

# High Desert Dispatch: June 2018

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 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Afghanistan” - Larry McLaud**, a native New Yorker, has degrees from the University of VA & the University of ID. He's been a fire lookout, fire fighter, food-coop worker & a professional for many years w/in the conservation community. He was also a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Afghanistan & Malaysia in the '70s. Larry notes Afghanistan is a place far different from the USA in many ways. Most Americans can't find it on a map, but have heard bits & pieces of info about this war torn country. He will share some experiences that might offer insight into how we can help peace prevail in this colorful country.  
**Moderator** – Lorna Ruebelmann **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> - “Hope” Rachel Sierra**, Executive Director of El Refugio  
**Moderator** – Susan Golightly **FAMILY PROGRAM TODAY**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> - “Murphy’s Law and Buddha’s First Noble Truth” - Joni Kay Rose** While Buddha’s First Noble Truth, *dukkha* in Pali, is commonly translated as “suffering,” most contemporary Buddhist scholars now acknowledge it encompasses much more than that. Ms. Rose compares *dukkha* with Murphy’s Law: Things have a way of screwing up. Thus does the express train get stuck behind the local and people end up in positions they’re entirely unsuited for. The First Noble Truth teaches us to perceive life as it really is, not a fantasized image of how we think things ought to be. Only then can we take action, individually and collectively, to make the changes that need to be made.  
**Moderator** – Elaine Carlson **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> - "Tales of Trails" Nancy Gordon**  
Long time Silver City residents, Nancy Gordon and her husband, Ralph, love to hike. For the June 24 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship program she will share stories of their hikes and pack trips taken in the Gila and elsewhere.  
Her presentation will include a slide show displaying sights and scenes from these travels. She will talk about "peak experiences" and attempt to explain why they hike. Come for good information -- and inspiration!  
**Moderator** – Nancy Cliff **FAMILY PROGRAM TODAY**

## 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** – 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  
Susan Golightly, VC  
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Jane Riger, Sec.  
Paul Michaud  
Zoey Cronin

## Membership

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

## Facilities

Paul Michaud  
**Hospitality**  
Sandra Michaud  
**Newsletter**

John Mooney  
**Programming**  
Karen Murphy

## Social Justice Committee

Sunny Kellerman  
**Office Coordinator**  
Sandra Michaud  
**Publicity**

Sandra Michaud  
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Lynda Aiman-Smith

## Family Programs

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## **News from the Board**

The Board has not met since the recent Semi Annual Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was quite successful with the following highlights:

- The congregation unanimously approved Treasurer DeAnna Mooney's carefully crafted budget for fiscal year June 1, 2018 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- Survey Results created by Zoey Cronin and the Strategic Planning Council were published and discussed.
- Family Programs leaders Frank Guevera and Carol Morrison will help transition the leadership to Chellee Chase. Many thanks to all those involved in the first year of this program.
- Building Loans Manager Doug Abbott will wrap up many years in this position and pass it along to Bob Bryant. Thanks to both of these capable individuals.
- Social Justice is undergoing a UU "resurrection" thanks to Sunny Kellerman's vision. See below for more info.
- And thanks to Steph Smith who has given loyal service on various fronts including Program Committee and Beautification. She will be taking time off for family duties.

As we all know, there is no constant other than change. Our next board meeting is July 15 after service. Board Chair Barb Gabioud is taking some well-deserved vacation time this summer. We are so fortunate to have her heading up our organization. Let's all keep "keepin' on". **Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary**

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS UPDATE**

As discussed at the Annual Meeting, the Family Program has experienced much growth and change over the last year including the establishment of a set schedule for Children's Programs, adopting the Sing to the Power curriculum, offering Parent's Night Out, building the QUU Hut and creating the Family Program Director position. The year ahead will have some exciting changes as well, starting with the transition of Chellee Chase into the Family Program Director position (as announced at the Annual Meeting, I've accepted a new job opportunity so need to hand off the reins). But we're excited to build upon the momentum started over the past year and with the support of many interested UU members, the Family Program is sure to achieve many more milestones in the year ahead....stay tuned for more details! I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Day water balloon toss (adults and kids!) because it brought a lot of smiles and laughter to everyone--and helped to cool folks off on a hot day!

For the month of June, the focus of the lesson on the second Sunday (June 13) will be on the Power of Fire: the power of shining light and passionate action. Participants will learn to activate their fire power to express their feelings and beliefs and make a difference, specifically in the face of bullying. The fourth Sunday (June 27), child will examine the power of passion, of allowing the heart to lead us to good actions. Participants will practice advocating for a cause they care deeply about. Thank you for your continued support. **Frank Guevara, FP Director**

**The UU Social Justice Committee** will meet on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the home of Sunny Kellerman, 3910 N. Blackhawk Road. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19. We are exploring projects (both individually and collectively) that will forward our commitments to (1) making a difference in local politics, (2) educating ourselves and our communities about climate change and energy conservation, (3) immigrant justice and (4) income equality. All are welcome. RSVP to Sunny (so we know to expect you!) at (575) 313-2200 or [syates@effenv.com](mailto:syates@effenv.com)