

# High Desert Dispatch: March 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)

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup> "Spirituality Without God" Rev Christine Robinson**  
Spirituality is attending to the depth dimension of life and it's the birthright of human beings, regardless of their beliefs. This sermon won the District's Dale Arnink Award last year, for the best sermon on a Humanist topic. Christine Robinson was the Senior Minister at First Unitarian in ABQ until she retired last summer. **\*\* Childcare available.**  
**Moderator Heidi Ogas**

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Rev Azima Forest "Unitarian Universalists and Social Justice, past and present"** We will take a tour through the UU history of social justice and what is happening in our present time. New Member ceremony. **Moderator Nancy Cliff \*\* Family Program today\*\***

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup> A Primer on *The Ganges Mahamudra* w/ Jeff Goin** *The Ganges Mahamudra* is a sacred 11th century teaching imparted on the banks of the Ganges River by the Indian yogi Tilopa to his student Naropa. A profound and beautiful discourse, it gives instruction on and insight to directly experiencing the nature of mind itself. At the same time, *The Ganges Mahamudra* provides practically-applicable guidance for moving beyond an *intellectual understanding* of a particular teaching/doctrine, and gaining (or deepening) a direct *experience* of that teaching. While *The Ganges Mahamudra* is typically regarded as a Buddhist teaching, its application to any spiritual path or practice is universal. (see pg 2) **Childcare available.**

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup> "Celebrating the UU Experience"** will have something to offer everyone! Members will share memories of growing up in a UU family; parents will share stories about raising their children in the UU Fellowship of Silver City; and UU minister Azima Lila Forest will offer a dedication of the new classroom for the next generation of UUs, our children. There will be a brief outdoor dedication at the end of service, weather permitting, followed by refreshments and a showing of the classroom by our young people. **\*\*FAMILY PROGRAM\*\* Moderators Frank Guevara and Carol Morrison**

## 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 & Carol Morrison

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## **Mar 18<sup>th</sup> contd**

Jeff Goin is a professional clinical hypnotherapist. He is a practicing Mahayana Buddhist and has been doing karma yoga by teaching and leading non-denominational meditation in Silver City since 2008. Jeff will be leading a 10 morning retreat on the *Ganges Mahamudra* at the Lotus Center beginning March 20, 2018. Childcare available. **Moderator Lynda Aiman-Smith**

## **News from the Board**

The Board met in February. We reviewed the Perpetual Calendar dates and responsibilities for regular board business and for the upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting. Zoey Cronin is the Board liaison to the Strategic Planning Team. She is suggesting that an electronic survey be given annually to the congregation to ask about congregants' interests in participation at UUFSC in various ways, preferences in programming etc.

Barb Gabioud has written an excellent pledge letter which will be sent out with a survey link. This is an official notice that members (both established and new) must sign the membership roll by March 18th in order to be eligible to vote at the May 20th Semi-Annual Meeting of the UUFSC. The by-laws require 60 day in advance sign up. Next board meeting will be Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 4:00pm at UUFSC.

**Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary**

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS UPDATE**

I would like to thank the families who joined us for our inaugural Parent's Night Out last month--by all accounts, it was a huge success and we are in the planning stages of scheduling our March date. The next few sessions of the children's program will continue to focus on the Power of Air. Although we tend to think of expressing power in terms of "doing"—pushing and acting—sometimes we express power most effectively by simply being **present** and bearing witness. On the fourth Sunday, the children will learn more about the Power of Silence--by both practicing being silent themselves and by listening intently to the sounds around them and sounds drawn from nature. In this manner, the children will begin to explore the cost of the incessant noise of our modern world and how we can create spaces of peaceful silence. In addition, our fourth Sunday (**March 25th**) will be a special service as we formally dedicate the QUU Hut and celebrate our youngest generation of UUs who are building their own spiritual identifies framed around the Seven Principles. We hope everyone can join us to mark this milestone in UUFSC history.

**Frank Guevara, FP Director**

A showing of the full documentary: "**3000 Cups of Tea, Investigating the Rise and Ruin of Greg Mortenson**" will be shown Thurs, **March 22**, 6 – 8 pm at UUFSC. A story about peace making, media and how good charities can falter. All are welcome to come & join the discussion. Bring your own movie snacks & drinks. Call Karen at [575-590-8398](tel:575-590-8398) for info.

## **Bayou Seco Music**

Celebration for recipients of 2017 NM Governor's award - BAYOU SECO - at the Church of the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. Saturday, **MARCH 3**, 3-5 PM at 7th and Texas. All are invited. Appetizer Potluck fare. [www.bayouseco.com](http://www.bayouseco.com)

**The Delta Sisters and Bayou Seco** in a house concert. Sat **Mar 24**. 7:30 PM. Suggested Donation - \$10-15.00. Dynamic singing in French and Spanish and English - old time country, Cajun and more. Frannie (guitar) Leopold from Mendocino California and Jeanie McLerie (fiddle and guitar) have been singing together since 1974. Their CD - called **Music From the Old Timey Hotel** has been widely acclaimed and is often featured on KURU's Roots and Branches show Saturday AM from 8-10. They will be joined by their spouses, Ken Keppeler and Peter Barg on a variety of instruments. Call [575-534-0298](tel:575-534-0298) or write [bayouseco@aol.com](mailto:bayouseco@aol.com) to make reservations and get the location of the concert.