

High Desert Dispatch: December 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)

Dec 3rd Dale Giese - "Casa de Amor Para Niños" - Dale will talk about the Casa de Amor Para Niños Orphanage in Palomas, Mexico. It houses approximately 12 children from all over the State of Chihuahua and has been in operation for about 20 years. It costs approximately \$5,000 a month to run the orphanage, paying for housing, food, school uniforms, clothing, and other miscellaneous costs associated with raising children. On December 8, Giese will be taking Christmas presents to the orphanage. Dale, a long time resident of Silver City, retired as a professor emeritus after 30 years as a Professor of History at WNMU. During his time at Western he was active in educating students and the public about the dangers of smoking. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico branch of the American Cancer Society. Childcare is available (RSVP).

Dec 10th Rev Azima Lila Forest - "Service of Universal Peace" A candle-lighting ceremony honoring the world's religious and spiritual traditions.

Dec 17th Stephanie Smith - "Solstice Celebration" will include seasonal music, singing, and food. We will share seasonal stories and walk the labyrinth as a community to celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Steph Smith will lead the service

Dec 24th Holiday Potluck 4:00 pm (No morning service) Come and enjoy a merry & delicious time with friends. A Winter Program of songs will be presented by the RE kids. Coffee and tea will be provided or BYOB.

Dec 31st Lynda Aiman-Smith - "Make a Joyous Noise" Lynda will facilitate us in a program to "Make a Joyous Noise" using percussion, drums, bells, and voice. If you have any shakers, bells, or small drums -- bring them! We will have a bunch of instruments to share. Come prepared to feel joy and express it!

Board Members

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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 – 1ST Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

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

News from the Board:

The last Board meeting was the Annual Meeting of November 12th.

We celebrated many accomplishments and toasted the completion of the Quonset Hut and the finalization of this project by obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy. Kudos to Paul Michaud, New World Builders, Doug Abbott for arranging the loan and all others who worked on this project. Frank Guevara, Director of Family Programs is delighted to have a dedicated space as “home” for RE. There is a contest going on to name the Quonset (deadline December 3rd), so get your ideas to Barb Gabioud or other Board members who can explain those mysterious colored tickets that go into two different jars.....

There will be a dedication service and blessing of the new building in February when Claudia Elferdink will be in town.

Next regular board meeting will be a retreat in December to review the bylaws, the mission/vision/covenant, and the perpetual calendars as well as discussing goals for the next year. We welcome Zoey Cronin as a new “at large” member.

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

Family Programs

The Children's RE is shifting gears for the month of December to prepare for a mini-Winter Program. Maria Dahl-Bredine is teaching the children a few songs which we'll be rehearsing throughout the month. Please be advised of the following changes to the schedule this month: childcare will be available Dec 3rd (please RSVP so we can plan accordingly); Carol Morrison will lead the Children's RE on Dec 10th; we will have an extra Children's Program on December 17th to finalize preparations of the Winter Program, and there is NO morning service on Dec 24 because the UUFSC will host a Holiday Potluck at 4pm, during which time the Winter Program will be presented. We hope you can join us!

Frank Guevara