

High Desert Dispatch: September 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.

Sept 7: Connie Thibeau-Catsis "The 7 Tasks of a Folktale" This talk will draw from a folktale from Clarissa Pinkola Estes. Thibeau-Catsis will use a version to explore issues of retrieving one's intuition, releasing past issues, & facing challenging times. Music with the *No Wrong Notes* group, poetry by Elise Stewart.

Moderator: Carley Preusch

Sept 14: Lynda Aiman-Smith & David Kent "Holy Fool Tales – Nasreddin." Many spiritual traditions have teaching stories featuring Trickster Holy Fools. In this program we will introduce & tell tales of Nasreddin. Join us for spiritual amusement!

Sept 21: Joanie Connors – "Buddhist Concepts of Love." This program will cover the 4 Buddhist concepts for love - lovingkindness (metta), compassion(karuna), appreciative joy (mudita), & equanimity (upeksha), We will also discuss nonviolence & how love of others (as well as self) provide a path for spiritual liberation.

Moderator: Art Thorn

Join us to drum in the Autumn Equinox, Mabon, at 9:30am!

Sept 28: Jeff Goin. "Karma, Reincarnation, the Climate Crisis, & You." The climate crisis isn't coming; it's here now. Thinking about how we, individually, can make a difference may feel like a despairing exercise in futility. Is there really anything that one person can do to heal our planet? "Yes," is the answer! Join us to find out how!

Moderator: Lynda Aiman-Smith

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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 – We hope to begin the re-siding of our Q-Hut building in the near future, as well as the re-surfacing of the handicap parking & entry-way areas of our parking lot. Both of these projects will be done during the week, not on weekends. Neither should interfere with any UUFSC activities inside our main building. Please be careful if you need to access our Fellowship Hall or the Q-Hut during this construction activity.

Note from Board Secretary Nancy Stephens - Financial reports are positive. We opened a Vanguard account for General & Border Justice funds. We discussed disruptive behavior protocols, staff contracts, & facility improvements. The Nominating Committee will present at the October meeting. UUFSC will purchase ads for the Community Film Festival & Daily Press.

Welcoming Days of Observance -- - Sept 12 Pride Dance at Gough Park 5pm, **Sept 13 Silver City Pride Festival** at Gough Park from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Live performances, booths, vendors, Doggie Drag show & a safe & welcoming space for all members of the LGBTQIA+ community & their allies. More information at <https://lgbtqgc.org/event/2025-pride-festival/> **September 23 is Celebrate Bisexuality Day** Also referred to as Bisexual Pride Day & Bi Visibility Day, this day celebrates diverse bi identities, raises the voices of bi people, educates people on obstacles faced by the bisexual community, & calls for positive change. This annual celebration began in 1999 as International Celebrate Bisexuality Day, created by three bi activists in the U.S. It is now celebrated in more than 30 countries around the world. In. More information on this day & history is available at <https://bivisibilityday.com/about/> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celebrate_Bisexuality_Day **National Hispanic Heritage Month (*Mes nacional de la herencia hispana*) runs from September 15 to October 15.** This celebration recognizes the contributions & influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, & achievements in the United States. In 1968, Congress passed legislation (signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson) designating the week of September 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Week." In 1988, the celebration was expanded to a full month by President Ronald Reagan. September 15 is significant as the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras & Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16, & Chile its independence on September 18. The Día de la Raza, on October 12, also falls within this 30-day period. More information is available at <https://history.house.gov/HistoricalHighlight/Detail/15032398402> & <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about.html>

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 Sept 5 @11am. in our Community Room. All welcome.

Sept 6 at 1pm, Book signing of *Dora: A Daughter of Unforgiving Terrain* at 1pm with co-authors Dora Luz Rodriguez & Abbey Carpenter, Avalon Books & Music 405 N Bullard, Silver City, NM

Silver City Indivisible meets the 2nd Monday of the month (9/8) at The Hearth, 1915 Swan, 5:30pm. Bring a friend!

Social Justice Team meeting will be on Friday Sept 12@11 am in our Community Room.

Soul Collage - Wednesday, Sept 10, 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

Sept 21 – Autumn Equinox, Mabon – join us & drum on the patio at 9:30am

Sept 22 – Oct 2 – Navrati, the Hindu festival celebrating the divine feminine power of the Goddess Durga.

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

Sept b-days	Janett Hoke 9/1	Gypsy Zane 9/8	Stephanie Smith 9/11	Margaret Shoemaker 9/13
	Bill Paff 9/17	Mana'ar Johnson 9/17	Joanne DeMichele 9/20	Pat Sterling 9/29

You can make your UUFSC donations online!

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