

# **High Desert Dispatch: May 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)

**June 4<sup>th</sup> “Paying it Forward” Wendy Spurgeon** What if you knew with absolute certainty that by taking responsibility for your own transformation & healing, you were creating a ripple effect of transformation & healing in your family, community & beyond? Would not your own transformation & healing then become a top priority? If you knew with absolute certainty that every time you share your unique service to the world you were guaranteed abundance in the form of spiritual, relational & financial wealth, where might your heart's wisdom call you to serve? Join Certified Integrative Life Coach Wendy Spurgeon in exploring the Infinite Possibilities of your unique life path that light up when you embrace your own transformation and healing. Rick Stille, singer/musician, will perform also.

**June 11<sup>th</sup> “New Member Ceremony”** -- Come help us celebrate as new folks join the UUFSC in search of higher purpose, stronger community, and deeper spiritual life. Azima Lila Forest officiating. \*\*\* Family program also.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> “Water Keeper Panel”** This panel discussion will involve an overview and history of the struggle the Standing Rock Tribes and their supporters have organized to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The Panel (Lorna Ruebelmann, Alicia Edwards, and Scott Fritz) will include personal reflections and experiences from visits to Standing Rock encampment and give us an update on the current situation. Scott Van Linge, folk musician, will perform during the program.

**June 25<sup>th</sup> “Non-Violent Civil Resistance” Laura Ramnarace**  
Laura will share her personal story and more. She has spoken on this topic to a few other groups as well as taught a full day workshop at ABQ Peace and Justice Center in April.\*\*\* Family program also.

## **Board Members**

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair  
Susan Golightly, VC  
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Jane Riger, Sec.  
Van Smith, Peggy Spofford,  
Paul Michaud

## **Membership**

Nancy Cliff & Heidi Ogas

## **Caring**

~Open~

## **Facilities**

Paul Michaud

## **Hospitality**

Sandy Michaud, Jerrienne Jones,  
Lynda Aiman-Smith, Harriet Rogers

## **Newsletter**

John Mooney

## **Programming**

Ron Gabioud

## **Social Justice Committee**

Andy Payne

## **Office Coordinator**

Sandra Michaud

## **Publicity**

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## **Adult RE**

Lynda Aiman-Smith

## **Family Programs**

Frank Guevara & Carol Morrison

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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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

**News from the Board:**

The Board met on May 14. We covered some important topics including plans for remodeling the Quonset hut, and fund raising for this project. \$15,000 has been raised for this project and Doug A is handling the loan details. Paul M has been meeting with an architect. The Board is working on getting these plans implemented in a timely manner.

General discussion included plans for archiving our permanent records electronically and a Safe Congregation Policy. The Board unanimously agreed that part of the description of a board member's duties would be to take responsibility to help the congregation deal with unsafe situations and persons. There will be a separate meeting this summer re safe congregational policy.

The next regular board meeting will be June 11, after the program. All are welcome.

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

**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 next month: on June 11 our focus will be on the 1st Principle: The Inherent Worth of Each Person and on June 25 we will explore the 2nd Principle: That All People Should be Treated Fairly and Kindly.

Frank Guevara  
Family Programs Director

**Bayou Seco Music:**

**Sat - Jun 3** - Albuquerque Folk Festival - a Bayou Seco Workshop and a Main Stage Show. -

ABQFOLKFEST.org 3:30 Tohono O'Odham workshop 6:30 on the Sandia stage

**Sat - Jun 17** - El Paso, TX Basketball in the Barrio Camp

**Fri - Jun 23** - Pinos Altos, NM at The Buckhorn Saloon 6:30PM