

High Desert Dispatch: April 2016

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. **Please join us.**

Sunday Programs

(All Sunday Programs begin at 10:00 unless stated otherwise)

Apr 3rd: "Tribal Leadership" -- DeAnna Mooney & Nancy Cliff. DeAnna & Nancy will present a TED Talk DVD on "Tribal Leadership" by David Logan. This talk along with a brief introduction to Covenanting Among UUs is the beginning of conversations planned for the coming year.

Apr 10th: The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Fellowship! There will be a potluck brunch at 10:00 a.m. followed by our semi-annual gathering as a Fellowship. We will hear from our committee chairs and managers, approve a budget for the coming fiscal year, and have time for discussion as we plan our future together. There's more information on page two of this newsletter.

Apr 17th: "Exploring Social Justice Issues from My Travels" - - Brad Holmgren Reflecting on his travels in Mexico, Central and South America and Southeast Asia, Brad will discuss some of the environmental, economic, cultural and gender issues that he found in those countries and relate them to the UU principles of social justice and the search for meaning and truth.

Apr 24th: "Who Knows What Will Come to You" -- Rev. Dr. Sandra Szelag (Tucson). In her memoir, *Moments of Being*, Virginia Woolf, describes moments of revelation when what she calls the "cotton wool of daily existence" falls away and something astonishing shines through the ordinary. Such moments of insight or awe are increasingly difficult to experience in our technological world of distraction that continually pulls us away from mindfulness. So, who knows what will come to you if you inhabit the present moment & turn your light sensor on?

May 1st: "Connected Journeys: Living Landscapes in New Mexico"-- Steve Hamp

This compilation of poems by this Santa Fe author highlights New Mexico landscapes that are remarkable in splendor and rich in cultural and natural history.

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Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office (575-538-0101) for scheduling. (Coordinator – Harriet Rogers)

Silver City Camera Club – 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP AND POTLUCK BRUNCH HAPPENS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016.

All members and friends of the Fellowship are encouraged to attend, and bring a potluck brunch item to share, if you'd like. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome. We begin at 10:00 a.m. with brunch and are usually finished before/by noon. It's a good time to learn more about our Fellowship and how it works, and to make your voice heard on a number of items up for discussion.

News from the Board:

The main topic from the last Board Meeting was budget work and preparing for the Semi Annual Meeting to be held April 10th. Please plan on coming to this important event. Bring your pot luck offerings by 9:45am; the meeting will commence at 10:00am. George Ruebelmann, Board Chair, will preside. Pamela Page, Membership Chair, will lead the lighting of the beautiful new chalice which she has made for the fellowship.

Before the meeting, we will have sent out reports from the various Committee Chairs and the new proposed budget will be available for review and approval by the congregation at the meeting. These will be sent via list serv. If you are not on the listserv, please let Jane Riger, Bd. Scy., know, and she can provide you with a hard copy. Barb Gabioud has been working hard as your Treasurer. Please give her a high five and a hug for all her efforts.

KUDOS go out to all who were involved in arranging for and carrying out two important events this past month. Rev. Chris Jimmerson spoke on March 6th on the topic of "Sanctuary". He came in from Austin and spent the weekend, including an open house hosted by Fran Browne. One week later Doug Abbott spearheaded the efforts to bring Charlie King and his social justice music to UUFSC. Many folks including Carol M, Nancy C, Deanna M, Sunny Y and the Program Committee/PR Committee were involved. We're proud to be part of an organization that provides such good quality programming and music.

MDD Spring Assembly:

First U of Albuquerque will host the Mountain Desert District (MDD) Spring Assembly, "Interdependence: Exploring Our Unitarian Universalist Way." Join UUs from Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico on Saturday, April 16 for relevant, thought-provoking workshops. Registration is open now! Keynote speaker, the Rev. Gary Kowalski, will discuss concepts from his book, Blessings of the Animals: Celebrating Our Kinship With All Creation. The \$50 registration fee also includes workshops on healthy congregational practices, a light breakfast, and a hearty lunch from Garcia's Kitchen. Registration and breakfast starts at 8:15 am and the Keynote address begins at 9 am. Workshops begin after the Keynote and continue until 5 pm, with the MDD Annual Meeting immediately following lunch.

For more information, visit <http://www.mdduua.org/annual-meeting/>.

Remember to bring non-perishable foods (esp. canned beans and tomato products) for the Food Pantry distribution. Please place in the baskets by the front door.