

# High Desert Dispatch: October 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.**

**Oct 6: Jewish High Holidays.** This active participatory service will recognize the two high holidays known as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah, literally the "head of the year" is the Jewish New Year. It is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. The days between are known as a time of charity, prayer and repentance during which people are encouraged to get right with those they have wronged and to forgive those who have wronged them.

**Moderator: Nancy Stephens**

**Oct 13: Heidi Ogas - "Blessing of the Animals"** Finally, the program your pets have been waiting for! This Sunday, Heidi Ogas will lead us in a Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your pets to gather with us out on the patio. For their safety and ours, please leash, cage, crate, harness or otherwise contain your critters. If you have a pet who has passed, or one you don't feel comfortable bringing, feel free to bring a picture, toy or memento.

**Oct 20: Johannes Lencer - "Frontier Food Hub/National Center for Frontier Communities"** Johannes Lencer is the COO for the National Center for Frontier Communities, which operates the Frontier Food Hub (FFH). FFH is a model program intervention designed to address food security and economic development challenges for producers and residents in remote and frontier communities in Southwest New Mexico.

**Moderator: Denise Jones**

**Oct 27: Shannon Cimaron - "Climate Emergency"** Shannon is a self-described 'science and engineering nerd' & is a dedicated, passionate climate activist. Shannon will explain the current problem of carbon emissions, & what we can do to delay & stop the impacts of climate change on our planet. Shannon has been honored by the WILL Curriculum Committee as the Sonnie Sussillo Memorial Seminar for the Fall 2024 session.

**Moderator: Maree McHugh**

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJOXNlBHpSDZ5bUHVZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

**Note from Board Chair Carlos Price** – Have you seen the bumper stickers urging us to “coexist?” I have been considering the concept of tolerance lately. Young people want us elders to tolerate their choices of work & lifestyles. We elders want youngsters to give us a break on adapting to new pronouns & politically correct notions. Conservatives want us to tolerate traditional values & liberals want them to accept need for change. Since we have two ears & only one mouth, perhaps we should listen more & opine less. Understanding more may help us coexist.

**Oct Welcoming Days of Observance from Dave Becker - Oct is LGBT History Month.** First celebrated in Oct 1994, & declared a national History month by Barack Obama in 2009, LGBT History Month is dedicated to celebrating & teaching the history of the LGBTQIA+ community. The community is among the few worldwide whose history is not taught at home, in public schools, or in most religious institutions. LGBT History Month offers role models of the LGBTQIA+ community's contributions, sending a message to school boards, community leaders, & youth about the importance of the role of LGBTQIA+ people in American history. More at <https://www.lgbthistorymonth.com/background>  
**-- Oct 11 is National Coming-Out Day** National coming out day celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, & queer people's coming out experiences & journeys. More information available at <https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/national-coming-out-day>  
**-- Oct 14 is National Indigenous Peoples' Day** in the United States. This day celebrates & honors indigenous American peoples & commemorates their histories & cultures. It is celebrated across the U.S. on the second Monday in Oct, & is an official city & state holiday in various localities. First instituted in Berkeley, California in 1992, it was first recognized by presidential proclamation by Joe Biden in 2021. More information is available in the 2023 Proclamation at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/10/06/a-proclamation-on-indigenous-peoples-day-2023/>  
**-- Oct 17 is Spirit Day.** A day aimed at inspiring LGBTQIA+ youth & what their communities can do to support them in living their truth & authentic lives. You can participate in this day by wearing purple & speaking out against bullying. More information is available at <https://glaad.org/spiritday>  
**-- Oct 26 is Intersex Awareness Day.** This day celebrates intersex people (individuals whose physical or genetic makeup does not fit traditional definitions of male & female), recognizing the unique human rights challenges they face. The event marks the first public demonstration by intersex people in North America in 1996 to protest the high rates of medical interventions that were being performed on intersex infants & children without the consent or knowledge of the individual. More information is available at <https://heckinunicorn.com/blogs/heckin-unicorn-blog/when-is-intersex-awareness-day-2024-and-what-does-it-mean>  
**-- October is also Filipino-American Heritage Month, German-American Heritage Month, Italian-American Heritage & Culture Month, & Polish-American Heritage Month**

**Volunteers needed to help demolish the back steps and build new ones.** Mon 9/30, Tues 10/1, & Wed 10/2 - start at 9am. Text or call Victoria @ 937-369-1960

**Children's Programs:** The QUU Hut is open, & childcare is provided all Sundays. Religious exploration programming is on 2nd & 4th Sundays. In Oct we are exploring different ways to use labyrinths.

**The Four Agreements Discussion Group** will meet on Friday Oct 4 at 11am, in UUFSC Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

**Soul Collage: Wed, Oct 9, 3-5:30 pm:** Through an intuitive process of cutting & pasting images, collagers address their own life questions; collages are then shared in a trusted, supportive community.

**Social Justice Team meeting** Oct 11 at 11am. For agenda info contact Maree McHugh [marypatazonia@gmail.com](mailto:marypatazonia@gmail.com)

**Dances of Universal Peace Oct 11, 5:30pm** Church of Harmony 609 AZ St. Info – Mana’ar [ellenpeacedance@gmail.com](mailto:ellenpeacedance@gmail.com)

**Oct 12 - The annual Mimbres Harvest Festival** will be held from 10-4 pm. A new attraction this year will be an empanada contest...with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Info at <https://mvhal.org/mvhal/harvest-fest/>

**Men's Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month at UUFSC** at 6:30 pm. Explore topics from light to deep. Join us. All men are welcome. Questions? contact Carlos Price at [cgp775@gmail.com](mailto:cgp775@gmail.com)

**Bereavement Support Group** meeting Oct 14, 2024 at 1:00pm. Women’s Club 411 Silver Heights Blvd. All welcome

**Afternoon Tea & Talk** On Oct 14 & Oct 28 at 2pm – Contact Barbara - [mudita.ymm@gmail.com](mailto:mudita.ymm@gmail.com)

*Want to see your birthday in the newsletter? Contact Lynda at [lynda\\_aimansmith@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com)*

<b>Oct birthdays</b>	Paul Michaud 10/4	Nancy Stephens 10/21	Susan Price 10/26	Pamela Page 10/31
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