

# High Desert Dispatch: December 2019

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 1<sup>st</sup> “Child Ballads”** Pat Sterling, Emeritus Professor of English at Western Colorado University, will focus on three Christmas carols which are also traditional ballads dating back hundreds of years. Sterling is particularly interested in how these ballads reflect the common folks' attempts to humanize biblical stories. For example, if Christ was the Son of God, did that mean that even as a child he was perfect and never misbehaved, unlike every other boy who has walked the earth? Joe Neri will perform one of the carols and the other two will be short video clips. Copies of the lyrics for all three carols will be available. **Carol Morrison, moderator - Childcare Available.**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> “Grant County Community Foundation: Promoting Community Investment in Local Nonprofits”** Mary Hotvedt and Dr. Jane Gillespie will talk about the goals and activities of the Grant County Community Foundation. (cont'd on page 2) **Chellee Chase, moderator – Children’s Program.**

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Azima Lila Forest “Preparing for the Holidays”** We can look forward to the holidays with joy and gratitude or with resistance and dread. We will reflect on what makes the difference and how to get to the good stuff. **Nancy Cliff, moderator - Childcare Available.**

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Holiday Potluck 4:00 pm** (No morning service) Come and enjoy a merry & delicious time with friends. Coffee, juice, and tea will be provided or BYOB.

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup> “Music with Maria Casler - More info later”**  
**Marty Eberhardt, moderator - Childcare Available.**

## Board Members

Carol Morrison, Board Chair  
Zoey Cronin, VC  
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Susan Price, Sec.  
Paul Michaud  
Susan Golightly  
Kris Neri

## Membership

Heidi Ogas, Nancy Cliff  
**Caring**  
~Open~

## Facilities

Paul Michaud  
**Hospitality**  
Sandra Michaud

## Newsletter

John Mooney  
**Programming**  
Nancy Stephens

## Social Justice Committee

Andy Payne  
**Office Coordinator**  
Sandra Michaud  
**Adult RE**  
Karen Benediktson

## Family Programs

Chellee Chase

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[uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com)

**Our mailing address is**  
**P.O. Box 4034**  
**Silver City, NM 88062**

## Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office coordinator [uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com) 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**

### **News from the Board:**

At the Annual meeting, Nov 17, 2019, the board had new members voted in by the congregation to replace outgoing members Barbara Gabioud, Jane Riger, & Lillian Connelly. Thank you for your time & service.

These are the new filled positions:

Board Chair: Carol Morrison

Secretary: Susan Price

At-Large member: Kris Neri

They join current members: Zoey Cronin, DeAnna Mooney, Susan Golightly, and Paul Michaud.

There will be a Board Retreat on December 1. Next regular meeting will be in January, 2020.

### **December in the UU Children's Program:**

December in the UU Children's Program is all about gifts! The gifts we receive and remembering to be thankful for them, as well as the gifts we give, which are not always material in nature. The most important gifts come from generosity of spirit. Each Sunday we will discuss aspects of giving and receiving gifts, and our arts and crafts will focus on creating gifts and cards for friends and family. In our togetherness, we will endeavor to embody the spirit of Christmas so we may take it with us and keep it throughout the year! As always, the discussion will be followed by arts and crafts or other fun activities! Please feel free to join us!

### **Dec 8<sup>th</sup> program cont'd**

The mission of the Grant County Community Foundation (GCCF) is to enrich lives through collective action in southwest New Mexico. To achieve this mission, we promote philanthropic giving in the region including Grant, Hidalgo, Luna and Catron counties. We promote donor support of local non-profits, and we work to connect donors with non-profits that match their priorities and, subsequently, to maintain donor intent. Through the foundation's planned giving programs, donors can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the community for generations to come.

### **Tea Party for the Ladies !**

Getting to know each other

AT - Tapas Tree Grill Restaurant

619 N Bullard in downtown Silver City

Saturday November 30

Starting - 2:00 PM

Hostess Michele Barlow

310-953-6442

### **Membership: Why Not Join Us?**

The requirement for membership is a signature on the list in the foyer -- and an open mind.

And we are a welcoming group -- would love to have you be part of the Fellowship. Any questions, please contact Nancy Cliff or Heidi Ogas.

**Please remember** to bring **non-perishables** (cans, boxes, etc) & paper goods for The Commons' Food Pantry day distributions twice a month. Also check our community board for list of items for El Refugio. Both can be placed in basket in lobby.