

High Desert Dispatch: October 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)

Oct 1st – “Western Cultural Influences and Our Feelings About Animals” Steve Sans will give a talk on Western cultural influences, both religious and philosophical, that shape our attitudes toward animals. The talk is intended as a lead-in to next week's blessing of the animals. (see page 2 for more info).

Oct 8th – “Blessing of the Animals” Heidi Ogas, President of the High Desert Humane Society and UU member will lead us in a celebration and honoring of our beloved pets. Please join us as we bless all creatures. (see page 2 for more info).

Oct 15th -- "Indigenous Day: honoring the first peoples of this land" Azima Lila Forest. With a growing movement to do away with Columbus Day and make Oct. 12 Indigenous Day, we have the opportunity to correct our very wrong understanding of American history with the coming of Europeans to this continent and to pay attention to and seek to remedy continuing negative situations still affecting the lives of Native Americans. Also **New Member ceremony** today.

Oct 22nd - Tom Hester "The World as Our Neighbor, Silver City, 1880" In keeping with a UU theme ("Hate has No Home Here") based on our First Principle ("The inherent worth and dignity of every person"), Tom Hester, local historian, will present data from the 1880 census to demonstrate how international Silver City was at its beginning. **Family Program today.**

Oct 29th – “Dispelling the Illusion of Futility” Jamie Newton Although power holders may seek to preserve their dominance and privilege by convincing challengers that resistance is futile, activists should not resign themselves to the self-defeating paralysis of despair. With examples from diverse communities, Jamie Newton will explore social and spiritual foundations of effective movements for peace, justice, equality, and sustainability. (see page 2 for more info).

Board Members

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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 September 17th. Family Programs is off to a great start with families & children participating in ice cream sundaes and registration. The Quonset Hut will be ready for RE classes hopefully in November. Paul Michaud is doing a fabulous job overseeing the construction.

The Board is developing a "Publicity/Community Outreach" committee which will have oversight of everything from Desert Exposure advertising, KURU underwriting, possible involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, "booth in box" operations, and possible Community Service Sunday plans. These are fun, exciting plans being discussed. Please consider getting involved in some way.

We're gearing up for the Annual Meeting, November 12th. Please put this on your calendar and plan on attending. Information re the potluck, time, etc. will be given as we get closer to the date. 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. We're growing as a Fellowship & we have wonderful energy and ideas sparking off each other. Come join the fun.

Next Board Meeting will be Sunday, October 8th, after the program. All are welcome.

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

INTERESTED IN JOINING the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City? Yes, it's a mouthful, but we are a vibrant and supportive community of members and friends joined together by shared values and principles. Our Fellowship will be welcoming new members during an upcoming Sunday program. So give it some thought and contact any Board member or our New Member contact person: Carol Morrison, carolmorr@gmail.com (575) 654-3348. We will be glad to talk with you personally and answer any questions you might have. We welcome you.

Oct 1st cont'd - Steve Sans, a retired biology teacher, and his wife started and operated an animal shelter out of their home in Winnemucca, Nevada. They focused on taking old or infirm animals that others no longer wanted or simply could no longer care for. The animals ranged from horses to a tarantula the parents of a college-bound student turned over to them. Steve earned a BS and MS from Oregon State University and a BA from the University of San Francisco where he majored in Sociology and minored in Theology and Philosophy.

Oct 8th cont'd - Feel free to bring your critters leashed or otherwise contained. If you are unable to bring your pet or your pet has passed, may we suggest you bring a photo or favorite toy. **Family Program today**

Oct 29th cont'd - Bio Jamie Newton's perspective is informed by his background as a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), as a social psychologist, and as a practitioner of nonviolent action for more than fifty years. Jamie Newton is host of *Civil Discourse*, a public affairs program of Gila/Mimbres Community Radio (KURU) in Silver City. UUFSC is one of the underwriters.

Opportunity to Support the Food Pantry!

EMPTY BOWLS COMMUNITY DINNER: Saturday, October 28 from 11:30-2 at the Volunteer Center ([501 E. 13th St. Silver City](#)). \$20 ticket for a handcrafted ceramic bowl filled with homemade soup, bread and dessert. All proceeds benefit the Grant County food pantry. More info: annagrace2@atlanticbb.net and Judy Menefee, co-chair, Grant County Empty Bowls [575-388-4221](tel:575-388-4221)

Sat. Oct 7 - Bayou Seco at Silver City Farmer's Market 9 AM - Noon.
Fiddling Friends will join us at 10 AM.