International Day of Peace at the P&J  
Monday, September 21, 4pm – 8pm

Join us to celebrate a day of peace activities honoring the UN International Day of Peace 2015 and in coordination with the Campaign Nonviolence Week of Actions (Sept. 20-27).

4pm-5:45pm: **Nonviolence and the Struggle for Justice** - This interactive forum will explore the principles and practices of nonviolence in the context of contemporary struggles for justice and an end to oppression. A panel of committed social justice activists and nonviolence practitioners will explore, with the participants, their own commitments, beliefs and perspectives. Panel: Albino Garcia (La Plazita Institute), Dr. Jamal Martin (UNM Peace Studies Program), and additional Social Justice practitioners.

5:45-6:30pm: **Food** - frito pie treats prepared by the P&J's own Peace Café.

6:30-7:30pm: **Poetry** – New Mexico poets, headed by Mary Oishi, will read their Peace Poems in partnership with the Austin-based “Poems for Peace” project, joining poets nationwide that day in the goal to read a million poems for peace. Mike Swick will video this reading, to become part of a Poems For Peace collaborative work that will be available online later.

7:30- 8pm: **Candlelight vigil** - flute by Cliff Wilkie.

_Sponsored by the Creating Peace Project of the Peace & Justice Center, the United Nations Association USA—Albuquerque Chapter and UNM Peace and Justice Studies Program_
Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

**MONDAYS**
- 350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 255-1222.
- NVC Practice Group 2nd & 4th Mondays, 3:30-5pm, 243-6174
- Veterans for Peace 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

**TUESDAYS**
- Intro to NVC Weekly, 11:15am-1:15pm, 243-6174
- ABQ Hours New Member Orientation, 3rd Tuesday, 6-8pm, www.abqhous.org.
- ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, Erna Fergusson Library, 3700 San Mateo NE, 6:30-8pm, 881-6365

**WEDNESDAYS**
- Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:55pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
- ABQ Justice weekly 5:30pm at a private residence, for info: abqjustice@yahoo.com.
- Stop the War Machine 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, 858-0882.
- Call to confirm.
- The Water Groups 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRIC, 243-6174.
- People for Peace 1st Wednesday 7-9pm, The Commons (parlor), 2300 West Alameda, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
- Peace Center's Coordinating Council 2nd Wednesday, meeting at 6pm (optional potluck at 5:30). All are invited.

**THURSDAYS**
- Peace Café Weekly, Noon-3pm, Free coffee, snacks, Wi-Fi, chess, jam session. Everyone welcome!
- Women in Black Weekly, 12:30-1pm, silent vigil on Lomas between 3rd & 4th streets. All invited, wear black. 341-9307.
- Gay Men’s Group Weekly, 7:15-9pm, Frontier, 266-0884
- Food Distribution Weekly, 8:30am in Parking Lot.
- Quote Unquote Media Center Board Meeting 4th Saturday, 10am-12:30pm, Call for location. 417-9178.
- St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4661.
- Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.
- ABQ Hours Exchange Member Meeting, 3rd Saturday, 4-6pm, www.abqhous.org.
- Humanist Society of NM 2nd Saturday, 11am-1pm, 344-6102
- Central NM Move to Amend 3rd Sat., 11am-1pm, 450-1268
- Dialogue Group 3rd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 492-3594
- 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 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
- Light Mission Pentecostal Church Weekly 1pm-4pm 203-4721 (un)Occupy ABQ Weekly, 1pm at Yale Park, unoccupy-abq@gmail.com, www.unoccupyabq.org.
- Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community Weekly 11am at SWOP, 211 10th SW. 352-4061.

**PEOPLE AT THE PEACE CENTER**
- Coordinating Council
  - Tom Dent, President
  - Samia Assed, Vice President
  - John Ellig, Treasurer
  - Janice Devereaux, Secretary
  - Judith Kidd
  - Halima Christy
  - LeMoyn Castle, Charles Klinhenn
- Administrative Committee
  - Maureen Wright, Tom Dent
  - Halima Christy, Allen Cooper
- Finance Committee
  - John Ellig, Jim Mackenzie, Charles Klinhenn
- Board Liaison Committee
  - Judith Kidd
  - Tom Dent, Halima Christy
- Information Technology
  - Jim Mackenzie, Joal Galvan
- Grassroots New Mexico (KUNM)
  - David Lopez, Iris Keltz, Amanda Sutton, Dinah Vargas, Ilse Biel
- Newsletter Mailing
  - Floy Barrett, Caroline Monie
  - Sally-Alice Thompson
  - Ellen Robinson, Dorie Bunting
  - Meredith Bunting
  - Susan McKinsty
  - Ramona Heffernan
- Staff
  - Susan Schuurman, Outreach Coordinator
  - Mollie Wilkie, Volunteer Coordinator
  - Derek Caudwell, Newsletter
  - Denise Bucci, Membership
  - Rick Keeney, Cleaning Services
- Membership Volunteer
  - Renee Wolters
- Web Calendar
  - Michelle Meaders
- A/V
  - Mike Swick
- Website
  - Daniel Torres, Renee Wolters
- Web Design
  - Melody Mock
- Art Exhibit Coordinator
  - Eliza Schmid
- Building Maintenance
  - Don Meaders
- Student Interns
  - Ilse Biel (UNM grad student)
  - Laura Reeb (UNM exchange student)
- Photographer
  - Fana McHugh
- Front Desk Volunteers
  - Michelle Meaders, Tom Dent
  - Charles Klinhenn, John Ellig, Kent Zook
- Rich Yost, Sharyn Kaye
- France Daniels-Thompson
- Sarina Carruthers, Maureen Wright, Eliza Schmid, Tammy Weigel
- Cyrus Moses, Cliff Campbell
- Gareth Webb, Nancy Gephardt
Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6pm
The first meeting of a weekly **study group on the Pope's Environmental Encyclical**, each Wednesday in September, 6pm at SWOP offices (211 10th St. SW). Hosted by Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community; 352-4061 or 247-8832 for info or to RSVP, see also Noticias, pg. 6.

Thursday, Sept. 3, 5:30-8pm
**Voter Registration Training** hosted by Danny Hernandez at the Peace Center. Free training to register voters provided by the Bernalillo County Clerk’s Office. More info: bikert66@gmail.com

Friday, Sept. 4, 1-8pm
**The Drones Quilt Project** traveling exhibit visits the Peace Center for a short while, hosted by The Donald & Sally-Alice Thompson Chapter of Veterans For Peace. See Noticias, pg. 4 for more info.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 3pm
Margaret Randall’s new book, *Haydee Santamaría* is an impressionistic portrait of her friend, the only woman to participate in every phase of the Cuban Revolution. At Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande Blvd NW. More info: events@bkwrks.com

Saturday, Sept. 5, 6pm

Sunday, Sept. 6, 11am
**ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** (AUUF) view and discuss *Trail of Tears*, pt. 3 of the documentary, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org.

Monday, Sept. 7
The **Peace Center will be closed in honor of Labor Day**. The Central NM Labor Council hosts the 7th **annual Labor Day Picnic** in Tiguex Park (corner of Mountain Rd. & 19th St. NW, near ABQ Museum and Explora) with music, speakers, food and non-alcoholic drinks from 11am-2pm. This event is free, all welcome.

Wednesdays, Sept. 9 – Nov. 4, 6:30-8pm
NM Loretto Community presents **Witnessing Whiteness**, a 9-week discussion course presented by and located at St. Paul’s U.C.C. - 1101 Golf Course Rd. SE (in Rio Rancho, south of Golf Course and Southern). For more info/to register with facilitator Trish Herron: pmherronco@gmail.com, 892-9633.

Saturday- Sunday, Sept. 12-13, 1pm only
**Grave of the Fireflies** (1988, 91m, Japanese w/English subtitles) This achingly sad and haunting, yet profoundly beautiful animated anti-war film tells the story of two children made homeless by the atomic bombings of Japan. All seats $5 at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE, www.guildcinema.com.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Idrees Ahmad: “Syria, ISIS & Journalism” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 11am

Sunday, Sept. 13, 11am-2pm
**Community Homestead Day**: All ages are invited to join us for a casual day of seasonal homesteading activity, focused on processing local fruit! At Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center in Cerillos, NM. For info and to RSVP: www.ampersandproject.org

Sunday, Sept. 13, 3pm
**Katha Politt** discusses **Pro**, her new book reframing abortion as a common part of women’s reproductive lives, one that should be accepted as a moral right with positive social implications. Co-sponsored by Planned Parenthood NM. At Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande Blvd NW. Info: events@bkwrks.com

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 17-20
NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice conducts an **Immigration Awareness** immersion experience. Meet with immigrant families and agencies that serve immigrants in our community in numerous diverse fields. $75 cost includes three meals; partial scholarship available. Info/RSVP: kathleenomalley42@gmail.com

Thursday, Sept. 17, 7pm
**Chris Duvall**’s new book **Cannabis** provides a global history of cannabis in all of its forms, analyzing the diversity of human-cannabis relationships across the world and correcting simplistic assumptions. At Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande Blvd NW. More info: events@bkwrks.com.
Saturday, Sept. 19, 1:30-3:30pm

The Dialogue for Peace group has added a “talking stick” in the circle to enhance the dialogue methods of David Bohm and ensure that each person has a chance to speak uninterrupted. Everyone gets several turns to deepen their responses, formulate their thoughts and build collaborative ideas. At the Peace Center; for info call Susan Schulte, 492-3594.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 3pm

Kathryn Ferguson speaks and reads from The Haunting of the Mexican Border, her account of violence and generosity on the U.S./Mexico border. A longtime traveler and documentarian in Mexico’s Sierra Madre, Ferguson relates how U.S. immigration policies erode the lives of ordinary citizens on both sides of the border. At Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande Blvd NW. More info: events@bkwrks.com.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 6pm

Aim Higher: March Against the Nat’l Police Shooting Competition being held in ABQ; from Robinson Park at 8th and Central through downtown ABQ to Embassy Suites, which is hosting the “shootout.” For more info, contact unoccupyabq@gmail.com or visit unoccupyabq.org.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Deepa Kumar: “Imperialist Feminism” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 11am


Monday, Sept. 21, 4-8pm

International Day of Peace / National Week of Campaign Nonviolence events at the Peace Center, see cover for details.

Wednesdays, Sept. 23 & 30, 5-7pm

Wednesday Night Live presentations by NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice with a meal at 5pm; presentation at 6pm. Sept. 23 focuses on detention of women and children; Sept. 30 discusses current enforcement policies and practices, their effect on communities, and what we can do. $10 for the meal, at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 2626 Arizona NE. Info: Justin, 217-5846.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6:30-7:30pm

NM Interfaith Power & Light (NMIPL) presents Candle Light Interfaith Prayer Vigil on the eve of Pope Francis addressing the joint session of Congress, in Old Town Plaza. We will also remember that this is the Jewish holy time of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. All are welcome, please bring a candle. Info: info@nm-ipl.org.

Friday-Monday, Sept. 25-28, 5:45pm only

The Look of Silence (2015, 103m) is the follow-up to The Act of Killing, about perpetrators of the 1965 Indonesian genocide. In this documentary, a village optometrist confronts the men who killed his brother, asking them to accept responsibility for their actions. This unprecedented film initiates and bears witness to the collapse of fifty years of silence. No matinees, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central NE, www.guildcinema.com.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9am-3pm

P&J Annual Yard Sale - Please drop off donations in clean, working condition to the Peace Hall between Wednesday, Sept. 23-Friday, Sept. 25 from 9am-5pm, then come back and find a few treasures! Questions: Sue at 268-9557, also see back page.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Tom Hayden: “A Global Warning” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11am


Sunday, Sept. 27, 1-3pm

Water Systems Walkthrough: see simple off-grid rain catchment, greywater, and solar heating systems in action at Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center in Cerillos, NM. For info and to RSVP: www.ampersandproject.org
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One Powerful Weekend Towards Peace and Nuclear Disarmament

From Susan Schuurman: Imagine sitting in a large room and learning from the nation's best teachers about creating a real, tangible, credible and effective national grassroots movement for non-violence and building a culture of peace. That's how I felt as I participated in the Campaign Nonviolence National Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Fe, August 7 and 8th, thanks to the generous support of the Peace Center.

My biggest take-away from the conference was the call to action from Medea Benjamin. She asked all 250 attendees to raise our hands and commit to contacting members of Congress before Sept. 17th when they are expected to vote on the Iran Nuclear Deal. She said it is the most important vote since the Iraq War of 2003 and it represents a choice between war and diplomacy. The list of undecided members of Congress is available on Code Pink's website. And now in the hopes of building a culture of peace, I ask the Peace Center community, to make that call as well. Let's make sure the Iran Deal passes. Let's tap into the power of nonviolence.

From Renee Wolters: Attending the Campaign Nonviolence Training and Conference was a great opportunity to meet like-minded people who are seeking to live nonviolently and to think outside the box about our vision of nonviolence in relationships and in society. Particularly meaningful to me was an invitation by Marian Naranjo of Santa Clara Pueblo to send a prayer to the Tribal Leaders of the Northern Pueblos (that continue to bear the brunt of our nuclear warfare mentality) expressing our awareness that we are in lands that they hold sacred and that we stand in solidarity with them in caring for these lands. For me, writing this prayer letter and reading it to the representatives of the four directions was a very emotional experience that released the guilt I felt, allowing me to enter into a relationship with them, and moving toward healing. We can all benefit from creating right relationships that promote healing and a peaceful existence.

If you would like to send a prayer to Tribal Elders, you can email it to: mariann2@windstream.net or mail to: Honor Our Pueblo Existence (HOPE), 627 Flower Road, Espanola, NM 87532. Sample letters are at the Peace Center.

From Mollie Wilkie: We did it! After a challenge by author and Campaign Nonviolence organizer Father John Dear to “bring a bus” from Albuquerque to the August 9 Sackcloth and Ashes Vigil in Los Alamos commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Nagasaki, we decided to go for it! With a $100 donation as seed money, and the promise of up to $200 from the Lee Simms Activist Fund, we were able to rent an air-conditioned bus with a restroom. As it turned out, we only needed $117 from the fund, the bus was almost filled to capacity, and 48 of us traveled in style and comfort to the event. What an opportunity it was for us to build community, get to know each other, represent the Peace Center and honor the event. We will be doing this again!
Study Group Forming on Pope’s Climate Change Encyclical
Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community and SouthWest Organizing Project present *Climate Change and the Impact of Laudato Si: A Study of the Pope’s Environmental Encyclical*, **Wednesdays in September (2, 9, 16, 23), 6pm at SWOP offices (211 10th St. SW)**. Dinner will be served at 6pm before the study. First week’s Dinner will be provided, subsequent weeks will be potluck. Study materials will also be provided. RSVP for event and dinner on Facebook (“Bl Oscar Romero”), call 352-4061 or 247-8832.

New Peace Center T-Shirts for Sale!
A new order of colorful T-shirts is now available at the Peace Center, in both unisex/men’s and women’s styles. They are sweatshop-free and printed locally by Guerrilla Graphix, with the Peace Center logo and our vision on front of the shirt. Stop by and get yours today! Priced from $12-$20.

DVD Player Donated to the Peace Center
A warm thank you to Sharon and David Hoover for donating a DVD player to the Peace Center. It is sometimes more convenient to show a movie from a DVD player instead of a laptop computer, and our old one had stopped working. Thanks to this donation, we can provide more A/V options for our members and visitors. If you would like to know about other items on the Peace Center **Wish List**, please call 268-9557. Items range from $20 to $7,000.

Kathy Kelly & Maya Evans Captivate the Peace Center
Voices for Creative Nonviolence Coordinator Kathy Kelly spoke to more than 50 people gathered at the Peace Center on Thurs. August 13. Kathy was accompanied by United Kingdom VCNV coordinator Maya Evans, who shared the excitement of the nonviolent civil disobedience action she participated in doing a banner drop with big letters saying “UK STOP ARMING ISRAEL.” Evans explained how El Bit Systems, an Israel security and weapons manufacturer, makes parts for the drones that kill Palestinians, and the apartheid wall in the West Bank as well as the wall at the US/Mexico border. Kathy showed us beautiful and unforgettable photographs of young Afghan Peace Volunteers in Kabul that she has been living and working with for the past five years. Kathy is an inspiration to us all. We were grateful to have her visit us again at the Peace Center and were pleased to be able to raise nearly $1,000 for her organization, Voices for Creative Nonviolence. Thanks to everyone who came and donated. For more info, go to vcnv.org or to donate, send a check to: VCNV, 1249 W. Argyle St. #2, Chicago IL 60640.

Sister Joan Honored at the White House
By Francine Cronshaw
Joan Brown, executive director of New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light, and a PAJOLA member of the Peace Center, was honored recently for her advocacy work on climate change. She was a guest at the White House on July 20th, along with 11 other religious leaders. Brown is a member of the Order of St. Francis and directs the Ecology Ministry for the Catholic diocese of Santa Fe.

The interest in climate change by the executive branch, however overdue it may be in the minds of many Peace Center members, is the result of environmental advocacy by the Pope. In June, Pope Francis released an encyclical on climate change in which he wrote, “We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.”

“It was the encyclical,” Sister Joan stated, “that really spurred interest in general public opinion over the question of climate change.” Her ministry focuses on the human responsibility in the “stewardship of creation,” exploring sources of sustainable energy, and safeguarding the environmental integrity of the planet as a sacred trust. NM Interfaith Power and Light works with churches and community groups to move them toward environmental awareness and sustainable practices. Phone: 266-6966.

Project PeacePal is Now Global One to One!
After eight years, the Albuquerque-based international organization known as Project PeacePal has grown into **Global One to One**. The name has changed, but the mission and values remain the same. Through a unique one to one format, Global One to One aims to strengthen global connections through one to one communication, creating a network of people prepared to resolve global issues together. Visit: www.global1to1.org
The Drones Quilt Project
By Charles Powell, Veterans for Peace
The Donald & Sally-Alice Thompson Chapter of Veterans for Peace has temporary possession of the Drones Quilt Project. The traveling exhibit will visit the Peace Center on Friday, September 4, from 1-8pm.

The Drones Quilt idea came from some women in the UK who wanted to memorialize the victims of U.S. combat drones. The idea traveled across the Atlantic to collectively create a piece of artwork which connects the names of activists with those killed. The names humanize the victims and point out the connectivity between human beings. The American version of the quilt includes educational materials, photographs and information that, together with the quilt, is an exhibit travelling the country, informing and educating the American public.

Sadly, according to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, only about 20% of the drone victims have been identified, so there are many victims whose names are not known. Additionally, Pashtun culture prohibits the release of an adult woman’s name, as they consider that an invasion of her privacy, so there are hundreds of women’s names that may never be known to us. We are remembering these unnamed victims with quilt blocks that say “Anonymous,” “Unnamed Woman,” “Unnamed Man,” or “Unnamed Child.” The important thing to remember is that each victim was a human being, with hopes, dreams, plans, friends and family. The Drones Quilt Project helps us remember that we are all the same—we are not worth more, and they are not worth less. We all have value.

New Peace Hall Art Exhibit by Cindy Harvell
By Eliza M. Schmid, art exhibit coordinator
Our next artist will be Cindy Harvell, the mother of loyal Peace Center volunteer Mikey Harvell. She says that she has been an artist all her life, studying landscapes and sketching trees. Since 1996 she has been painting in oil, which she loves. She says that she has never had any formal training in art or had major shows, but is influenced by contemporary artists and by Monet. She teaches painting in a homeless shelter in St. Augustine, TX. She calls her style “Mystical Impressionism.” Her beautiful paintings will be hanging on the walls of the Peace Hall during September and October 2015.
Peace Center Yard Sale!
Saturday, Sept. 26, 9am-3pm
202 Harvard SE, in the Peace Hall & the parking lot

It's time to go through your closets, attics, basements and garages and get rid of anything that isn’t still “alive” for you. If you haven’t used it in the past year, get rid of it! Make room for empty spaces in your house and in your mind! Then box it up and bring it down to the Peace Center. Drop off between Weds., Sept. 23 and Friday, Sept. 25, between the hours of 9am and 5pm so we can sort it out and price it. We deeply appreciate your donations in good, clean, working condition.

Then come on down and shop to benefit the Peace Center! The Yard Sale is one of our key fundraisers. Find that unique treasure you can’t live without, pick up some clothes that will be new-to-you for next to nothing, and let’s recycle our material possessions amongst ourselves. For those of us whose budgets are tight, the Yard Sale is an annual can’t-miss event.

Be among the folks who get first crack at the inventory by coming to the Pre-Sale, Friday, Sept. 25th from 5pm to 7pm for $10 admission. For more info, call 268-9557.