

High Desert Dispatch: November 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

Remember to turn your clocks back this weekend

Nov 3rd "Café Conversation on Death" Lynda Aimen-Smith and Maryam Weidner Cultural taboos often stop meaningful conversations about end-of-life issues before those conversations can even start, yet death happens to us all. Do we want to ignore the inevitable or start preparing now for a more ease-ful death? This interactive session will allow for open conversations about this sacred time, exploring beliefs, concerns and issues surrounding death. (see page 2) **Moderator Lynda Aimen-Smith. Childcare will be available.**

Nov 10th "Seeking a Path to Honor Commitment, not War." Like many, Karen has considered how to approach Veteran's Day from a path of seeking peace. She will share parts of her journey, provide a place to honor veterans close to your heart and hold space for your own questioning. You may bring photos or small items to place in the honoring space, or create from materials provided. **Moderator Karen Benediktson. Family Program Sunday.**

Nov 17th "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 & have time for discussion as we plan our future together. All members & friends of the Fellowship are encouraged to attend & bring a potluck brunch item by 9:45. Drinks will be provided. We begin at 10:00 a.m. with brunch & are usually finished before/by noon. It's a good time to learn more about our Fellowship, how it works & to make your voice heard on a number of items up for discussion. **There will be a new member ceremony during the Annual Meeting, For info, contact Nancy Cliff or Heidi Ogas. Childcare Available**

Nov 24th "An exploration of 'Privilege'": Wendy Graves and Sunny Kellerman, members of the UUFSC Social Justice Committee, will facilitate a discussion of "Privilege": -- what it means, how it affects our lives and what we as UU's can do about it. **Moderator Jane Riger. Family Program Sunday.**

Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office coordinator uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com 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
~Open~

Facilities

Paul Michaud
Hospitality
Sandra Michaud

Newsletter

John Mooney
Programming
Karen Murphy

Social Justice Committee

Wendy Graves & Andy Payne
Office Coordinator
Sandra Michaud
Adult RE
Karen Benediktson

Family Programs

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News from the Board: The Board last met on October 15th. This was the last meeting for the current existing board. Board Chair Barb Gabioud is moving on, as is Secretary Jane Riger and Member at Large Lillian Connelly. We've been a strong effective board that has accomplished a great deal for our Fellowship in the past several years. There is a slate of good replacements to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, November 17th, and we can expect the new Board to be equally strong and creative.

Recent efforts to find plantings for the NE corner of the building continue, as does Paul Michaud's work on parking lot lighting.

I'd like to say that my experience for the past several years on the Board has been satisfying and enjoyable. It's a pleasure to work with individuals you respect and trust. I would encourage those of you who have been reluctant to take on this kind of work to reconsider when future Board opportunities arise.

Next board Meeting will be in December, date TBA. All are welcome, Jane Riger, Outgoing Board Secretary

November in the UU Children's Program:

Justice for All (November 10)

We will discuss concepts that promote the second and fourth Unitarian Universalist Principles: justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Giving Thanks (November 24)

Together we will create an "endless gratitude list" as we brainstorm all the things to be grateful for that we take for granted. We'll also brainstorm on ways to remember to be grateful every day.

As always, discussion will be followed by arts and crafts or other fun activities! Please feel free to join us!

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Lynda has been a UU for over 40 years. She has been part of the care team for a number of people she loved as they transitioned out of this plane. Lynda is a trained hospice volunteer.

Maryam's background as an Inter-Faith minister and professional Facilitator grounds her approach in exploring this topic with groups. In 2017, she attended a Death Doula Training with Ram Dass and other teachers in the field of Death and Dying. She has also helped to care for Loved Ones during their dying process and been privileged to witness the beauty of death.

Membership: Why Not Join Us?

The requirement for membership is a signature on the list in the foyer -- and an open mind.

And we are a welcoming group -- would love to have you be part of the Fellowship. Any questions, please contact Nancy Cliff or Heidi Ogas.

Please remember to bring non-perishables (cans, boxes, etc) & paper goods for The Commons' Food Pantry day distributions twice a month . Also check our community board for list of items for El Refugio. Both can be placed in basket in lobby.