

# High Desert Dispatch: June 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.**

**June 7: UUA Video:** "Welcoming & Belonging." Even in our loneliest hours, our longing for belonging can feel risky. What will we be asked to sacrifice in order to belong? What harm might we experience if we let others close? What will others think of us if we reveal who we truly are. Lauren Wyeth (she/they) is the Faith Development with the UUA's MidAmerica Regional Staff. **Moderator:** Akien Maciain

**June 14: Community Conversation-** Principled Patriotism includes the love, support, & defense of one's country - working to uphold principles & ideals, & making things work better for all citizens. It is NOT blind allegiance, rather Principled Patriotism involves engaged constructive civic duty. *Let's discuss how we are, & how we can be better, Principled Patriots.* **Moderators:** Lynda Aiman-Smith & Elaine Carlson co-moderate

**June 21 Solstice Drumming – join us @9:30 to drum for the Sun!**

**June 21: Joanie Conners** – "Father's Day program" Joanie will lead a conversation about fathers & grandfathers in light of the changing roles of fathers (& men) over the last 200 years. The goal is to celebrate good fathers, & to raise awareness & understanding of them & the work of fathering. (We ask that participants not tell stories of abuse as this talk is not meant to be therapy. If you suffered from a male relative, please instead focus on how you have healed from that time.)

**Moderator:** Art Thorn

**June 28: Kendra Milligan** – the TreeNM NeighborWood urban forestry tree planting project! Kendra will explain how they are planting trees in neighborhoods with low tree canopies, to mitigate heat and drought. Find out how your neighborhood might benefit! **Moderator:** Gillian Sherwood

**You can make your UUFSC donations online!**

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

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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** - At our recent Semi-Annual Meeting, the Fellowship approved our operating budget for fiscal year 2026/27. Thank you to all who participated, & thank you to our dedicated Board of Directors who worked diligently to formulate this budget. Our Fellowship is on solid & stable financial grounds

**Note from Board Secretary Susan Guillory** - We had a full report-out of Board activities at our semi-annual meeting on May 24, 2026. If you were unable to attend, please look through the packet I emailed out. If you have questions, please contact me.



**Welcoming Days of Observance – June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.** Pride Month is celebrated each June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City & to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community. Stonewall was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the USA. The last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the United States the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events such as pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia & concerts. LGBTQIA+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. In June let’s all recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, & internationally. More information - <https://www.history.com/articles/pride-month> **\*\*June 2 is Native American Citizenship Day.** On this day in 1924 Congress passed legislation ensuring Native Americans born within the USA were (& are) citizens. Before then, Native Americans did not have citizenship unless it was granted via military service. More information at <https://narf.org/the-indian-citizenship-act-at-100-years-old/> **\*\*June 19 is Juneteenth.** Also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, Juneteenth was established as a U.S. federal holiday in June 2021, honoring the day in 1865 when slaves in Texas & Louisiana finally heard they were free, two months after the end of the Civil War. June 19th thus became the day of emancipation for thousands of African Americans. More information at <https://www.juneteenth.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 ([lkirmn@gmail.com](mailto:lkirmn@gmail.com)) or Akien ([akienm@gmail.com](mailto:akienm@gmail.com)).

**The Four Agreements Discussion Group** You are invited to the regular 4 Agreements group meeting Friday, June 5 at 11 am til 12:30. Open to all. Questions? Please contact Carole [Carmichaeluu@gmail.com](mailto:Carmichaeluu@gmail.com)

**Silver City Indivisible meeting, June 8** (2nd Mondays) the Hearth, 1915 Swan, get there at 5 for social time, mtg 5:30.

**Soul Collage – Wednesday June 10**, from 3-5:30 pm. All materials supplied. Newcomers welcome.

**Cancer Support Group June 11 & June 25** – 2pm-3:15pm at UUFSC. Info [dianesmithlcsw@gmail.com](mailto:dianesmithlcsw@gmail.com) or 520-245-7096

**June 21 Summer Solstice Drumming on our patio 9:30am** –& if you want more, attend @ Gough Park 11am

**Summer Solstice & World Music Day** Community Circle of Sound Gough Park, Silver City, 11:00 AM Sunday, June 21, 2026. Info - Beatriz Giraldo (575) 654-6307

**Dances of Universal Peace June 28** @ 5:30pm 609 Arizona St, info: [lynda\\_aimansmith@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda_aimansmith@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](mailto:info@uufsc.com) & she will get the process going.

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

Andy Payne 6/1	Barbara Gabioud 6/8	Ivy Stephens-Etheridge 6/13	Susan Golightly 6/16	Kris Neri 6/24	
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