

# High Desert Dispatch: November 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)

### Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - Rev Azima Lila Forest - "Subtle Activism"

Description: As Unitarian Universalists, many of us are engaged in activism for causes and situations we care about. In this service, coming right before the election, we will explore the possibilities of adding a spiritual dimension to our work in these areas. Also Child Dedication for Tilia & Dahlia Martin.

**Nov. 13th - The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship!** There will be a potluck brunch at 10:00 a.m. followed by our annual gathering as a Fellowship. We will hear from our committee chairs/ managers and have time for discussion as we plan our future together. (see p.2)

**Nov. 20th - Rev. Claudia Elferdink - "Walking Together-Going Deeper"** Today we will have part three of the series, Walking Together- Exploring Covenant. (cont'd on page 2)

**Nov. 27th – Ron Gabioud - "Defying Hate"** - This "Guest at Your Table" program encourages participants to reach out to marginalized groups to help protect the lives and rights of others by contributing to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. This annual intergenerational program raises support for and awareness about UUSC's work to advance human rights. The UUSC was founded in 1939 to rescue victims of Nazi persecution. Given the recent release of the Ken Burns' documentary "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War" and the unprecedented number of refugees and asylum seekers fleeing violence, political crisis and natural disaster, this year's GAYT program is focused around the theme Defying Hate. The program highlights UUSC's work to protect human rights in the face of hate, Islamophobia, and other forms of bigotry.

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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

**OUR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP AND POTLUCK BRUNCH HAPPENS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016. All members and friends of the Fellowship are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck brunch item by 9:45. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome. We begin at 10:00 a.m. with brunch and are usually finished before/by noon. It's a good time to learn more about our Fellowship and how it works and to make your voice heard on a number of items up for discussion.**

**Walking together cont'd:** After realizing the importance of our rejection of the exclusiveness of the Orthodox, we are called on to create an atmosphere of openness and safety. We can help by using translation, finding synonyms for our trigger words to allow constructive conversation to continue. Creating a strong covenant involves balancing the "I" and the "we." The care and reach of the Fellowship rests with the entire congregation.

In Going Deeper, we look at the challenges of creating a covenant that lives in the hearts of every member of the Fellowship. What is this Fellowship ready to commit to that carries you together into a deeper, more meaningful future?

### **News from the Board:**

The Board continues preparations for the Annual Meeting of the UUFSC which will be held November 13, 2016, at 10:00 am. There will be a potluck brunch. The meeting will last until around noon.

The Board continues to address various issues of governance, guided by the perpetual calendar. The Nominating Committee has provided a slate of officers for the congregational vote, and the Audit Committee has signed off on the recent audit. The Vice Chair will be contacting other committee chairs for their reports.

There will not be another Board meeting before November 13th. The new Board will decide on a meeting time after the election.

**Jane Riger, Board Secretary**

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

**Sat Nov 5 - Fiddling Friends with Bayou Seco** will play fun music at the Silver City Library from 12 - 12:45. Come and join the mayhem.

**Sat Nov 12 - 7-9 PM - Community Dance at The Church of Harmony - 609 N Arizona St. between 6th and 7th. BIG DITCH CRICKETS** will play good acoustic music and the dances will be taught. Circles and Contras, Waltzes and polkas, schottisches and Old New Mexico dances. All ages welcome. Suggested donation - \$5-\$10 Children free. call 575-534-0298 for more info.

**Sat Nov 26 - Bayou Seco** will play the Buckhorn Saloon in Pinos Altos from 6:30 - whenever. Good Cajun/New Mexican Chilegumbo music. Come and eat and dance and celebrate. No cover charge. Call 575-534-0298 for more info.