

High Desert Dispatch: September 2018

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

Sep 2nd – **11:30** Labor Day Potluck Picnic on the UU Patio

Sep 9th -- Azima Lila Forest "The UU Seven Principles: Finding Personal and Community Meaning in the Foundations of our Faith" We will explore the Seven Principles & look for their meaning to us individually & as a congregation. Heidi Ogas is moderator. **Family Program today** (see p. 2)

Sep 16th -- "Conversations with Ourselves About Unity in Community" This will be a moderated & interactive conversation about **values which unite us**. The week before, 9/9, homework assignments will be offered. These will take the form of URLs of websites with relevant content. Those interested in participating will draw one out of "the hat", i.e., randomly. Some are longer & more complicated than others. Feel free to partner with one or more to evaluate and report to the rest of us. Nancy Cliff will be moderator. **Childcare will be available.**

Sept 23rd – Alicia Edwards – “Beyond the knapsack: how unacknowledged privilege prevents change” Thoughts on the things we can’t talk about that prevent progress in social change movements. Susan Golightly will be the moderator. (cont’d on page 2) **Family Program Today.**

Sep 30th -- “Housing the Homeless in Silver City, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Supporting People in Need (SPIN)” Two members of SPIN, Mitchell Barsh & Barbara Mora will be presenting info about PSH—a humane solution to ending homelessness for families & individuals who struggle with addiction/mental illness and/or other disabilities & lack the social support, resources or ability to acquire & maintain housing without supportive services. Andy Payne will moderate. (cont’d on page 2) **Childcare Available.**

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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 August 19th. This meeting was quite productive with the following highlights:

- The Board is working with Chellee Chase, Family Programs Coordinator, to establish a Parent Advisory Team and prepare for registration for families and children on Sundae Sunday Sept. 9th.
- Survey results created by Zoey Cronin and the Strategic Planning Council were discussed with plans for a January long range planning meeting.
- One off-shoot of survey was the number of individuals interested in creating musical groups or the like through UUFSC. So far there has been no ground swell or leadership emerging from this interest. If you would like music – speak up – put your interest out there in an announcement or talk to a board member.
- The Board is looking into training provided through our insurance company re children’s safety issues. The first viewing is tentatively scheduled for **before** the next board meeting, Sept 16.
- November seems like a long ways off, but the board has to begin plans for the **Annual Meeting, November 18th**. The Nominating Committee will be contacting potential committee chairs & board members. This is official notice (as per by-laws) that in order to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting, UUFSC members need to sign & date the membership roll on the bulletin board in the foyer by **Sept. 16th**, 60 days prior to the meeting. If this seems confusing, please ask a board member for clarification.

Next Board meeting will be **Sept. 16**, after the video & Sunday program. **Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary**

FAMILY PROGRAMS UPDATE

September begins a series called Intangible Gifts, starting with "The Gift of Love" on September 9, along with Sundae Sunday, because who doesn't love ice cream? Parents will be asked to fill out registration forms for their children who will be participating in the Program & after the service, kids of all ages can enjoy ice cream with their favorite toppings! On September 23, the topic will be "The Gift of Forgiveness." For info/input on UU Children's Program, contact Chellee Chase at chelleechase@gmail.com. **Chellee Chase FP Coordinator**

Sep 23rd (Cont'd) (Bio) Alicia Edwards is the Coordinator for Healthy Kids Healthy Communities Grant County (HKHC). HKHC implements & supports initiatives that create policy, systems & environmental changes that result in increased access to healthy eating & physical activity in schools & communities. Ms. Edwards is the former Exec Director of The Volunteer Ctr/the Commons Center for Food Security & Sustainability. Ms. Edwards helped found the Grant Co Food Policy Council, the Grant Co Community Foundation, The NM Collaboration to End Hunger and has served on the SW Regional Food Policy Council and the Grant Co Community Health Council. Ms. Edwards was elected to a four-year term on the Grant County Board of Commissioners in 2016. She is also a published poet, author, photographer and sculptor. Her idea of adventure is a backpack, a one-way ticket to anywhere and has traveled in all 50 states and five continents. Her favorite conveyances for travel are her feet, a bicycle or a sailboat.

Sep 30th (Cont'd) Supporting People In Need (SPIN) is a new local non-profit organization dedicated to bringing Permanent Supportive Housing to Silver City. They are working under the guidance of the New Mexico Coalition To End Homelessness. Feel welcome to join in an informal discussion about “Housing First”, PSH and how you can participate in this much needed endeavor.

FOOD PANTRY & EL REFUGIO Please continue to support the monthly distribution at the Commons of non-perishables (boxes, cans, paper goods) & also needed items for women & children at El Refugio. Place items in baskets near front door.