

The LOG

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Minister's Musings	1	MINISTER'S MUSINGS
Minister's Schedule	2	<i>From the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock, Interim Minister</i>
Circles and Ripples	2	Unitarian Universalists come from a wide variety of religious backgrounds. A
Thanks and Wish List	3	small minority were raised UU and stayed with this faith, or returned to it. Some
Benevolence	3	have been brought up without any formal religious experience. Most UUs have
Generosity	3	come to Unitarian Universalism from another religion – mostly other Christian
Stewardship Thank You	4	faiths. (Yes, Unitarian Universalism still includes Christianity, in addition to many
Welcoming Committee	4	more beliefs.)
Planning Worship Services	5	As a UU you are not required to renounce your religious past. Whatever was of
Make Your Own Cards	5	value to you in your past may be integrated into your current practice. What I see
Social Justice Committee	5	more often that I would like, however, is people who have rejected their religious
Newcomers Luncheon	6	upbringing out of hand, without any consideration for what might have been of
Meditation Mondays	6	value in it.
Hungry Book Club	6	Sometimes this sounds like a blanket rejection of all Christianity, or Baptist,
Walking With Beatrice	7	Roman Catholic, Mormon, [insert your denomination here] beliefs. Sometimes it
Children and Youth RE	7	includes a rejection of all things religious or spiritual. When I first joined the
Adult Programs	8	Fellowship in 1982, there were no hymns sung during services. I wondered about
Alliance	8	this until an annual meeting when the possibility of singing a hymn from time to
AUUF Google Group	9	time was discussed, and one member declared, "They sang hymns in [the church
PNWD Assembly	9	she came from] and I don't believe in all that so I don't want to hear them here."
Birthdays	9	And that was the end of the discussion. (Changing that paradigm at AUUF
Meetings and Events	10	required starting an additional service.)
About the Speakers	10	Being stuck in negative attitudes towards one's past serves neither the
LOG/ AUUF Info	11	individual nor the congregation. It manifests here occasionally in less-than-friendly
Services	12	remarks about Christians, or an expressed wish for those who believe in [whatever]
		to "just go away." This does not a healthy congregation make.
		I invite all of you who identify with the negativity I have described to attend the
		Pathways to Community programs. This is a start on rethinking your
		understanding of Unitarian Universalism and your own religious past. It is an
		opportunity to deepen your knowledge, challenge your beliefs, and grow... Attend
		all six programs, and I promise you will learn something new about your chosen
		faith, and yourself.
		With love, <i>Beatrice</i>

THE REV. BEATRICE HITCHCOCK'S SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock is the 3/4-time consulting minister for the AUUF. She works at her home in Palmer when she is not at the Fellowship. Her day off is Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday are generally spent on Fellowship, staff, and committee business, and pastoral care and counseling. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are mostly for preparation of Sunday services. Her hours are flexible, and she is usually available before evening meetings. Email revmama@mtaonline.net or call 306-7692.

Day of Week	Date	Hours Scheduled Meetings/Activities	Day of Week	Date	Hours Scheduled Meetings/Activities
Tuesday	2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Office Hours	Thursday	11	5:00 - 8:30 p.m. 5:30 Contemporary Service planning
Wednesday	3	6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Pathways to Community	Sunday	14	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Services
Thursday	4	5:00 - 8:30 p.m. 5:30 Worship Planning Comm.	Tuesday	16	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Office Hours
Saturday	6	10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pathways to Community	<i>Wednesday - Sunday</i>	<i>17 - 21</i>	<i>Ministry Days and PNWD Annual Meeting, Bellevue, WA</i>
Sunday	7	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Services	Tuesday	23	9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tuesday	9	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Office Hours	Wednesday	24	5:30-8:30 p.m. Walking Together
Wednesday	10	6-8 p.m. AUUF Board Meeting	Sunday	28	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Services

CIRCLES OF LIFE, RIPPLES IN THE LARGER POND

by Shirley Dickens

A candle for all the **Christmas Joy** felt by a sanctuary full to overflowing of us who participated in the special Christmas Eve program and pageant.

Our talented children, under **Summer LeFebvre's** excellent direction, did a wonderful performance of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas, AUUF style," written by our own clever **Martha Amore**. The great music, provided by a small band of Friends of the Fellowship, plus **Rob LeFebvre** on his guitar was just the perfect touch for the pageant. Lots of proud parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles were here that night.

A huge candle for the healing of our own, **Averill Gay** who fell on the ice at Providence Hospital's parking area December 17 and after a few days in Providence was moved to Providence Extended Care Facility. She has some broken bones in her leg. December 25th was Dick and Averill's 66th wedding anniversary. As we go to print Averill is in the process of healing and still here in Anchorage at their condo. Their daughters are taking turns coming up to Alaska to be with them.

A candle of condolences to **Karen Atkinson** who recently lost her dear friend and charge, Saradell Ard who died recently. Karen had been her caregiver for seven years and is feeling the loss of her friend deeply. We are sorry for your loss, Karen. We hope you find some comfort in the fact that you made her last years much more comfortable than they would have been otherwise.

A candle of sorrow at the passing of one of our elders, **Leah Eddy**, who died Tuesday, January 12th, in Providence Hospital. She was still a member although she hasn't been physically able to attend services since she moved five years ago to a senior apartment in Chugiak. She had been part of Eagle River's "small group" for a couple of years but even that became too much physically. She had no living family and cherished her UU friends and her kind care givers.

A candle of support for all of our congregation who are feeling unwell or ill or in pain or sad or lonely or facing surgery. The winter blahs are upon us. Come and be with your UU family and gain support and comfort from friendly faces and people who care about your well being and hear words of inspiration and hope.

The sun IS coming back, the days ARE getting longer, energy is returning. After darkness comes light.

THANKS AND WISH LIST

From the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Darrell Keifer** who has joined the team to help plan worship services.

Thanks to the Contemporary Service Planning Team who have pulled together to give me a Sunday off each month. **Diane McIntyre, Beverly Grogan, Bonnie Moore, Amanda Cash, Marie Lundstrom.**

Thank you to **Morgan Grey** for the hanging file folders for my office.

WISH LIST

A **Volunteer Coordinator** to match volunteers with the right place to serve within the Fellowship.

A **Staff Assistant** to help me cope with the mountain of paper in my office.

A **laptop computer** for the fellowship and **someone to input and format lyrics** in PowerPoint for the contemporary service. This might be the staff assistant.

A **Bulletin Board Creative Designer** to insure order, beauty, and timely and useful information on the upstairs bulletin boards.

Choir Members for the 1:30 service, and a **Choir Director**.

Adult Program Committee members -- to plan adult RE and spiritual practice groups at AUUF

HALF-PORION FOR BENEVOLENCE - 2009

In the spirit of benevolence, the following donations have been designated by AUUF. Half of our nonpledge, nonrestricted donations from the plate each Sunday have been, or will be, given to the following:

January	Planned Parenthood of Alaska	\$1577.62
February	South Sudan Medical Project	794.50
March	Hearts and Hands to Africa	910.50
April	Turnagain Health Fair	849.80
May	Girl Scout Campership	603.01
June	Anchorage Literacy Project	616.56
July	Partners for Progress	914.75
August	Alliance for Reproductive Justice	834.27
September	Alaska Youth for Environmental Action	504.15
October (1/2)	UUA Association Sunday	428.95
October (1/2)	Church of the Younger Fellowship	428.95
November	Food Bank of Alaska	1242.73
December	Alaska Aids Assistance Association (4A's)	906.10

ARE WE A CONGREGATION OF GENEROSITY?

by Susie Kobierowski

Since Beatrice wrote about creating a congregation of generosity, I've been doing a little reading, considerable thinking, but mostly observing our congregation when the offering basket is passed around, trying to imagine what this looks like to a new person attending for the first time. Many people pass the basket along without putting anything in, and some of us even dismissively wave it away (I have been known to do both of these things). It makes me cringe. Of course I know many of us are "regulars" and have already given generously by check or charge card, but the emotional feeling I get

when everyone in the row digs into a pocket or purse and puts something in the basket is quite different than when the basket is passed from hand to hand with nothing donated, It is as if we are saying, "I gave at the office," while closing the door firmly. This is an opportunity and invitation to give a little more!

I have taken to putting my small bills in a special purse or my Sunday knitting bag, so I always have something to donate when the basket comes around, and I notice a warm feeling of doing my small part to say, "I care, I'm an active giving member of this congregation."

Donating time is also important, and the small things can make a huge difference. Here are some very small ways to donate time and effort:

- If no one appears to be greeting people at the door, become an impromptu greeter.
- Pass up your morning Starbucks coffee and buy one from the youth.
- Bring a snack for the snack table.
- Wash cups and dishes gathering in the sink.
- Clean up snack table.
- Learn to make the coffee.
- Straighten things up in the sanctuary after a service.
- Ask Beatrice if there is something you can do to help set up for the next service.
- Get to know one of the older members; make sure he/she has coffee and a snack after the service.
- Hang out by the coat rack and help elders with their coats.
- If the speaker has been cornered by talkers, offer to bring coffee and/or treats while they chat.
- Ditto for the minister.
- Look around for someone you don't recognize and find out if they are new; chat them up.
- Sign up to donate to 4A's luncheon.

It will take a conscious effort, and many members are already there, but some of us have personal work to do. Do we want to be known as a warm, welcoming, generous congregation? I do!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN STEWARDSHIP!

Wray Kinard and Ron Rozak, Stewardship Co-Chairs

The Annual Stewardship Drive is over, and we want to thank everyone for their dedication to the task at hand. Many Stewardship Ambassadors worked very hard to contact and meet with members of the congregation, and many more volunteered behind the scenes to help make the whole thing work. You think the annual dinner was easy to put on? How about publishing the canvass brochure? Wow, what dedication by a huge group of folks! Here, at the risk of forgetting a person or two, are those who gave many hours of stewardship service, plus those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to pull it all together. A big THANK YOU to everyone!

Birgit Arroyo	Judy Engh	Susie Kobierowski	Gwen Perry-Crawford	Jana Sudkamp
John Blaine	Stan Fischer	Robyn Lauster	Shirley Randal	Breck Tostevin
Jackie Cason	Renee Frost	David Lee	Bruce Roberts	Sue Williams
Sam Cason	Leslie Gale	Marie Lundstrom	Marie Rozak	Mindy Willis
Matt Claman	Marty Herriott	Denise Martin	Ron Rozak	Ken Winterberger
Barb Clark	Fred Hillman	Rod McCoy	Kalen Saxton	Teresa Zimmer
Ron Devon	Darrell Keifer	Diane McIntyre	Donna Scott	
Shirley Dickens	Cindy Kinard	Joyce Palmer	Diane Smith	
Doug Eby	TK Kleiner	Jim Parker	Mary Spalding	

The Fellowship is strong and continues to grow, thanks to the dedication and hard work of these UU volunteers.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE UPDATE - FEBRUARY 3 CHANGES FOR VISITORS

by Marie Lundstrom, Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee decided to change from a Guest Book, which people could sign, to Visitor Cards, which they can fill out during the service and return in the offering basket or to a basket in the foyer. The reasons for the

change are to avoid some congestion in the foyer, to make sure visitors get a follow-up response after they've been to a service, and to make certain Micaela, Rosene, the Welcoming Committee and any others who need to know are aware of who came.

Greeters should be alerted that we aren't using the Guest Book any more, that when visitors come, they should be given cards and pens (after making name tags), that when it's money counting time, greeters should note on the cards the date and service, then leave cards on the desk for Micaela to make copies.

The Welcoming Committee is revising the Greeter Instructions to reflect changes all around—Visitor Cards, third service, what to do with children. Other revisions include the purple Welcome sheet which wraps around the *LOG* copies for visitors, a Newcomers Events follow-up sheet, and (in progress) a tri-column fold-up flyer about AUUF, its wonders, peculiarities, and a little history.

The next Welcoming Committee meeting is **Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m.**, at the Fellowship.

PLANNING WORSHIP SERVICES - FEBRUARY 4

Love the 11:00 worship service? Want to help insure it has great speakers and topics every Sunday? Join the Worship Service Planning Committee. Next meeting: **Thursday, February 4, 5:30 pm.**

MAKE YOUR OWN CARDS - FEBRUARY 6

by Marie Lundstrom

Have you bought a card recently—to go with a gift, to cheer up a friend, to say hello, to say you're sorry, to congratulate, to send sympathy, to say thank you? It can cost you plenty. And the message is created by someone else, like Hallmark.

One solution is to make your own cards—they'll cost you less, and they'll be more personal. A place to start is a Card-making Party at the Fellowship **Saturday, February 6**, from 1-3 p.m. Bring paper, pens, colored pencils, glue, sprinkles and other things to glue on—the kinds of stuff you'd use for scrap booking. And fire up your creativity—play around with writing jingles or limericks. . . you'll be surprised how easy it is to play with rhymes and funny words, particularly if you're making a card for someone you know.

Gwen Perry-Crawford and Teresa Zimmer will be there—this was their idea. Children accompanied by parents are welcome. Professional cards are not the goal, but personal cards.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY 6

by Susie Kobierowski

What a lot we can do when we all work together! In the past month our congregation has really been wonderful in answering the call for help in our community. The Social Justice Committee received word that Safe Harbor - whom we've worked with previously - needed extra toilet paper after having all 75+ kids home for the Winter Break. You came through and they are SO appreciative of our support! THANK YOU to all you donors for bringing rolls to the Fellowship and to those who took their donations to Safe Harbor themselves.

Later in the month of January, on the Martin Luther King Day of Service, we put our hands to work helping our hungry friends and neighbors. We teamed up with two different community organizations: Beans Café in the morning and The Food Bank of Alaska in the afternoon. We proved the old maxim correct - many hands DO make light (and quick) work! THANK YOU to all those who used their day off as a day of helping. It was very gratifying to see how many of our kids were involved that day - words have meaning, but deeds have weight. We also continue to volunteer with the mobile food bank on Tuesdays at the Lutheran Church of Hope.

In February your Social Justice Committee is co-sponsoring another day of helping - we'll be teaching kids how to have FUN! Our neighbors in the Sudanese refugee community now live in a world they have no experience with - a winter wonderland of snow and ice. We'd like to break the ice - so to speak - and help them enjoy this new reality. We're having a sledding party to introduce them to the sport and give them sleds so they can continue to get outside and be part of the fun we all enjoy each winter. Please join us on Presidents' Day, **Monday, February 15, from 1-3 p.m. at Russian Jack Chalet.** Together with the CYRE Committee we'll provide cocoa, tea and coffee to keep warm and we ask that you bring good, used sleds to donate to these kids so we can all hit the hills together!

Our Half-portion For Benevolence Partner for February will be Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACATS). They work to assure justice by advocating for environmental and community health and the right to clean air, clean water, and toxic-free food for all.

Our next Social Justice Committee meeting will be Noon, **Saturday February 6** in the teen room at AUUF. We'd love to see you there to discuss the decisions made during the January Continuation of the AUUF Annual General Meeting.

Have questions or want to get involved with one- (or more!) - of the community events we're planning? Want to know more about YOUR Social Justice Committee.??? Please contact either Joanne (248-3006) or Susie (696-7337 skobierowski@yahoo.com).

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON - FEBRUARY 7

Visitors, newcomers, new and potential members, and long-term members are welcome to a Newcomers Luncheon between the second and third services **Sunday, February 7**. We will have a few words from Beatrice, and some long-term members will contribute brief notes about their experiences with small groups and other AUUF favorite activities and events. It will be a good time to make connections and to learn more about UUs. Join us!

MEDITATION MONDAYS FEBRUARY 8 AND 22

by Cindy Kinard

In February, the Monday Meditation group will continue with a fresh outlook! We will meet **Mondays, February 8 and 22**, from 6-7 p.m., in the teen room at the Fellowship.

In January, we gathered a good group, to enjoy peace in each other's presence and to explore some of the many ways there are to meditate. There is always room for more meditators, so if you missed the January meetings, please feel free to join us!

As noted before, if meditation is new to you, not to worry! It's really fairly simple; much material is available to help you get started. To that end, after the initial meditation period in each meeting, the group will spend part of the meeting listening to tapes on meditation or related topics or working with guided meditations.

We are especially fortunate to be able to offer an introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation by a certified teacher (Bruce Roberts' sister, Barbara Morgan) who can offer follow-on TM lessons. Stand by for further details—tentatively scheduled for February 8!

If you are not yet on the meditation group email list, and want to get updates on this and other plans for the group, please email ckinard@ak.net.

HUNGRY BOOK CLUB - FEBRUARY 9

by Susie Kobierowski

The Hungry Book Club started off 2010 by taking a literary trip to three very dissimilar countries and cultures with the book *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. This true story is how a very angst-ridden Gilbert, suddenly finding her life upside down, seeks healing of her stressed physical, spiritual and emotional selves. Each of the three countries she visits during this yearlong travelogue (Italy, India and Indonesia) offers her something unique that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. We readers found through her tales the world is indeed a very big place and not all problems are solved, or even recognized, elsewhere as they are here. This book was received differently by the Book Club than any other we've read - because it is written in three distinct voices with each country visited representing the filling of a need- it struck each of us almost individually. Some of us liked the entire book, some liked certain countries and the corresponding solutions they offered, and some didn't like Gilbert's airy and self-deprecating humor but enjoyed seeing the different aspects of foreign cultures. Mostly however, this book was like the dinner we enjoyed during our discussion at Shirley's house - there was such a variety (the book has 108 mini-chapters), that there was something that appealed to everyone!

Our read for February will be *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. ["Kingsolver takes us on an epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover. *The Lacuna* is a poignant story of a man pulled between two nations as they invent their modern identities" - *Harper Publishing*]. We'll meet at 7 p.m., **Tuesday, February 9**, in Shirley Dickens' home to enjoy a delicious potluck dinner and delightful discussion. Then, in March we're reading *The March* by E.L. Doctorow.

Each of these books can be borrowed through the Loussac Library, or may be purchased with discount from Metro Music and Books. As always, our meetings are open to anyone who is interested. You don't need to have read the book, been part of the book club before, or have a dish of food. If you'd like to join in on the fun, PLEASE DO!! For further info call Susie (696-7337) or email to skobierowski@yahoo.com. It's great to read with friends!

WALKING TOGETHER WITH YOUR CONSULTING MINISTER – FEB. 24

The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

For AUUF movers and shakers: a discussion with Beatrice on the direction of the Fellowship. Innovations, changes, new service... Where is all this going? And why? **Wednesday, February 24, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** I'll bring soup and bread.

SET THE TABLES FOR CIRCLE DINNERS - FEBRUARY 27

by Marie Lundstrom

Good fun, lively talk, mixing with new people, and eating well are part of our next installment of Circle Dinners coming up **Saturday, February 27**. These food affairs are a great time to get acquainted with UU folks you don't know very well or at all, and eating together is a wonderful way to become friends. You may be a guest or a host—it's fun either way.

Here's how it works. Events chair Gwen Perry-Crawford will have a clipboard on the bulletin board in the upstairs social room for people to sign up as host or guest. If the clipboard has been removed, you can call Gwen to get yourself included. Gwen will assign guests to each host. A host will contact the guests on his/her list. Guests and host will negotiate food—who is to bring what. The host will set a time and make sure guests have directions to her/his home.

If you are a host, it doesn't matter if you plan a seated dinner for a dozen people or if you have five guests who balance plates on their laps. Also, you as host don't have to make the main dish; let the guests bring what they do best. A host is expected to provide the place, the plates, napkins, and flatware and drinks. Beyond that, if a host wants to do a main dish or dessert or wine or whatever, it's the host's choice. Also, the host faces cleaning up. But guests usually help with some of that, particularly since serving dishes need to go home with their owners.

If you are a guest, you should hear from your host sometime in the week before the dinner. Say what you'd like to bring, or the host may tell you what others are bringing, and you negotiate. The host should give you clear directions to his/her home and say what arrival time to aim for. Dinner will likely proceed at a leisurely pace, with lots of talk.

So mark February 27 on your calendar, put your name on the clipboard list, and look forward to an evening of Food and Fun.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (CYRE) NOTES

by Rosene Beachy, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration (DLRE)

SUNDAY MORNING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

9:00 and 1:30 Services: Kid's Quest activities and toddler childcare

9:00: 4-5 grades Our Whole Lives classes through February 28

11:00 Service: – Cross-age RE classes with our winter theme – Hogwarts School of Wisdom and Wizardry

January 31: Continuation of Annual General Meeting

9:00 – 11:00: We will show the Hogwarts video – “The Sorcerers Stone”

11:00 – 12:15: We will have our regular scheduled Hogwarts classes!

February 7 – 28: Children will begin downstairs in their Hogwarts House groups at 10:45, followed by our Chalice Circle at 11:00.

February 7 and 14: Please have children dressed for outdoor activity as they will be going outside one Sunday or the other for a game of Quidditch!

February 28: Hogwarts Celebration/graduation day

COMING EVENTS

February 28 –Soup Sunday coordinated by the Sun Catchers (K-1 class)

February 13 – Winter Game Night – Magic and Pasta potluck

February 15 – Presidents' Day sledding party at Russian Jack park (see article in date order)

February 28 – Teachers' Appreciation Dinner 4-6 p.m.

RE SERVICE PROJECTS

January 31 – Our Moon Spinners (junior high) will be whipping up waffles for the breakfast before the Continuation of the AGM. Don't miss them.

Pennies for Peace – RE's collection this month will be going to Haiti please put your pennies in the caldrons located upstairs and downstairs

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

February 14 – Coming of Age M & M meeting

February 28 – Coming of Age Spiritual Practice Retreat

February 28 - Star Wars Excursion to the museum 12:30 – 3:00

A LONG WEEKEND WITH NOTHING TO DO? ADD SOME EXCITEMENT WITH TWO WONDERFUL EVENTS!!

WINTER GAME NIGHT - FEBRUARY 13 - 6-8 P.M.

MAGIC AND PASTA POTLUCK

Mark your calendar, and share in the fun. All ages will enjoy this evening. At 6 p.m., bring a pasta, salad, or dessert to share. At 7 p.m. Prepare to be wowed by Alaska's Wildest magician – Don Russell, as he joins us for a Hogwarts spectacular show!

PRESIDENTS DAY SLEDDING PARTY - FEBRUARY 15 - 1-3 P.M.

Monday, February 15 is a school holiday and, you are invited to an AUUF sledding party at Russian Jack Park. We have invited the newly arrived refugees from Darfur, Sudan to join us. There are three families and several single men. Please consider bringing a sled to donate so that the refugee children can take home a sled. (Foam sleds are best.) The AUUF Social Justice committee will provide cookies and cocoa inside the Russian Jack Chalet at 2 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Programs Committee

PATHWAYS TO COMMUNITY

Pathways to Community is an adult program for all UUs, long-term members and friends as well as newcomers. Led by the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock and others, you will explore UU history, the Principles and Sources of the UUA, Anchorage UU Fellowship history, your personal beliefs and spiritual journey, and more. Deepen your knowledge, challenge your beliefs, and grow with us.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30, in the upstairs social room.

February 3: Common Ground: The Principles and Sources of the Unitarian Universalist Association

February 17: Fellowship: AUUF History and Governance

March 3: Giving and Receiving: Rights and Responsibilities of Membership

March 17: Search for Truth and Meaning: Sharing Spiritual Journeys

March 31: Seeking Spiritual Maturity: Spiritual Practices

Attend one or two programs, or all. No pre-registration required. A \$5 suggested contribution per session covers cost of copying and childcare. Childcare requires three-day notice.

Saturday programs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the upstairs social room. Bring your lunch and a snack to share.

January 30: Roots; Common Ground; Fellowship

February 6: Giving and Receiving; Search for Truth and Meaning; Seeking Spiritual Maturity

For more information or to arrange for childcare call Beatrice Hitchcock (306-7692).

NOTES FROM THE ALLIANCE

by Shirley Dickens, Alliance President

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 22**, with setups Thursday and Friday evenings, **May 20 and 21**, then the sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, May 22**. So do keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Of course we will need good things to sell and plenty of workers to help. More on that later as we get closer to May. We intend to specifically invite our congregation to come Friday night and look things over so we can make you a good deal on the nicer things.

We can use more books in the upstairs social room to sell. So, if you have any “best sellers” paperback or hardback, we’ll be happy to help recycle them. Please, just current books of interest. We really appreciate your contributions.

**WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AUUF?
WANT TO ACCESS THE LOG ONLINE? JOIN THE AUUF GOOGLE GROUP!**

If you are interested in joining the **AUUF Google Group**, the fellowship's primary means of communicating with its members, go to www.anchorageuuf.org and look in the upper right portion of the page. You will see a block titled "GOOGLE GROUPS SUBSCRIBE TO AUUF" Follow Ken Winterberger's excellent directions.

**PNWD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
February 19-21, 2010 - Hilton Hotel - Bellevue, WA
Register soon at pnwd.org**

Let Us Shine! More than 400 UUs (**seven from AUUF**) have registered for the District Assembly on February 19-21 at the Bellevue Hilton. Won't you join us? Come and be inspired and educated with great workshops, moving worship services, wonderful music, delicious food and warm fellowship with hundreds of other Pacific Northwest UUs. Bill Harley, Grammy award winning entertainer and NPR commentator, will give the keynote address, a workshop, and a concert. Peter Morales, the new President of the Unitarian Universalist Association will greet you at a Saturday reception and preach the good news of Unitarian Universalism on Sunday morning.

Register now at <http://pnwd.org/districtassembly.php>.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Delana Eby	February 1	Diana Radoff	February 16
Terra Buckridge	February 1	Erik Hill	February 17
Mary Richards	February 3	Daniel O'Brien	February 17
Eliza McGownd	February 4	Elayne Hunter	February 18
Bo York	February 4	Kristen Keifer	February 18
Kalen Saxton	February 5	Griffin Davies-Wocasek	February 19
Darrell Keifer	February 6	Donald Naff	February 21
Diane Smith	February 7	James Denney	February 22
Breck Tostevin	February 7	Joyce Durcanin-Robbins	February 22
David Lee	February 9	Cassandra Gardner	February 24
Susan Williams	February 10	Ally Jackson	February 27
Silas Landon	February 10	Jim Parker	February 28
Bill Allen	February 12	Teresa Zimmer	February 28
Cori Bailey	February 12		

AUUF FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2	Noon	CYRE Committee
Wednesday, February 3	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Pathways to Community
Thursday, February 4	5:30 p.m.	11:00 Worship Service Planning Committee
Saturday, February 6	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pathways to Community
	Noon	Social Justice Committee
	1:00 p.m.	Make Your Own Cards
Sunday, February 7	12:15 p.m.	Newcomers Lunch
Monday, February 8	6:00 p.m.	Monday Meditation Group
Tuesday, February 9	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Forum Planning Team
	7:00 p.m.	Hungry Book Club
Wednesday, February 10	6:00 p.m.	AUUF Board
Thursday, February 11	6:30 p.m.	1:30 Contemporary Service Planning Team
Saturday, February 13	6:00 p.m.	Winter Game Night – Magic and Pasta Potluck
Sunday, February 14	12:30 p.m.	Alliance
Monday, February 15	1:00 p.m.	Sledding Party at Russian Jack Park
Wednesday, February 17	6:30 p.m.	Pathways to Community
Sunday, February 21	LOG DEADLINE	
	12:15 p.m.	Celebrate February Birthdays
Monday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	Monday Meditation Group
Wednesday, February 24	5:30 p.m.	Walking Together with Beatrice
Saturday, February 27	Various times	Circle Dinners
Sunday, February 28	12:15 p.m.	RE Soup Sunday

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Phil Shephard is with the Greatland Trust.

The Rev. Richard Gay is minister emeritus to AUUF.

The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock serves as consulting minister to AUUF.

Jeannie Devon is the creator and writer of the award-winning Mudflats blog.

Dr. Charles Licka is a professor of art history, and the chair of the Department of Art at UAA.

The *LOG* deadline is the third Sunday of each month.

Late articles will go into the next *LOG*..

Please email all *LOG* articles to **anchorageuuf@alaska.com**.

Please indicate in the **SUBJECT BOX** that they are **for the *LOG*** and the **TOPIC**.

Articles sent as **MS WORD attachments** are preferred. Articles sent **in the body of the email** are acceptable. As a **VERY LAST RESORT**, articles may be placed in Micaela's mailbox.

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The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock's schedule appears on page 2.

Rosene Beachy is **usually** in the office **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, 8 a.m. – noon

She can often be reached at home.

Micaela "Mike" Dover is **usually** in the office **Monday** through **Thursday**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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The Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

AUUF Committee Chairs/Other Contact Persons

9:00 a.m. Forum Planning – Mindy Willis

11:00 a.m. Worship Planning – Beatrice Hitchcock

11:00 a.m. Worship Music – Cheryl Childers

1:30 p.m. Contemporary Planning –
Beatrice Hitchcock

1:30 Contemporary Music – Beverly Grogan and
Diane McIntyre

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AUUF SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday, February 7

9:00 a.m. "Public Lands and Public Access" – Phil Shephard
11:00 a.m. "Compassion Is Many Different Things to Many Different People,"
with the Rev. Richard Gay
1:30 p.m. "Let It Be With the Beatles"

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m.. TBA
11:00 a.m. "Body and Spirit: On Sexuality and Spirituality."
with the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock
1:30 p.m. "Body and Spirit"

Sunday, February 21

9:00 a.m. "Adventures in the Blogosphere" – Jeannie Devon
11:00 a.m. "Contemporary Art and Spirituality" – Dr. Charles E. Licka
1:30 p.m. "Mardi Gras"

Sunday, February 28

9:00 a.m. "The Mission Process" – The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock
11:00 a.m. "Celebrating Purim: The Story of Esther," with the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock
1:30 p.m. "Queen Vashti Just Said, 'No'"

At 9:00 and 1:30, there is childcare for ages 1-4, and a cross-age program for children 5-11.

At 11:00, there are classes for children ages 1 through high school.