

High Desert Dispatch: January 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)

Jan 1st – Open Sunday - This will be a loosely structured gathering that allows individual UU members to provide insight and inspiration on topics of their choice. The format can include brief talks, essays, poems, and even music. (see page 2 for more info)

Jan 8th "SEED" Stephanie Smith

SEED (securing economic and energy democracy) will present a panel discussion re the status of green energy in NM & its importance to social justice for all New Mexicans. Panelists include Andy Payne, Deb James, Ben Keiler & Steph Smith.

Jan 15th "Unity and Solidarity" Azima Lila Forest

At this time of crisis in our nation, with divisiveness and fear rampant, with whom do we intend to be united? With whom are we in solidarity? It's time to take a hard look within and without.

Jan 22nd "A Journey to Asylum" Kathy Babcock

Imagine being forced to leave your home in the middle of the night with your four children aged 2 to 14, leaving your house, family, business, and your past behind. Then imagine spending two years traveling the nearly 2000 miles from Honduras to the US border with those four children to ask for asylum. Kathy Babcock, with the Green Valley/Sahuarita Samaritans group from Arizona, will relate the experiences of this family and the community of support that has formed around them to help with their asylum process. She will also touch on the larger issues of asylum and immigrant justice generally in our country.

Jan 29th Gospel Mission This will be a dedicated offertory with a speaker from the Silver City Gospel Mission who will update us on their ongoing efforts to help the homeless and others in need.

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Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the
office (575-538-0101) for scheduling. (Office Coordinator)

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

Jan 1st service cont'd: Please note: UU audio-visual equipment will not be available, except for the podium microphone. John Catsis will be the facilitator and handle the customary opening and closing ceremonies. But everything in between is up to each individual. If you wish to be part of the program please sign up that morning at the podium. First come, first serve. Try to keep your presentation to five minutes or less.

News from the Board:

The Board met in December for a retreat. We voted unanimously for UUFSC to support and participate in the January 21, 2017, parade "Love Over Fear: We're All in the Together" which will begin at noon at La Capilla and walk to Gough Park. We will carry the UUFSC banner. The next Board meeting will be Sunday, January 8, after the program. All interested friends and members welcome to attend.

Jane Riger, Board Secretary

The UU Board voted recently for the UU Fellowship to have a presence in the People's Procession on January 21, 2017. Various groups from Silver City will demonstrate their commitment to unity, diversity, and justice in these times when our country seems so divided. Similar events will be taking place the same day (the day after the presidential inauguration) throughout the country.

Here in Silver City people will start walking at La Capilla above Chihuahua Hill at noon January 21st after a little music and some remarks and walk approximately one mile to Gough Park where there will be some music and short presentations by various groups participating in the procession. The Procession should arrive at Gough Park at 1 pm. Anyone not wishing to walk the entire way may join in anywhere along the route. Spring Street Park is a place where people can join the procession thus avoiding the steepest part of the walk down from La Capilla. Everyone is encouraged to bring a flag, banner or placard representing your individual or group's commitment to a cause that concerns you. The intention is to have many different peaceful, positive signs and messages stating what people stand **for** (not negative statements).

The Commons (The Volunteer Center) is slated for a banner & poster-making party on Sunday, January 15, from 11-3. For more information about that or just more information about the event or how you can help, contact Jim Macintosh at 574 2902 or mrgreendreams@msn.com

So, with this announcement, the organizers of the People's Procession are hoping everyone will begin planning how you can participate by carrying your group's banner, wearing your Standing on the Side of Love t-shirt, your individual statement placard, just walking the route, or just attending the end of the event at Gough Park.

Remember to bring non-perishable foods (**esp. canned beans and fruit**) for the Food Pantry distribution. Please place in the baskets by the front door.