

High Desert Dispatch: May 2023

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. Our Fellowship celebrates diversity and welcomes all, of every race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, mental and physical ability or disability, socioeconomic condition, and family structure. **Please join us.**

UUFSC Safety Protocol: On Sundays, masks are recommended, but optional. Refreshments and potlucks can take place in the building, as well as (weather permitting) on the patio.

May 7: Mike Ferris - The Spiritual Journey: The Inward Search for Meaning and Purpose in a Chaotic World. In this talk Mike will provide highlights of his own journey in search of serenity through discovery of spirituality in his life. His goal is to challenge others to explore their inner life as a means to bring back sanity in our world, one Soul at a time.

Moderator Carol Morrison

May 7 – Saying Happy Trails. Right after the service, join us to wish Karen Murphy "Happy Trails" as she and her spouse Tim move to Arizona. Here's hoping that the lower elevation there will benefit Karen.

May 14: Jody Bateman "A Day I Ain't Never Seen Before." Local author Jody Bateman tells the story of the struggle for equality and dignity through the words of largely unknown men and women and the civil rights workers who joined them. Their accounts reflect on the lives residents of Marks, Mississippi before, during, and after the activist years of the civil rights movement.

Moderator Nancy Stephens

This is a Family/Childrens' Program Sunday – children 4 yrs and older have their own special activities.

May 21: Semi-Annual Meeting. Come for the program and potluck! Bring food 9:45am, meeting and feasting at 10am. Semi-annual meeting business includes voting on our fiscal year budget.

May 28: "Memorial Day Potluck Picnic" starting at 11am
No regular 10am program - our UU picnic starts at 11:00 am. It will take place on our Patio. Come one, come all! Bring a dish to share. Hospitality will provide drinks.

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Join UUFSC Zoom Meeting 10am Sundays

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFIJQXNlbnBpsSDZ5bUhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode: UUFSC

News from the Board from Board Secretary Susan Price -- You may have heard...The Board voted to lift the mask mandate during indoor Sunday programs! Covid-19 is still active, so masking is recommended, but optional. We have 3 new air-filters, two in the front Program Room; the 3rd is shared between the Community Room and the Q-Hut when the Children's Program is in session. Warmer weather and ability to keep the building doors open on Sunday mornings, means more ventilation. Hospitality Team will now be serving refreshments in the Community Room. We have the option of lingering in the Community Room, looking at library books, and reviewing the volunteer opportunities at the table in the back of the room. Carlos Price and Paul Michaud did a walk-through inventory of property maintenance needs. Many tasks can be accomplished on a scheduled workday, but a couple of projects will take additional time and expertise. We'll hear more about these needs at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Please be sure to put the Semi-Annual Meeting on your calendar for Sunday morning, May 21 – there will be a couple of items to vote on, most importantly, our new fiscal year budget. Our meeting & potluck starts at 10am, please bring your food at 09:45. It will be helpful if you also bring your plate, silverware and cup, so clean-up will be easier. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Note from your Board Chair Carlos Price -- We celebrate spring and the earth's renewal. The warming and lengthening of the days in spring bring new wildflowers, budding of trees and the urge in many of us to get outdoors digging in our gardens or enjoying our beautiful surroundings. For us at UUFSC it is also the time to adopt a new budget for the year at our semi-annual meeting. Budgets are estimates of the income we will receive and the expenses we will incur. Despite the best efforts by our teams to assess their needs, it is still just estimates. We have some maintenance issues that need to be addressed soon, if not this year. Some can be done with volunteer workdays. Hopefully, our members will save some of the new energy of spring to devote time and talent when called upon.

Note from your Board Treasurer Joanne DeMichele – Make sure you get your pledge in for our upcoming fiscal year! We'd like to hear from all before we finalize the budget for approval by the membership at the semiannual meeting on May 21st. If you have any questions or want to make a pledge, please email: treasurer.uufsc@gmail.com

From Welcoming Committee -- May 17 is International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. First conceived in 2004, the observance raises awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression of LGBTQIA+ persons and communities around the world, promoting interest in work on behalf of LGBTQIA+ worldwide. The date commemorates the 1990 decision by the World Health Organization to remove homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases. May 17 is particularly strong in Europe and Latin America, being commemorated with marches, parades, festivals, and arts and culture events. In 2021, U.S. president Joe Biden used May 17 to highlight efforts to alleviate LGBTQIA+ discrimination, calling on Congress to pass the Equality Act.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (<https://fapac.org/AAPI-Resources>) and **Jewish American Heritage Month** (<https://jewishamericanheritage.org/>).

Please donate food contributions for the Commons Food Pantry in the basket near the front door.

May 1 is Beltane in the Pagan Wheel of the Year. Celebrate joyous fecundity in all forms!

The Soul Collage group will meet on Wed May 10 from 3-6 pm in-person in the Community Room. All are welcome. All \instructions and supplies are provided. Masks are optional.

5/11/2023 -- AARP Smart Driver course – 9:30am to 1:30pm – Silver City Library. Only 10 seats left! For more info contact Flavio @ 575-208-6072 *\$20 for AARP members - \$25 for non-members (must be 55+ to attend)

Join the conversation at the next "Life Cafe" May 25, 2023 meeting 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the Silver City Public Library. For more info contact Lisa lmjimenez13@gmail.com or (575) 574-5473.

May birthdays	May 1 Ronald Gole	May 12 David Becker	May 13 Ivy Stephens-Ethridge	May 16 DeAnna Mooney
May 16 Katherine Feist	May 18 Wendy Graves	May 21 Samantha Armstrong	May 22 Alayna Cronin	May 24 Joe Neri
May 25 Don Graves	May 28 Anita Williams			

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