

# High Desert Dispatch: September 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)

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Labor Day Potluck Picnic at the Fellowship 11:30**

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup> -- "Happiness: The Change that Changes Everything"** Learn why your personal happiness matters more than you think, and the many ways happiness can transform our community and our world. (See page 2 for more info)

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – Keeping Your Head above Water When the World is Going Crazy.**

Often UUs have difficulty taking care of ourselves because we are so aware of things in the external world that we neglect our own well-being. In this service the Reverend Carole Czujko will talk on the balance of being able to help others more by keeping ourselves healthy. **Bio** – The Reverend Carole Czujko is a semi-retired UU minister who has served congregations in CA and NM, after more than three other careers.

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – Jewish High Holidays** This active participatory service will recognize the two high holidays known as Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur. The eve of Rosh Hashanah occurs on Sep 21 & Yom Kippur falls on Sept 30. The 10 days between are known as a time of charity, prayer & repentance during which people are encouraged to right those they have wronged & to forgive those who have wronged them. In the traditional liturgy, the Angel of Life opens the Book of Life on Rosh Hashanah inviting the faithful to reflect on their destinies. At the end of the 10 days, the Angel inscribes their fate in the following year into the Book. **To emphasize charity, all are invited to bring canned/non-perishable goods for the food donation basket.**

## 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** – 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

**Silver City Camera Club** – 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

## Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair  
Susan Golightly, VC  
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Jane Riger, Sec.  
Peggy Spofford,  
Paul Michaud

## Membership

Nancy Cliff, Heidi Ogas & Carol Morrison

**Caring**  
~Open~

## Facilities

Paul Michaud

## Hospitality

Jerrienne Jones, Lynda Aiman-Smith, Chellee Chase, Zoey Cronin, Harriet Rogers and Van Smith

## Newsletter

John Mooney

## Programming

Steve Sans

## Social Justice Committee

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## Office Coordinator

Sandra Michaud

## Publicity

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## Adult RE

Lynda Aiman-Smith

## Family Programs

Frank Guevara

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

The Board met on August 20th. Paul Michaud led the effort of soliciting bids for the Quonset hut renovation, and the Board has decided on New World Building. Work will begin after the Town of Silver City approves the plans.

The Board is still looking for someone to head up a new “Community Outreach” committee and also the Caring Committee.

The Fellowship is taking actions based on the UUA Declaration of Conscience. We will be placing ads supporting UU values in local media outlets.

Membership Alert: All UUFSC members (both new and renewing) need to sign the membership roll by Sept 12 th to be eligible to vote in the November 12 th Annual Meeting.

Next regular board meeting will be September 17th, after the program. All are welcome. Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

### **UUFSC – Children’s/Family Program Happenings:**

It’s been an exciting summer as we’ve learned about the UU Principles through our Story for All Ages, hands-on activities during the Children’s Religious Education (RE) Program, and the children’s participation in the UU traditions of lighting the chalice and sharing Joys and Concerns.

Looking ahead, on September 10th we will be having a Sundae Sunday RE-gistration kick-off event as part of our Family Program. Our intent is to “formalize” our RE (Religious Education) Program by asking families to complete a short registration packet in order to gather some additional information on each child participant and their family. To highlight this kick-off event, we invite all to join us in making ice-cream sundaes after the service. Lastly, in response to the Children’s Program Survey, **childcare will be available** to families who attend the service on those Sundays when a Children’s program is not offered (the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)....this will begin on September 17th . Looking forward to your continued participation.

Frank Guevara

Family Programs Director

**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 October Sunday program. So give it some thought and contact any Board member or our New Member contact person: Carol Morrison, [carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Sep 10<sup>th</sup> program cont’d**

Chellee Chase is a certified life happiness coach, and columnist (“You-ru: Bringing Out the Guru in You”) for The Independent. With over 20 years on the quest to get happiness down to a science, Chellee has gotten it down to an art. She’s created a program called The Sustained Happiness Experience, and she’s starting the New Mexico Happiness Initiative, [happy4nm.org](http://happy4nm.org) (under construction), which she hopes will become a leading force in the larger happiness movement taking place around the globe.

The Sustained Happiness Experience is built on a foundation of self-esteem, the lack of which is the underlying issue at the root of most societal problems. It’s a program that can be tailored to every sector of our community. Chellee is currently working on a partnership with KISS/SPIN (Kids in need of Supportive Services/Serving People in Need), two local non-profits, to bring self-esteem training to some of the people who need it most.