

The LOG

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HUMAN RESOURCES MANUAL

The AUUF Human Resources Committee has been working with AUUF staff and an ad hoc group of the board to complete a more complete and sophisticated Human Resources Manual for AUUF. Jim Parker and Shirley Randall deserve particular thanks for getting this important piece of work complete for all of us.

CHANGING THE FISCAL YEAR

The AUUF Finance Committee has recommended to the board changing our fiscal year from January-December to July-June. The main advantages include: matching our actual cycle of activity at AUUF where many activities take a break during the summer, matching up better with the regional and national UU fiscal years which are already on this July-June schedule, and more possibility of separating more the canvass and the budget creation which have been too close together to be managed well. The main disadvantages are less direct connection with tax breaks as the end of the year and with the annual dividend fund payments. In discussion it is believed that both of these disadvantages can be managed.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW FACILITY

Many people have put in many hours of work over the past several years on this search, we had a formal relationship with a well known real estate agent for about a year, and we listed our facility for sale. We have explored at some length partnerships with several other nonprofit organizations. All of this has not yet resulted in a successful end to our search for a larger facility. We are launching what is our “third wave” of effort again with some newly energized new leadership to push along this search once again. If you wish to help, contact Carma Reed, AUUF board member.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The AUUF board of directors has been having a series of meetings in addition to the board business meetings to explore more deeply issues of congregational leadership and thought. This has been quite useful and is part of our efforts to further develop our leadership over time.

INCREASED DISCIPLINE AROUND HANDLING MONEY

Several steps have been taken to assure that our money is handled in a way that assures protection for all involved. This is not in response to any problems, but is rather a series of steps to assure everyone at AUUF that money is being handled responsibly. One specific item to bring to everyone’s attention is that a board member is required to be present for the counting of money on Sunday mornings and at least two people total are required to be present. There is a clearly outlined, written process to be followed precisely on Sunday mornings on the desk in the Administrator’s office, along with the counters’ envelopes and attendance form.

DEFINING ASPIRATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

AUUF has worked to be open and welcoming to any and all who want to join. However, we also have a big interest in all of our members being active and giving both time and money to support AUUF becoming a strong, vibrant community. To that end the following are becoming our stated aspirations for members without becoming rigid in our getting to these expectations...

- 1) Attending Sunday services regularly.
- 2) Participating in at least one program each year that contributes to your search for truth and meaning, such as a small group or adult religious exploration.
- 3) Actively participating in AUUF social action projects.
- 4) Supporting the fellowship financially; striving to reach the 5% to 10% giving level is strongly encouraged.
- 5) Volunteering on a committee or in a way that sustains the work of the Fellowship.
- 6) Telling others about AUUF.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

From the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock, Transitional Minister

Like most cancer survivors, I am grateful for my current state of health and well-being. Good health is not something to be taken for granted, and cancer is the plague of the post-modern age in which we live.

One doctor expressed it like this: metaphorically speaking, we each have within us a well of water that is being filled, drop by drop, throughout our lives, by the carcinogens we come in contact with, and the other factors that contribute to cancer. If our well spills over, we will develop cancer. If our well doesn't run over, we won't.

My well spilled over into thyroid cancer last year, and surgery and radiation removed some water from my well; I don't have cancer now. But I will continue to be exposed to carcinogens for the rest of my life, so the potential for overflowing remains.

There are many people at the Fellowship right now in a similar state – cancer survivors, some actively fighting cancer, some facing other serious illnesses. When I've told people that I'm watching my diet and going to a gym three times a week, I often hear, "I should be doing that." And what I want to say to you is, "Please, do. Do it for you."

I think of eating right, exercising, and getting enough sleep as building the walls of the well up a little higher. Counting calories is tedious and going to the gym takes time, something I have very little to spare. My workout takes two hours out of my day, door to door, three times a week. But it is time when I am actively working on my life, my physical state of being.

Your life is worth putting some effort into. You deserve some time to take care of your body. No matter how busy you are, time spent taking care of yourself is time well spent. Take it slowly at first, set realistic goals, but get started. Do it for you.

No one can guarantee that your cancer well won't spill over some day, but being healthy when it does improves your chances for survival. And getting healthy can make every day better than the last.

With Love, *Beatrice*

THE REV. BEATRICE HITCHCOCK'S SCHEDULE FOR JULY

The Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock will be taking some vacation time in July, but will be available by phone and email. She will be out of state from June 28 to July 8, and available for emergencies after that, while she is out at the family homestead. She will attend some meetings and will cluster appointments around those. Call 306-7692 to schedule an appointment or meeting time.

| Day of Week | Date | Hours Scheduled Meetings/Activities | Day of Week | Date | Hours Scheduled Meetings/Activities |
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| Thursday | 8 | 7 p.m. <i>Chicago Children's Choir Concert</i> | Wednesday | 14 | Noon – 2 p.m. Bylaws review 3 – 5 p.m. Committee on Ministry 6 – 8 p.m. AUUF Board meeting |
| Sunday | 11 | 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sunday Services | Sunday | 25 | 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sunday Services |

THANKS AND WISH LIST

From the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Gwen Perry-Crawford** for organizing the annual picnic: **Peggy Cobey** and **Steve Livingston** for providing the meat, condiments, plates, and other basics for the meal, and **Harry Crawford** and **Breck Tostevin** for manning the grills. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed this annual afternoon of fun.

Thank you to our excellent Caring Committee members, **Shirley Dickens**, **Fred Hillman**, **Joyce Palmer**, and **Teresa Zimmer**, who make visits and phone calls to AUUF members and friends, organize and deliver meals, arrange rides, and generally provide loving outreach to the Fellowship's own.

Thanks to **Amanda Cash** and **James Burkhart** for hosting the Celebratory Service lunch and planning meeting. Grilled pizza!

Thank you to all the members of the **Alliance**, and especially **Shirley Dickens** and **Mary Kulawik** for their support of Charlu Choate and her husband, Tom, during Charlu's final illness, and for their work on her memorial service. Thank you to **Marilyn Lee** for playing the piano for the service, and **Fred Hillman** for operating the sound booth.

WISHES

A **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Representative** to organize membership drives, Guest at Your Table Sunday, Justice Sunday, sales of UUSC holiday cards, and related UUSC support services.

A **Computer Expert** to assess the fellowship's computers, operating systems, printers, and electronic what-have-you, for the purpose of updating as needed.

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

Community Organizer to spearhead Standing on the Side of Love campaigns in Anchorage area. See www.standingonthesideoflove.org for more information.

CIRCLES OF LIFE, RIPPLES IN THE LARGER POND

Joyce Palmer

A wedding candle of happiness to **Carol Clausson's son, new daughter-in-law, and the entire party**;

More perpetual candles of support to **Leslie Gale, Bruce Roberts, and others** in our midst who continue to provide ongoing care to loved one;

The candelabra of appreciation continues to burn for additional "limo pool" drivers, **Don Crandall, David Lee, and others**,

Candles of condolence to **Nina Heyano and her family** upon the sudden loss of several family members, and to **Tom Choate and family** on the passing of his beloved wife, **Charlu**, a staunch UU from "Log Cabin Days" and true world citizen;

A plethora of votive thank yous to Peggy Cobey, Harry Crawford, Susie Kobierowski, Steve Livingston, Gwen Perry-Crawford, Maesha Read, Yana Smith, Breck Tostevin, Rick and Teresa Zimmer, and a "cast of thousands" for their gifts of food, time, organization, and enthusiasm which made the June AUUF picnic yet another success;

A bright bat mitzvah taper for **Shirley Randal's daughter** who at 57 has come of age...go girl;

A welcome home beacon to **Drew Crawford** and **Ruth Mathes**, just back from across the Big Pond. We want to hear all about your European adventures;

And, finally an ever-burning torch of support to those in our spiritual home facing challenges and acknowledgment for unspoken successes.

May your summer adventures near and far bring you light, laughter and love.

AUUF COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

SAFE HARBOR INN

Kalen Saxton

On June 2nd I asked the board for approval of proposed activities through December 2010. After discussion the Board voted to form a committee for the Community Service Project, to have me chair this committee, and approved the listed activities. At the next meeting the board will vote to approve the committee charter and the people willing to be on this committee.

The Social Justice Committee approved the Half-portion for Benevolence for June, to go to Safe Harbor Inn. On Sunday, June 6th, the new brochure about Safe Harbor Inn was passed out to 38 households at the 9 a.m. Forum and 55 households at the 11a.m. Service. Brief presentations about who this donation would benefit and ways the Fellowship could be involved were given.

On June 17th the United Way held their DAY OF ACTION service opportunities at Safe Harbor Muldoon. Between 1-4 p.m. a group of UUs improved the looks of the flower beds. Fred Hillman, Beatrice Hitchcock, Carma Reed, Marie Rozak, Whitney Rines, Kalen Saxton and Teresa Zimmer, volunteered. During the morning two IBEW apprentices and their instructor Chris Tuck installed new lights in the community room. UU Gene White worked with Kalen to get their volunteer services. Ed Hakala and Bruce Roberts also volunteered service. Ed drove me around to stores to ask for donations of torn sacks of soil, bark, river rocks, or sand. He donated some unused planting materials from his home.

Four groups within AUUF have supported this project. The Social Justice Committee, Green Sanctuary Committee and one Small Group have created welcome baskets for new guests from donated items. At the end of the Alliance "yard sale" they donated items that could be used in permanent housing by families moving out of Safe Harbor. Each group within the Fellowship will be contacted to explore other ways they can participate. We are especially looking for ways several groups could work together.

Three more members reported they donated a couch, a large dresser, and a washer and dryer during the month of June. (1 in April, 2 in May, now 3 in June) Think about asking neighbors, friends, family and co-workers if they have items to donate. Call 644-8525 at Safe Harbor Muldoon to get furniture pickup on Monday through Friday from 12-8 p.m.

There are many individuals who are still bringing in non-food items, purchased while grocery shopping, to give to Safe Harbor. Thanks again to Ed Hakala who transported boxes and boxes from AUUF to Safe Harbor. Sol Gerstenfeld has requested we again put a basket in the entryway with a big sign that says DONATIONS FOR SAFE HARBOR INN, with many copies of the *List of Requested Items* attached. We will take these small items to Safe Harbor.

If you have a vegetable garden consider sharing some of your harvest with Safe Harbor. If you shop at farmers markets consider buying some vegetables to share. There is a table on the left as you walk in the main door at Safe Harbor Muldoon, where donated food is left. Any guest at the hotel may pick up any item on the FREE table.

To become even better informed go to: www.safeharborinn.org.

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:

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| January | Anchorage Literacy Program | \$764.25 |
| February | Alaska Community Action on Toxics | 693.36 |
| March | Hearts and Hands to Africa | 1901.34 |
| April | Disaster Relief for Haiti (through UUSC) | TBA |
| May | Central Asia Institute | TBA |
| June | Safe Harbor Inn | TBA |
| July | Cambodian School Kids | TBA |
| August | Healing Racism in Anchorage | TBA |
| September | Safe Harbor Inn | TBA |

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Darrell Keifer

This spring, the board established a new ad hoc committee to look into several budget related matters:

1. Change from a January-December fiscal year to a July-June fiscal year
2. Examine how we develop budgets, staff salaries, and how we prioritize budget items
3. Discuss how we do canvass
4. Review our capital investments and how we handle money

Changing to a July-June fiscal year would have significant impact on how we pledge and canvass. Pros and cons were discussed: The July budget year fits better with the natural rhythms of the Fellowship—RE starts in the fall and runs through May, there is a lull in general activities in the summer, and the National and District UUA use a July-June fiscal year. Some disadvantages might be that pledges do not match the tax year, and canvass might be separated further from the budget process.

Overall, the Finance Committee thought the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. Canvass leaders, Wray Kinard and Ron Rozak were consulted. They thought the transition was doable with some scheduling adjustments. More information will be forthcoming on the possible transition for the 2011 fiscal year.

For questions, comments, and input, contact any of the Finance Committee members: Doug Eby, Mary Spalding, Darrell Keifer, Micaela Dover, and Beatrice Hitchcock. Wray Kinard and Ron Rozak are canvass leaders.

NAME CHANGE FOR THE 11:00 SERVICE

From the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

Following a discussion with the board on religious language, the name of the 11:00 Worship Service will be changed to the Living Tradition Service. While the word “worship” means “to ascribe worth,” board members felt that its connotation is “to bow down before God.” So, while the 11:00 service will continue to be a worship service, its name will be the Living Tradition Service. The Living Tradition refers to the ongoing evolution of Unitarian Universalist belief and practice. Our services are informed by our history (tradition) as well as our desire for more contemporary forms of expression (living).

DISTRACTIONS DURING SUNDAY SERVICES

From Committee on Ministry

There has been some discussion in both the worship service planning committee and the committee on ministry about activities that distract others during the Sunday services. Additionally, there was concern that guest speakers might find some activities disrespectful. All aspects of services should facilitate being in community with those who are present, and it is hoped that congregants will be participants rather than observers. Many people, however, listen better when their hands are busy with something. With this in mind, we ask that knitting, crocheting, needle work and other silent visual distractions be conducted in the back rows, or toward the back of the side pews, and that eating, cell phone calls, texting, blogging, and other audible distractions be omitted from the sanctuary during services. Thank you.

GREEN SANCTUARY UPDATE

Robyn Lauster

BATTERIES: We have been puzzled about all the mixed instructions we have received about recycling batteries. This seems to be the best and latest info: Total Reclaim will accept our batteries to recycle. They only require batteries 9 v. and above to be taped, so we don't have to tape those little guys any more! Thanks to all patient recyclers who tried to follow instructions!

BOTTLE CAPS: We still collect them and recycle them. If you make regular runs to the recycle center on Rosewood, you may notice that in front of their containers for plastic bottles and bags they have a regular-sized garbage can for bottle TOPS. However, I called to find out if they actually recycle them or discard them, and they are NOT recycling – they're just trying to lessen the litter. So keep bringing them to us.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - JULY 11

Susie Kobierowski

At the June meeting there was a lot of discussion on the many ways we could be more visible in our neighborhoods while spreading our philosophy of “Open Minds - Loving Hearts - Helping Hands.” We have had great success in past projects when we partnered with others in our community. For example: Were you able to help last January on Martin Luther King Day of service? Have you made it to help with Safe Harbor Inn? How about the mobile food pantry on Tuesday afternoon? The GLBT Pride Parade (**Saturday, June 26**, 11 a.m. on the Park Strip)? Well, if not, or if you would like to do more here are two more opportunities. Would you like to assist with Habitat for Humanity? We would love to gather a group of UUs to work on **Wednesday July 7**, 10 –2 p.m.; **Tuesday August 17**, 1-5 p.m. or **Wednesday, August 11**. Or, come help at the Planned Parenthood booth at the state fair for a four hour slot **between August 27 and September 6**. We especially welcome OWL graduates and their parents to consider this fun opportunity. If you are able to volunteer for either of these events please let me know so I can schedule you in! Thanks for considering this. Please contact Teresa Zimmer 278-2033 or tzimmer@gci.net.

Our Half-portion For Benevolence partner in July will be Healing Racism In Anchorage whose mission is to provide our community with educational experiences to help everyone understand and interrupt the cycle of racism. Working toward this aim, HRA is sponsoring the trip to Alaska and free lecture **Saturday, August 14** of author/lecturer Tim Wise (*White Like Me, Between Barack And A Hard Place* and others). Monies raised from sharing our collection will go to offset these expenses.

You may have noticed we are moving our meeting day! We realize it is an inconvenience to make a special trip on a busy Saturday, so we'll be meeting following the Living Tradition service on **Sunday, July 11**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Teen Room. We'll provide the cookies and we'd love to hear your ideas! For more info. contact either Joanne (248-3006) or Susie (696-7337 or skobierowski@yahoo.com).

HUNGRY BOOK CLUB - JULY 13

Susie Kobierowski

In June the book club took a step back to the 1980's and wound up going thousands of years into the past. *The Spirit Catches You And You Fall Down* (by Anne Fadiman) was written about a little girl of our generation, but her story stretches back into countless generations of Hmong history. Lia's story is of miscommunication, misunderstanding, mistrust and pure love - on both sides of a culture clash. Born to recent émigrés from Laos, three-month-old Lia suffers from severe epilepsy. We see she is torn between western medicine with its ever-changing medicines and procedures, and eastern spirituality with its belief that the health of the body is dependant on the health of the soul (which is constantly under threat from unseen demons). Both sides want, and try to do, the right thing for Lia - but the gap between the two is too great and Lia pays a terrible price. Fadiman enters the picture as a journalist covering a story when Lia is seven, but becomes intimately intertwined with the family and the health care providers. She is evenhanded in her presentation of these disparate cultures and divergent views - she gives clear evidence that there are no bad guys with evil intent, only two ideas on what is best that are worlds apart. At the discussion around Shirley's table, we readers pondered on what might have been if Fadiman had been involved earlier - if the channels of communication had been clearer with more cultural understanding, or at least a consistent interrupter.

Our July selection is one of a very timely nature. We'll be reading *White Like Me* by Tim Wise [Wise works from anecdote rather than academic argument to recount his path to greater cultural awareness in a colloquial, matter-of-fact quasi-memoir that urges white people to fight racism “for *our own sake*.” - *Publisher's Weekly*]. We wanted to read and discuss this book before the author comes to speak on August 14 (see Social Justice Committee article in this *LOG*). We'll gather at Shirley Dickens' home on **Tuesday, July, 13**, at 7 p.m. for our monthly potluck dinner meeting and discussion.

These books are available to be borrowed through 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 email to skobierowski@yahoo.com. It's Fun To Read With Friends!

WHALECOAST NEEDS YOU!!! - JULY 14 AND 15

Robyn Lauster

WhaleCoast is coming **Wednesday and Thursday, July 14 and 15**. There will be 36 people hoping to nest cozily into someone's guest bedroom, and at this writing, there are only five families and 12 beds committed to help.

This does not have to be fancy. If you have a clean, comfortable bed and can offer hospitality to a single or a couple, please give me a call! Remember, this is one of AUUF's biggest fundraisers, and we have a reputation as a REALLY friendly fellowship to uphold! Robyn Lauster, WhaleCoast Housing (245-1634).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (CYRE) NOTES

Rosene Beachy, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration (DLRE)

UU WORLD TRAVELERS, our summer program for ages 5-12 is held during the 11:00 service. There will be childcare at the 11:00 service for ages 2-4. Helpers are still needed for some August Sundays. Call Rosene Beachy to join the fun or sign up at the Parent Info Spot downstairs.

- July 4** NO RE
- July 11** This week we will pop over to the Ivory Coast with Kelley and Greg Hartlieb. Ah soccer! Who knew!
- July 18** See Sudan from a Sudanese perspective with Lisa Wedin and a local visitor.
- July 25** Join in a community garden fieldtrip with our Lisa Wedin and our new Sudanese friends. Drivers are needed.
- August 1** Take a trip to Germany with Birgit Arroyo. Ah, the food, the games, the people! Viel Vergnügen!
- August 8** What is it about Peru that's so wonderful? Visit the land and its people with Gwen Perry-Crawford.
- August 15** And then join Gwen Perry-Crawford and Drew Crawford for a trip to the old country, Italy! Si diverta!
- August 22** Visit the Gulf Coast of the U.S. and learn about oil and the oil spill with Susie Kobierowski.
- August 29** Celebrate your return home after an adventurous summer of traveling!

PLANNING FOR FALL

Please think about how your talents could be shared with our children next year. You don't have to be a parent or an expert to participate. Our children and youth benefit from interested adults sharing their passions, expertise and enthusiasm. We have wonderful curriculums to guide your planning.

Our themes for 2010-11 are our Unitarian Universalist Heritage in the fall and World Religions in the winter. Come be part of the explorations and fun! Teachers are still needed for the 3- 4-year-olds class, the 2nd and 3rd grades class, and the 4th and 5th grades class.

Keep your eyes open for mailings about the elementary and junior high Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality programs being offered beginning in September.

Pre-registering your children for RE classes before Homecoming Sunday on September 12 makes everyone's life easier. Send or bring in the attached registration form.

And be sure to mark your calendars for Fall Frolic, September 24-26.

For more information on any of these areas contact Rosene Beachy, DLRE (248-5318).

ALLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS

A BIG THANK YOU TO AUUF

Shirley Dickens, Alliance President

Thanks to many of the people in this church community the Alliance has completed our annual rummage sale to the tune of about \$950.00.

Just as important, we have honored our commitment to Safe Harbor Inn (AUUF's chosen commitment for this year, to support Safe Harbor in any way we can) with first dibs on all the rummage stuff. Kalen Saxton, who is our go-between from the Fellowship to Safe Harbor picked out items that she knew families being transitioned from Safe Harbor to their own apartment would need. She rescued two small vacuum cleaners, four lamps, an easy chair that folded, a bunch of bedding and pillows, some great looking towels, a box of pots and pans, a nice trash can on wheels, some backpacks, and one or two other things. As she and her son were unloading these things at Safe Harbor after the sale, a man rushed up to beg for a lamp because he said he couldn't read in his new living room, because there was no lamp. He was thrilled to get one.

Thank you to all the worker bees who helped set up Thursday and Friday nights; many came back to help Saturday. It truly takes a village (a dedicated church community in this case) to pull off a huge rummage sale like this, and the Alliance simply could not do it without so much added support. So we did very well, everyone! Plus we really were a major "recycler" that day. Well done, and our deepest gratitude! Leftovers went to ARC of Anchorage.

Dick Gay's 90th Birthday luncheon on May 23rd was a very nice event. Averill came, too, and a grandson and his girlfriend drove the Gay's in from Hope. We had lots of delicious food, about 32 people, and a big birthday cake. Thanks to another bunch of helper bees who helped set up tables downstairs while I was still involved in the second service.

The Alliance, as is the whole congregation, is saddened at the passing on June 12th of one of our beloved members, Charlu Choate. The Alliance gave the reception, following a wonderful Memorial Service, June 15th. Thank you to many Alliance members who jumped in to help with the reception. We know the family deeply appreciated our efforts. Charlu was a past president of the Alliance and a long time dedicated member of the Alliance, who especially loved to help with rummage sales. She even helped in this last sale in the Boutique, sitting in her lounge chair and enjoying the conversations and helping take money. Her last "outing" was the following day, coming to Dick Gay's birthday luncheon. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The Alliance will not meet in July or August unless there is a real need to meet. The next scheduled meeting will be **Sunday, September 12th** at 12:30 p.m.

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. 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.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| Mary Ann Eininger | July 5 | Francis Feighery | July 20 |
| Son McIntyre | July 7 | J. Beryl Johnson | July 23 |
| Julia Garrigues | July 8 | Gene White | July 23 |
| Barbara Clark | July 10 | Irene O'Brien | July 27 |
| Molly McCarthy | July 11 | Ron Devon | July 28 |
| Summer LeFebvre | July 16 | Mary Kulawik | July 29 |
| Diane Wiggin | July 16 | Rod McCoy | July 30 |

AUUF JULY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| Sunday, July 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY | |
| Tuesday, July 6 | 5:30 p.m. | 11:00 Living Tradition Service planning |
| Sunday, July 11 | 12:30 p.m. | Social Justice Committee |
| Tuesday, July 13 | 5:30 p.m. | 9:00 Forum planning |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Hungry Book Club (Call 696-7337 for info) |
| Wednesday, July 14 | 6:00 p.m. | AUUF Board |
| | 8:00 p.m. | WHALECOAST TRAVELERS ARRIVE (at the railroad station) |
| Thursday, July 15 | 5:30 p.m. | WHALECOAST BANQUET |
| Sunday, July 18 | LOG DEADLINE | |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Celebrate July Birthdays |
| Saturday, July 31 | 6:00 p.m. | CUUPS Ritual |

GUEST ORGANIZATIONS - WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Peggy Beck practices alternative healing in Anchorage.

Matt Claman is a long-time member of AUUF.

Dr. Howard Johnston is director of the Alaska Family Medicine Residency.

Shirley Dickens is a long-time member of AUUF.

Dr. Rick Steiner is an Anchorage-based marine scientist who has been an outspoken advocate of the world's oceans. He recently returned from the Gulf of Mexico, where he witnessed the devastation of the current spill..

Doug Eby serves as president of the AUUF board of directors.

Barry and Cathy Creighton are members of the Ionians, a community of individuals dedicated to sustainable living on the Kenai Peninsula.

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

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**.

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Rosene Beachy is usually in the office **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, 8 a.m. – noon
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The Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, July 14th at 6 p.m.

AUUF Committee Chairs/Other Contact Persons

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

11:00 a.m. Living Tradition Service Planning

– Beatrice Hitchcock

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

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Children and Youth Religious Exploration – Open

Committee on Ministry – Heather Christensen

Community Service Project: Safe Harbor Inn

- Kalen Saxton

Denominational Affairs – Open

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AUUF JULY SERVICES

Sunday, July 4

9:00 a.m.

“Reclaiming Our Government” – Peggy Beck

11:00 a.m.

“Independence”- Matt Claman

Sunday, July 11

9:00 a.m.

Healthcare Reform and the Primary Care Workforce – Dr. Harold Johnston

11:00 a.m.

“Vespers Revisited”- Shirley Dickens

Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m.

The Gulf Oil Spill: View from the Front Line” – Rick Steiner

11:00 a.m.

“The Critical Turning Point of Today’s Political and Religious Power - 325AD”
- Doug Eby

Sunday, July 25

9:00 a.m.

“Reclaiming Mental Health in Alaska’s Back Forty” – Barry and Cathy Creighton

11:00 a.m.

“Continuing Evolution at the UUA: Report from General Assembly”
– the Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

There is no childcare or children’s program during the 9:00 service.
At 11:00 there is childcare for children 2-4, and a cross-age program for children 5-12.