

High Desert Dispatch: February 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

Feb 3rd – Sandy Feutz and Tom Vaughan - Our Border Today Tom and Sandy will present their experiences and pictures of what is really going on at our southern border. It is ugly, threatening, mean, harmful ... a stage in the gradual imposition of a police state in this country. The actions of the Border Patrol and DHS increasingly display a lack of care about - indeed, hostility toward - people at the border. The militarization is being actively resisted, but it proceeds apace. See their pictures and decide for yourself how you feel about it - and what you will do. **Lynda Aiman-Smith will Moderate. Childcare Available.** (cont'd on page 2)

Feb 10th – George Ruebelmann "Shamanism in 14th Century Paquime" (Casas Grandes, Mexico)" presents a brief interpretation of the shamanic religion of this Pre-Columbian World Heritage site as presented in recent published sources by anthropologists and archaeologists familiar with the subject. Included is a discussion of shamanism in general and the particular shamanism that has been interpreted from the ceramics associated with Paquime. **Jane Riger will moderate, it is a Family Program Sunday**

Feb 17th – "Peace, Shalom, Salaam" is the title of a DVD with **Rev Angela Herrera**, Sr Minister at First Unitarian Church of ABQ. Rev Herrera has visited and spoken here at UUFSC. Using stories from a San Quentin prisoner, Buddhist thinkers, civil rights activists, Jesus and others, she offers many thoughts about the meanings of peace. How can we move forward with peace as our guide? **Chellee Chase will moderate. Childcare available.**

Feb 24th - "Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful" **Rev Kalen Fristad** will speak on the long rich history of universalism, and that the teaching of eternal damnation is not merely a harmless untruth that we might appropriately ignore and allow to stand, but it has serious consequences. It leads to the possibility, perhaps even the inevitability, of wars, bigotry, oppression & abuse. On the other hand, the teaching of universalism leads to equality, respect, love and dignity for all." (cont'd on page 2) **Carol Morrison will Moderate, it is a Family Program Sunday**

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

Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair
Zoey Cronin, VC
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.
Jane Riger, Sec.
Paul Michaud
Susan Golightly
Lillian Connelly

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News from the Board

The Board met in January for the first “official” Board Meeting since October. We reviewed perpetual calendar dates for both the regular, ‘mundane stuff’ of the week to week operations at UUFSC, and also the separate perpetual calendar which is used to prepare for Annual and Semi-Annual meetings. We’re very fortunate that our Board Chair, Barb G, has excellent organizational skills and is undaunted in keeping us on track for short term operations, and long-range future plans.

Our discussion included some of the short range as well as long term plans for the physical plant. We’re also exceptionally well served by Facilities Chair, Paul M, who is looking into possible lighting options for the parking lot as well as expanded parking. We’re growing & want to accommodate our visitors safely. There are some concerns especially at night for pedestrians and UUFSC liability if there were to be an accident.

Next Board meeting will be February 10th, after the program. All are welcome to attend.

Jane Riger, Board Secretary

February in the UUFSC **Children's Program**, we continue our exploration of intangible gifts, as they relate to the 7th UU Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Sunday, February 10, we'll discuss "The Gift of Mutual Caring," a program that centers on our relationships with animals. Sunday, February 24, the topic will be "The Gift of Protection," referring to the protection of our environment, as well as showing love and respect for our planet Earth.

(cont'd from page 1 Feb 3rd) BIO Sandy Feutz and Tom Vaughan have had a couple of “careers” each. Sandy worked in banking in Nevada & then with her late husband, owned & operated a community radio station in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Tom was a park ranger all over the country for decades and then edited a weekly newspaper in SW Colorado for seven years. After moving to Silver City eight years ago, retirement feels like yet another career! They market their photos as FeVa Fotos. You can view some of their border photos in the Flickr group: Bringing the Battlefield to the Border [<https://www.flickr.com/groups/3112742@N20/>] and on the FeVa Fotos Flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/waggin/>)

(cont'd from page 1 Feb 24th) BIO Rev Fristad is a United Methodist minister, member of the UU Christian Fellowship and author of various books. He retired from parish ministry in 2013 but continues to travel the country speaking on Universalism.

SAVE THE DATE: Heart of the Gila Trails Partnership with Melissa Green who will do a short program on Everything you need to know about Gila Wilderness trails. Philip Connors, author of ‘A Song for the River’ will be the Special Guest. **Friday, March 1 @ A-Space Gallery, Downtown Silver City.**

Joe Neri is offering **private guitar lessons**. Also the Silver City Slickers band is looking for a few more members. For more info, contact Joe at joe12bar@gmail.com