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Today At Our Fellowship Thursday, February 6, 2025

This Weekend @ AUUF

Thursday 2/6/25

5:30-7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team Meeting

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme

Friday 2/7/25

8:15 – 11:15 am Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room

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

6:00 – 8:30 pm RE Trans Inclusion in
Congregations Class Sanctuary & Social
Room

Saturday 2/8/25

8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group

10:30 am – 12:45 pm Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room

3:00 – 5:00 pm Private Rental
Social Room

Sunday 2/9/25

9:00 am The Forum Sunday IN
PERSON & on Zoom

11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
IN PERSON & on Zoom

Sunday 2/9/25 (continued)

1:30 – 2:00 pm Worship Associate
Meeting on Zoom

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

Monday 2/10/25

6:30-8:00 pm Fireweed Sangha of
Mindful Living - Private Rental Visitors
Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 2/11/25

6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8

Wednesday 2/12/25

3:15 – 5:15 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room

Thursday 2/13/25

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme



The Forum 9:00 AM Sunday February 9, 2025
IN PERSON & on Zoom
Our Urgent Fight for Social Justice with Erin Jackson-Hill, Executive
Director of Stand Up Alaska

The Forum

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Sunday Worship Service
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With Rev. Lise Sherry

Sunday Worship Service

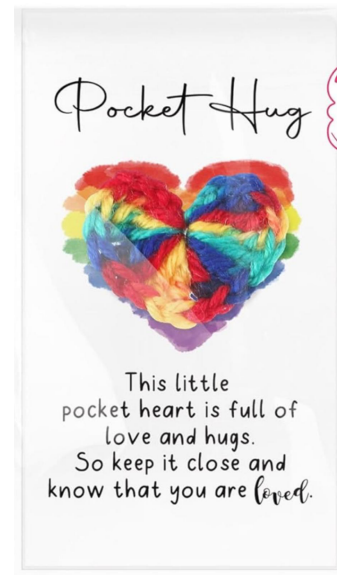
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High School Youth Group Fundraiser for Rock Climbing

Sunday, February 9, 2025. Following the 11am service

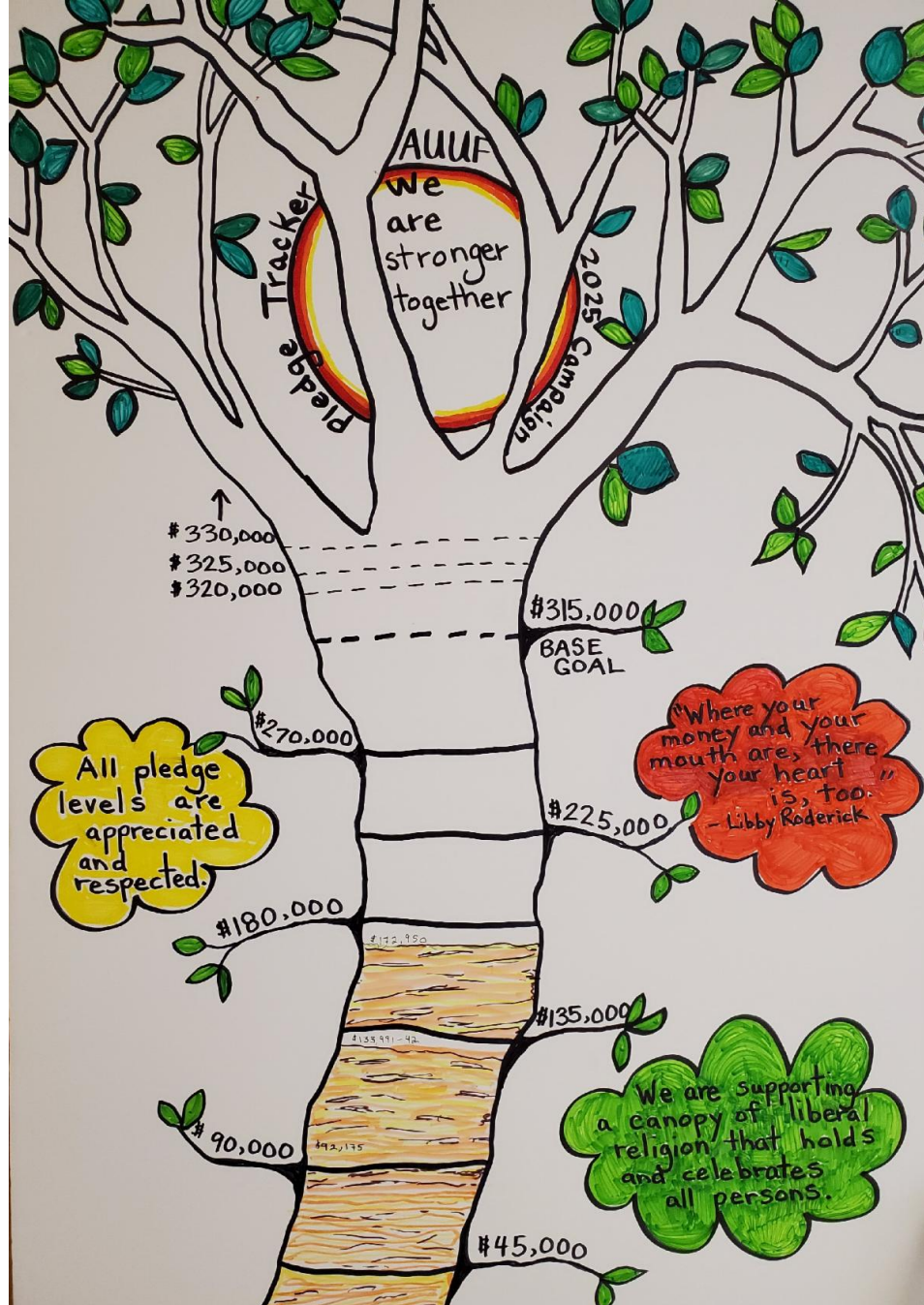
The HS youth group will be selling individual heart shaped cookies, heart shaped lgbtqi+ lapel pins and heart shaped pocket hugs on Sunday, February 9 following the 11am service. Just in time for Valentines Day!!! Free will donation. (Suggestion of \$5 per item to support the youth) The HS Youth have planned a rock climbing afternoon on March 16, 2025. We thank you for your support!



Sign Up Today for Finding Your Way into Fellowship!

6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday evenings Feb. 12, 19 and 26

Are you ready to learn a whole lot more about UU and AUUF? The Connections Team invites you to attend our next Finding Your Way into Fellowship class. There are 3 sessions scheduled for Wednesday evenings Feb. 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30-8:30. This class is designed for newer folks, or anyone ready to explore our history, our personal spiritual journeys, and ways to get involved. And you'll get to meet some new friends along the way. Deadline to sign up is Sun. Feb. 9th. If you need childcare, please let us know by Feb. 9, 12 pm. Please email connections@anchorageuuf.org to sign up, ask questions, or to let us know of days/times that might work better for you.



Why Pledge?

Did you know that UU fellowships are run as independent democratic organizations? Many of you have participated in the Yearly Meetings or as Board members or members of other committees. Perhaps you have voted for Board members or on issues that arise from time to time. AUUF is a very participatory individual entity, raising its own money to keep itself afloat. This is different from other churches I've been part of where a lot of the income comes from Conference or Synod.

You may have an idea of how AUUF's budget is generated. Each year the Finance Committee and the Board are tasked with tallying the known costs for the following fiscal year, including salaries for paid employees, building expenses, etc. They then set a fundraising goal, and it's the Stewardship Committee's task to collect (hopefully) enough pledges to cover the lion's share of those costs. The rest is raised through building rentals, fundraising events and such, throughout the year, along with whatever is put into the basket each Sunday or donated online. As with anyone's budget, it's much easier to plan if the income is known, and not random!

That's why PLEDGING IS CRITICAL!

Please, if you haven't already, turn in your pledge form to Peggy, Cari or Erik on Sunday, or mail it in, email it, or drop it in the black box in the office. If we don't hear from you soon, you'll be contacted by a Board member with a gentle nudge...

Thanks for all you do to keep AUUF afloat, including gifts of Time and Talent. And at this time of year, thanks especially for your Treasure. Much as we'd like to do without ever talking money, we can't keep going without it.

Stewardship Videos



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Monthly Book Club at AUUF

AUUF library on the second Tuesday of the month, at 2 pm

This book club is for readers who enjoy socializing and talking about a good book. We meet in the AUUF library on the second Tuesday of the month, at 2 pm. At our next

meeting on Tuesday February 11 we'll talk about The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles. Iris Palmer who suggested it has agreed to lead our discussion. Please join us, and bring a friend if you like. Snacks to share are always welcome.

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Week Three of 30 Days of Love 2025: Water is Life

30 DAYS OF LOVE

Week Three "Water is life"



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Check out [Week Three](#) offerings for 30 Days of Love 2025! We have ways to take action, something to watch, three activities for families, a body practice, journaling practice, and a creative practice.

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Dennis Arashiro

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Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, February 13, 2025

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Thursday 2/13/25

CYRE Team Meeting - In Person & Zoom
Library

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme

Friday 2/14/25

8:15 – 11:15 am Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room

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

Saturday 2/15/25

8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group
10:30 am – 12:45 pm Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room

Sunday 2/16/25

**9:00 am The Forum Sunday IN
PERSON & on Zoom**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
IN PERSON & on Zoom**

Sunday 2/16/25 (continued)

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

Monday 2/17/25

President's Day Office closed
6:30-8:00 pm Fireweed Sangha of
Mindful Living - Private Rental Visitors
Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 2/18/25

6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8
6:30 – 8:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2/19/25

3:15 – 5:15 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room

Thursday 2/20/25

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme



The Forum 9:00 AM Sunday February 16, 2025

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Yup'ik Masks - The Unexpected Legacy of Sheldon Jackson with
Tim Troll

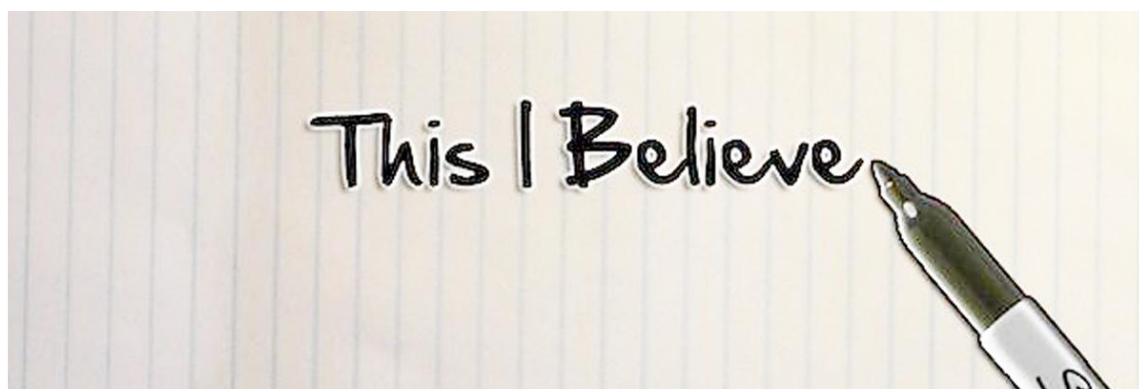
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Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday

February 16, 2025 IN PERSON & on Zoom

This I Believe

Barb Clark

Sunday Worship Service

IN PERSON & on Zoom

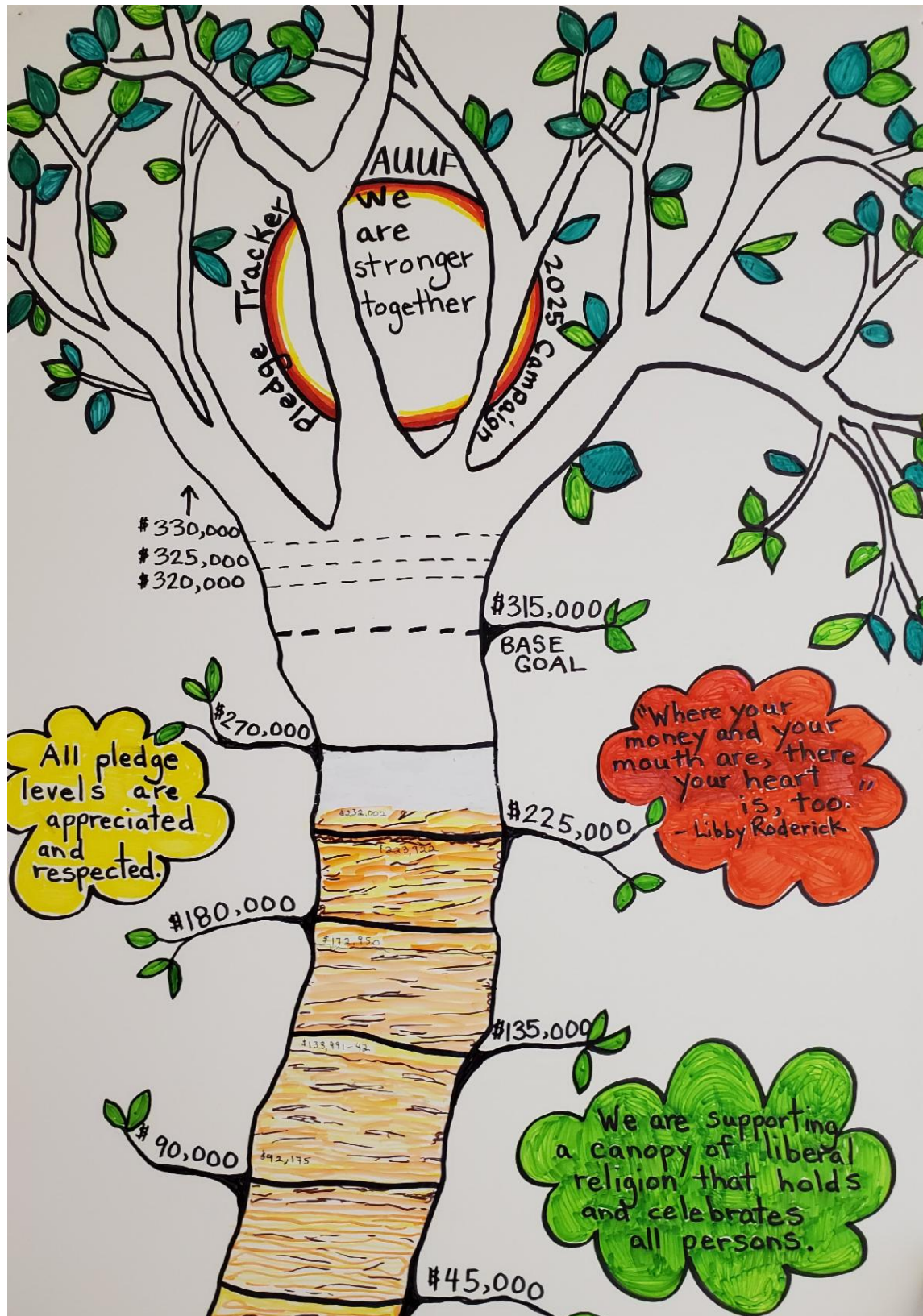
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meet downstairs in room 7 on Monday 2/24 from 1-3. If you have any questions, ask Donna Massey.



Pledge Drive Update

Cari Sayre, Stewardship Committee

As of yesterday, AUUF's Pledge Drive has succeeded in collecting a little over 2/3 of what is needed to keep our financial heads above water during the coming year.

I don't believe we're a lost cause. I do believe more education is needed. Some folks may not yet understand how AUUF works. I hope those of you who do understand can find ways to broach the subject with your friends, knowing that money is always a sensitive topic. You could join the Stewardship Committee for next year. That's how some of us got our education — by jumping into the deep end! Or we can all just dig a little deeper into our pockets and find an extra \$5 or \$20/month to pledge to the cause. What will YOU do to help AUUF survive and thrive? We're needed in this community/state/world now more than ever...



During the 2025/2026 school year we'd like to be able to offer OWL to Grades K-1 and Grades 7-9. However, In order to do this we

need volunteers. If you have been a past (or present) OWL instructor and would be willing to be put in the rotation for teaching please contact Jenn at dre@anchorageuuf.org and we can set up a time to chat. Ideally, we'd like to have four instructors per age group and rotate lessons. Are you willing to instruct once or twice a month?

If you have not been trained but are willing to be, the schedule for online trainings is now out! Contact me and I can connect you with the options available.

[To learn more about OWL click here.](#)

Calling all High School Seniors!

The Bridging Service for High School Seniors will be on Sunday, April 27 at 11am. Please contact me if you are graduating this school year or if you are a parent and have a youth that would like to take part in this ceremony. Jenn Bluntach-dre@anchorageuuf.org



FROM YOUTH
TO
ADULTHOOD

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Save the Date: Trans Day of Visibility

Transgender Day of Visibility

Why does it matter?

March 31
6:30–7:30 p.m.
St. John UMC
1801 O'Malley Rd.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

- Food
- All ages welcome

Week Four of 30 Days of Love 2025

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Week Four

"There are Black People
in the Future"



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Week Four: There are Black People in the Future

We are on new terrain, but the work remains the same. Side With Love proclaims the power of love to end oppression and build a just and loving world where we all thrive. In this final week of 30 Days of Love, we honor Black History Month at a moment when this administration seeks to resegregate America and establish and enforce a global racial hierarchy. This week's theme is a bold proclamation of sacred and revolutionary truth: there are Black people in the future. What becomes possible when we inhabit this prophecy of Black resilience and liberation in our lives today?

[Explore this week's offerings which include ways to take action, something to watch, three activities for families, a body practice, journaling practice, and a creative practice.](#)

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Thursday, February 20, 2025

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Thursday 2/20/25

6:30 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors
Meeting - In Person (Zoom-Contact Don)
6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme

Friday 2/21/25

8:15 – 11:15 am Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room
12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person
Only Room 7
6:00– 8:30 pm RE Trans Inclusion in
Congregations Class Sanctuary and
Social Room

Saturday 2/22/25

8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group
10:30 am – 12:45 pm Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room
12:00 pm Coming of Age Group
Adventure: Escape room
1:30 – 3:00 pm Amanda's Violin Class
Room 5

Sunday 2/23/25

**9:00 am The Forum Sunday IN
PERSON & on Zoom**

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Celebration Lunch
for Pledge Drive Social Room

11:00 am Sunday Worship Service

Sunday 2/23/25 (continued)

12:30 – 2:00 pm Anti-Racism
Team/ACLU Prison Newsletter assembly
1:00 – 3:00 pm Coming of Age
Meeting Room 8
1:00 – 3:00 pm OWL Grade 4-6 Room 7
4:00 – 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends
Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

Monday 2/24/25

1:00 – 3:00 pm Knitting group Room 5
3:30 – 6:00 pm Amanda's Violin
Class Room 5
6:30-8:00 pm Fireweed Sangha of
Mindful Living - Private Rental Visitors
Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 2/25/25

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:00 – 7:00 pm Alaska Citizens Action
Project: DOGE Sanctuary and Social
Room
6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8

Wednesday 2/26/25

3:15 – 5:15 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room
6:30 – 8:30 pm Finding Your Way to
Fellowship Class Sanctuary and Social
room

Thursday 2/27/25

1 – 2pm Peace Camp Planning Meeting

IN PERSON & on Zoom

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme



The Forum 9:00 AM Sunday February 23, 2025

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Ukraine: Why I Went There, and How We Can Help With Michael
Huelsman

The Forum

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9:00 am Sunday February 23, 2025

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February 23, 2025 IN PERSON & on Zoom
With Rev. Lise Sherry

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IN PERSON & on Zoom

11:00 am Sunday February 23, 2025

Please join us for a Celebration Luncheon on Sunday after the service approx. 11am-2:00 pm . All are welcome, even if you didn't pledge (yet). If you still have your form sitting

at home, please bring it in on Sunday!

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

Knitting Group

Monday February 24, 2025 from 1:00 -3:00 pm

If you would enjoy knitting with others, please come to our new Knitting group. We will meet downstairs in room 7 on Monday 2/24 from 1:00 -3:00 pm. If you have any questions, ask Donna Massey.

AK Citizen Action Project/DOGE—Why, What, and How to Protest

Tuesday, February 25, from 5:00-7:00 pm at AUUF

Longtime Anchorage resident Elizabeth Johnson is launching the “AK Citizen Action Project/DOGE—Why, What, and How to Protest.”

Join other concerned Alaskan citizens on Tuesday, February 25, from 5:00-7:00 pm for a presentation on the DOGE effect on Alaska and the nation. The venue for this and each of the following eight sessions will be the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1824 E. 18th Ave. Each session will explore a different DOGE topic with information, speakers, and action plans.

February 25 topics--1. Overview 2. "Ask Elon" — common questions for the billionaire architect of this plan. 3. What is Budget Reconciliation and why it might make sense to support a shut down of the federal government on March 14. 4. Action items--add your comments to 11,078 letters (really!) representing the number of federal employees in Alaska to Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, Congressman Begich. Bring crayons, markers to send Republican Senators a "We love Denali" letter asking them to support the Murkowski bill. Make your voice Heard! It is having an effect!!

What Would You Like the Mayor to Talk With You About? Questions for speaker at the Forum on Sunday, March 2

Mayor Suzanne LaFrance will be our speaker at the Forum on Sunday, March 2. She is interested in knowing particular questions you may have or things you would like her to address, so if you can promptly send yours to John McKay at mckay@alaska.net, we'll be able to pass these along to her in advance. There will be child care available for this March 2 Forum.

Stewardship Message from Board Member,

Mara Hill

I have never been able to call myself a particularly lavish pledger. I started attending AUUF 20 years ago, when I was a freshman in high school, and it may not surprise you to learn that my YRUU group wasn't discussing the budget. Adults were doing that to make sure I had opportunities to earn money in exchange for providing childcare, to take OWL classes, and to learn from Doug Eby that the Council of Nicaea occurred in 325 A.D. (I did just Google that fact to confirm it, and am thrilled to tell you my memory was correct). When I came back to Anchorage and AUUF after college, I contributed my time in RE, OWL, and other various volunteer roles while pledging a few dollars a month. We talk about time, talent, and treasure as three means of contributing to AUUF, and for a long while I emphasized giving what I had: my time. But things changed. I took a break from volunteer roles after completing a couple long and taxing commitments. My job got more stressful, and I didn't have the bandwidth to take on more responsibility outside of work. I got married. I had a baby. In short: I stopped giving my time. And, until Doug "Council of Nicaea" Eby invited me to fill an open spot on the Board and I started discussing the budget in a big way, it hadn't really dawned on me that for the last few years, I hadn't contributed much time, talent, *or* treasure to a place that's always contributed a lot to me.

There has been a lot of focus on the budget lately, with good reason! Here are some facts about our current situation, courtesy of Doug Eby (a recurring theme in my AUUF life): Over the past few years we have upgraded our pay and benefits for paid positions. We currently have a full time minister and RE director, about half time Administrator and Communications positions, and part time or contracted Music Director, AV Coordinator, and Janitor. The good news is all of these positions are filled, and those eligible will be receiving retirement contributions. This is incredible, and deserves to be celebrated! But, as you may have guessed: this does cost more money than our recurring budget adds up to. The past two years we have filled our "gap," which has totaled \$33,000, with one-time Undesignated Reserves. However, during the past three years we have had some vacancies and have not ended up spending any of this one-time money, allowing us to do the same thing again the following year – for several years.

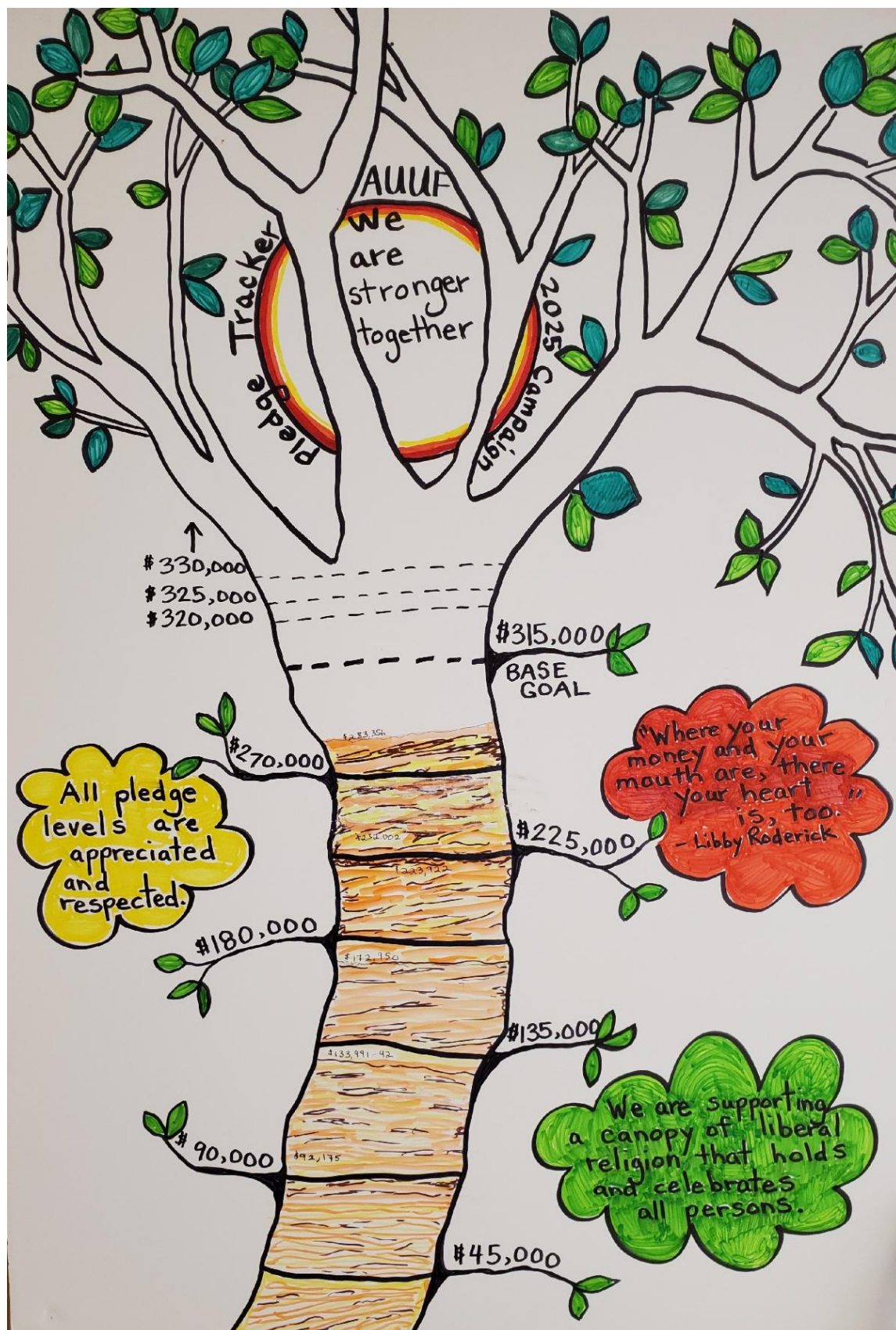
This year's gap is bigger: If we continue to generate the same in pledges and non-pledge revenue as we are currently generating during the coming year, we'll be short \$60,000.

We have a number of options to try to address this gap. We can use one-time Undesignated Reserves; we can all choose to pledge more; we can encourage more people to join our organization; we can generate increased revenue from leasing our facility more frequently and facilitate more revenue-generating activities; we can plan on a combination of all of the above.

However, we have not made progress on closing this gap in the past three years despite having planned to do so. So, we in leadership are asking everyone to re-evaluate whether you are able to give more. I hadn't looked at my pledge in years, and realized that while I've started to give some of my time again, I'm also in a position to give more treasure. While I still wouldn't call my pledging lavish, this year I found that I was comfortably able to double my pledge.

We also want to recognize, and celebrate, the fact that AUUF is in the upper half of UU congregations in terms of per person pledging/giving my members, and we don't want to push too hard. We hope you'll consider other actions as well - reaching out to people who you think would enjoy being part of AUUF, or becoming an activist to take on making more money through activities people pay for. And, we are open to any and all other new ideas!

So: let's celebrate all that we are doing, our robust staffing achievement, and our generous giving – while continuing to look for ways to close our gap!



The Time is Now—Send In Your Pledge!

by Marie Lundstrom

Cari here — I couldn't find any better words to say what Marie wrote last year... The same issue is with us again. We're about \$30,000 short of our goal. Please read the following, and consider very carefully how you could help AUUF meet its budget. It truly takes all of us!

Ten (actually, four!) days from now, February 18 (23), our pledge drive will officially end—only it won't, really. If you've forgotten to send in your pledge, you will hear from us this week and next by phone, email, or in person to remind you that AUUF needs your money to stay operating. You may forget, but we won't.

Much as we cringe at making those reminder phone calls or emails, or snagging your attention in person at a service, your support is vital to AUUF, so we'll make those calls and emails. Board members, Stewardship folks, and others will call and ask if you received your pledge form—be sure to check your junk mail—and encourage you to send it in.

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Cari again... Remember that there's a celebration luncheon on Sunday after the 11am service. All are welcome, even if you didn't pledge (yet). If you still have your form sitting at home, please bring it in on Sunday!

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Share the Care Request

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If you are able to help, please contact her daughter, Ky, by texting her at 907 250-5891. Ky asks that you identify yourself as someone from AUUF who may be able to help her Mom. Thanks!

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February HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

Dennis Arashiro

Too often the motivation for the Fellowship making an annual payment to the Municipality of Anchorage in lieu of property taxes is seen as a very ordinary one: the obligation to pay for street and sidewalk maintenance, fire fighting and law enforcement, services we need for our building and grounds. Yet, there is a higher purpose in line with our principles. Only the municipality has the resources and authority to truly tackle the problem of homelessness as a community-wide issue. Only the municipality through its ordinances can ensure equal rights for all regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, age, or physical or mental disability. Only the municipality advances learning through a network of public libraries to serve neighborhoods throughout our community. PILOT shows that we support what advances our own principles. When we make our collections this month at our Sunday services, half our contributions will go to the Municipality of Anchorage. The message we will be sending is that we appreciate and support the municipality for all that it does. From ensuring the safety of our streets to ensuring the safety of our neighbors who are between homes. From illuminating our thoroughfares to illuminating minds. Serving all of us in so many ways as neighbors of truly equal standing.

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Today At Our Fellowship Thursday, February 27, 2025

This Weekend @ AUUF

Thursday 2/27/25

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme

Friday 2/28/25

8:15 – 11:15 am Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room
12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person
Only Room 7
6:00– 8:30 pm RE Trans Inclusion in
Congregations Class
Sanctuary and Social Room

Saturday 3/1/25

8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group
10:30 am – 12:45 pm Music Together
Mountain Song Social Room
1:30 – 3:00 pm Amanda's Violin Class
Room 5

Sunday 3/2/25

9:00 am The Forum Sunday IN
PERSON & on Zoom
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
IN PERSON & on Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm ACLU Prison Project
Newsletter Assembly Social Room
12:30 – 2:00 pm The Alliance - At
AUUF Upstairs Library
1:00 – 4:00 pm Coming of Age
Meeting Room 8
1:00 – 3:00 pm OWL Grade 4-6 Room 7

Monday 3/3/25

1:00 – 3:00 pm Knitting group Room 7
3:30 – 6:00 pm Amanda's Violin
Class Room 5
6:30 – 8:00 pm Fireweed Sangha of
Mindful Living - Private Rental Visitors
Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 3/4/25

4:30 – 6:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom
5:00 – 7:00 pm Alaska Citizens Action
Project: DOGE Sanctuary and Social
Room
6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8

Wednesday 3/5/25

3:15 – 5:15 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room
6:30 – 8:00 pm Building & Grounds
Meeting - Zoom

Thursday 3/6/25

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Witnesses to our UU Faith: James Reeb and Viola Liuzza
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James Reeb and Viola Liuzza both died in March 1965 during their participation in the March for Selma. Their trust in their decisions for humanity can still guide us today, especially as we

struggle to find hope and trust that things will work out . . . eventually.

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

Come Join Our Stuffing Bee

Sunday, March 2

Dennis Arashiro

Join the Anti-Racism Team in the Fellowship Social Room after the Worship Service on Sunday, March 2, for our STUFFING BEE! To support the ACLU Prison Project we will be stuffing envelopes that bring a newsletter to those incarcerated in Alaska prisons. Many look forward to the legal information provided and human interest items to brighten their days and remind them that they are not forgotten.

You can bring your laptop to match up names with addresses. It makes for a novel computer game! You can just bring your hands to stuff and seal envelopes. It makes for a great Zen experience! This is our commitment to the ACLU and its efforts to create a justice system instead of a punishment system, a justice system in line with our principles.

See you Sunday!

It's Almost Time!

Time for what? My sabbatical!

Hopefully, most of you know this already, but if not, I am leaving for a three month sabbatical on March 17 (followed by two weeks of vacation to see family). I'm going to use the time to work on my spiritual practices, learn about how folks outside the US feel about our country, ponder our environment, and do some volunteering in a foreign country. How will I do this? I'm starting with a walk on the Spanish North Coast Camino followed by time in Paris, France.

So what will happen here at AUUF while I'm gone? Well, I trust that you all will get along fine, you might try some new things without me, you'll keep working to help make our world a better place, and hopefully share some fun times. In other words, you'll keep doing what we do now--companion one another on our journeys, work for justice, learn, love, laugh, talk out difficulties, and care for one another and our world.

Who's in charge? Well, in Unitarian Universalism we practice shared ministry. I may know a lot of what's going on because I spend so much time at the fellowship, but a lot of other folks know what's going on too. And all of you contribute to our congregation in a variety of ways so I hope you'll keep doing that while I'm gone! :-)

But if you want a few specific folks to go to, here's a list:

Staff questions: Ask our staff. Richard, Kelly, Jenn, Esme and Dan all have pretty regular hours that are posted on TAOF. If you have some bigger concerns and aren't getting the answers you need, check with Don Antrobus, our Board President.

Worship Questions: Michele Champion, on the Worship Team, has agreed to be the main contact person while I'm gone. Our Affiliated Community Minister, Becca Bernard, will also be helping out with worship.

Pastoral Care: Wray Kinard and Donna Massey can provide a chat or get you hooked up with some short-term help (a casserole, ride to a doctor's appointment, etc.) Becca Bernard is available to help with pastoral care as well while I'm gone. Ruth Greenwood, another of our UU ministers in our congregation, will act as a back-up for Becca.

Other areas: Check with our Board members (Don Antrobus, Kalen Saxton, Doug Eby, Justin Roberts, Jim Kerr, Kath Rutherford and Mara Hill) or whomever is the chair of the particular team, committee or group you'd like to know more about. There's a list of the "go to" people on the bulletin board in the workroom next to the office.

I'm going to miss knowing what's going on in your lives, but we'll catch up when I'm back (July 1). I'll send a few postcards of my adventures while I'm gone and will share more when I return. Enjoy one another--this congregation has an excellent sense of fun and is full of grace. You all are in good hands--each others!

Blessings and lots of love, Rev. Lise

Knitting Group

Every Monday from 1:00 -3:00 pm

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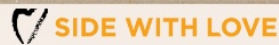
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[Click here for the weekly action update.](#)

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CITIZENS CLIMATE EDUCATION

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. This powerful corps of climate advocates builds political will for long-lasting climate solutions at the federal and state level.

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