

# High Desert Dispatch: July 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

### July 7<sup>th</sup> : The Search for Truth & Meaning: A Reflection on the 4th Principle

David Kent's talk is autobiographical. It is about 'a guy' who started his spiritual search in 1965, and how his search took him from A to B to Y to Z (Advaita to Buddhism to Yoga to Zen) and back to N, thanks to O! It shall all become clear.. **Moderator Lynda Aiman-Smith.**

**Childcare Available**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> : Acting on our First Principle** Sally Atkinson & Jo Ingle of the UU Church of Las Cruces will discuss their social justice work with Advocate Visitors with Immigrants in Detention (AVID). Since 2015, Sally & Jo have worked with detained refugees in the El Paso and Otero Processing Centers. As visitors and pen pals they help alleviate the isolation experienced by those in the immigration processing centers, while various community agencies work to end immigration detention. This Dedicated Offertory will support the Fronterizx Fianza Fund, which serves Far West Texas & New Mexico and is operated by the Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee of El Paso. Music selections for the program will be performed by Joe Neri. **Moderator Ron Gabioud. Children's Program today!**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> : Mike Ferris & Becky Harwood "12 Step Programs"**- More Info to follow **Moderator Nancy Stephens. Childcare Available.**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> : "The Kingdom—What, Where, How and When"** Poet and local scoundrel Stewart S. Warren will give an enthusiastic talk about, and lead a discussion on, *The Kingdom of Heaven—What, Where, How and When*. This lively session will explore the brilliant *here and now* simplicity of this central theological tenant. We'll consider the symbol of the cross, its horizontal *space-time* aspect, its vertical *eternal* axis, and our place in that as both gate and true identity. **Moderator Heidi Ogas. Children's Program today!**

## 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**

## Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair  
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Jane Riger, Sec.  
Paul Michaud  
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## Membership

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

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**Programming**  
Karen Murphy

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## Family Programs

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**Silver City, NM 88062**

**News from the Board:** Our meeting was held too late to be included in current newsletter. Will update as info becomes available

**Children's Programs:** We continue our exploration of Moral Tales. On July 14, "In Another's Shoes" centers around empathy. We'll discuss different examples of empathy, and how our UU fellowship practices empathy by supporting the migrants in Deming. As a group, we'll sort through our toys and books and choose some items to send to the migrant children, and we'll make cards of love and encouragement to send along too. The topic for Sunday, July 28, is "Faith, Hope, and Prayer." We'll discuss the meanings behind the words and learn that even though people hold different beliefs, we are all still part of the same web of life. We'll introduce the practice of meditation/reflection, and we'll make prayer bead necklaces. It's all going to be fun and meaningful, and children over 3 are invited to join us!

**Membership.**

"If you wish to become a member of the UUFSC, please sign the list in the foyer. If you wish to be recognized as a new member, please contact Nancy Cliff or Heidi Ogas."

**Deming Aid:**

Our fellowship has been very active in supporting the legal asylum seekers in Deming. Everyone in Deming is part of a family unit. In other words, there are no single adults; everyone is traveling with children. Since mid-May we have been a collection site for donations of all kinds and we have recruited community wide volunteers to deliver donations. The Bob Dylan tribute concert on June 8th raised \$2000 for the work being done there. We have used much of that money as well as generous donations by the entire Silver City/Grant County community as well as wonderful contributors from out of state to pack 200 food travel bags per week for the guests when they leave Deming and travel to their sponsors in all parts of the country. Our QUU Hut has been very busy on Thursdays! That's the day we pack food, collect donations and deliver. If you would like to participate, we welcome your help. ~ Barbara Gabioud