

# High Desert Dispatch: August 2025

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 & opportunities for service to others. Our programs encompass humanism, liberal Christianity, earth-based spirituality, Buddhism & many other traditions. The members themselves plan & present the Sunday programs. We are a Welcoming Congregation that celebrates diversity & welcomes all, of every race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, mental & physical ability or disability, body size or shape, health condition, socioeconomic condition, & 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.**

**Aug 3: Gale Green:** "Bringing the Mountain Home." Gale Green will discuss the book "Bringing the Mountain Home" by SueEllen Campbell. Campbell talks about wilderness as perhaps a place we should go to, to get lost, lose our familiar ways, to find ourselves a creature among other creatures. Gale will tell personal wonder-filled experiences, & invite others to so share. **Moderator: Cathleen Norman**

**Aug 10: Heidi Ogas** "Breaking Bread & Forming Community." Heidi will share a bit on history of bread & how "Breaking Bread" brings people together in community. She is asking for your participation. Please bring some sort of bread, crackers, cookies or pastries to share that have significance in your life. Homemade or store bought. During program folks who are willing might share a SHORT story of why this food has meaning to them. We will share yummys afterward.

**Aug 17: Sharla Lefkowitz-Oberg,** "The Silver City MainStreet Project," celebrating its 40 year anniversary, encourages a vibrant, historic downtown Silver City - the heart of our diverse community. Main Street manages the Silco Theater & the Murray Ryan Visitor Center, while working with the Town of Silver City & New Mexico MainStreet to acquire funding & provide resources to our downtown community. **Moderator: Cathleen Norman**

**Aug 24: Barbara Bush,** "Welcoming Congregation Team." Discussion of our support & participation in the 2025 Silver City Pride Festival Sept 12 – Sept 13, 2025. **Moderator: Akien Maciain**

**Aug 31: Labor Day Potluck Picnic 11am. NO 10am program. Weather permitting we will be on the patio.** Bring your dish to share at 10:45. Pls label your dish showing potential allergens (e.g. wheat, soy, dairy, shellfish, peanuts, nuts, seeds, hot peppers, etc). Gluten free & vegetarian labels are helpful. Please bring your utensils & silverware. The grill will be going, so bring something to grill. Condiments & cool beverages will be supplied We'll be taking down the tables after the potluck & setting things aright for next Sunday -help will be appreciated. Set-up (tables & chairs) for the potluck will be on Sat, August 30. Please let Susan Price [Susan2price@gmail.com](mailto:Susan2price@gmail.com) know if you can come help on Aug 30.

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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 Joe Neri** – The UUFSC Board of Directors will be finalizing our Disruptive Behavior Protocol at our next meeting on August 15 (1 pm in the Community Room). A draft statement will be posted on the Listserv prior to that meeting. Interested Fellowship members are invited to attend & provide input to the Board. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still provide such input prior to the meeting to any Board member.

**Welcoming Days of Observance -- August 9 is International Day of the World's Indigenous People.**

About 476 million indigenous peoples live in the world, across 90 countries. Less than 6% of the world's population, they account for 15% of the poorest. They speak a vast majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages & represent 5,000 different cultures. Indigenous peoples are inheritors & practitioners of unique cultures & ways of relating to people & the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic & political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. They have cultural differences, yet share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples. Throughout history, their rights have been violated. Indigenous peoples today, are among the most disadvantaged & vulnerable groups of people in the world. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect their rights & maintain their distinct cultures & way of life. To raise awareness of the needs of these population groups, Aug 9th is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva in 1982 <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 & the President traditionally have proclaimed Women's Equality Day every year since 1973. More at: <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>  
On suffrage movement <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. Our theme for 2025 is "A Year of Holy Days."

**The Four Agreements Discussion Group** Meets Fri. Aug 1 at 11 am in our Community Room. All welcome.

**Lammas celebration** Aug 2, 5:30pm, at Lotus Center downtown Silver. Celebrate the First Harvest of the Land!

**Social Justice Team meeting** will be on Friday, Aug 8 at 11 am in our Community Room. Ron Gabioud is the new chair, so welcome him!

**Silver City Indivisible** meets the 2nd Monday of the month (8/11) at The Hearth, 1915 Swan, 5:30pm. Bring a friend!

**Soul Collage** - Wednesday, Aug 13, from 3-5:30 pm. All materials supplied. Newcomers welcome.

**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 Akien Maciain [akienm@gmail.com](mailto:akienm@gmail.com)

**Ganesh Chaturth (Hindu)** Aug 26 & 27 – celebrating the manifestation of Lord Ganesha, Remover of Obstacles!

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

<b>Aug b-days</b>	Harry Kellerman 8/1	Gay Hedges 8/5	Marty Eberhardt 8/6	Samarpan David Kent 8/6
	Peggy Spafford 8/7	David Krisch 8/8	Karen Murphy 8/28	Bea McKinney 8/31

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<https://D4613CBD4D2624D9.chmeetings.com/Giving/D4613CBD4D2624D9>