

High Desert Dispatch: December 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

Dec 2nd – “End of Life Options in New Mexico: What’s happening?” Adrienne Dare is a retired WNMU professor & since early 2012 she has been actively involved in the efforts for NM to become the next state to authorize medical aid in dying. (MAID). She will explain what MAID is & what steps have been taking place here. The End of Life Options Act will be presented in the 2019 legislation. When passed, this will allow physicians to provide the practice of Medical Aid in Dying. **Moderator: Lynda Aiman-Smith Childcare Available**

Dec 9th – “The Role of Music in Our Everyday Lives” Maria Casler will talk about how despite a culture that defines music as entertainment created by professionals, we can reclaim our own unique singing voices. She will then lead the group in simple, joyous songs with easy harmonies. **Moderator: Marty Eberhardt Family Program**

Dec 16th – “Entwining Heartache, Hope, and Holding” Rev. Carole Czujko will lead the service reflecting on weaving meaning into the fabric of our lives in these times. Please join the circle of community. We'll acknowledge the challenges of today and find flickers of light amidst the dark days of December 2018. **Moderator: Heidi Ogas Childcare Available**

Dec 23rd – Holiday Potluck 4:00 pm (No morning service) Come, enjoy a merry & delicious time with friends. A Winter Solstice presentation will be presented by the RE kids. Coffee and tea will be provided or BYOB.

Dec 30th – "Drumming in the New Year" Beatriz Giraldo and Robert Donnelly will lead us in a drumming celebration. They will bring some percussion instruments, but if anyone has a favorite instrument, be sure that it will be welcomed. **Childcare Available Moderator: TBD**

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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 Board last met Oct. 14th. The most recent meeting was the Annual Meeting which was held November 18th. It was a successful event with 33 adults signing the attendance roster and 3 children signed in.

Some of the highlights of the Annual Meeting included the New Member Ceremony which Heidi Ogas held for our new members: Allison Waterman, Kathleen Rothwell, Susan Price and Kris and Joe Neri. We welcome them warmly.

Another highlight is the need by the Program Committee for moderators. See Steve Sans or any other member of this committee if you're willing to give it a try. Committee positions run from November to November, so you're not signing your life away by trying out a new volunteer job.

Next Board meeting will be a retreat in early December. We're welcoming Lillian Connelly as our newest Board Member.

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

FAMILY PROGRAMS :

The big question for **the youth group** is: Where are we going? Thinking about how the future is shaped.

Children's Program: The UU Children's Program in December focuses on preparing for our interactive Winter Solstice presentation, "Letting in the Light," which will be performed at our December 23 (4pm) Potluck. Throughout the month, in addition to rehearsing, we will be learning about teamwork and confidence. Participating families are asked to bring their children to all Sunday services leading up to the big day. UU members and the community are encouraged to attend the show, in support of our UU children. Blessings and happy holidays!

MISC:

Kris Neri will be the featured author at the Just Words presentation, on Saturday, December 15, at 2 pm. Just Words is held at the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House, 112 W Yankie St, in downtown Silver City. Kris will read from her work, then present a mini writing workshop: Moving From Premise to Plot: Some Basic Teachings About Novel Planning, in which she'll share some writing advice that should be engaging for both writers and readers.

The **UU Social Justice Committee** will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the home of Sunny Kellerman, 3910 N. Blackhawk Road. Call 313-2200 for more information. In the meantime, we invite all interested UU's to begin reading the book, "Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race," by Debby Irving. We will be participating with other UU fellowships in southern NM in an exploration of cultural bias and its impact on social justice in the coming months.

Dear fellow UUers!

I send Holiday wishes to each and everyone of you. I miss being there on Sunday mornings. I am joining in January 2019 the UU Congregation of Santa Rosa. It's a large group of close to 400 members. They are very welcoming and I found last Sunday that they have a Buddhist leaning. For me it felt so warm. I wish each and everyone of you a joyous and happy season.

Peggy Spofford

The next **Chalice Circle Group** will meet for six seasons in the new year for deep thinking, listening, and sharing. Please plan to commit to all 6 sessions if you could like to participate. The group will be filled on a first come first serve basis so let Zoey know if you would like a spot. The dates will be January 4 and 18, February 1 and 15, and March 1 and 15.