

High Desert Dispatch: July 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)

July 2nd BBQ & Potluck Picnic – Bring a dish to share & something to grill if you wish. Picnic starts at **11:00**.

July 9 Open Sunday This is a loosely structured gathering that allows individual UU members to provide insight & inspiration on topics of their choice. The format can include brief talks, essays, poems & even music. **Please note:** UU audio-visual equipment will not be available except for the podium microphone. Susan Golightly will be the facilitator & handle the customary opening/closing ceremonies. If you wish to be part of the program please sign up that morning at the podium. First come, first serve. Please keep your presentation to 4 min or less.

July 16 - Jenny "Cloud" Gaeng "Exploring America on the Continental Divide." Though friends and family told her she'd be foolish to attempt this hike (a 3,100 mile trek from Mexico to Canada) she went ahead & completed it anyway. Her story includes five states, one bear attack & innumerable generous strangers. Jenny is currently serving as an AmeriCorps volunteer with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition in Silver City.

July 23 Katherine Feist Sufism 101: An Introduction and Invitation Jellaluddin Rumi described being a Sufi in this way: "Not Christian or Jew or Muslim, not Hindu, Buddhist, Sufi, or Zen. Not any religion or cultural system. I belong to the beloved, have seen the two worlds as one & that one call to know, first, last, outer, inner, only that breath breathing human being." (trans by Coleman Banks). See more on page 2

July 30 TED talk by Michael Dowd titled "Reality Reconciles Science and Religion" Doug Abbott is moderating and will lead the discussion.

Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair
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Jane Riger, Sec.
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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

News from the Board:

The Board met on June 11th. We are moving ahead with plans for remodeling the Quonset hut. Paul Michaud has met with an architect and will be putting the project out to contractors for bidding. The remodeling of the lobby and possible parking lot expansion is also in the works.

Our permanent records have been put on hard drive. Thanks to John Mooney and Sandra Michaud for these efforts. Safe Congregation Policy will be discussed later this summer.

The Board is looking for someone to head up a new “Community Outreach” committee. This committee would replace “Publicity”. Thanks to Sunny Yates Kellerman for chairing Publicity and for completing the new brochures.

The next regular board meeting will be July 16th after the program. All are welcome.

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

Cont'd from page 1: Katherine Feist is a licensed social worker, an ordained minister, and a senior teacher in the Inayati Order. She has served as an educator in both pre-school and university and worked as a developmental social worker with families and children with disabilities. A long-time meditation practitioner and spiritual teacher, this UU service will reflect Katherine's personal mission of conveying love, harmony and beauty in our everyday work. Join her for an introduction to Sufism, sharing stories and practices.

UUFSC – Children’s/Family Program Happenings:

We are so excited to be growing our Children’s/Family Program in response to the requests of the community. To that end, I’m pleased to share a few developments meant to kindle this flame of interest in the Unitarian Universalist community. To begin, we have established a schedule when the UUFSC will provide Children’s/Family Programs; namely, each **SECOND** and **FOURTH** week of the month will have children’s programming centered around the Unitarian Universalist Principles. In addition, on each of these weeks our service will include a Story for All Ages which is a traditional UU practice of using stories to bring to life UU Principles for the entire congregation. We will continue to encourage our young members to participate throughout our service such as ringing the bell to begin service or assisting to light the Chalice. Finally, for the youngest participants, we have put together several activity bags that contain coloring sheets, wikki stix, and other items to help pass the time during service—feel free to pick one up on your way in. We look forward to your family joining us this coming month. We will continue to focus on the UU Principles on July 9 and again on July 23.

Frank Guevara
Family Programs Director

REMEMBER to bring canned goods/nonperishables for the Food Pantry. Place them in the baskets in the Lobby area.