

Who Are We? Where Do UUs Come From? Where Are We Going?



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Silver City

Two Sundays in March 2020

Free and Open to the Public

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Get a head start! Try this short and highly-recommended background reading: “Our Roots” by Dan McKanan, in the Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide, Susan Frederick-Gray, Ed. 2019, pp.93-105. \$6. Available at UUA Bookstore, Amazon and in the UUFSC library.

Sunday Evening, March 8, 4-6:30 pm Our Intriguing UU Story with Photographs and Potluck Dinner

The Mysterious American Woman’s Portrait, Transylvanian, American and British



Relations Up To 1921. This newly-uncovered story reveals how, in 1875, a Unitarian from Providence Rhode Island played a key role in reconnecting international Unitarians.

In the process of telling this recently-revealed history, an account of ancient Unitarianism going back to 1568 is told. This essay was first presented by Rev. Elferdink at the October 2019 UU History Convo in Baltimore. Translations made possible by the UU Funding Program supported by UUFSC as fiscal agent.

6:30- 7pm Optional second presentation: “Unitarianism.” From the distinct perspective of a Transylvanian scholar, this history with photographs is by Rev. Dr. Molnar Lehel, Archivist at the Hungarian

Unitarian Church Archives in Kolozsvár, Transylvania (Cluj, Romania).

Sunday Morning, March 22, 10-11:30 **Learnings From Our UU Hard Times, 1568– Now!**

Sunday Worship and Social Hour, Music by Maria Dahl-Bredine and Friends

Unitarian Universalists, as people centered on mind and heart, have worked for tolerance, reason and loving kindness for over 450 years. Under ruthless tyrants and persecution, our forbearers have been oppressed- yet survived! We have been prophets and heretics, yet sometimes misguided and even unwitting enablers to racism, sexism and classism. So what have we learned, with great humility, and where are we going now?

Optional after the service will be a showing of the March 8 presentations (above). **More information available and RSVPs are helpful at uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com**