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Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, April 9, 2026

This Week @ AUUF

Thursday, April 9

*6:00 – 7:00 pm Social Action Council
Library

*6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary

Friday, April 10

*12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person
Only Room 7

Saturday, April 11

*8:00 am – 4:00 pm CPR/AED Training
8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group at
AUUF Social Room

Sunday, April 12

*9:00 – 10:15 am The Forum

*11:00 am – 12:15 pm Sunday Worship
Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom

***11:00 am – 1:00 pm HS Youth Group
Room 7**

***11:00 am Religious Exploration
Classes for kids**

*12:30 – 2:00 pm Board Round-Table-
Budgets + Bylaws Sanctuary

4:00 – 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends
Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

Monday, April 13

Tuesday, April 14

*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group
Room 7

2:00 – 3:30 pm Hungry Book Club
Upstairs Library

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors
Meeting - In Person (Zoom-Contact Don)

Thursday, April 16

*6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice
Sanctuary

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Sanctuary and social room

*Open to AUUF Members & Friends

**Social Justice Pillar for April, May & June:
Advocating for Immigrants**



The Forum IN person & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday, April 12, 2026
"The Plastics Crisis in AK & the Circumpolar Arctic: Toxic Threats to Health, Human Rights, Indigenous Lands" with Pam Miller

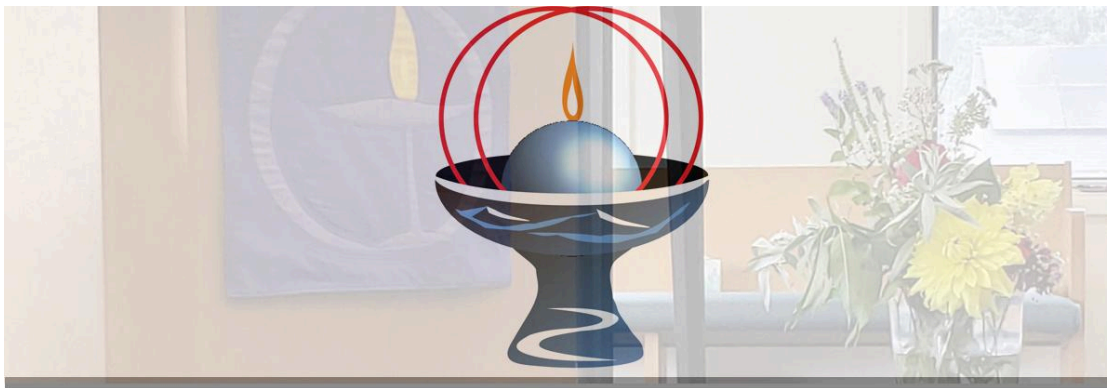
The Forum

Sunday April 12, 2026, 2026 9:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

Pamela Miller will speak at the Forum at 9:00 a.m. **this Sunday, April 12**, on ***"Toxic Threats to Health, Human Rights, and Indigenous Lands From the Petrochemical Industry."*** Pam is a recognized expert who has worked internationally to address these issues. She co-founded Alaska Community Action Against Toxins, and recently finished serving as co-chair of the **International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)**, a network of more than 600 environmental health and justice organizations working in 124 countries.

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[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)



Sunday Worship Service IN person & on Zoom

11:00 AM Sunday, April 12, 2026

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Worship Services in April

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Angel's Advocate—Things Being Good Too!

Worship Leaders: Kay Sind, Lars Danner

We've certainly heard of the Devil's Advocate, but not many of us have heard of the Angel's Advocate. We'll delve into what this second more positive perspective is all about.

April 19, 2026 11 am and In-Person

Earth Sunday!!! A Multigenerational Service

The Green Sanctuary Team, Rev. Lise and Jenn Bluntach, Director of Religious Exploration

It's time to explicitly celebrate and learn how we can care for our Earth. We'll commemorate this day with story, song, and more ideas on how we can make our world a better place.

April 26, 2026 11 am and In-Person

Religious Exploration Appreciation Day

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Rev. Lise is down in the PNW visiting family and attending a minister's meeting (these meetings usually happen twice a year). She will be back mid-day on April 16, 2026. If you have any concerns in the meantime, please contact Esme in the office at 907.248-3737.

AUUF American Red Cross Pediatrics First Aid/CPR/AED Certified Training

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 12:30 pm-3:30 pm Sat., April 11

Limited slots are available to become certified by the American Red Cross at AUUF on Saturday, April 11. Two time slots are available, 9am-12pm and 12:30pm-3:30pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity as a parent, caregiver or anyone that works with children to be certified in these life saving skills.

[Click on this link to sign-up.](#)

Q&A sessions on Annual Meeting agenda items

12:30 pm Sunday April 12 & April 26

A proposed budget and proposed bylaws amendments will be considered at the Annual Meeting. We're offering two in-person Question and Answer sessions about these topics on Sundays, April 12 (in the sanctuary) and April 26 (in the library), both at 12:30. Please join us for an overview of these items and bring any concerns you have.

**AUUF Sanctuary
April 17 5-8:00 pm**

**Exploring
Feminine
Approaches to
Validation and Healing
in Challenging Times**

All Welcome

- 5:00 Soup**
- 5:30 Openning**
- 6:00 Energy Healing
with Jenn Frysz of
Alaska Energy Balance**
- 7:00 Our healing
and balance**
- 7:30 Closing**

**Childcare is available contact Jenn at
dre@anchorageuuf.org
Email: ech2123@gmail.com for more i**

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Love is love is love! #LVW26

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(Formerly the Welcoming Congregations Committee, we're now the LGBTQ+ Advocacy Team — same commitment, bolder name.)

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AUUF Variety Show

Sat. May 9 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm

AUUF is excited to announce the second annual Variety Show! This year it will be hosted by Wray Kinard - think Lawrence Welk and Ed Sullivan but funnier! It will start at 5:00 pm with a potluck dinner (please bring something to share) in the social hall followed by the performances in the sanctuary beginning at 5:45 pm. We aim to be done by 7:30, but based on the interest last year the show may be extended to 8:00 pm. Suggested donation of \$20 to help close our annual operating budget gap.

INTERESTED IN PERFORMING? We're looking for anyone in the fellowship or with a personal connection to AUUF who wants to perform in a fun, relaxed and family-friendly environment. The AUUF Variety Show is Saturday, May 9 from 5-8pm. Performances are limited to 5 minutes. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Examples include (but are not limited to), singing, playing music, juggling, telling jokes, dancing, reciting poetry, or telling a story. Please keep UU principles in mind: interdependence, pluralism, justice, transformation, generosity, and equity. **Submit this form by Sunday April 26!**

Questions? Please contact Joel Cladouhos at 907-244-2123 or cladjoel@gmail.com

Reminder

Submitting articles to TAOF Newsletter

Hi,

Communications Specialist, Kelly Strycker, here with a reminder about submitting articles to the newsletter. I ask that everyone submit blurbs for publication through this [link, the content submission form](#).

Which can be found by navigating to the AUUF website, then visit the "Stay Informed." box. Then you can find a link titled:

"Read the latest Today at Our Fellowship Newsletter: Submit & Subscribe"

That link goes to another page with everything related to the newsletter, please navigate to the submit an article form.

Reasons I prefer you submit your blurb using this form:

- The form asks information I need to publish your blurb effectively! Like where to share & how many times! It's easy to forget to include this info, which causes more communication, and sometimes a delay in sharing your information.
- Blurbs sometimes gets lost in my email.
- When people use this form everything goes to one spreadsheet! It's amazing and nothing gets lost in my email, and added bonus all the information I need is in one place!!

AUUF Peace Camp 2026!

There are approximately 15 spots left per week for Peace Camp 2026. [General information about Peace Camp can be found on the registration link here.](#)

AUUF Religious Exploration (RE)

What's happening...

April 2026 & May 2026

Questions? Contact
Jenn Bluntach at
dre@anchorageuuf.org

HELLO
SPRING!



Sunday, April 5

11am RE Classes & Spring Fling!
Spring & Easter themed activities- The
Easter Story told from a UU perspective,
Egg Hunt, Bunny Necklaces, Color your own
spring puzzle & more!

Sunday, April 12

11am RE Classes & Youth Group (Last class
of the 2025/2026 school year)

Sunday, April 19

11am Multi-Generational Earth Day Service
Childcare available in Room 1

Friday, April 24 5:30pm-8pm

Parent/Grown Up Night Out
Sign your child(ren) up online.
Last one of the school year!

Sunday, April 26

11am RE Celebration Sunday Service and Soup
Sunday! Come celebrate RE and all of our
fabulous volunteers!
Childcare available in Room 1

Sunday, May 3

10am Annual Meeting- Kids Annual Meeting
Downstairs followed by childcare

Saturday, May 9

5pm-8pm AUUF Potluck & Variety Show

Sunday, May 10

11am Bridging Service for High School
Graduates- Childcare Available

Sunday, May 17- Summer Schedule Begins

11am- Pre-K RE Room 1 & One Group RE Room
5

Sunday, May 24 & Sunday, May 31

11am Childcare Only- Peace Camp Prep



Coming Summer 2026- RE Family Night Out!

Wednesday, June 24- 6pm-8pm & Wednesday, July 29 6pm-8pm

As we look for more ways to connect beyond Sunday mornings- join us for a family night out at AUUF around the fire pit and playground outside. And when I say family, I mean EVERYONE! The whole community at AUUF is a family and you're all invited to join us for an evening of roasting hot dogs around the fire pit and maybe some outdoor games or a scavenger hunt! Or, just hang out at the picnic tables and visit. It's meant to be a laid back evening of fellowship, food and fun! Hot Dog and smore's supplies will be provided. Bring a salad or side of any kind to share. If you're unable to bring an item, that's ok! Bring yourself and enjoy a night out with friends. This also would be a great time to invite your friends to join us and check out AUUF on a weeknight.

NEW- AUUF Religious Exploration Updates

[Click here to read.](#)

Volunteer for Sunday Hospitality through Sign-Up Genius

Please consider signing up to help make AUUF a warm and welcoming community. Encourage a friend or relative to join you! Every Sunday we need greeters, zoom ushers and Social Hour helpers to keep our kitchen tidy. Below is a link to the Signup Genius which includes downloadable directions on what to do. All you need is an email address and you will be sent an automatic reminder 2 days ahead of time. Thanks to all who continue to help!

Save the Dates!

2026 Spring Events at AUUF

April Begins the Third Social Justice Pillar: Advocating for Immigrants

- April 5, 11:00 AM Spring Fling for Religious Exploration Classes
- April 19, 11:00 AM Multi-Generational Earth Day Followed by Soup Sunday
- April 26, 11:00 AM RE Celebration Service & RE Teacher Appreciation
- May 3, 10:00 AM Annual Meeting & Kids Annual Meeting Downstairs
- May 10, 11:00 AM High School Student Bridging Service
- June 1-5 & June 8-12 Peace Camp Register at: tinyurl.com/2026peacecamp
- June 21 & July 23, WhaleCoast Banquets
- June 24, 6:00-8:00 PM RE Family Night
- July 29, 6:00-8:00 PM RE Family Night



April HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION



Dennis Arashiro & Sara Hannon

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
- Teddy Roosevelt

Earth Day was originally held on April 22nd, 1970 as a protest and teach-in following a massive oil spill which blanketed the Southern California coast near Santa Barbara in 1969. During the first Earth Day, it is estimated that up to 20 million Americans took to the streets to protest industries polluting the environment and endangering human health. Now, it is estimated that over 1 billion people worldwide will participate in Earth Day this year. Protection of the environment and our planet aligns with our pillar of immigration and refugee justice as climate change is connected to crop failures, climate related migration, and natural disasters worldwide. This year, let's consider our fellow Alaskans who are affected by climate change related disasters and those displaced worldwide as we embrace renewable sources of energy and reduce our impact.

Citizens' Climate Education (CCE) is a nonpartisan grassroots advocacy organization that empowers people from diverse backgrounds to educate key stakeholders, policymakers and the general public about effective solutions to climate change. Alongside its sister organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby, the CCE works to build political will for impactful climate solutions. For the entire month of April, half our Sunday collections will go to this cause.

You can contribute in person at our Sunday services or online by visiting **anchorageuuf.org** click on Donate/ Pay on the home page. Enter your donation under "Half-Portion for Social Action."

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QUEER RESILIENCE PROGRAM



**Hosted by Penny
Dragful and the Pride
Center!**

All supplies provided

HAPPENING

**Self-Expression
Workshop**

**April
Wed 15th
1:30-2:30pm**



**SCHOLARSHIPS
THROUGH THE PRIDE CENTER
AVAILABLE!**



**INTERESTED?
PRE-REGISTER HERE:**

tinyurl.com/qrps26



**Contact uaa_pridecenter@alaska.edu with any
questions, accommodations or ideas!**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

GENDER AFFIRMING CLOTHES PARTY



12-5PM THURSDAY APRIL 16TH

ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!

CLOTHES, ACCESSORIES AND GOOD COMPANY! ❤️
FREE PARKING - SOUTH LOT (STUDENT UNION/SPORTS COMPLEX)
SNACKS AND BEVERAGES SERVED ✨ (THANKS STUDENT ACTIVITIES!)

STUDENT UNION HUB / PRIDE CENTER

CONTACT JMSAIKI@ALASKA.EDU WITH ANY QUESTIONS, ACCOMMODATIONS, OR IDEAS

UAA
Pride
Center



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Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



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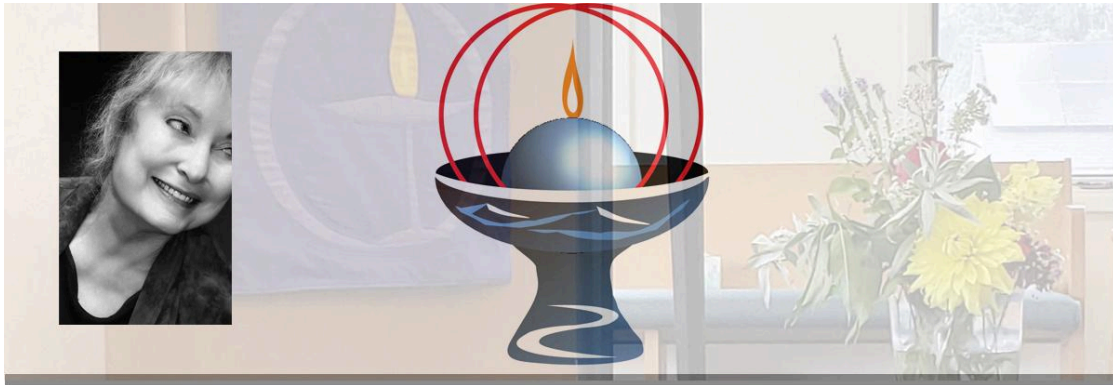
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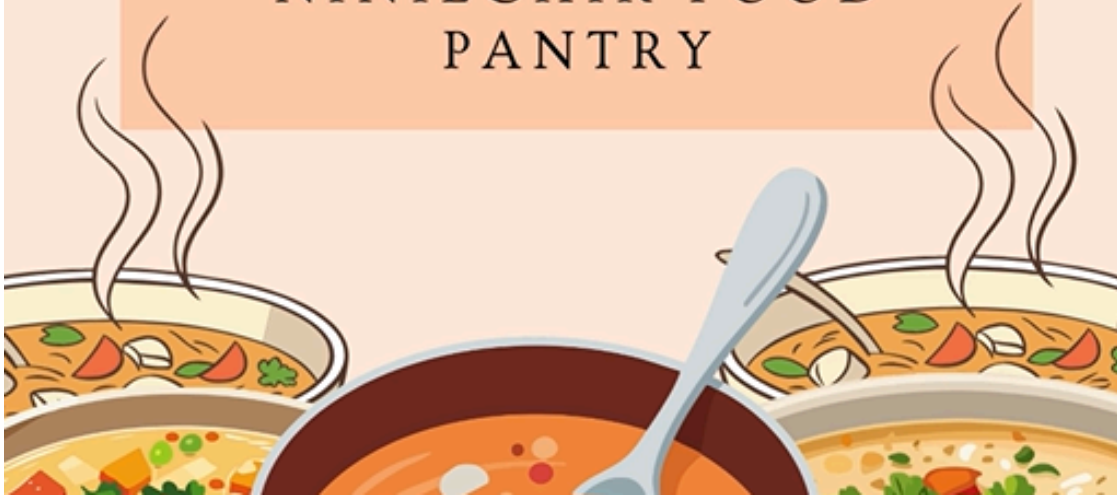
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SOUP SUNDAY APRIL 26

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½ PORTION TO AUUF
YOUTH GROUP &
½ PORTION TO
NINILCHIK FOOD
PANTRY



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lovingly made, and
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**SUNDAY
APRIL 26
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**AUUF
SOCIAL
HALL**



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Volunteers Needed!

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RE Celebration and Soup Sunday

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Q&A session on Annual Meeting agenda items

12:30 pm Sunday April 26

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CANCELLED -Finding Your Way to Fellowship Class

April 29 and May 6

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Sunday, April 5

11am RE Classes & Spring Fling!
Spring & Easter themed activities- The
Easter Story told from a UU perspective,
Egg Hunt, Bunny Necklaces, Color your own
spring puzzle & more!

Sunday, April 12

11am RE Classes & Youth Group (Last class
of the 2025/2026 school year)

Sunday, April 19

11am Multi-Generational Earth Day Service
Childcare available in Room 1

Friday, April 24 5:30pm-8pm

Parent/Grown Up Night Out
Sign your child(ren) up online.
Last one of the school year!

Sunday, April 26

11am RE Celebration Sunday Service and Soup
Sunday! Come celebrate RE and all of our
fabulous volunteers!
Childcare available in Room 1

Sunday, May 3

10am Annual Meeting- Kids Annual Meeting
Downstairs followed by childcare

Saturday, May 9

5pm-8pm AUUF Potluck & Variety Show

Sunday, May 10

11am Bridging Service for High School
Graduates- Childcare Available

Sunday, May 17- Summer Schedule Begins

11am- Pre-K RE Room 1 & One Group RE Room
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Sunday, May 24 & Sunday, May 31

11am Childcare Only- Peace Camp Prep



Coming Summer 2026- RE Family Night Out!

Wednesday, June 24- 6pm-8pm & Wednesday, July 29 6pm-8pm

As we look for more ways to connect beyond Sunday mornings- join us for a family night out at AUUF around the fire pit and playground outside. And when I say family, I mean EVERYONE! The whole community at AUUF is a family and you're all invited to join us for an evening of roasting hot dogs around the fire pit and maybe some outdoor games or a scavenger hunt! Or, just hang out at the picnic tables and visit. It's meant to be a laid back evening of fellowship, food and fun! Hot Dog and smore's supplies will be provided. Bring a salad or side of any kind to share. If you're unable to bring an item, that's ok! Bring yourself and enjoy a night out with friends. This also would be a great time to invite your friends to join us and check out AUUF on a weeknight.

NEW- AUUF Religious Exploration Updates

[Click here to read.](#)

Volunteer for Sunday Hospitality through Sign-Up Genius

Please consider signing up to help make AUUF a warm and welcoming community. Encourage a friend or relative to join you! Every Sunday we need greeters, zoom ushers and Social Hour helpers to keep our kitchen tidy. Below is a link to the Signup Genius which includes downloadable directions on what to do. All you need is an email address and you will be sent an automatic reminder 2 days ahead of time. Thanks to all who continue to help!



Save the Dates!

2026 Spring Events at AUUF

May 3, 10:00 AM Annual Meeting & Kids Annual Meeting Downstairs
May 10, 11:00 AM High School Student Bridging Service
June 1-5 & June 8-12 Peace Camp Register at:
tinyurl.com/2026peacecamp
June 21 & July 23, WhaleCoast Banquets
June 24, 6:00-8:00 PM RE Family Night
July 29, 6:00-8:00 PM RE Family Night

**Last day to donate to April HALF PORTION FOR
SOCIAL ACTION:
CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION**



May HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: ALASKA LITERACY PROGRAM

May is National Get Caught Reading Month and May 3rd, is World Press Freedom Day. Alaska Literacy Program improves lives through literacy and English language courses, supporting employment and community empowerment.

Alaska Literacy Program is a volunteer-based community agency with the mission of *changing lives through literacy*. For 50 years, we have taught adults to read, write and speak English. The learners come from all over the world, including the United States. They come to class to learn the skills needed to get and keep a job in Alaska, help their children in school, become citizens and understand their new home country.

Since 1974, ALP has been providing literacy services to Anchorage residents and individuals throughout the state. ALP recruits, trains, certifies, and supports volunteer teachers who work in a classroom setting teaching reading, writing and speaking English to adults. ALP provides these core English language classes year-round for adults and families with young children, concentrating on those most in need. In recent years we've also gained the opportunity to serve other Anchorage area adult learners such as GED students.

You can contribute in person at our Sunday services or online by visiting anchorageuuf.org click on Donate/ Pay on the home page. Enter your donation under "Half-Portion for Social Action."

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Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



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