

# The LOG

Our monthly newsletter  
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April 2010

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Circles and Ripples	2	In March I spoke at two services about changing expectations of members..
Thanks and Wish List	3	AUUF bylaws require only signing the membership book and making an
Benevolence	3	identifiable contribution once a year. These are very low expectations for members
Mobile Food Pantry	4	– and they have been met year after year. This is evident when one looks at the
Recycle Reminder	4	depressing process of revising the budget downward year after year, the number of
Support Fair Trade	4	members who aren't volunteering at all, the number of vital positions not filled, the
PNWD 2012	5	lack of funding for a major social action focus, etc.
Social Justice Committee	5	I have been guided by the advice of UU consultant Michael Durall in <i>The</i>
AUUF Seder	5	<i>Almost Church Revitalized: Envisioning the Future of Unitarian Universalism</i> , and
Meditation Mondays	5	<i>Creating Congregations of Generous People</i> , and UU minister Tom Owen-
Welcoming Committee	6	<i>Towle's Growing a Beloved Community: Twelve Hallmarks of a Healthy</i>
Coming of Age Dinner	6	<i>Congregation</i> . Please remember that nothing I say will make these changes
Darfurian Haflah Party	6	happen. It is a decision for you, the members of AUUF.
Treats for Poetry Buffs	6	<b>Membership expectations in UU congregations should include:</b>
Hungry Book Club	6	➤ Attend services regularly and don't treat the Fellowship as a consumer
Forum Conversations	7	organization. Sunday services are the heart of the Fellowship. This is
A Time to Mourn	7	where you make connections and find out what's going on.
New Member Recognition	7	➤ Volunteer your time as generously as you can, and strive to pledge at the
Chicago Children's Choir	7	5% to 10% level as soon as possible. A religious congregation is a
Children and Youth RE	8	volunteer organization. Generous contributions of time and money are
AUUF Google Group	10	what make it run effectively.
Wine Country Holiday	10	➤ Participate in a small group or adult religious exploration program of some
Birthdays	10	kind every year, and work towards spiritual maturity. You'll have a clue
Meetings and Events	11	that you're getting there when you can define what you believe without
LOG/ AUUF Info	11	saying what you <i>don't</i> believe in.
AUUF Services	12	➤ Take an active, ongoing, part in the congregation's social action projects.
	13	Live your UU values.
		➤ Tell other people about this congregation. Word of mouth is the number
		one way that congregations grow.
		➤ And, in this congregation of strong individuals, strive for the good of the
		whole congregation, not just yourself or your preferred service.
		For more information about these proposals, please read <i>The Almost Church</i>
		<i>Revitalized: Envisioning the Future of Unitarian Universalism</i> . Copies are
		available to borrow or to buy for \$10.
		Love, Beatrice

## THE REV. BEATRICE HITCHCOCK'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock is the 3/4-time transitional minister to 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](mailto:revmama@mtaonline.net) or call 306-7692. *Italics indicate an off-site activity.*

Day of Week	Date	Hours Scheduled Meetings/Activities	Day of Week	Date	Hours Scheduled Meetings/Activities
Thursday	1	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Contemporary Service planning	Tuesday	13	9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Office hours <i>5:30 – 7:30 p.m.</i> <i>Forum planning</i>
Sunday	4	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Easter services	Wednesday	14	7 - 9 p.m. Conversation with the Minister on the Forum
Tuesday	6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Office hours 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Worship Service planning	Sunday	18	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sunday services
Wednesday	7	6 – 8 p.m. AUUF Board meeting	Tuesday	20	9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Office hours
Thursday	8	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Compassionate Communication practice group	Thursday	22	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Compassionate Communication practice group
Saturday	10	6 – 9 p.m. Coming of Age Dinner,	<i>Sunday - Wednesday</i>	25 – 28	<i>PNWD Ministers' Retreat</i>
Sunday	11	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sunday Services			

## CIRCLES OF LIFE, RIPPLES IN THE LARGER POND

*by Shirley Dickens*

**A candle of appreciation to our wonder woman, Gwen Perry-Crawford, for coordinating the Circle Dinners for those who signed up and a candle of gratitude to all those host and hostesses** who took their list of names and opened their homes to us. This is such a wonderful way to get to know each other better over a leisurely potluck dinner in each other's homes. Thank you to everyone who participated.

**A candle for member Joe Ryan** who has moved into a new assisted living home, The address is 2591 Lyvona and it's near Dimond High School. Joe's phone number is 222-1270. Thankfully, Oliver (his beloved dog) was allowed to move too. Teresa Zimmer saw Joe recently and he would still like a ride to church now and then and visits and to be taken out for coffee occasionally.

**A candle of commitment to AUUF** as we seriously think about our mutual decision at the AUUF Annual General Meeting to join forces as a group and work for social justice in supporting our chosen social action project, supporting Safe Harbor Inn (transitioning from homelessness into permanent housing and jobs). There will be many ways to help, something for everyone.

Lets all get involved and help fill the basket recently placed in the foyer with needed articles for families at Safe Harbor. RE, Social Justice Committee, Green Sanctuary Committee, Half-portion for benevolence (to name a few) will be exploring ways to help. Small Groups could also get involved.

**A wedding candle of joy for Eric McCoy and his lovely bride, Tamara Bustamante**, who held their wedding recently at AUUF one Sunday afternoon. Eric is the first-born of member Rod McCoy and thinking seriously about becoming a member of AUUF. Congratulations and very best wishes to the bride and groom.

**A candle of sympathy and caring to Jim and Beatrice Hitchcock and their family on the death of Jim's brother, Nels Hitchcock** who died at the family homestead Friday, March 19. We understand that he actually built or helped to build that family home. We are very sorry for your loss.

**A huge candle of sorrow and sympathy to Micaela Dover on the loss of her beloved Irish Wolfhound, gentle Molly** who died of cancer March 19. What a loss to all who knew her. Mike, take some comfort that you were able to give her a loving and good home and she was never very far away from her beloved mistress. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was a beauty, and in the words of her mistress, "a sweet, sweet dog."

Good wishes and healing energy on all of us who face surgery, illness of any sort, loss of friends, family, jobs, divorce, sorrow of any kind. Wishing all of you good tidings of peace and joy.

## THANKS AND WISH LIST

*From the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock*

### THANK YOU

Thanks to the **fourteen people** who met with me in February to discuss how we can walk together on this journey towards a strong and healthy Fellowship.

Thanks to **Jim Parker** and **Shirley Randall** for all their work on the Human Resources Policy Manual.

Thanks to **Panthea Redwood**, who has volunteered to help with the small mountain of filing in my office.

Thanks to **The Bowheads**, and **Denise Martin and Jim Kerr**, for providing really special music for the contemporary service.

### WISHES

A **laptop computer** for the fellowship and **someone to input and format lyrics** in PowerPoint for the contemporary service.

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

**Choir Members** for both worship services, and a **Choir Director** or Directors.

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

**Photographer** and **technical assistant** to complete the member pictures for the photo board. Photos need to be labeled and mounted on card stock, and cut to fit photo board slots.

A **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee** representative.

## HALF-PORTION FOR BENEVOLENCE - 2010

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	Anchorage Literacy Program	\$764.25
February	Alaska Community Action on Toxics	693.36
March	Hearts and Hands to Africa	TBA
April	Disaster Relief for Haiti (through UUSC)	TBA

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER(S) – TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

*by Robyn Lauster*

The Tuesday afternoon Mobile Food Pantry now serves 60 or more households each week. We have a dedicated team, including client volunteers, that works well together. Three churches support this site: Guadalupe, Hope Lutheran, and AUUF. At present, I am the only regular volunteer from AUUF and I need some alternate workers. Although I think the team can function well without me, I feel strongly that as a fellowship, we should be doing our part.

Occasionally I would like to attend Assembly meetings on Tuesdays, and I can't get free of the pantry until nearly 6 p.m. -- which makes quite a rush for me. March 23 is one of those dates. In April I will be sitting at the polls all day, so need someone for **April 6**. Then I'll be gone on a trip for **April 13 and 20**. It would be wonderful to have two or three names to call in case there's a need.

If you have any interest at all in committing to an occasional Tuesday afternoon, 4-6 p.m., to hand out perishable food to grateful, hungry families, please let me know. You can call Mike at AUUF (248-3737, ext 2) or Robyn (245-1634).

## RECYCLE REMINDERS

*Robyn Lauster, Green Sanctuary Committee*

**BATTERIES:** we are still recycling batteries as an ongoing project. Please remember to **TAPE BOTH ENDS** of the batteries or they will not be accepted for recycling. This is a new rule, in response to an identified fire hazard. There is an oatmeal-sized container in the upstairs social room in the recycling bins near refrigerator.

**PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS:** reasonably clean plastic bottle caps (**NOT metal and NOT milk bottle tops**) are being collected in the same place as batteries in a separate marked oatmeal box. Bringing in a bagful is perfectly acceptable. We have recycled two pretty good-sized bags of bottle tops at DaRae's beauty shop on Minnesota. By the way, if you are looking for beauty products with an environmental conscience, research Aveda products. DaRae's carries them and if you do business there, please thank them for the recycle opportunity.

## SUPPORT FAIR TRADE BUSINESS

*Robyn Lauster, Green Sanctuary Committee*

As UUs, we are trying to stay aware of fair trade as we go about our daily shopping. I'd like to recommend Grassroots, a Fair Trade Store, which is situated between REI and Title Wave Books. Jill Dean owns this store and has a wonderful, creative, and generous attitude about building business ties between developing countries and the U.S. on a person-to-person basis. By the way, Jill donated an impressive basket of fair trade items for our auction last year, so please give her some business and a thank you.

Here are three examples of things I have bought and been happy with:

1. **Lime Marmalade**, fairly traded in Swaziland, no preservatives added -- delicious!! The Eswatini Swazi Kitchen is a project of Manzini Youth Care, which provides housing, food, and education at several centers to former street children, many of whom are HIV/AIDS orphans.

2. **Cafe Femenino Coffee**, organically grown by women in a Peruvian cooperative. It originated from the desire on the part of 460 Peruvian women coffee growers to stop domestic violence and empower themselves in 2004. They have been able to buy school uniforms for the village's youth, as well as provide cancer screenings for numerous villages. The coffee sold at Grassroots is roasted at Glacier Valley Roasters in Girdwood, AK.

3. **Zippered Cotton Stenciled Bag**, from Tukul Crafts in Sudan Africa. It was made by a small craft and silkscreen workshop, which began in 1988 as a group of displaced Sudanese refugees struggled to make some means of living through handcraft. I use it as a knitting bag.

Jill keeps her prices reasonable. It's a perfect place to find an affordable, interesting gift, including paper made from elephant poo! Please check it out next time you are in the area.

# PNWD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY COMES TO ANCHORAGE IN 2012!

*Ron Devon and Cindy Kinard*

As many of you already know, we at AUUF have been invited to host the 2012 PNWD District Assembly in Anchorage! This is an incredibly exciting opportunity, and will be the first time that Alaska will host the event! While hosting will not require any financial commitment on the part of AUUF, it will require a good deal of collective effort. We have heard from the other fellowships in Alaska, and they are eager to be involved.

PNWD is talking about having the event in early to mid-May 2012. That is still more than two years away but there is much to plan, so, the sooner we can start getting things organized, the better.

Because this is a big commitment, the 2012 PNWD Assembly Committee, and the Board of Directors would like to hear from everyone regarding this undertaking. Please contact Ron Devon (345-5442) or Cindy Kinard (345-7296) with any creative thoughts, concerns, ideas to make the event a success, or offers of support. We will also be setting dates and times for meetings on these issues in the very near future; stay tuned!

Thanks! With your help, this will be an event to remember and one with lasting benefits to AUUF!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - APRIL 3

*by Susie Kobierowski*

The Social Justice Committee met in March to kickoff our participation in the congregation-wide partnering with Safe Harbor Inn. During our discussion with the director at Safe Harbor we discovered that many of their guests come to them with very few personal items. Seeing an opportunity to help right away, we organized a month-long collection drive to gather household items to ease our neighbors' stay with S.H. In April we'll be organizing all of your generous donations into welcome baskets to be available to new arrivals at both Inn locations. The Welcome Basket is just the first of many projects we envision our committee doing - what are your ideas? What is a committee you are on doing with S.H.? We'd love to hear what others are doing - or would like to do!

In April our Half-portion for Benevolence will be shared with two Partners: the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) Haitian Relief Fund, and the Central Asia Institute (CAI).

UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures, and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. UUSC stands with those who are working to reverse the cycle of collapse and dependence that has plagued Haiti, and partner with Haitian organizations and social movements to ensure that their vision becomes reality. CAI's mission is to promote and support community based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. (Do you remember the Pennies For Peace campaign the children spearheaded last year? This is the organization they were supporting with all those thousands of pennies!) Jerene Mortenson, founder Greg Mortenson's mother, will be speaking to the Fellowship at 11 a.m., **Sunday, April 25** on the continuing work of Greg and the CAI.

Our next meeting will be noon, **Saturday, April 3** in the teen room at AUUF. Come and help us make these wonderful Welcome Baskets and we'll discuss what we would like our next project to be. YOU are the AUUF Social Justice Committee-- where do you want to go? Plan on attending this upcoming meeting-- this is where you can put your ideas into action! Want to know more about YOUR Social Justice committee?? Please contact either Joanne (248-3006) or Susie (696-7337 or skobierowski@yahoo.com)

## AUUF SEDER POTLUCK - APRIL 3

**Seder Potluck Dinner 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 3.** Come enjoy this annual multi-generational evening. There will be the traditional Afikomen Search for the kids! this is a wonderful family event and "little kid" friendly! Call Diane Wiggin (245-2213) for more details.

## MEDITATION MONDAYS APRIL 5 AND 19

**Meditation Mondays—Still enjoying peace!!**

*by Cindy Kinard*

March 8, a goodly group enjoyed the lecture on Transcendental Meditation, by longtime TM teacher, Barbara Saunders. We will continue our normal programs into April, with meetings on **April 5 and 19**. All are welcome! Regular Monday Meditation meetings are in the Fellowship's Teen Room from 6 to 7 p.m.

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.

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE UPDATE - APRIL 7

*by Marie Lundstrom, Welcoming Committee*

Getting a Visitor/Newcomer link on the AUUF web site will be one of the topics at our next meeting **Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.**, in the Teen Room at the Fellowship. What do we want to have that link lead to? –That’s a question we need to consider. We will also need to figure out what our part will be in the New Member Recognition and Welcome Ceremony April 18. And, further, what remodeling will we need to do on our Visitor/Newcomer Events list for May-June-July-August? What other revisions in paperwork do we need to make?

The Welcoming Committee is always open to suggestions, new people with more energy and new ideas. Committee co-chairs are Diane McIntyre, Marty Herriott, and Marie Lundstrom.

## COMING OF AGE FUNDRAISER - APRIL 10

**COA Fundraiser** - Dinner, Karaoke and Variety Show 6-9 p.m., **Saturday, April 10**. Get your tickets now for a stellar evening of laughter, song and fun. If you’ve always wanted to be a star, you’ll get a chance to strut your karaoke stuff at this unique evening brought to you by the Coming of Age youth and mentors! Adults and youth \$10, ages 2-11 are \$5, family - \$30. Tickets available after every service.

## DARFURIAN “HAFLAH” CELEBRATION - APRIL 11

*Debbie Bock, Kelley Hartlieb, and the AUUF Social Justice Committee*

Ever since Abu Eltaher arrived in Anchorage in 2008 as a refugee from Darfur, Sudan, he has been trying to bring his wife here to join him. They were separated by the war. Prior to their reunion on March 2, they had not seen each other for *ten* years.

We have invited Abu and Omima to AUUF on **Sunday April 11, 7-10 p.m.** for a special party to celebrate their reunion. There will be Sudanese music, drumming, and dancing! We will provide the wedding cake. Please bring some “finger food,” sweets (cookies or chocolates), and a few dollar bills to put on a money tree for Abu and Omima. P.S. A *haflah*, is a traditional Sudanese party.

## APRIL BRINGS TREATS FOR POETRY BUFFS - APRIL 11 AND 25

*by Marie Lundstrom*

April is Poetry Month. And for lovers of poetry, AUUF will have two services with poetry as the focus—the first will be **Sunday, April 11** at the 11 a.m. service. That is Poetry Sunday, when several Fellowship members and friends will read poems of their own or other poets’ work. Renée Frost and I are sharing the service leader responsibilities—selecting readings, hymns, and organizing the time. People interested in reading poems at that service should find me or Renée to get on the list of readers.

The other service to focus on poetry will be **Sunday, April 25**, when John McKay will be the featured speaker at the 9 a.m. Forum. John is an MFA candidate in poetry at UAA, and he is also in the poetry writing, reading, and critique group, Ten Poets, that I am part of (we meet every week).

One other event of possible interest to poetry aficionados will be Poetry Parley **Wednesday, April 21**, at 7 p.m. at Out North Theater. Poetry Parley occurs the third Wednesday of each month and has a local poet reading her/his poems from 7 to 7:30 p.m., then several persons reading poems by the featured poet of the evening. In April, the featured poet will be Shakespeare and his sonnets; the local poet will be me, Marie Lundstrom, in case you wondered.

Most likely there are other poetry events that will crop up around town in celebration of Poetry

## HUNGRY BOOK CLUB - APRIL 13

*by Susie Kobierowski*

In March the Hungry Book Club took a journey south and back in time with our choice of *The March* by E. L. Doctorow. Set at the climax of the Civil War, this follows General Sherman’s march through Georgia, then up into the swamplands and hill country of the Carolinas. Told through a series of narratives, this doesn’t give just Sherman’s view - or even that of his army of 60,000 - but the view of a broad swath of the thousands affected- including the victims of Sherman’s slash-and-burn strategy, the slaves “freed” but now homeless, the lovers and prostitutes following behind the rolling mass of (in) humanity as it crushes all on its March To The Sea. Because it was told from so many perspectives,

there really was little time for deep character development and it was a little tricky trying to keep up with all the voices in the story line, however this structure makes you realize how cataclysmic this was to everyone.

The history is brutal and bloody and Doctorow left little to the imagination, but I closed the book completely amazed at how our country came through this and could actually pull together to rebuild and move ahead. One of the sentiments from the discussion in Sue Williams' living room was that when we look ahead the road seems so daunting, until we turn around and see just how rough it was behind us. This book gave us hope for tomorrow when we see that we've managed to survive - and thrive - over the dark periods of our past.

For our next selection we've chosen a book that we've wanted to read since it was published, but now we have the added impetus of having the opportunity to talk with the author's mother at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 25! For April we'll be reading *Stones Into Schools* by Greg Mortenson [He now continues the story of how the Central Asia Institute (CAI) built schools in northern Afghanistan....Mortenson writes of nothing less than saving the future, and his adventure is light years beyond most attempts. Mortenson did not reach the summit of K2, but oh, the heights he has achieved! - Booklist] We'll be meeting at Shirley Dickens' home on **Tuesday, April 13** at 7 p.m. for our ever-popular potluck dinner and discussion. We'd LOVE to see you there!

These books can be borrowed through the Loussac Library, and 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 skobierowski@yahoo.com). It's great to read with friends!

## **CONVERSATION WITH THE MINISTER ON THE FORUM - APRIL 14**

*The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock*

I have been asked to help the Forum to become more welcoming to visitors, to introduce the offering and the Half-Portion for Benevolence in some way, to be more consistent in making announcements, and to generally help the Forum to function as a Sunday service of the Fellowship. I would like to have a conversation with Forum participants about what this means, and ways to do this that respect the purpose of the Forum. I invite all who are interested to a conversation at the Fellowship on **Wednesday, April 14**, at 7 p.m.

## **A TIME TO MOURN - APRIL 17**

*With the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock*

One of the Soul Practices offered at AUUF is "A Time to Mourn," a few hours in which to express our feelings around death, divorce, and other kinds of loss that weigh down our lives. This hands-on workshop provides a wide variety of art supplies for participants to paint, sculpt, draw, or scrapbook their way through mourning. A small gathering permits sharing stories and concerns in a caring atmosphere.

Bring a lunch and a snack to share, and photos or mementos if you want to work on scrapbook pages. Please RSVP to me (306-7692 or revmama@mtaonline.net), so I know for how many to prepare. Childcare may be arranged with three days notice. \$5 covers cost of materials and can be waived as needed. **Saturday, April 17**, any time between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION CEREMONY - APRIL 18**

*by Marie Lundstrom for the Welcoming Committee co-chair*

New members will be formally recognized and welcomed into the congregation **Sunday, April 18** at the 11 a.m. worship service. Everyone who has joined AUUF since the ceremony in mid-December is urged to take part, as well as anyone who joined earlier but missed being welcomed. "New" members are paired with "old" members to introduce them. Please tell the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock (306-7602 or revmama@mtaonline.net), Marie Lundstrom (276-1528), or another Welcoming Committee member, if you wish to participate.

## **HOUSING NEEDED FOR CHICAGO CHILDRENS' CHOIR - JULY 7 AND 8**

*by Robyn Lauster*

**The Chicago Children's Choir** will be performing at the Bear Paw Festival in Eagle River on **Friday, July 9**, and **needs housing in Anchorage on Wednesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 8**. (Whale Coast will be needing housing on July 14 and 15 the following week.) They will be coming from Denali by bus. The choir is a coed, "multiracial, multicultural choral music" group. I encourage you to check them out on their website at [www.ccchoir.org](http://www.ccchoir.org), where you

can hear some amazing voices. The choir began in 1956 with the support of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago, so this group has a history of UU involvement. They often stay with UUs when they are traveling. Normally, they place two to three choir members per house (never just one).

In return for housing them, we will receive a **free concert for AUUF on Thursday, July 8**, which may be an opportunity to raise funds. We are researching a larger venue for this possibility.

On Saturday, March 6, Teresa Zimmer, Rosene Beachy and I met with two representatives from the CCChoir. I will be organizing the housing. Some UUs have already responded to my earlier Google message, but originally they only requested one night's stay. We need beds for 50 children and youth. It could be an enriching experience for our youth and the choir members, but I'm very open to housing them in homes with no children also. We may be a bit stretched, but what a great opportunity! **Please let me know if you can host, and send me your name, phone #, email contact, and how many you can host.** Thank you, Robyn (245-1634).

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (CYRE) NOTES**

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

### **SUNDAY MORNING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM**

#### **11:00 Service**

**April 4** - Spring Fling – Easter activities and basket making

**April 11** - Regular age-group classes

**April 18** - Earth Day activities – community cleanup, please wear appropriate outdoor clothing

**April 25** - Regular age-group classes

#### **9:00 and 1:30 services - Toddler care ages 2-4 - Kid's Quest ages 5-11**

**April 4** - Make Easter baskets

**April 11** – Make Doggie Biscuits,

**April 18** – Spring riddles and games

**April 25** – Soil explorations

### **RE SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS**

#### **SOUP SUNDAY**

April Soup Sunday will be coordinated by the YRUU group. Look for the sign up sheet downstairs at the RE Info Spot to provide a delectable soup or other goodies.

#### **EASTER PROJECTS - SPRING FLING**

##### **Donations For Easter/Spring Baskets**

We are still looking for donations of toothbrushes, fun kids' floss, small toothpaste OR small gently used trinkets or craft kits, plastic eggs, and baskets. Please bring them to the Fellowship by **Easter Sunday,**

**April 4.** If you want to donate in bulk consider asking your dentist if they can donate a box of tooth care supplies for kids! We will also need undyed, hard boiled eggs brought on **Sunday, April 4.** \_\_\_\_\_

### **HAPPENINGS**

#### **COMING EVENTS**

**April 3 - Seder Dinner at the Fellowship.** Come to a multi-generational potluck, 5:30 p.m., **Saturday, April 3** at the Fellowship. There will be the traditional Afikomen Search for the kids! A wonderful family event and "little kid" friendly! Call Diane Wiggin (245-2213) for more details.

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## YOUTH

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

#### SUNDAY PROGRAM THEMES

**April 4** – Planning meeting for retreat and Soup Sunday.

**April 11** – Guest speaker Mark Erikson – Understanding mental illness

**April 17-18** – YRUU Spring Retreat

**April 25** - Participate in the 11:00 service, Jerene Mortensen speaker

#### BRIDGING

It's getting to be that time of year again when high school seniors are making plans to spread their wings. Celebrate your roots and this important time of transition by participating in a Bridging Ceremony during our Youth Celebration Sunday in May. The **WHEN** is **May 16**, the **HOW** is based on what the participants would like to do. There will be a planning meeting March 31, 7 p.m. for seniors who would like to participate in a Bridging Ceremony. Contact Rosene Beachy, DLRE if you would like to participate.

#### COMING OF AGE

**April 11** – **1:30 – 3:30** Mentor & Mentee meeting

**May 7-9** Coming of Age Rites of Passage weekend retreat

## CYRE COMMITTEE

### WANTED - TEACHERS FOR 2010-11!

The CYRE Committee is planning for next year, and they would like to be organized before we all run off on our summer adventures!! This is a large, cooperative, volunteer program, and we expect participation from all families in some way! **We need 28 volunteer teachers and youth advisors to lead our classes.** If you have children in the program and have never volunteered, this would be a great year to begin! If you don't have children in the program, we value your contribution as well. There will be a signup sheet available at the Parent Info Spot.

### SUMMER SUNDAYS - UU WORLD TRAVELERS - JUNE 6 - AUGUST 29

#### Calling all folks who travel and love to tell about it!

Would you be willing to share photos, stories, artifacts, food, or craft with a small group of children during our 11:00 "UU WORLD TRAVELERS" summer program, **June 6 - August 29**? Do you have a bit more time during the summer months? Would you like to participate in RE but are worried about how to do it? We can help you come up with ideas for presenting the culture and experience of the places you've been. There will be an info meeting scheduled in May.

We need a Tour Guide for each Sunday, and two or three tour leaders to be facilitators/helpers on a rotating Sunday schedule. See Bonnie York or Rosene Beachy, or sign up for one or more Sundays downstairs at the RE Info Spot! Don't hesitate! Sign up now for this very fun opportunity.

### SO YOU'D LIKE TO BE AN "OUR WHOLE LIVES" (OWL) LEADER?

If you think this might be the niche for you, please speak to Rosene Beachy, DLRE to get a registration form. There will be an Elementary OWL training in Marysville, WA **April 16-18**. We will be hosting a junior high/senior high OWL training in Anchorage the end of August. If you are interested, we will put your name on the list and keep you in the info loop.

### REMEMBER!! SOUP SUNDAY COOKBOOK

Your recipes are needed! RE is collecting soup recipes for a UU Soup Sunday Cookbook. If you have a great recipe and want to include it in our book, please email it to [summerlef@gmail.com](mailto:summerlef@gmail.com) or send to Summer Lefebvre, 3531 Tanglewood Place, Anchorage, Alaska, 99517. Even if you made it last year, we would love to include it in our Soup Sunday book. Please send all recipes by **Thursday, April 15**. If you have any questions contact Summer LeFebvre (248-6566).

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

The **AUUF Google Group** is the Fellowship's primary means of communicating with its members.

To **SUBSCRIBE**, go to [www.anchorageuuf.org](http://www.anchorageuuf.org). 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.

To **SEND** something to the Google group, send to [AUUF@googlegroups.com](mailto:AUUF@googlegroups.com).

To **UNSUBSCRIBE**, follow the directions at the bottom of an email from the Google group.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH BAY  
WINE COUNTRY HOLIDAY**

*"Napa was as delightful as I had expected. What was equally important and somewhat unexpected was the profound connections I felt with my hosts and hostesses."*

*Carol Lim, Los Angeles*

**The UUs of Napa, California** proudly announce a new season of our **Wine Country Excursions**. Again, we offer a variety of options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas.

There much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: e.g. wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of our hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on our highways and back country roads.

**We offer two choices:** Both start with comfortable lodging in members' homes with full breakfast (up to three nights). You can choose a two-day "Wine Country Excursion," a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of our members--some with wine industry experience--or lodging and self-guided touring. If desired, we provide guidance, maps, etc.

The program runs from April through October. Our fees are below market rate for similar services and ***all proceeds go to our small fellowship***. For complete details contact: Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or [2wilsons1dog@comcast.net](mailto:2wilsons1dog@comcast.net)

*We look forward to sharing our lovely "home" with you!*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Doreen Ransom	April 2	Harry Crawford, Jr.	April 17
Richard Stern	April 4	Belle Dawson	April 17
Melinda Willis	April 4	Gary Drew	April 19
Sharon Cissna	April 5	Jiri Biciste	April 22
Bonnie Stark	April 6	Marjorie Carter	April 22
Mary Williard	April 10	Margaret Robinson	April 23
Berta Gardner	April 12	Ann Larabee	April 25
Nina Heyano	April 12	Judy Engh	April 27
Mya Abramczyk	April 13	Cindy Kinard	April 30

## AUUF APRIL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday, April 3	Noon	Social Justice Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Seder Potluck
Monday, April 5	6:00 p.m.	Monday Meditation Group
Tuesday, April 6	Noon	CYRE Committee
Wednesday, April 7	6:00 p.m.	AUUF Board
	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee
Saturday, April 10	6:00 p.m.	Coming of Age Fundraiser Dinner, Karaoke, and Variety Show
Sunday, April 11	12:30 p.m.	Alliance
	1:00 p.m.	Coming of Age meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Sudanese Hafлах Celebration
Tuesday, April 13	5:30 p.m.	Forum Planning Team (Kaladi's on Brayton)
Saturday, April 17 – Sunday, April 18	Afternoon – Morning	Youth Retreat (Beach Lake Cabin)
Sunday, April 18	<b>LOG DEADLINE</b>	
	11:00 a.m.	New Member Recognition
	12:15 p.m.	Celebrate April Birthdays
Saturday, April 25	12:15 p.m.	RE Soup Sunday

## GUEST ORGANIZATIONS - WEEKLY MEETINGS

Monday through Friday	Noon	AA - Lost and Found
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AA – Slap Happy

**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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Micaela (Mike) Dover, Administrator, 248-3737, ext. 2

**The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock's** schedule appears on page 3.

**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.

### **AUUF Board of Directors**

Doug Eby, President

Mary Spalding, Vice president

Erik Hill, Secretary

Darrell Keifer, Treasurer

Sam Cason

Susie Kobierowski

Robyn Lauster

Rod McCoy

Carma Reed

Mindy Willis

The Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, April 7, 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

4As Lunches – Debbie Cahoon

Adult Programs – Beatrice Hitchcock and  
Rosene Beachy

Alliance – Shirley Dickens

Building and Grounds - Bruce Roberts

Children and Youth Religious Exploration –  
Bonnie York

Committee on Ministry – Heather Christensen

Denominational Affairs – Open

Finance – Darrell Kiefer

Green Sanctuary – Michelle Champion

Human Resources – Jim Parker

Nominating – Stan Fischer and Fred Hillman

Pastoral Caring Team – Shirley Dickens and  
Teresa Zimmer

Planning – Doug Eby

Social Justice Committee – Susie Kobierowski and  
Joanne Anderson

Small Groups – Susan Orlansky

Stewardship – Wray Kinard

Welcoming Committee – Marty Herriott, Marie  
Lundstrom, and Diane McIntyre,

## AUUF APRIL SERVICES

Sunday, April 4

9:00 a.m.

“Easter Is . . . Because We Need It” – with the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

11:00 a.m.

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Regardless of the historical accuracy of biblical events, Easter is a needed celebration to counteract the affects of death and loss.

1:30 p.m.

“Celebrating Spring” with the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock. Bring Easter eggs (real, hard-boiled eggs, or blown eggs) to exchange in an Egg Communion.

Sunday, April 11

9:00 a.m.

“Who’s Your Doctor? The Future of Primary Care” – Dr. Tom Hunt

11:00 a.m.

“Poetry Sunday” led by Marie Lundstrom and Renée Frost

AUUF poets and poetry lovers will present their own and favorite poet’s work in honor of Poetry Month.

1:30 p.m.

“Locavore Sunday” with Panthea Redwood. Learn about eating locally grown foods and the advantages for our bodies and the world.

Sunday, April 18

9:00 a.m.

“Learning Native Wisdom” – Gary Holthaus

11:00 a.m.

“Food, Faith, and Justice: UUs Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day”

with the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock. The UU Ministry for Earth provides information and encouragement for congregations engaged in ethical eating.

1:30 p.m.

“Caring for Mother Earth” with the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Bring seeds to exchange and plant.

Sunday, April 25

9:00 a.m.

“Poetry and the Alaska Life” – John McKay

11:00 a.m.

“Pennies for Peace, Books, Not Bombs,” with Jerene Mortenson, on the work of Greg Mortenson in promoting peace and education for girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

1:30 p.m.

“The Sacred Feminine” with Ruth Greenwood. *[waiting for a sentence from Ruth]*

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.

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

**The Rev. Richard Gay** is minister emeritus of AUUF.

**The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock** is the transitional minister to AUUF.

**Dr. Tom Hunt** is a member of AUUF.

**Marie Lundstrom and Renée Frost** are members of AUUF.

**Panthea Redwood** is friend of AUUF.

**Jerene Mortenson** is the mother of Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*.

**Panthea Redwood** is friend of AUUF.

**Ruth Greenwood** is a UU seminarian and a member of AUUF.

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