

High Desert Dispatch: October 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)

Oct 2nd Heidi Ogas “Blessing of the Animals” Heidi will be conducting a blessing of the animals on our patio. Please bring your pets leashed or crated and if they cannot join us, bring a photo or a toy. With respect for our critters the service will be shorter than usual but please join us afterward for fellowship.

Oct 9th Rev. Claudia Elferdink “Walking Together - Exploring Covenant” Perhaps covenant sounds like an unfamiliar word, or perhaps all too familiar. It really means walking together as a fellowship or congregation. It offers a new way to be in relationship. **Continued on page 2.**

Oct. 16th Michael Robinson “Mexican gray wolf” Michael will discuss and show slides illustrating the ecology, history and current status of the Mexican gray wolf. **Continued on page 2.**

Oct 23rd Rev. Claudia Elferdink “Walking Together” The Fellowship Individualism is central in Unitarian Universalism, especially in America. It permeates life in our fellowships and congregations. Our first principle asserts the “inherent worth and dignity of every person.” Our commitment to individualism is firmly rooted in our history. We will take a look at where that focus on individualism came from and the context it grew out of. Have we taken individualism too far?

And what about the second principle? How are we staying in balance between individualism and community? Come and explore opportunities to find a better way.

Oct 30th The Center for Gender Equity will be presenting a talk on the subject: “Why Gender Equity Centers?” Three or more students will talk about WNMU’s “The Center,” why it exists, and why it is important to the students who go there. They will talk about the events at WNMU that they sponsor and what The Center means to them.

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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. (Coordinator – Harriet Rogers)

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

Walking together cont'd: What does it mean and what does it not mean? It is ancient yet being rediscovered by many UU congregations. For some it is breathing new life into their communities. They are finding a new way. It may or may not be right for this Fellowship. Come with an open mind, loving heart and welcoming arms.

This is the first of a three-part series, Walking Together, continuing on October 23 and November 20. Join us in exploring being Unitarian Universalists!

Mexican gray wolf cont'd: This discussion will include how wolves benefit other wildlife and plants in their ecosystems, how the Mexican wolf became endangered, the politics behind wolf policy, and today's Mexican wolf genetics, geographic distribution and prospects for recovery.

Michael Robinson works as a conservation advocate for the non-profit Center for Biological Diversity. He is the author of *Predatory Bureaucracy: The Extermination of Wolves and the Transformation of the West* (University Press of Colorado, 2005).

News from the Board:

The Board continues preparations for the Annual Meeting of the UUFSC which will be held November 13, 2016. UUFSC by-laws require yearly sign in as a member 60 days before the Annual meeting as a requirement for voting, as well as a "contribution of record". If you have questions, please talk to Membership Chair Pamela Page, Barb Gabioud, Treasurer, or any Board member.

The Board continues to address various issues of governance, guided by the perpetual calendar. Discussion of various issues includes the Silver City Pride festival. UUFSC will have a booth next year for the Gay Pride Fest. Purchase of a canopy for making a UUFSC presence possible at outside venues will be coordinated through Publicity and Social Justice.

The Board wants to revisit the Yahoo Groups Listserv. Many members and friends have difficulty accessing this listserv.

The Board thanks Paul Michaud, Building Maintenance, for replacing the steps at the back of the Quonset and reinforcing the railing off the kitchen door.

The Fall 2016 UUFSC Directory will be updated and printed for distribution at the Annual Meeting. A hardcopy list of the 2016 Spring Directory will be left on a clipboard on the table in the foyer. Please make your changes directly to this document, or contact Jane Riger pjriger@hotmail.com for additions and changes. Deadline for changes will be 10/30/16.

The next Board meeting will take place Monday, October 17 2016, 2:00 pm at the Fellowship. Any interested UUFSC members/friends are invited to join.

Jane Riger, Board Secretary

Stephanie will be decorating our Fellowship for fall/winter season prior to the Oct 16th service. Thanks!

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

Oct 8 - **Fiddling Friends** at the HUB in downtown Silver City from 12 - 12:45. Come and dance and enjoy the music during the Red Dot Art Fiesta

Oct 22 - **Big Ditch Crickets** Community Dance at the Church of Harmony- 609 Arizona St Silver City - 7- 9 PM call 575-534- 0298 for more info -- **Bayou Seco Music**