

High Desert Dispatch: March 2016

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)

Mar 6th: "Sanctuary" -- Rev. Chris Jimmerson The UU church I serve in Austin became a sanctuary church for an immigrant facing deportation to a country where her life would be in danger should she be returned to it. We will explore the tradition and the current state of the sanctuary movement, as well as how it can be transformative for both the persons taking sanctuary and the churches that provide it. (see page 2)

Mar 13th: "What's GMO?" -- Monica Rude will be talking about genetically modified foods -- including a brief history -- and the associated chemical, Roundup; emerging evidence of their impact on human and livestock health, as well the health of microbes in soil and fresh water. Lastly, she will provide guidelines for those who choose to not eat these foods. Monica became interested in genetic modification & corporatization of our food systems a few years ago & started writing articles for the SC Food Coop newsletter, the *Garbanzo Gazette*. She is an herbalist and gardener on a campaign to promote cooking from scratch, as a way to promote health, family and community.

Mar 20th: "Goddess Energy"-- Ardene Rickman
A reflection on the impact of female energy on religion, creativity, and all humanity and an appreciation of how it can be utilized to empower all of us to become more aware of its presence in our lives.

Mar 27th: "Easter from a Unitarian Universalist Perspective" - Rev. Azima Lila Forest We'll take a meandering wander through the themes and symbols of this annual spring event and see what's in it for us.

Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office (575-538-0101) for scheduling. (Coordinator – Harriet Rogers)
Silver City Camera Club – 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

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News from the Board:

Treasurer - reports from January and February will be presented at the next meeting.

Facilities - the kitchen sink area is complete with new counter, sink, faucet and cupboard. Thanks to Paul Michaud for his excellent craftsmanship and ingenuity in this project.

Program Committee - continues to encourage people to join them on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am for brainstorming, organization etc. contact Ron Gabioud.

Social Justice-

- A Charlie King concert will be held at/sponsored by UUFSC on March 9, 7:00pm.
- KURU sponsorship will be renewed.

New Business-

- The Board voted to proceed with efforts to engage more UUFSC attendees in the operations of the congregation through a “Covenanting” process.
- Budgeting efforts include a pledge letter that will be sent to the congregation and requests from committee chairs for next year’s budget.
- Preparation for the Semi Annual Meeting includes asking all individuals who wish to be considered voting members of UUFSC to make sure that they have signed the membership registry which is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. UUFSC by-laws require 60 days of posted membership before voting privileges are granted.
- George Ruebelmann is current Chair of the Board. Thanks to Nancy Cliff for serving her 3 month term. The Board Chair is rotating every 3 months.

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

Community Dance - with the BIG DITCH CRICKETS!

Sat Mar 19 - 6-9 PM at the Church of Harmony - 609. Arizona St.

Contras, Circles, Schottisches, Waltzes and Polkas. Fun for the whole Family!! \$5-10 donation. Kids under 12 free.

Rev. Chris Jimmerson is minister for program development at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin. Rev. Jimmerson has a strong calling toward anti-oppression, interfaith and social justice work. He has been especially involved in immigrant rights and racial justice. Before becoming a minister, he served for seven years as executive director of American Gateways, a non-profit organization that assists immigrants with their immigration legal needs. He lives in Austin, TX with his spouse of 25 years, Wayne Bockmon, two aging and very spoiled Basenji dogs named Virgil and Kiara. They have recently added a soon to be spoiled Basenji puppy, Benjamin Franklin.