University Heights UMC
presents
Voices for Peace & Justice Benefit Concert
Sunday, August 13, at 7pm
featuring
Sid Fendley & Friends

Sid Fendley – Keyboards
Dimi Disanti- Guitar
John Bartlit- Drum
Wendy Beach- Bass, Vocals
Patty Stephens- Vocals
Dianna Hughes- Vocals
Kari Simmons- Vocals
Marilyn Hubert- Guitar, Vocals

with Sweet Jazz and refreshments at
University Heights United Methodist Church
2210 Silver SE (corner of Yale & Silver)
$15 tickets at the door or pre-purchase by calling 266-2525.
Proceeds will be shared between University Heights UMC and the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

MONDAYS
350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 350-6000
Veterans for Peace ABQ 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

TUESDAYS
ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6-8pm, 881-6365
Race Dialogue 4th Tuesday, 5pm, 917 Vassar NE, 272-5085

WEDNESDAYS
Decarcerate Yoga weekly, Noon-1pm, allenjr@unm.edu
Chair Yoga weekly, 1-30-2:30pm, lisbethcarlisle@aol.com
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:57pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Bhagavad Gita Class weekly 7-8:45pm, Trinity House, 1925 Five Points Road SW, 842-5697.
The Water Groups 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRIC, 243-6174.
Power Through Peace meeting 4th Weds. 5:30pm, 400-4278

THURSDAYS
Peace Center Coordinating Council 2nd Thursdays, 5-7pm. All are invited, 268-9557
Biotecture Planet Earth 3rd Thursdays, 5:30pm, jewalker@swcp.com
ABQ Move to Amend 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, 867-6539

FRIDAYS
Sierra Club & Root Beer 1st Friday on odd months, 6:30-8pm, 243-7767
P&J Movie Night 3rd Friday, 6-8pm, 604-1261
Peace Center Admin. Committee Last Friday, 2-3:30pm

Nonviolent Communication (NVC) last Fridays through August, 11:30am-1pm, 400-2709 or 881-4536

SATURDAYS
Food Distribution Weekly, 9am in Parking Lot.
Sitting for Peace Weekly, 9-10am, Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence, 265-2178
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 440-7372.
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4661.
SURJ-ABQ 1st Saturday, 10-15 Noon, surjabq@gmail.com
Grandmother’s Council of NM 2nd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 610-8258
ABQ Hours Exchange 3rd Saturday, 4-6pm, abqhousers.org
ABQ IWW 4th Saturday, 11am-1pm, abqiww@gmail.com
AlbuCORE 4th Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 366-1096
Economic Reform Advocacy Group 3rd Sat., 10:30am - 2:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, Carlisle/Comanche. 323-0364.
Gray Panthers 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. Contact: 266-8823.
Peña Cultural / Coffee House Monthly, 7-10pm, Bandido Hideout, 2128 Central SE, 385-3670.

SUNDAYS
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon.
Potluck on 3rd Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community Weekly 11am at St. Paul’s ELCA, 1100 Indian School NE, 352-4061.
Generation Justice weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM

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Swing Dance Door Volunteers
John Ellig, Renee Wolters,
Kent Zook, Michael Gallagher,
Adrienne Mathewson,
Megan Cohen, Peggy Singh
Saturday, Aug. 5, 2pm
Annual Sackcloth and Ashes Hiroshima Day
Peace Vigil at Los Alamos, NM. Gather at Ashley Pond Park in Los Alamos. Begins with a quiet walk, sitting in sackcloth and ashes for 30 minutes, then return to the park. Group sharing on the experience led by Rev. John Dear. Bring water, an umbrella and a peace sign. More info: bud@siochainworld.org, shalseyhoover@gmail.com or (714) 420-6771.

Saturday, Aug. 5, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Chris Hedges: “Stopping Fascism,” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, Aug. 5, 7-9pm
Nationwide release of An Inconvenient Sequel, the update to Al Gore’s award-winning movie on climate change. 350.orgNM will be organizing a rally at a local theater for one of the showings. Info/updates: info@actionnetwork.org, facebook.com/350NM

Sunday, Aug. 6, 11am
Camy Condon speaks at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on the Children's Peace Statue, and also on the political situation in Brazil, at the Peace Center. Info: 268-5073.

Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:30-8:30pm
A Public Forum on the Israel Anti-Boycott Act, at Albuquerque Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard Blvd. NE (south of Indian School Rd.) sponsored by JVP-ABQ, Alb. Center for Peace and Justice, (other sponsors forthcoming). For more info, see pg. 7.

Saturday, Aug. 12, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Chip Berlet: “Mobilizing Resentment” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Aug. 13, 7pm
Fundraising concert with Sid Fendley & Friends at UHUMC at Silver & Yale. Half of the funds raised will go to the ABQ Ctr. for Peace & Justice. For more info, see Cover Page.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6-8pm
Keeping Your Activist Self Strong: Burnout Prevention/Resiliency Tools at the Peace Center. RSVP requested; call 717-2402 or email Sheila via notablehealing.com/contact. Free, donations gratefully accepted. More info: see Noticias pg. 5

Thursday, Aug. 17, 6pm

Friday, Aug. 18, 6pm

Saturday, Aug. 19, 6pm
Calendar of Special Events, continued

**APD Forward**

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 5:30-7pm
Activist training by APD Forward, to advocate for change and demand constitutional policing, at Thomas Bell Community Center, 3001 University Blvd SE in Kirtland Park. For more info: events@aclu-nm.org, facebook.com/APDforward, and apdforward.org/advocacy_training_20170727

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 5:30pm

**Power Through Peace** monthly lecture series. Topic: “Power through Community.” For more info: powerthrupeace@gmail.com powerthroughpeace.org

Saturday, Aug. 26, 11am-2pm

**Standing for Immigrant Justice: Keeping Families Together**, a major fundraiser for NMFCIJ at Hotel Andaluza, 125 Second St. NW, downtown at 2nd/Copper. For tickets and info: nmfcij-event.org. Email nmfcijfundraiser@gmail.com with questions.

Saturday, Aug. 26, 6pm


Monday, Aug. 28, 6:30pm

**350.org NM** re-starts their monthly film series at the Peace Center (continuing every 4th Monday) with a screening of the new movie, *Chasing Coral*, from the makers of *Chasing Ice*. For more info, visit www.chasingcoral.com

Save the Date:

Friday, Sept. 1, 6pm

Mayoral Candidate Forum

Thursday, Sept. 21, 5:30-8pm

**Peace Day Forum & Frito Pie** at the Peace Center, for the UN International Day of Peace.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 3-7pm

**Peace Day Block Party** on Harvard Dr. between Central & Silver, part of Int’l Day of Peace activity throughout the week, including a **Swap (instead of a Yard Sale) in the Peace Center parking lot**. For more info, see Back Page. PAJOLA groups are encouraged to table at the block party.

Saturday, Sept. 16 – Sunday, Sept. 24

**Campaign Nonviolence Week of Actions** calling for a culture of peace and nonviolence. PAJOLA groups invited to organize nonviolent actions. Call 268-9557 to have your action included in our Peace Day Events flyer. More info: www.paceebene.org.
New Artist Exhibit for August: Aztatl Garza
Born in San Antonio, TX, raised in Detroit, and now a resident of Albuquerque, Aztatl is a self-employed creative writer, visual artist, retired social worker and Coahuila counselor. His current collection, *Chicano 101* is a study in Chicano history emphasizing stories from both past and present times.

The collection will be on display from July 26–September 6 at the Albuq. Peace Center. An **Art Reception will be held in the Peace Hall on Friday, August 4, from 5:30-7:30pm.** Light refreshments will be served.

In addition, his other collection *Ojo de Dios* will be on display at the Main Library downtown, 501 Copper Ave NW. The exhibit will be on the second floor and will be on display throughout the month of August. Contact the artist: aztatlxikano@gmail.com Questions? Email P&J Art Exhibit Coordinator Amy Sedillo at amy.sedillo3@gmail.com.

**Look For Our Annual Appeal For Donations Letter in the Mail**
by Sue Schuurman, P&J Outreach Coordinator

We are so grateful for the ongoing and generous support of our members and supporters over the years. Please keep an eye out for our annual appeal letter, which will be mailed out shortly. We depend on your financial contributions to keep supporting social justice work in our community, whether it be sanctuary for undocumented immigrants fearing that ICE will deport them, workshops for trans youth, fiscal sponsorship for emerging groups, and helping to spread the message of In This House We Believe... and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for sustaining us every day. If you didn't receive a letter by the end of the month, please call us at 268-9557.

**Free Workshop: Keeping Your Activist Self Strong! Burnout Prevention/Resiliency Tools**
Manage emotions, build energy, create calm, and clear your head. Tapping into your body and mind’s wisdom and strength, we will use Traditional Chinese Medicine practices and Qi Gong Sounds, Guided Visualization and Acutonics Sound Healing Chimes and Tuning Forks. Skills are easily learned and taken back to our communities and families. Handouts provided.

Led by Sheila Fox, a long-time activist, cultural worker and vocalist/musician. She is a certified meditation teacher, Acutonics® Sound Healing Practitioner and is certified in Capacitar® Trauma Transformation Exercises. She is a mother and grandmother and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This workshop takes place **Wednesday, August 16, 6-8pm at the Peace Center** and is open to all, ages 8-98! RSVP requested; call 505-717-2402 or go to notablehealing.com/contact and email Sheila. Donations gratefully accepted, healthy snacks provided. Please be fragrance free.

The New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, the ABQ Friends Meeting, and the ACLU-NM organized a large demonstration in front of the local ICE office in support of Kadhim Al-bumohammed, now in sanctuary at a local church to prevent ICE from deporting him back to Iraq. Thanks to the organizers, peace keepers, and demonstrators for standing up to injustice. #KeepKadhimHere #StopSeparatingFamilies
Two Tragic Anniversaries Remembered, from Trinity to Church Rock
by Tina Cordova, Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium

Note: Myrriah Gomez, UNM Professor and Los Alamos downwinder, read this statement at the 38th Annual Church Rock Uranium Spill Commemoration on July 15, 2017 at the Red Water Pond Road Community Association in Northeast Church Rock.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Red Water Pond Road Community Association and the Multi-Cultural Alliance for a Safe Environment,

On July 16, 1945, before dawn, while many people living in the small communities in south central New Mexico were beginning their day, an atomic blast took place at the Trinity site that was so intense it produced more light and heat than the sun. So intense it is hard to describe but suffice it to say many who witnessed the event thought it was the end of the world.

They thought as one man has described that God would ascend from behind the radioactive cloud that went 7 miles into the atmosphere. While it was not the end of the world, it was the end of the world as we knew it. Soon radioactive ash started to fall from the sky that coated the earth and became part of the environment in every way. It was now blended with the water, and the soil never to be separated again.

People were living a very organic lifestyle and produced most of what they ate. No one had much, but they had all they needed to take care of themselves, and life was good. They grew crops and orchards and raised and hunted animals. They drew water from the cisterns and acequias for drinking, cooking, bathing and washing clothes. All the time they were unknowingly poisoning themselves and their children.

While it was not the end of the world, it was the beginning of the end for many people because as they were exposed to the toxic radiation through their food and water, through inhalation and absorption through their skin, they were unaware of the danger it would inflict upon them and future generations. For many years now people have been suffering with cancer and other illnesses associated with radiation exposure. Complete families have been wiped out. For many people it has been a dismal existence.

This brings us to you, the people of the Red Water Pond Road Community Association. We know that on July 16, 1979, you all were subject to the worst ever uranium tailings spill that made its way into your water, soil and food supply as well. How unbelievable that we share this date in common and the fact that government and industry leaders knew at the time that there were hazards to the people living in the adjacent communities but chose to ignore them. We are intrinsically linked based on our shared experience, the injustice of it all and the date it took place.

Your people unknowingly took contaminated water out of the Rio Puerco to drink, irrigate, and water the animals. Your people stepped in the irradiated water, and some suffered immediate trauma to their legs and feet. Like us, consuming contaminated water and livestock resulted in cancer and other illnesses for your people. We have both suffered from radiation poisoning.

When the dam wall of the United Nuclear Corporation's mine collapsed, the Governor of New Mexico refused to declare a state of emergency. The federal government refuses to assess the health impact that the spill had on the Navajo Nation. This is similar to how the federal government refuses to acknowledge us as downwinders of the radiation released from the Trinity Test.

So today as you host the 38th commemoration of the North East Church Rock Uranium Tailings Spill please know that your brothers and sisters in south central New Mexico understand your trials because we live them too. We will observe a moment of silence at our Candlelight Vigil on July 15, 2017, in memory of your loss and suffering. On this day and forever more we extend to you our wish for your health, happiness, peace and justice.

Larry King of RWPRCA and Myrriah Gomez
photo credit: Susan Schuurman
A Public Forum on the Israel Anti-Boycott Act

**Speakers:** ACLU representatives & human rights lawyers Nancy Hollander and John Boyd, Alan Wagman, Jewish Voice for Peace; staff member from Sen. Tom Udall’s office, and possible speakers from the Friends Meeting and other faith and activist groups.

**Purpose:** Explain the intent of the bill under consideration by Congress, how it might violate free speech of supporters of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel’s occupation of Palestine, and how to respond to it.

**Background:** The BDS movement was launched by 170 Palestinian organizations and civil society, inspired by the anti-apartheid movement against South Africa. Its purpose is to urge non-violent pressure on Israel to comply with international law by 1) ending the occupation of Arab lands and dismantle the separation wall, and 2) recognizing the full rights of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, and 3) respecting the rights of refugees to return to their homes and properties stipulated in UN Resolution 194.

The Israel Anti-Boycott Act, legislation introduced in the Senate by Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.) and in the House by Peter J. Roskam (R-III.), would make it a crime to support or even discuss boycotts directed at Israel or its businesses called by the United Nations, the European Union or any other “international governmental organization.” Violations would be punishable by civil and criminal penalties of up to $1 million and 20 years in prison.

The Act is intended to stifle efforts to protest Israel’s settlement policies by boycotting businesses in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. The bill’s target is the BDS movement. The ACLU has sent a letter to the US Congress opposing the bill. It stated it a Washington Post op-ed on 7-25-17:

*Whether one approves or disapproves of the BDS movement itself, people should have a right to make up their own minds about it. Americans engage in boycotts every day when they decide not to buy from companies whose practices they oppose. Students have boycotted companies that sold clothing manufactured in sweatshops abroad. Environmentalists have boycotted Nestlé for its deforestation practices. By using their power in the marketplace, consumers can act collectively to express their political points of view. There is nothing illegal about such collective action; indeed, it is constitutionally protected.*

**Thursday, August 10, 6:30–8:30pm at Albuquerque Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard Blvd NE (south of Indian School). Sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace Albq., Al bq. Center for Peace and Justice (others forthcoming)
Save the Date for the P&J Swap Meet!

This year, instead of having our usual Yard Sale, we will be hosting a Swap Meet. September is turning out to be a busy time for us, as we are greatly expanding how we are celebrating UN International Day of Peace and the Week of Actions for Campaign Nonviolence. We are hosting a Forum on Peace Day, Thursday, Sept. 21 from 5:30pm to 8pm and a Block Party on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 3pm to 7pm. We decided to hold the "yard sale" that Saturday, Sept. 23 in the parking lot, and since we can't close the Peace Hall for sorting and pricing ahead of time, due to the Forum, we are going to try holding a Swap Meet instead. That's right, bring your items you don't need anymore and pick up something you can use---for free! We will have a donation jar available in case you want to make a contribution to the P&J. If you can't come on Saturday, Sept. 23 we will accept donated items the day before on Friday, Sept. 22. Call 268-9557 if you have any questions. Let’s further sustainability by trying to reduce, reuse, and recycle as much as we can. The P&J Swap Meet will be held in the Peace Center parking lot on Saturday, September 23. Check the September newsletter to confirm the time but most likely 3pm-7pm.