

High Desert Dispatch: November 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 & potlucks can take place in the building, as well as (weather permitting) on the patio.

Daylight savings ends Nov 3 – remember to “Fall Back” with your clocks

Nov 3: Kim Jensen - Singer-performer Kim Jensen will sing from her repertoire of gospel, inspirational and jazz songs today. She will share how music connects to & influences her personal life experiences. Kim has lived in Silver City since 1972. Kim obtained a degree in Music at WNMU. She performed in WNMU Broadway musicals, & most recently sang Jazz in local venues.

Moderator: Cathleen Norman

Nov 10: Claudia Elferdink - "UU People & History" As we weather life after a difficult election, Rev. Elferdink will share her personal story of finding strength to persevere. Who are we? Where do we come from? We UUs stand on the shoulders of courageous ancestors through centuries of hard times. How it matters to us, today, that in 1568 Transylvanian Unitarians stood up for religious freedom in the face of the oppressive & corrupt Roman Church

Moderator: Nancy Stephens

Nov 17: Annual Meeting Nov - Instead of our usual program, the meeting & potluck will begin at 10:00 am. Please bring your potluck dishes by 9:45 so we can have everything on the tables in the Community Room to begin serving at 10:00. Come to the meeting, learn updates of happenings in the volunteer teams since last May, & vote for new candidates who will be coming onto the Board, or for Board members who are changing roles. See you there!

Nov 24: Sharman Apt Russell - "Ribbon of Life: Discovering the wild animals winding secretly & triumphantly through our cities, suburbs, & countryside" Russell will discuss her recent book, *What Walks This Way: Exploring the Wildlife Around Us Through the Tracks and Signs*, which deals with identifying wildlife tracks & signs, with an emphasis on the need for a better vision of how we manage & protect wild animals in North America.

Moderator: Kris Neri

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Board Chair - Carlos Price
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Treas.- Art Thorn

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Bill Paff, Ted Whittemore

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJOXNlLHpsSDZ5bUhhVz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

Note from Board Chair Carlos Price – It has been an honor to serve as board chair for the past two years. I am thankful to all of you for your support & participation in our congregational activities. Our board members, team leaders & many volunteers have made our past two years successful. There is still much more that we can achieve. I hope that you will come to our annual meeting on November 17. At that meeting, we will be electing our board & some key committee members. You can also learn more about the work of our teams. Thank you for your continuing Fellowship.

Note from Board Secretary Nancy Stephens – The board discussed addition of line item accounts to the budget (e.g. building expenses). The Social Justice Borders collection is now only once a month, because there are fewer people crossing the border. Art Thorne agreed to be Zoom Lead. A list of volunteers for Child Care for 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays has been developed, & a schedule will be developed. Finally, info & draft agenda for annual mtg. was reviewed. The packet will be distributed before the Nov 17 Annual mtg.

Nov Welcoming Days of Observance from Dave Becker - November is Native American Heritage Month. This month celebrates the traditions, languages & stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, & affiliated Island communities to help ensure their rich histories & contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. Early as 1916, when New York became the first state to declare an "American Indian Day," efforts have been underway to acknowledge the many contributions & achievements of Native peoples. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution of Congress designating November as "National American Indian Heritage Month." More information available at <https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/> ** **October 31/November 1 is Diwali.** The Hindu festival of lights, along with its religious variations, symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, & hope over despair. Diwali is typically celebrated throughout a five-day festival marking one of the biggest & most important holidays of the year in India. More info at <https://indianexpress.com/article/when-is/diwali-2024-date-timings-of-diwali-this-year-9169408/> ****November 16 is International Day of Tolerance.** First proclaimed by the UN in 1996, this day affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect & appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression & ways of being human. Tolerance recognizes the universal human rights & fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe. More information is available at <https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/international-day-tolerance-16-november> ****November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance.** The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to honor the memory of those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. It was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil honoring the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman killed in 1998. More information available at <https://glaad.org/tdor/>

Children's Programs: The QUU Hut is open, & childcare is provided all Sundays. Religious exploration programming is on 2nd & 4th Sundays. In Nov & Dec we will be exploring winter holidays with the theme "Light in the Dark."

The Four Agreements Discussion Group will meet on Friday Nov 1 at 11am, in UUFSC Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

Wheel of the Year celebration - Samhain, 11/1, 5:30pm-7:00pm Lotus Center. Info lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com

Silco Theater Free films about dying – Nov 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Films shown in honor of the Day of the Dead, hosted by End of Life NM, Silver City. These films are recommended for those over the age of 14.

Soul Collage: Wed, Nov 13, 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 Nov 8 at 11am. For agenda info contact Maree McHugh marypatazonia@gmail.com

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

Bereavement Support Group meeting Nov 11, 2024 at 1:00pm. Women's Club 411 Silver Heights Blvd. All welcome

Afternoon Tea & Talk On Nov 11 & Nov 25 at 2pm – Contact Barbara - mudita.ymm@gmail.com

Grant County Death Café, Nov 14, 11:00am -12:30pm at the Silver City Public Library. Formerly the Life Cafe, this is a safe space for all to discuss & prepare for death. Free. Info -- contact Lisa Jimenez at (575) 574-5473.

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

Nov birthdays	Lisa Jimenez 11/7	Arlan Lazere 11/7	Barbara Bush 11/13	Chellee Chase 11/17	Paula Lynch 11/19
	George Ruebelmann 11/23	Scarlet Hunt 11/24	Bob Bryant 11/28	Sunny Kellerman 11/29	