

High Desert Dispatch: August 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)

Aug 6th Anita Williams "Kinship with All Life" – She will be presenting information about interspecies communication via the book "Kinship with All Life" by J. Allen Boone. It could also be called open heart/open mind, a concept that hopefully will invite group participation in discussion.

Aug 13th Rev Azima Lila Forest "Thoughts on Hiroshima and Fukushima" More info to come.

Aug 20th Rev Carla Friedrichs "In Company With Angels" (She is a minister at New Church of the Southwest Desert in Silver City.) This presentation will include stunning images of Louis Comfort Tiffany's larger-than-life stained glass windows of the seven angels from the Book of Revelation, their intriguing history, the art of the glass, and the spiritual meaning and Swedenborgian inspiration for Tiffany's craftsmanship of these particular windows.

Aug 27th Mary Hotvedt "The Southwest Festival of the Written Word" The Festival goes from Friday to Sunday, September 29-October 1. This year's theme is "Word Travels Fast." Ideas that Mary will address in her presentation include Why a literary festival in Silver City? What type of authors and activities are selected for the festivals and why? the role of inclusiveness in the festival organization, both in terms of the presentations and how the festival is put together and what makes the SWFWW unique among literary festivals? Mary was one of the original organizers of the 2013 festival and co-chair for both the 2015 and 2017 festivals. SWFWW holds a major festival during odd numbered years and sponsors numerous 'prologue' events during even numbered years.

Sep 3rd Labor Day Potluck Picnic at the Fellowship (more details to come)

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 – 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair
Susan Golightly, VC
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.
Jane Riger, Sec.
Peggy Spofford,
Paul Michaud

Membership

Nancy Cliff, Heidi Ogas & Carol Morrison

Caring

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Facilities

Paul Michaud

Hospitality

Jerrienne Jones, Lynda Aiman-Smith, Chellee Chase, Zoey Cronin, Harriet Rogers and Van Smith

Newsletter

John Mooney

Programming

Ron Gabioud

Social Justice Committee

Andy Payne

Office Coordinator

Sandra Michaud

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News from the Board:

The Board met on July 16th. Plans for remodeling the Quonset hut are moving ahead. Paul Michaud and the Board will decide on a winning bid this month and work will begin soon thereafter.

The Board is looking for someone to head up a new "Community Outreach" committee and also the Caring Committee.

Van Smith has submitted his resignation as an At Large Board member. We thank him for his service. Next regular board meeting will be August 20th, after the program. All are welcome.

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

UUFSC – Children's/Family Program Happenings:

We are so pleased with the positive response to our Children's/Family Program. It has been wonderful to see children participating in our rituals of lighting/extinguishing the chalice and ringing the bells to begin service. Last month, in our *Story for All Ages*, we shared what we thought is the Best Food as an analogy for our belief in the importance of acceptance of one another and we also heard an Anansi the Spider story which taught us that wisdom is found in many places, consistent with our belief that each of us should engage in a responsible search for truth and meaning. We look forward to your family joining us on **August 13** when our focus will be on the 5th Principle: That all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them and on **August 27** when we explore the 6th Principle: Working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

We'd also appreciate if you could take a minute to complete a short survey to gauge families' interest in having child care available on Sundays when we don't have a formal Children's Program as well as any other suggestions to improve our program: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7CT9H5H>

Frank Guevara
Family Programs Director

FYI:

Gila Friends will be doing their annual **Hiroshima Peace Day** observance in the pavilion at Gough Park at 12:30 on Sunday, August 6. This remembrance is open to the public. Please bring a chair.

If you enjoyed the July 22 Adult Religious Education workshop on Rhythm and Shakes, you can get more rhythmic entrainment on Saturday, August 19, 2017 by attending the **Community Drum Circle** held at the Lotus Center (facilitated by Lynda Aiman-Smith) and starting at 4:30pm.

If you missed the ARE workshop, but are interested in community percussion, please come to the August 19 Community Drum circle. It is open to the public and any donations go to support the Lotus Center.

INTERESTED IN JOINING the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City? Yes, it's a mouthful, but we are a vibrant and supportive community of members and friends joined together by shared values and principles. Our Fellowship will be welcoming new members during an October Sunday program. So give it some thought and contact any Board member or our New Member contact person: Carol Morrison, carolmorr@gmail.com (575) 654-3348. We will be glad to talk with you personally and answer any questions you might have. We welcome you.

REMEMBER to bring canned goods/nonperishables for the Food Pantry. Place them in the baskets in the Lobby area.