

# High Desert Dispatch: April 2017

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Troy "Rethinking Our Conservation Strategies"

Conservation advocates have used a number of different tools to achieve conservation outcomes; yet in this time of flux, what has happened to the toolbox? Join Ron, Southern Project Manager for the NM Land Conservancy, as he talks about resiliency of conservation easements and the work that he and his organization are forging ahead with across southern NM & southeast AZ.

### Apr 9<sup>th</sup> "Conversation on Racial and Cultural Diversity:

**UU's role"** Jeffrey Scott attended the UU Black Caucus in New Orleans earlier this year. He will talk on how some UU congregations are implementing a more positive racial diversity process. Heidi Ogas & Susan Golightly will both share growing up experiences and how they saw culture and race issues. Come be a part of this important conversation.

**Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Azima Lila Forest "Easter Celebration"** This service will be a celebration of all in our lives and in the world that dies and arises in a new form. It will include the traditional Unitarian Universalist flower communion. All attending are invited to bring a flower to add. A children's program will also be provided.

**Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Semi-Annual Meeting w/Potluck Brunch.** The main focus is on the Budget for FY 2017-18. Members & friends are invited. Please plan to stay until 11:30 or a little later. (see pg.2)

**Apr 30<sup>th</sup> "Is there a third gender?"** The facts of cultural history, including the Bible argue that it may be so. In this discussion we will talk about the various "transgender" people who have always existed in almost all societies, and how these various societies often referred to these "transgender" people as a third gender. The hope of this discussion is to bring a better understanding and acceptance of people who identify as being outside of the gender binary, i.e. man and woman.

## Board Members

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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. (Office Coordinator)

**Silver City Camera Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

**News from the Board:**

The board met March 26, 2017, for another productive session. There are many exciting plans in the works: a Religious Education program for our new families, a new listserv presented by John Mooney, and we hope to have a good congregational turn out at the April 23rd Semi Annual Meeting so that we can participate together in some important decision making about the budget & other items.

Susan Golightly is busy as Acting Social Justice Chair. She will have a canopied booth ready for a UUFSC presence at Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gough Park. Please contact her if you can help with this effort. Also, Susan, in her capacity as Vice Chair, is collecting Committee Chair reports which will be sent out by listserv before the SAM.

The next general Board meeting will be held May 14, 2017, at UUFSC after the morning program. All interested members and friends are welcome to attend.

Jane Riger, Board Secretary

**Please bring your potluck brunch dish by 9:45** on April 23 so food can be set up & the meeting can start on time at 10 am. Coffee, tea & juice will be provided. If you have a hot plate to keep your dish warm, please bring it also. We will light the chalice & have a few words, eat & then the meeting.

**Please let Sandra Michaud** know of any changes to the directory (address, phone etc) **OR** if you would like to be included in the directory. Look for the clip board on the table in the foyer to actually write those changes or notify her by email. [uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com)