

# High Desert Dispatch: February 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)

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - "Our Story. Our Voice. DACA. What's Next?"** Hear from students who are protected under DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Listen to their stories and successes and learn about the DACA program that was recently rescinded by the Trump administration and the future of a DREAM Act. **Childcare** is available.

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - "The Invisible Underside of Poverty in America":** A flurry of recent books invites us to acknowledge what is going on out of our sight. Sunny Kellerman will facilitate a discussion of Poverty in America (and who WE are in the matter) with a focus on *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance; *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond; and *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*, by Kathryn Edin and Luke Shaefer. Sunny is a member of the UUFSC Fellowship and a former senior manager of The Hunger Project-US. This will be a **Family Program** service with children's activities available.

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - "Buddhism & Activism"** Algernon D'Amassa last spoke here a few years ago about the Zen Center in Deming. He is a reporter for the Deming Headlight & is the founder of Theatre Dojo which combines martial arts & meditation with performances such as Killing Buddha and An Iliad. He also writes a weekly column called Desert Sage. Watch for more info. **Childcare** is available this Sunday.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - "In Praise of Destruction"** In times when everything seems to be falling apart around us and we have no control over it, Heidi Ogas tries to remember that her father, a Unitarian Universalist minister, always used to say to look at the importance of downs as well as ups in life. Heidi will share part of her father's sermon titled "In Praise of Destruction" and why it is important to her in these times. This Sunday will be a **Family Program** service with children's activities.

## 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** – 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**

The Board met in January and continued plans for the new year. We incorporated new dates for the perpetual calendars for both regular Board business and the Semi Annual Meeting that work with bylaw changes, schedule changes and Family Programs needs. This kind of attention to detail helps us run as smoothly as we can so that various committees and programs don't get in each other's way in use of space, dates etc.

Plans are being made for a strategic planning session to make UUFSC more visible in the community and new families and individuals welcome through planned outreach.

Thanks to Andy Payne for organizing the Charlie King concert for Thursday, Feb 22nd .

Next board meeting will be Sunday, February 11th, 2018, after the program. All are welcome.

**Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary**

For the month of February the **Children's RE** will finish examining the Power of Earth by discovering how connection to one's location allows us to reach out to others in the particularity of their location. We will then transition to examining the Power of Air which is the power of stillness, of listening and openness and breathing; as part of the activities, children will honor a spiritual tradition of air by creating prayer flags. This month we will also offer our first Parent's Night Out on Friday, February 16th from 5-8pm. Families can drop off their children at the QUU Hut for dinner followed by some fun games and activities. If interested, you **must** RSVP by 2/15 so that we can plan accordingly. We're looking forward to seeing you this month.

**Frank Guevara, Family Program Director**

**MARDI GRAS** - Tues Feb 13 - 6-9 PM Bayou Seco and the Fiddling Friends share the spirit of the season at Diane's Parlor with Cajun music, wild costumes and good food and camaraderie.

**A Community-building Work Party** is being scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2018. Time TBD but probably 10am til 1pm. We could order pizza or . . . ?

Some ideas are putting the Library back together, taking down old bulletin boards & straightening small children's room and more.

**Objective:** to have fun & get to know each other better while making our Community Room a more inviting place. If you'd like to help out, contact DeAnna Mooney.