

High Desert Dispatch: November 2017

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 5th – “Within Our Grasp: Feeding the World's Children for a Better and Greener Future” Sharman Apt Russell One

in four of the world's children are stunted physically and mentally due to a lack of food or nutrients. Sharman will be talking about her current and surprisingly hopeful book project on hunger, her research in Malawi, also known as "the Warm Heart of Africa," and her conclusion that ending childhood malnutrition and stunting is an environmental as well as a humanitarian concern.

Nov 12th – “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) **Child Care Available**

Nov 19th -- “Water Is Life” Paulo Veltri Native American Student Organization (NASO) Cultural Center Director Paulo Veltri an Apache tribal member and WNMU Native American recruiter will speak about developing WNMU's American Indian Center and bringing academic development to students, while at the same time promoting the ideals, traditions and cultures of Native Americans throughout the United States. NASO will also share traditional ceremonial aspects of Indian Country.

Nov 26th -- "Guest at Your Table Program - Small Change Is Big Change" Ron Gabioud & Chellee Chase

Annually, the UUFSC supports the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee in this fund-raising effort to promote social justice on critical human rights issues. The UUSC was founded during World War II to help victims of Nazi oppression in Europe.

Come learn how the UUSC is currently on the front lines partnering with over 75 grassroots organizations around the U.S. and the globe addressing three core areas: Rights at Risk, Environmental Justice & Climate Change, and Economic Justice.

Family program

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Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair

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Nancy Cliff, Heidi Ogas & Carol Morrison

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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

News from the Board:

The Board met on October 8th. We're gearing up for the **Annual Meeting** to be held on **Sunday, November 12th**. Look for details of the potluck from the Hospitality Committee.

In addition to the usual UUFSC administrative discussions, Azima Forest will present an update on the Interfaith Alliance, Anita Williams will give us information on possible UUFSC "adopt a highway" and "Community Sunday Service" activities. There has been lots of growth and changes in the past six months. Committee Chairs will be reporting on activities and proposals.

Nancy Cliff has proposed improvements for general and building auditing for the Fellowship, as well as ideas for improved record keeping.

The Board thanks Peggy Spofford for her recent service. She has given up her position as an "at large" member. Peggy has held numerous positions at UUFSC over the years and has given generously of her time.

Paul Michaud reports the Quonset project has been consistently ahead of schedule and within budget. It's a UU miracle!!! There are plans afoot for a dedication ceremony and naming contest for the new RE area.
Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

Membership Alert: All UUFSC members (both new and renewing) need to have signed the membership roll by Sept 12th AND made a contribution of record to be eligible to vote in the November 12th Annual Meeting. A contribution of record (some form of contribution with your name attached) can be made at the Annual Meeting. Next regular board meeting will be in December, after the Annual Meeting, date and time to be decided. All are welcome. Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

The Family Program started a new curriculum called *Sing to the Power*, which uses the metaphor of the four elements--earth, air, fire, and water--as a framework to explore different forms of power that can be used for positive change and strives to develop children's sense of themselves as leaders in making change in their communities. Last week we began with Earth Power and discussed how we are all interconnected. We'll continue this theme for the month of November. I'm also excited to share that we are also very close to moving into our new space in the Quonset. Lastly, I would like to start offering a "Kids Hang-Out / Parent Night Out" once per month in the evenings to provide our youth the opportunity to strengthen the friendships they are developing during RE--and to give parents an opportunity for fun, frolicking, or just rest, by having their children in a safe supervised environment. Please contact me (guevarafdg@gmail.com) if this is something you'd want your children to participate in. Thank you for the continued support of the Children's RE Program.

Frank Guevara

Sat Nov 4th - Benefit Dance for SPIN (Supporting People in Need) with the **Big Ditch Crickets** at the Old Elks Lodge - corner of Market and Texas St behind Vicki's Restaurant. 6-9 PM. Family Friendly. A combination of Waltzes, Polkas, NM Folk Dances, and Contra dance. \$5- \$10 suggested donation.

Sat Nov 11 - **Fiddling Friends and Bayou Seco** at the Silver City Library 12- 12:45

Nov 12th Annual Mtg cont'd.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP AND POTLUCK BRUNCH HAPPENS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017. 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.

Special thanks to the hardworking Program Committee for its continuing great work in presenting consistently excellent and inspiring programs, week after week.