

High Desert Dispatch: April 2026

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.

April 1 – Passover begins at sundown. April 5 – Easter Sunday.

Apr 5: Carole Czujko – “A Fresh Look at the Battle Between Good & Evil: Why Our Efforts Count.” Rev. Carole explores how we grapple with the persistence of evil over the millennia; along with leaning into all the good that continues to unfold. Carole Czujko is a retired Unitarian minister. She worked over 20 years, mostly in the tech sector. In midlife she changed direction to study the world’s faith traditions & mythologies in seminary. She has served as a hospital chaplain & congregational clergy. Carole is a lifelong social justice activist who loves music, loves to paint, & to write. **Moderator:** Denise Jones

Apr 12: Marty Eberhardt - Author & UUFSC member, Marty Eberhardt, will use readings from her latest mystery novel, *Crime on the Coast*, to demonstrate how it deals with the social justice issues of racism & the entitlement of the wealthy. **Moderator:** Kris Neri

Apr 19: William Smith- "Know Thyself: We can change our world!" Our inner self has power greater than the sun. The scientific community has discovered what Mystics & Masters of meditation told us for thousands of years -there is an inner Divine Light & Sound to which we can connect. Join William Smith, retired Army Lt Colonel as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation that benefits us at all levels of our existence. **Moderator:** Lynda Aiman-Smith

Apr 26: Rev Tina DeYoe – "Attention to Healing" What does it mean to heal? According to Dr. Gabor Mate, "Healing is actually the capacity to hold pain". So then, what does it mean to hold pain & how do we hold & release pain? In this Sunday's service we will explore embodied practices that can help us cope with our pain. **Moderator:** Art Thorn

You can make your UUFSC donations online!

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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 - Our bylaws require us to hold two business meetings each year. Our *Annual Meeting* is in November. Its purpose is to elect members of our Board of Directors, Audit Committee & Nominating Committee. Our *Semi-Annual Meeting* will be Sunday May 24, along with potluck brunch. Its purpose is to approve our annual budget. Please plan to attend this important Fellowship meeting. Also, it's not too early to begin thinking about becoming a member of our Board of Directors. Contact me at joe12bar@gmail.com

Note from Board Secretary Susan Guillory – Pledge letters are coming out soon. Currently the board is working on our budget for next year & will be presenting the budget at our May 24 semi-annual meeting.

Welcoming Days of Observance - April 10th is GLSEN's Day of (No) Silence. GLSEN (pronounced "glisten") is an educational non-profit formerly known as the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. GLSEN's Day of NO Silence is a nationally-recognized student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students & allies all around the country—and the world—protest the harmful effects of harassment & discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools. More information at:

<https://www.glsen.org/dayofnosilence> ****April 20–26 is Lesbian Visibility Week.** This week is an opportunity to recognize & celebrate the incredible contributions & vibrancy of the lesbian community within the larger LGBTQIA+ community. This year's focus is on health & well-being in the lesbian community. More information at <https://www.lesbianvisibilityweek.com/>

When Adults with Children come in 2026: We have fresh "Busy Bags" to use with children during programs.

Shared Self Help is a place to share wisdom among peers wanting to make small every-day improvements to our lives. Led by Akien & Leah. If you'd like to attend, please see Leah (klrnm@gmail.com) or Akien (akienm@gmail.com).

Want to be part of an inclusive, multigenerational community? Want deeper, more meaningful relationships with others in our Fellowship? Want to have some fun? Come check out the *Deeper Joy groups* after coffee hour on *April 5, 19, & 26*. Try one or come to them all & help us decide if this is something we want to make an ongoing part of our community's activities. Lunch items provided at 11:30, Deeper Joy activities from about 12:00-1:00pm.

The Four Agreements Discussion Group meets on Apr 3 at 11 am. Discussion based on the core teachings of *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz. Reading the book not required. Info -Carole carmichaeluu@gmail.com

Soul Collage – Wednesday Apr 8, from 3-5:30 pm. All materials supplied. Newcomers welcome.

Cancer Support Group Apr 9 & Apr 23 – 2pm-3:15pm at UUFSC. Info dianesmithlcsw@gmail.com or 520-245-7096

Silver City Indivisible meeting, Apr 13 (2nd Mondays) the Hearth, 1915 Swan, get there at 5 for social time, mtg 5:30.

Social Justice Team General fund donations: In 2/2026, SPIN \$200, Gospel Mission \$200 & SC Outreach \$261 (Elec bill). In 3/ 2026, \$300 St Francis Assoc for Needy & \$100 to Palestinian family Emerg Fund. Thanks to all who donate to the general SJ fund (mostly local orgs & separate from Border Justice funds). **Our Social Justice** Team meets 2nd Fridays of the month at 11:00, next meeting **April 17**. Upcoming events: Border Justice Project speaker for formally established NM Office of New Americans -- 4/19, Last Days of Lake Trinity film – 4/25.

Library Corner news! - A special new book donated to us! *Unpacking Silver City: Revealing the Rich Tapestry of a Historic Town* is now available to borrow from the UUFSC library. This unique book of essays offers new perspectives & insights into the people who have shaped our community's rich past.

Give Grandly April 18, 2026 10 AM - 2 PM @ Gough Park

Dances of Universal Peace April 26 @ 5:30pm 609 Arizona St, info: lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com

The Death Cafe meets Monday, Apr 27th, 4:00-5:30 pm at the Silver City Public Library.

KUNDALINI YOGA for BEGINNERS, FRIDAYS 3:30 – 4:30 pm, The Hearth, 1915 N. Swan St. Info - Colleen Jiron, ccjiron@yahoo.com

The Raging Grannies meet Mondays at 3:30pm at our UUFSC to practice singing protest. All welcome!

If you wish to be added to either or both of the UUFSC google groups (one for UUFSC business, one for general discussion), please contact Leah Klearman info@uufsc.com & she will get the process going.

Apr b-days *Want to see your birthday in the newsletter? Contact Lynda at lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com*

Michael Sheffer 4/5	Jeff Goin 4/11	Lorna Ruebelmann 4/13	Leonardo DaVinci 4/15*	Heidi Ogas 4/19	Gale Green 4/28
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*DaVinci is quoted as saying "Where there is shouting, there is no true knowledge." Thanks for the info Elaine C.!