

# **High Desert Dispatch: April 2018**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> - "Dinosaur Breath and Other Mysteries"**

The **Rev. Carole Czujko** is a semi-retired UU minister who has served congregations in CA and NM, after more than three other careers. Moderator is Lynda Aiman-Smith.

This will be a **Family Program** service with children's activities.

**Apr 15 - "Alone Together"** The **Rev. Carole Czujko** is a semi-retired UU minister who has served congregations in CA and NM. Moderator is Lynda Aiman-Smith. **Childcare** is available this Sunday

**Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ron Henry** will be presenting on "**the inner and outer journey of pilgrimage**" which centers on walking the pilgrimage of El Camino de Santiago. The Camino is a pilgrimage that has been going for about 1200 years across Europe to Santiago, Spain, where it is said the remains of St. James, apostle of Jesus, is buried. (see pg 2)  
Moderator is Heidi Ogas. Today is a **Family Program** Sunday.

**Apr 29<sup>th</sup> "We Are Not Alone. Sexual Assault touches every one of our lives. Silver Regional SASS is here to help."**  
**Marcie Landreth**, Outreach Coordinator will be the speaker. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This Sunday will be a dedicated offertory. Chellee Chase is the moderator. **Childcare** will be available.

## **Calendar of Building Events**

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

**PFLAG** – 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

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

## **Board Members**

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair  
Susan Golightly, VC  
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Jane Riger, Sec.  
Paul Michaud  
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## **Membership**

Nancy Cliff, Heidi Ogas & Carol Morrison

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## **Programming**

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## **Social Justice Committee**

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## **Office Coordinator**

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## **Adult RE**

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## **Family Programs**

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## **News from the Board**

The Board met in March. Economic issues are a primary concern for the upcoming budget year which begins June 1, 2018. The planned budget comes in at approximately \$30,000. If pledges for the upcoming year do not meet this need, the shortfall would require some decisions to be made by the Fellowship Council. Pledges are requested by April 8th to help with this planning process.

Barb Gabioud has written an excellent pledge letter which will be sent out with a survey link. If you haven't seen it, please ask any board member for it. Hard copies are available on the table in the lobby.

Lots of wonderful activities lately – the QUU dedication and Easter program/egg hunt were fun and inspirational. UUFSC is growing in so many different ways.

**There will be a short meeting after the Sunday service on April 8th** for all UU's interested in hearing a summary of what the recent Strategic Planning Team decided were possible ways forward to strengthen our Fellowship and help keep it growing and relevant into the future.

**Please attend**—we are especially interested in your feedback and suggestions.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, May 6th, 2018, after the program. All are welcome.

**Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary**

4/22 **Ron Henry** program cont'd.

Today thousands of people walk it for a variety of reasons. There are many routes with the most traditional called the Francés. A traditional starting point is a village in France and crosses the Pyrenees and traverses approximately 500 miles across Northern Spain. His first Camino was in 2012. In 2015 he completed the Francés by walking about 300 miles including 60 miles on to the ocean from Santiago. In 2017 he walked the Portugal Camino (Portugal route to Santiago), returned and walked portions of the Francés again. He has walked pilgrimage a total of 4 times.

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS UPDATE**

The congregation--but especially the children--had a fun Easter egg hunt after service. In addition to MANY eggs that were found with delicious prizes inside, everyone partook of delicious pastries and other treats...in fact, you'll probably find some PEEPS included in the refreshments this month. Sydney Egbert, the WNMU education student whose been assisting with the Family Programs, will lead the April 8th children's program. The focus will be on the Power of Silence, in which children will go on a nature sound hunt, reflecting on the multitude of mechanical, human, and natural sounds in our everyday lives--and how those can interfere with our ability to connect with others and ourselves. On April 22, the lesson will be on power of listening: not only hearing what others have to say but also factoring their experience into our world views and choices. We are also planning another Parent's Night Out for later this month -- date/times will be sent out once finalized.

**Frank Guevara, FP Director**

All friends interested in pursuing the "Poverty in America (economic inequality) what can WE do?" conversation are invited to meet briefly on Sunday, April 15, directly after our morning meeting. We will determine next steps (including when and where to get together for our first substantive meeting) at that time. Please feel free to bring others who have not yet formally expressed an interest in our group. Take a look, if you have the opportunity, at the book, "[The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them](#)" by Joseph Stiglitz or investigate possible action steps from any other sources. Direct questions or comments to Sunny Kellerman at (575) 313-2200 or [syates@effenv.com](mailto:syates@effenv.com).