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common purpose.*

**Today At Our Fellowship**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

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**This Week @ AUUF**

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3:30 – 5:00 pm Connections Team  
Meeting on Zoom Library  
\*5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team  
Meeting Library & Zoom

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Only Room 7

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\*5:00 – 9:00 pm Annual Variety Show &  
Potluck Sanctuary

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Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom  
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Meeting- In Person Room 8  
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are Welcome Social Room

**Monday, May 11**

Esme's vacation starts

**Tuesday, May 12**

\*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group Room 7  
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Upstairs Library  
6:00 – 8:00 pm Program Council

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6:00 – 8:00 pm Safer Congregation Team  
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Gregg Brelsford, Meda DeWitt, and James Parkin

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IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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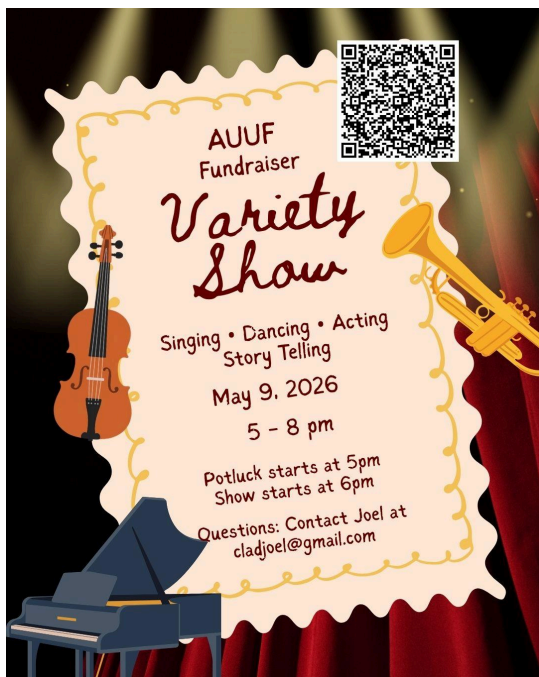
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Questions? Please contact Joel Cladouhos at 907-244-2123 or [cladjoel@gmail.com](mailto:cladjoel@gmail.com)

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

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#### Monday, May 18

#### Tuesday, May 19

\*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group  
Room 7  
6:30 – 8:30 pm Finance Committee  
Meeting

#### Wednesday, May 20

6:30 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors  
Meeting

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2:00 – 3:00 pm UU HR Meeting

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## Sad News Regarding Bob Pelz

Dear Ones,

Our friend, Bob Pelz, passed peacefully on Monday, May 11, 2026.

Bob was a beloved member of our Freethinkers group and attended Forum. Unfortunately, his declining health prevented regular attendance this past year.



As many of us know, Bob was a lovely man. He was caring, had a wonderful sense of humor, loved exchanging ideas, and exploring his world. I personally loved running into him around the neighborhood during the warmer months. What a joyful presence!

We will continue to miss him. John and I will light candles in his honor at Sunday services this week.

I know you will join me in sending love and healing thoughts to his partner, Holly, and all those who

cared for him.

With love and blessings,

Rev. Lise

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*“The SAVE Act, Trump’s Executive Order, and Threats to  
Alaska Voting”* Attorney, Former MOA Clerk Barbara Jones

### The Forum

Sunday May 17, 2026, 2026 9:00 AM  
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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Sunday Worship Service IN person & on Zoom 11:00 AM May 17  
*"Developing Curiosity with a Beginner's Mind"*  
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## Celebrating Sexual and Gender Diversities

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International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia was created in 2004 as a result of grassroots efforts in several countries to draw attention to LGBTQIA+ rights and violations. May 17th was chosen to commemorate the 1990 decision by the World Health Organization to eliminate homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases. Transphobia was added to the initiative in 2009. Biphobia was added in 2015. Nowadays, this day is focused on raising awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression against LGBTQIA+ people as well as advancing the rights of people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identifications, and sex characteristics.

In a time of democratic backsliding in the U.S. and elsewhere, it is fitting that the 2026 theme for this day is “at the heart of democracy,” a reminder to the world that “truly democratic societies must be grounded in justice and freedom for everyone.” International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia is itself democratic and decentralized, marked primarily by locally organized events scattered around the world. These events range from ally trainings to film showings to lectures to craft days and art exhibits. One way to celebrate the day here in Anchorage is to submit testimony to the legislative State Affairs Committee in favor of HB 301, a bill that updates Alaska’s non-discrimination laws to require fair and equal treatment under the law for LGBTQ2S+ Alaskans. The State Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on HB 301 on Thursday, May 14, at 3:15pm. You can testify at the hearing by calling (907) 563-9085, or you can email your testimony to the committee at [House.State.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:House.State.Affairs@akleg.gov).

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Dennis Arashiro

## Sunday Worship Service

Sunday May 24, 2026, 11:00 AM  
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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## Graduation Open House

## May 23rd from 1-4 pm in the social room at AUUF

Our family invites you to celebrate Shayne Afolabi's graduation with honors from West Anchorage High School. We will gather for an open house style celebration on Saturday, May 23rd from 1-4 pm in the social room at AUUF. Shayne is a lifelong member of our UU community and has benefited in so many ways! We are grateful!

Annie Belts and Mary Ann Eininger

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### Have you ever wondered...

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#### June 14-16

- **Annual UUA business meeting: part of our commitment to the 5th principle is the opportunity for congregational delegates to vote on national UUA initiatives. This year issues will include Actions of Immediate Witness, Policies and Rules for Interim & Developmental Ministers, and a bylaw on Authority to Suspend or Place a Minister's Search on Hold.**

#### June 20 & 21

- The Ware Lecture by a noted speaker. This year it is A Voice for Courage, Justice, and Faith: Mariann Edgar Budde Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C.
- Sunday Worship with UUs across the country: The Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu serves the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, OR
- **Meet the Moment – Workshops designed to help UUs analyze, discern, and take values-based action in response to today's religious, cultural, generational, and political realities.**
- **Music led by a diverse group of UU music professionals, including a community sing and music for worship service**

Registration for both sessions of GA (June 14-16 and June 19-21) costs \$350 through April 30 or \$450 starting May 1. Registration for the business meeting sessions only (June 14-16) is \$175. Some funding to help support registrations may be available.

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All are invited to a public talk on Friday, June 12 at 6:30pm at AUUF. This event is free and donations are appreciated.

Koun Franz, Anchorage Zen Community Guiding Priest. Koun previously served the AZC community as Residential Priest from 2006 to 2010 and Interim Priest from 2023 to 2026. Koun is also the founder and resident priest of Thousand Harbours Zen in Halifax, Nova Scotia and serves as Guiding Kyoshi of Soto Zen North America, the new Soto Zen denomination.



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**Today At Our Fellowship**  
**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

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**This Week @ AUUF**

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5:30 – 8:30 pm Peace Camp Safety  
Training

**Friday, May 29**

\*12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person  
Only Room 7  
6:00 – 8:00 pm Anti-Racist Film  
Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 30**

8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group at  
AUUF Social Room  
5:15 – 8:30 pm GECA community dinner  
Social room

**Sunday, May 31**

\*9:00 – 10:15 am The Forum  
\*11:00 am – 12:00 pm Sunday Worship  
Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom  
\*4:00 – 6:00 pm Sustainability Sunday  
Outside  
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Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room  
\*6:00 – 10:00 pm Sunday Solidarity- All  
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**Monday, June 1**

All Day Peace Camp (Day 1/5)

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Room 7  
4:30 – 6:30 pm Forum Planning (Library  
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**Wednesday, June 3**

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3:30 – 5:00 pm Connections Team  
Meeting on Zoom Library  
5:00 – 6:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting - In  
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5:00 – 6:00 pm RE Meeting  
7:00 – 8:30 pm Building & Grounds  
Meeting - Zoom

**Thursday, June 4**

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\*Open to AUUF Members & Friends

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



The Forum IN person & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday, May 31, 2026  
*"Challenges Facing New Alaskans Seeking Education and Workforce Opportunities"* Marisol Vargas and Amy Facklam, Alaska Literacy Program

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This Sunday, bring some cut flowers to share. We'll recreate the Flower Ceremony begun in a Czech congregation in 1923. The flowers represent our congregational diversity

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## Manitoba Huts Glamping Opportunity

Hi all,

Our AUUF Manitoba weekend is coming up on **June 27-28 and we have space available!!** This is a wonderful weekend about a half mile from the road to Seward (past Turnagain Pass) - it is beautiful with blooming flowers in late June. We have rented the Manitoba Huts whole shebang from noon Saturday until noon Sunday. This is a fundraiser for AUUF so it is \$150 pp which includes a bunk in one of the two yurts, dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Meals are provided by Carma and Susan. There is great hiking around if that is your thing. The main hike is usually Sunday, led by Carma and/or Susan. We usually have a shorter hike on Saturday—leader to be determined (it depends on when people arrive and what the hosts are making for dinner!) Or you can hang out at the cabin , which is where we have our meals. There is a campfire, a sauna, a rushing river, there are stories to be told and card games to be played!

As you know, this opportunity was part of the AUUF auction last November and not all the spaces were filled. We would love for you to join us! If you want to join us contact me at 907-727-5275, text, call or by email. If you have questions call me or Susan. We'd love to have you, and the church will benefit too! Children are welcome - two come free with the price of one adult. Spread the word!

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