - mudita.ymm@gmail.com

Soul Collage: Wed, Aug 14, 3-5:30 pm: Through an intuitive process of cutting and pasting images, collagers address their own life questions; collages are then shared in a trusted, supportive community..

Film: A Decent Home at the Silco Theater, Aug 14, 6pm, part of important advocacy. Please come!

Hospitality Team is looking for two more Sunday morning hosts. We need 2 more Hospitality Team helpers, one person each for the 1st and 2nd Sundays of every month. An experienced host already doing the job will help you learn the ropes. Please email Susan Price at susan2price@gmail.com for any questions, or to volunteer. Thanks!

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

Aug birthdays	Harry Kellerman 8/1	Gay Hedges 8/5	Marty Eberhardt 8/6	Peggy Spafford 8/7
	David Krisch 8/8	Frank Ogas 8/15	Karen Murphy 8/28	

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