

High Desert Dispatch: March 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

March 10th ~MRAC Youth Mural Program. **Diana Ingalls Leyba** directs the Mimbres Region Arts Council (MRAC) Youth Mural Program. The goals of the MRAC Youth Mural Program are to teach students about the history and culture of their community, to connect students to their peers, local artists and community members, to teach students that public art can enrich and enhance the quality of life in their community, and to encourage students to engage in beautifying their community. Diana will present a slide show of the work and suggest future projects. **Nancy Cliff will moderate. It is a Family Program Sunday.**

March 17th – Heidi Ogas will share a sermon titled “Faith: You Better Believe it” written by her late stepfather, the Rev. Joseph Willis. He explores the question, What do you believe faith is?, and discusses the conflict of faith and reason. He states that even atheists can have a faith. The sermon is based on his book, “Finding Faith in the Face of Doubt, A Guide for Contemporary Seekers.” **Heidi will moderate. Childcare available.**

March 24th--“Saving the Past for the Future: A Visitor’s Guide to Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark.” **Cecilia Bell and Doug Dinwiddie**, President and VPresident of the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society, will present a Power Point video designed to introduce visitors to this historic landmark. The 18 minute video offers a concise overview of the 153 year history of the frontier military post and hospital that has been an important part of New Mexico and the local story ever since its founding. (cont. on page 2)**Nancy Stephens will moderate. Family Program Sunday.**

March 31th --“Reiki, Animal Communication and Crystal Healing” with Gaye Rock. Gaye is a Quadruple Reiki Master, crystal healer, and animal communicator for over 20 years. She will share about her practice at the Rock Center; Holy Fire Reiki; and offer some stories from her years of experience. **Carol Morrison will moderate. Childcare Available.**

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 – 1ST Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

Silver City Camera Club – 1ST Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair
Zoey Cronin, VC
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.
Jane Riger, Sec.
Paul Michaud
Susan Golightly
Lillian Connelly

Membership

Heidi Ogas, Nancy Cliff
Caring
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Hospitality
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John Mooney
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News from the Board

The Board met in February to discuss future plans. A change in the way we organize committee functions is being explored. At the recent Fellowship Council, Zoey C led the group in establishing priorities. Instead of the many and diverse committees we now have, we are considering having five broad categories of function, each headed by a coordinator, not a committee chair. Zoey is working on this model, "Culture of Service", and will soon have a chart of "service opportunities" available in the Fellowship Room. Nothing definite has been decided, and much discussion will take place before a gradual transition process is put into place. Your input is definitely wanted in all stages of this proposed change of structure.

We're also preparing for the **May 19th** Semi Annual Meeting (SAM). The by-laws require members to sign the membership roll which is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer by **March 19**, (60 days before the meeting) to be eligible to vote at this meeting. If your name is already listed, please don't sign twice!

Barb G is preparing a pledge letter which will be sent out in March. We hope you will respond generously and in a timely manner so that the budget can be prepared to be voted on at the SAM. Next Board meeting will be **March 10th**, after the program. All are welcome to attend. Jane Riger, Board Secretary.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: March in the UUFSC Children's Program, we continue our exploration of intangible gifts, this month as they relate to the first UU principle: the inherent worth and dignity of every person. On **March 10th**, our topic will be "The Gift of Acceptance", where we will consider the idea that every person has valuable gifts to offer. When we gather for "The Gift of Learning Together" on **March 24th**, we will expand our discussion of the first UU principle, as we discover that everyone, regardless of age, has something to teach and something to learn. The Children's Program includes interactive conversation regarding the day's topic, along with arts and crafts or other related activities. Children 3 – 10 are invited to join in the fun...hope to see you Sunday!

UU MUSIC IS HERE! The UUFSC music group, Silver City Slickers, will perform a free one-hour concert immediately after services on Sunday, **March 17**. Get a cup of coffee and a cookie and come back to the main hall for the debut of our band and some fun and familiar music. Silver City slickers is now available for UUFSC as well as other public and private events.

IT'S A WORK PARTY! Paul Michaud is looking for volunteers for a work day on Saturday, **March 23rd**. The projects which can be worked on include replacing ballasts in ceiling lights, replacing ceiling tiles, installing a door, marking out a landscape path from the patio steps, replacing the ropes on the shade cloth poles and re-arranging the storage room.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Fort Bayard, March 24th service) The presentation touches on events, personalities, triumphs and tragedies that weave the tapestry of Southwestern history, and hopefully inspires the viewer to learn more about story. The video will be a key attraction at the new Santa Clara/Historic Fort Bayard Visitors Center, which will open in the former Santa Clara National Guard Armory in March. **THIS SUNDAY WILL BE A DEDICATED OFFERING.**