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Today At Your Fellowship
Thursday
May 5, 2022

This Weekend @ AUUF

[Find Zoom links here.](#)

Thursday 5/5/22

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Healthy Congregation Team

Friday 5/6/22

12 pm Freethinkers

Saturday 5/7/2022

Half Portion for Social Action for May
is [Alaska Seeds of Change](#)

Sunday 5/8/2022

9 am Forum Live at AUUF & on Zoom

11 am Sunday Worship Live at AUUF &
on Zoom



Why Alaskans Should Elect Me Governor

Former Alaska Governor & Candidate Bill Walker

The Forum Live at AUUF & on Zoom

9 am Sunday, May 8

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

[Click here for Speaker's bio.](#)

May at the Forum

We have four great Forum programs on tap for May. We are hoping they will all be **accessible both from the building and on Zoom** (in at least one or two of the later ones, the speaker will join us by Zoom). AUUF expects those joining us in the building will be fully vaccinated unless a medical condition makes this infeasible, and that you **mask** and socially distance for the time being. **Speakers' bios and photos** can be accessed from the [AUUF Home Page](#) through the link at "Virtual Forum," or by going to "Sunday Services" under the pull-down menu for "Ministry."

On Sunday, **May 8** our speaker will be **former Alaska Governor and candidate Bill Walker**. This will be the second of our Forums with gubernatorial candidates. **AUUF does not and will not support or oppose any candidate**. As we noted last month, we believe it is important to hear from those most likely to lead our state over the next four years, whether we think we agree with their views or not. **This Forum will be both on Zoom and in-person**. It will be the **first time** we've held the Forum at our building (2824 E. 18th Ave., in case you've forgotten) **since March 2020** at the beginning of the pandemic. Please be patient as we learn how to make this transition. We will need to end the Zoom session promptly at 10:15 so the sanctuary can be set up for the Worship Service. If you want to see the candidate "in 3-D" or talk with people after 10:15, you are encouraged to come on down to the Fellowship. We are sorry that Governor Dunleavy did not join us as scheduled at the end of last month and will let you know if he accepts an invitation to reschedule.

The following Sunday, **May 15**, we are happy to be hearing from **Anchorage Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Emerita Kathryn Hoffer**. (That's not an official title but we're giving it to her for the Forum anyway.) Kathryn was ASO's Concertmaster for 39 years. She also served our community as a music educator and helped start the inmate symphony program at Hiland Correctional Center. After playing her last concert at the end of this past month, she headed out to drive to her new home in California and will join us by Zoom. And Kathryn Hoffer is not the only one "moving on" ...

When we first decided to invite our speaker for **May 22, Rasmuson Foundation President and CEO Diane Kaplan**, we looked forward to hearing what the future looked like for the Foundation after the death of its chairman, Ed Rasmuson, in January. Since that time Diane announced in March that she will be retiring from her post in 2023. She was the Foundation's first employee and has served as its president for the past 20 years, so these are huge changes for Alaska's largest private philanthropic organization ... and there's no one better to explain what to expect.

Finally, on **May 29**, our speaker will be the **multisport coach and athlete Lisa Keller**. Lisa teamed up with another speaker for a great program in February marking the 50th anniversary of "Title IX"—the federal law aimed at eliminating discrimination against women in all aspects of education. When the issue of transgender athletes came up, it was clear this deserved a program of its own. Lisa volunteered to come back to do that, and we'll close out May with a Forum called: **"Sport is a Human Right—Respecting Transgender Athletes"**

As always, you can send your ideas for either programs or specific speakers to the Forum Committee Chair John McKay at mckay@alaska.net, or pass them along to other Forum Committee members: Dennis Arashiro, James Dryden, Heather Flynn, and Lynn Hallquist, and Rev. Lise Adams Sherry.



Bridging, Babies, and Bouquets

Rosene Beachy, DLRE; Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

Sunday Worship Live at AUUF & on Zoom

11 am Sunday, May 8

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

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Upcoming Sunday Services

May 8, 2022, 11 am

Bridging, Babies, and Bouquets

Rosene Beachy, DLRE; Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

Join us for revered rites of passage. We'll wish graduating senior Veronika Reed well as she shares her plans for the next few years with us. We get to officially welcome some UU toddlers into the fold with a baby/child dedication ceremony. And as this is a service that recognizes our many unique gifts and stages of life, we thought we'd add our Flower Communion as well. It's the historical service that uses flowers as metaphors for our diversity, and how beautiful we all are when we come together in a bouquet.

May 15, 2022, 11 am

Coming of Age Service

Rosene Beachy, DLRE; Coming of Age Youth

Using the lens of Unitarian Universalism, several of our middle school youth have been exploring what growing into adulthood means to them. It's still the beginning of this transition, but there's a lot to consider: ethics, beliefs, friendship, family, individuality, community, choices, and integrity, to name just a few life topics. This Sunday these youth will share where they are on their journey . . . so far.

May 22, 2022, 11 am

Learning and Unlearning

Student Minister Rebecca Bernard, Barb Clark

Sometimes growing towards wholeness means not only learning new skills, ideas, and habits but unlearning old ones. Student Minister Rebecca Bernard will share some reflections on her year of learning and unlearning at AUUF.

May 29, 2022, 11 am

Memorial Day Reflections

Ken Winterberger, Joyce Laine, Worship Associates

Join us as we share stories and honor those who have contributed to our country through their service.

Religious Exploration Happenings

***May 7 - "YAY IT'S MAY" Event!**

Come join the fun with Spring Clean Up 1:00 - 4:00 pm

The grill will be fired up - hot dogs provided.

Lots of little tasks to pitch in on!

Plus, Bike Tune-Up for any age with a couple of our resident bike specialists,
and Car Maintenance Fair for teens 14+ with Dave!

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

May 8 - A busy Sunday with Bridging, Child dedication, and Flower Communion at the 11:00 am service

May 15 Join our 7 Mentees and their mentors for our COA Recognition service.

May 29 No RE - Memorial Day

Stay tuned for our "Pizza in June" event - Saturday, June 4.

Hang out with family and friends, and make and bake your personal pan pizza!
Bring your favorite toppings to share.

Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, May 6

The Freethinkers meet every Friday by zoom (accessed on the AUUF website calendar) at noon for 1.5 hours to discuss a current book read. At the moment the group just finished discussing a fascinating book: Secularism, The Basics, by Jacques Belinerblau. For next Friday, we will be discussing a video – not a book – The Unbelievers (find it by googling it) that you're invited to watch before the meeting. It's a discussion between Richard Dawkins and Lawrence Krauss. The following Friday we will begin discussing Lifespan, by David Sinclair. Join us any Friday at noon for 1.5 hours of camaraderie and friendship, always over a preselected topic.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Airport Heights Elementary School Greenhouse Cleanup

1:00-4:00 pm Saturday, May 7

It's going to be a busy afternoon at AUUF on May 7 -- please come join us! Besides offering car maintenance lessons for teens, and street cleanup activities for kids, we need a handful of people to help clean and organize the greenhouse over at Airport Heights Elementary School. We'll meet up at AUUF at 1:00 pm, but if you arrive later come on over to the school and find us in the back behind the playground. Bring work gloves and shovels if you have them! For questions, contact Susie Kobierowski at skobierowski@yahoo.com or Becca Bernard at rbernard.ak@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting Recap

Congratulations to our two new Board members, Jim Kerr and Yolanda Meza! They will take their seats in July as Peggy Robinson and Robin Hill leave the Board. Doug Eby and Mary Kulawik are replacing Jim Wanamaker and Wray Kinard on the Endowment Committee. Thank you for your commitment to making AUUF a successful fellowship!

Kelley Hartlieb, along with Ann Larabee, presented information about the Healthy Congregations Team and presented the Covenant of Healthy Relations for membership

approval. We appreciate the work their team did on this and look forward to upcoming implementation guidelines. Wray Kinard presented the change to the Endowment Plan of Operation, increasing the threshold to \$500,000 (plus inflation) before being able to withdraw funds. This passed overwhelmingly. Wray is researching the names/companies who do the actual investing for UU Common Endowment if you would like more information about their work and fees.

Sid McCausland provided an entertaining trip through our financial status and budget for FY23, which begins in July. The budget passed with no amendments.

The last action taken was regarding our Chalice Logo. After a good discussion, we approved a motion to use a generic chalice in our logo until a task force discusses and creates a new one to present to the membership.

Our AV team did a wonderful job keeping all the different projection pieces running smoothly. Thank you to them, the ushers, the registrars and vote counters, Rev. Lise and Becca, and our presenters. We had 84 members participating in the meeting! Thank you for your living our 5th principle!

Thank You!



Thank you, Members, of AUUF, for approving our Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Fund Budget during our Annual Meeting on May 1st. Your willingness to accept the Board's challenge to approve a Budget that has the potential to result in a \$46,000 deficit is a manifestation of our conviction that AUUF can overcome the challenges posed by the ongoing presence of COVID in our midst. Your vote affirms, with the Board, that we can reverse our recent history of declining revenues as we gather in person once again over the next fourteen months. This budget provides the financial wherewithal for us to flourish as a fellowship. We are better together. Let us make certain that it is so.

Our Operating Fund Budget is molded around our four Missions:



Our approved Operating Fund Budget consists of

AUUF's FY23 Mission Oriented Budget



Seventy percent of our Budget is devoted to AUUF's amazing Personnel. Most other costs are semi-fixed. The Budget includes funding for two new part-time positions to help maximize our potential to serve our Members and Friends as we come back into our building.

FY23 DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

Lifespan Religious Exploration Associate	10,000	2.3%	<<LREA New
Payroll Related Expense*	15,535	3.6%	
Music Director	17,382	4.0%	
Aministrative Expense*	18,500	4.3%	
Fellowship & RE Expense	18,313	4.2%	
Greater Community Ministry	34,045	7.9%	
Building & Grounds	60,345	14.0%	
Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration	60,548	14.0%	
Support Staff (part-time Admin, Comm, A/V)*	62,127	14.4%	<<A/V Tech New
Minister*	134,905	31.2%	
AUUF FY23 Budget	431,700		
Personnel Subtotal	300,497	70%	
*=Congregational Sustainability Expense Subtotal	231,067		

Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. May AUUF flourish throughout Fiscal Year 2023. I'm certain it will if we all pitch in. We are better together. Thank you for your support. Shalom.

Sid McCausland, Board Treasurer
 Questions: matsusid@gmail.com
[Painting by Victor Minca]

PILOT Presentation is on June 7th

Did you know that our first PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) check to the Municipality of Anchorage was in April 1968 for \$112? Our highest amount was last year with almost \$3100. We are on track for exceeding that this year, our 55th year of helping to pay for municipal services that we use. Rev. Lise is designating 100% of the offering donations on the 5th Sunday of May, the 29th, to also go towards our PILOT donation. Thank you.

Our check will be presented to the Assembly at their regular meeting on June 7. Gather at 5 pm in the Assembly chambers in the Loussac Library. The meeting is also broadcast on YouTube and on Channel 9 if you cannot come in person.

Peggy Robinson, Board President



WhaleCoast Update

**Last Call for Volunteer Home-Stay Hosts Nights of June 4, 5 and 8
Second Tour: June 29 and 30**

Ok folks, our tour director may have to lock in hotel space for about 15 of 42 guests coming through Anchorage June 4-9. Besides AUUF missing out on the money, we would be disappointing some of these UU tourists expecting to stay with another friendly UU family. UNLESS some new hosts step up, or some of you in the "maybe" status can fully commit in the next week or so. The second tour still needs hosts, too.

If you've never thought about hosting, consider the following, which Fairbanks UUs have done:

- Offer your own comfy bed — would it hurt you to sleep on the couch for 3 nights?
- Send your kids to a friend's house for a few days, or pitch a tent in the yard so a guest can use their beds.
- Out of town during the tour? Allow guests to stay while you're gone, and find an AUUF friend who can act as a host in your place.
- Play the role of host at your friend's house who is out of town (driving, providing breakfast, etc.)

And don't forget, we need volunteers to help with the banquet on June 5, and volunteer drivers that day, too. I hope to hear from some of you soon!

-Denise Martin
dulcimer.diva@gmail.com

Thanks so much for those who are on board!

Pick up information sheets at AUUF, or visit the [AUUF website](#) or [WhaleCoast AK](#) for general tour information and Covid protocols.



Let Us Entertain You!
Sunday, May 22, 4 pm

by Marie Lundstrom, Choir Member

Now that choir director Megan Webb has found her missing piano key, we AUUF choristers will be rehearsing again with the Steinway in the sanctuary to get ready for our mini-concert only two weeks away on May 22. When a performance is just ahead, I find each rehearsal more exciting as we try to fine-tune rhythmic arrangements, dynamics, and note patterns.

Some of Stephen Sondheim's music has some rare jumps. In "No One Is Alone" from *Into the Woods* (all in five flats—fun on the black keys!), the repetitive "No one is alone" stuck in my mind for a week. I'd find it running through my head when I got up in the morning and coming up at odd moments throughout the day.

After we did some hard practicing on "Let Me Entertain You" from *Gypsy* last week, I found the line "and we'll have a real good time, yes sir" surfacing while I did the laundry, each time having to remember to add the "yes sir" even though I wanted to stretch out "real good time" and let it soar. Not how Jule Styne wrote the music in that part and Sondheim the lyrics. We still could use more singers of any vocal range. We practice Thursday evening 6:30-8:00 pm, and we'll likely have a special dress rehearsal earlier on that concert weekend to tame any remaining wild notes and straying pitches.

Anti-Racism Team Corner

The AUUF AntiRacism Team is hosting a BOOK DRIVE through the end of May. We are collecting books by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Authors - any topic, all age audiences - to donate to the Alaska Black Caucus' new Equity Center in downtown Anchorage. If you have books to donate, please bring them to AUUF and look for the book drive box in the south entryway. Thank you!

Alaska Just Transition Summit: Vol. II. May 20-22, Anchorage, AK. Titled Nughelnik: Remembering Forward, this summit explores collective healing through the lens of a Just Transition. [For more information and to apply, visit this link.](#)



Our Fellowship Library Needs Help

by Marie Lundstrom

Our AUUF library needs some folks to love it. Someone (or ones) should be keeping track of what's there, putting books in proper places, adding to the catalog, weeding, and supervising the collection.

Before the pandemic, I volunteered once a week for a couple of years or so creating a catalog on the older AUUF laptop, putting labels on the shelves and the books, and generally setting up the library to work—easy self-checkout and check-in. I had finished entering the books we had then, plus weeding, and I was nearly finished with the historical scrapbooks when the pandemic came, and everything stopped.

My heart isn't there anymore after all this time. I care about what happens to the library, but I don't want to do any more with it. I'm hoping there are others who would like to take it on, give it attention and TLC. Now that we are edging toward "normal," it's a fine time for new eyes and hands to look after our small collection. Just show up and start!

ALLIANCE RUMMAGE SALE

8 am-4 pm Saturday, June 25

After an absence of two years, the AUUF Alliance is back with a vengeance for its traditional Rummage Sale. The sale will be held both inside and outside AUUF so there is plenty of room for your spring cleaning donations. Set them aside and bring them to the Fellowship on Friday, June 24th from 2-7 pm. All items should be clean and presentable: clothing, collectibles, dishware, books, and extras no longer needed. The sale will be open to the public so please do your part in

inviting your friends and neighbors. Watch for more publicity within the coming weeks. All monies will go to benefit the Fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Safer Congregation Team – Guidebook Snippet

By David O'Brien, Team Co-Chair

Your Safer Congregation Team has been periodically publishing “snippets” from its recently completed Guidebook. The charted purpose of the Team is to “ensure the protection and safety of the AUUF congregation and building”, and the Guidebook has been written to support this goal.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

The AUUF Ramp is Available for Use

David O'Brien, Co-chair, Safer Congregation Team

Just before COVID, the Safer Congregation Team (SCT) purchased a portable aluminum ramp for use during “Friendship Dinners” and other events held at a host’s house. The purpose of the ramp is to help people who have mobility challenges get up the first one or two steps at the front door of someone’s house. The ramp folds in half and has a handle on top for the convenience of transport. Now that we are starting to meet in person again for various events, the SCT would like to remind our congregational members that it is available for use for AUUF activities. Please let our Congregational Administrator, Gina, know that you would like to use it and you can pick it up from the Fellowship building.



May Portion offering goes to Alaska Seeds of Change

Alaska Seeds of Change is a program for youth ages 16-23 that teaches essential job and life skills through work in an indoor hydroponic farm. We grow fresh produce year-round, including herbs like basil, chives, mint, and also salanova lettuce. These crops are sold at Blue Market in Anchorage, through Arctic Harvest Deliveries, to restaurants, and even sent out to towns and villages across Alaska.

Seeds is a program of Alaska Behavioral Health, a non-profit organization that provides mental health services, centered around the motto & Wellness for Everyone." At Seeds, apprentices all learn about mental health through a Wellness 101 workshop, and weekly movement and mindfulness breaks. Youth also have time to work on personal development goals, like getting a driver’s license or applying for college.

Most youth who work at Alaska Seeds of Change start as apprentices through community partners, including Nine Star, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, and SAVE. Some volunteer or earn school credit for their initial time at Seeds. Once they have finished “basic training”, youth can apply for longer-term positions to lead growing efforts and teach the next generation of apprentices.

Volunteers are always welcome at Seeds! E-mail us at volunteer@akseedsofchange. We also rely on community support to help keep our program going and are grateful to be designated as the half-share partner for May!

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at the bottom of the home page.**

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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