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Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, March 6, 2025

This Weekend @ AUUF

Thursday 3/6/25

5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team
Meeting Library & on Zoom
6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme

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The Forum 9:00 AM Sunday March 9, 2025
IN PERSON & on Zoom
Obesity and Health in Our Community— Can AUUF Help?
Dr. Molly Southworth

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Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday March 9, 2025
IN PERSON & on Zoom
A Partnership in Trust
Rev. Lise Sherry, Renee Frost

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Ministers, or priests, and their congregations have had a variety of relationships through the ages. There have been dictatorships, benevolent dictatorships, leaders and followers (and the minister wasn't always the leader), communities of shared ministry and co-conspirators. In divinity school we read a book called "As One Without Authority" which uniquely discussed Unitarian Universalist models of ministry. As we prepare for my sabbatical leave, a time for me to learn and refresh without congregational responsibilities, I thought it would be interesting to look at this relationship and how we live it at AUUF.

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Thank you!



UPDATE: High School Fundraiser

The High School Youth Group will meet at Alaska Rock Gym THIS Sunday, March 9 from 4pm-6pm. A waiver must be filled out by a parent/guardian at the gym or [with this link](#)

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the High School Youth Cookie/Pin Fundraiser in February. \$356 was raised to go on this afternoon adventure! Creating memories and community for the youth is invaluable- we THANK YOU!

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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



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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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Tuesday 3/18/25

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

Wednesday 3/19/25

2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain Song Social Room

Thursday 3/20/25

6:30 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting In- Person
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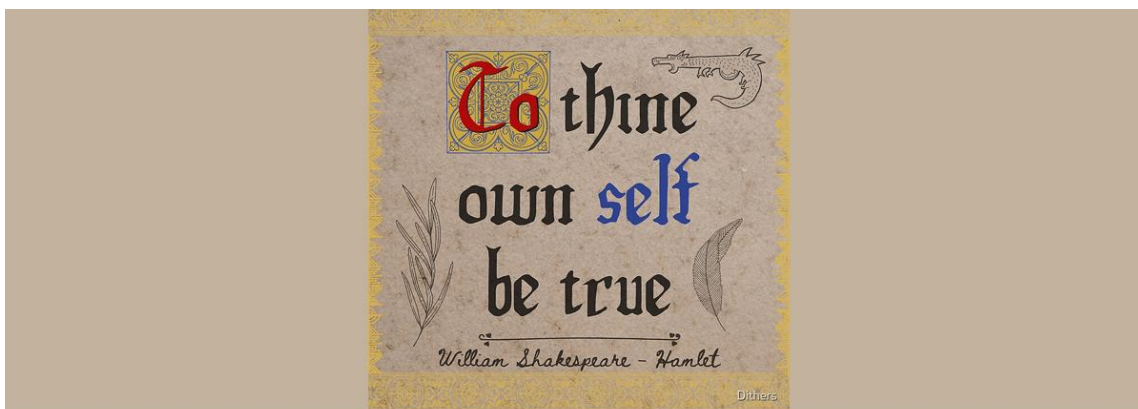


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Facing New Challenges on All Fronts
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To Thine Own Self Be True
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Thank you!

A Little More Sabbatical Information . . .

Rev. Lise

I'll be in the pulpit this Sunday and then the next time you'll see me there will July 6, 2025. Remember, except for the occasional postcard that I'll send to AUUF, I'll be incommunicado for my time away. Richard, our administrator, and Don, our Board President, will know how to get hold of me in an emergency.

As you can imagine, the last week has been busy with last-minute prep, both at AUUF and at home, but I think we're ready. I really enjoyed everyone's participation in the service last Sunday (sharing how you've contributed to our shared ministry), your confidence, can-do attitudes, and your well wishes. It's been wonderful to see how excited you are about my adventure and I'm looking forward to sharing snippets via postcards and more when I get back.

One little update, Renee Frost will also be a contact person for the Worship Team and I've added her name to the list of contacts below.

Please be well and take care of one another. And enjoy the snow!!!

Love and blessings, Rev. Lise

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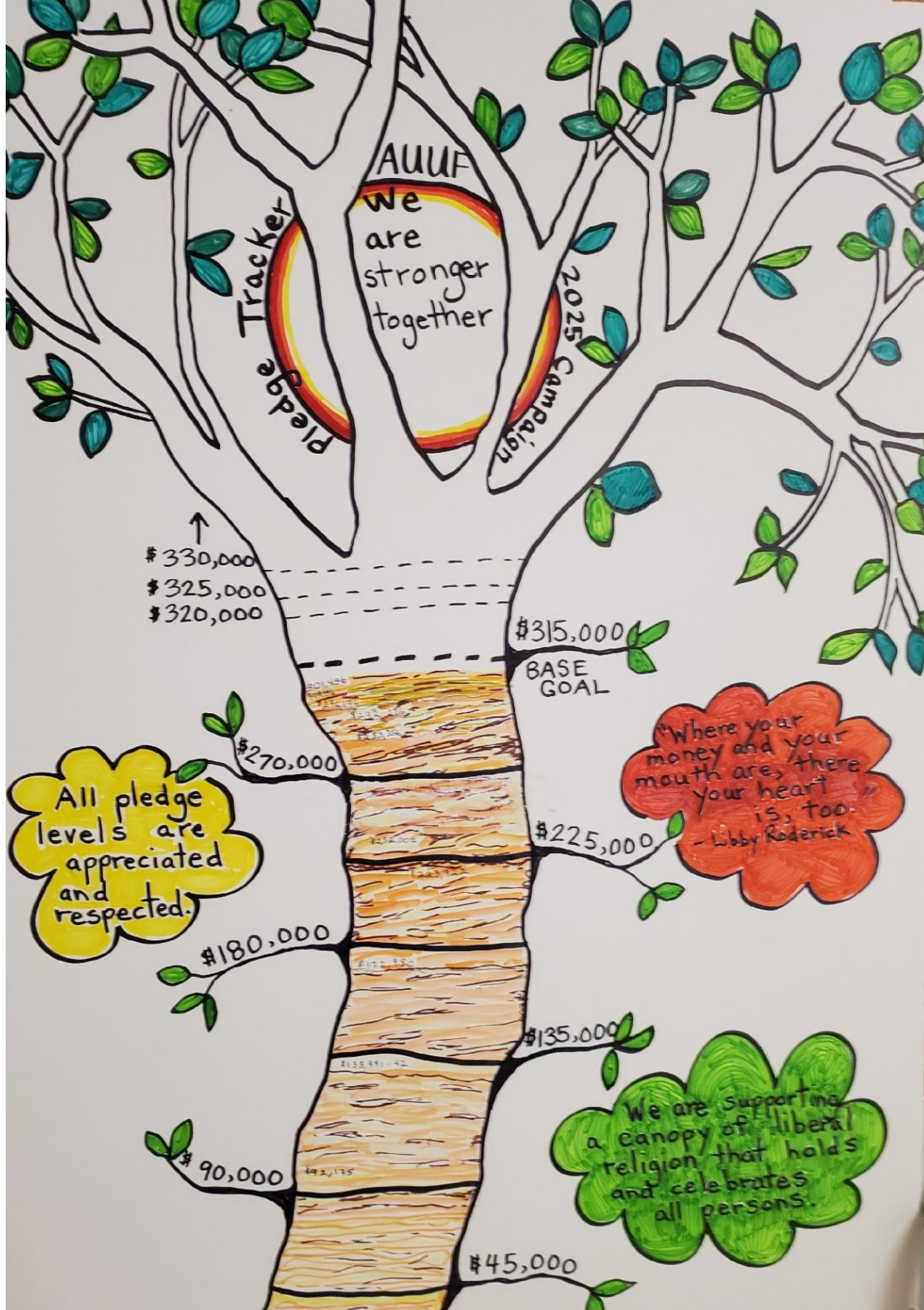
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Thank you to all our AUUF members and friends for their pledges!

The annual pledge drive is officially over for next year, FY26, with a total of \$301,456 received to date for income for our upcoming year! Thanks to all of you who have made this financial commitment to the future health of AUUF! If you requested that your pledge change begin in March, it should be evident on your credit card or bank statement for the month. Remember, that it is NEVER too late to make a pledge or change your pledge amount. Please contact Richard in the office or complete a pledge form that is in the workroom or on the membership table.

You will be hearing more about our pledges and other revenue sources with the proposed budget for FY26. That information will be sent along with the Annual Meeting information by April 5th. The Annual Meeting is on May 4 at 10am. Put it on your calendar now!

In July we will send by email a reminder of your pledge for the new fiscal year as a confirmation. November is usually the time to send an electronic reminder about making an end of the tax year donation. By the end of January, the office sends an "IRS" statement, listing ALL the tax-deductible donations you have made during the prior calendar year. This year we sent it along with the pledge materials by USPS. Other times it is sent by email. In May, we will send a reminder about finishing paying pledges for FY25 ONLY if you are behind and not on automatic payments. That is usually a very small number of people.

Again, thank you for your support!

Peggy

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Greetings Pacific Western Region,

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Blessings,

PWR Board

[More info here.](#)

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Earth Hour: 8:30 PM local time throughout the world, Saturday, March 22, 2025.

Originating in 2007 with the World Wildlife Fund, Earth Hour is an annual event to turn off non-essential electric lights for a single hour. A single small step that is both a symbolic gesture to address climate change and an action with positive tangible results. Research indicates 274 instances of observable reductions in electrical consumption, to the tune of an overall 4 percent change. An hour of hope to fight the despair that can come when facing a global threat. To align ourselves with this positive step, we have designated Citizens' Climate Change Education as the recipient of the March 2024 Half Portion for Social Action.

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 the Half-Portion note or Donate/ Pay at the bottom of the home page. Enter your donation under "Half-Portion for Social Action."

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Wednesday 3/26/25

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Meeting Library
2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room

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the Sanctuary with Esme



The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom

9:00 AM Sunday March 23, 2025

Supporting Alaska Refuges for 20 Years

Meg Parsons and Poppy Benson Friends of Alaska Nat'l Wildlife Refuges

The Forum

IN PERSON & on Zoom

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We'll be enjoying some good visuals for the next couple weeks at the Forum. This Sunday, March 23, our speakers will be Meg Parsons from Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges, who will be showing slides from a number of the refuges, talking about what Friends does, and giving us an update about the status of what's happening in the federal government that affects Alaska's refuges.

Next Sunday, March 30, filmmaker and 2024/25 Atwood Chair of Journalism Brad Hillwig will talk about **Making Stories that Matter in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**. During a 20+ year career in media, Brad Hillwig has explored nearly every aspect of the art and business of storytelling. In a world of rapid news cycles, instant reactions, and evolving technologies, Hillwig shares why the timeless craft of storytelling might be more valuable than ever and offers important lessons for navigating the modern media landscape.

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When the Storm Comes, We Move Together

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Planning OWL (Our Whole Lives) for the 2025/2026 school year

During the 2025/2026 school year we'd like to be able to offer OWL to Grades K-1 and Grades 10-12. 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



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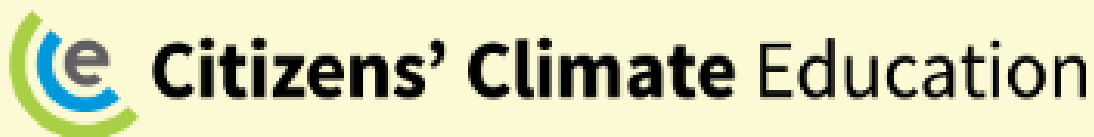
Please save the date for our 1st Annual Business Meeting!

We are meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 29th from 7-8 pm PDT/MDT (10pm EDT/ 9pm CDT/ 5pm HDT). We will provide a regional update, approve the annual budget, and approve board members. As we approach the meeting, be on the lookout for further details, including meeting materials.

Blessings,

PWR Board

[More info here.](#)



March HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION:

CITIZENS CLIMATE EDUCATION

Dennis Arashiro

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

- Teddy Roosevelt

Earth Hour: 8:30 PM local time throughout the world, Saturday, March 22, 2025. Originating in 2007 with the World Wildlife Fund, Earth Hour is an annual event to turn off non-essential electric lights for a single hour. A single small step that is both a symbolic gesture to address climate change and an action with positive tangible results. Research indicates 274 instances of observable reductions in electrical consumption, to the tune of an overall 4 percent change. An hour of hope to fight the despair that can come when facing a global threat. To align ourselves with this positive step, we have designated Citizens' Climate Change Education as the recipient of the March 2024 Half Portion for Social Action.

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.

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Today At Our Fellowship Thursday, March 27, 2025

This Weekend @ AUUF

Thursday 3/27/25

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

Friday 3/28/25

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

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

5:00 – 7:00 pm Alaska Citizens Action
Project: DOGE Sanctuary and Social
Room

Saturday 3/29/25

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

Sunday 3/30/25

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

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

Sunday 3/30/25 (Continued)

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 4/1/25

1:00 – 3:00 pm Knitting group Room 7

3:30 – 6:00 pm Private Rental

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

Tuesday 4/2/25

4:30 – 6:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom

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

Wednesday 4/3/25

2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room

7:00 – 8:30 pm Building & Grounds
Meeting - Zoom

Thursday 4/4/25

5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team
Meeting Library & Zoom

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

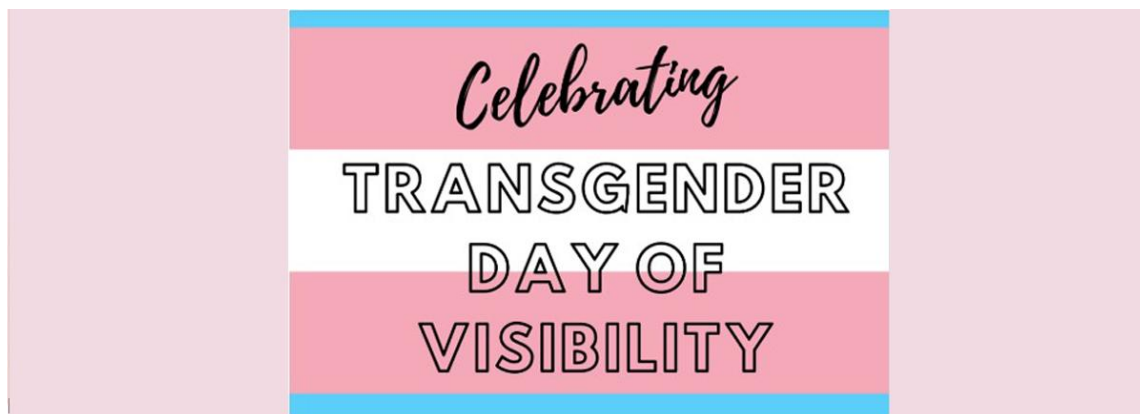


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Celebrating Trans Day of Visibility
Becca & The Anti-Racism and Welcoming Congregation Teams;
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Coming of Age Service

Sunday, April 13

Sunday, April 13 is our special Coming of Age Celebration service where we will be recognizing 5 AUUF teens- Bella, Denali, Isa, Bohdi and Tillman. I encourage you to bring your children to this service so they can see what they can take part of in the future. There are no RE Classes but childcare will be available in Room 3 for children who do not attend the service.

There will be a taco luncheon following the service in social hall! Any monetary donations will go towards supporting Fall Frolic, 2025.

Bridging Service for AUUF High School Seniors

Sunday, April 27

Sunday, April 27- This Sunday is our special Bridging service at 11am where we will be recognizing 4 AUUF High School Seniors, Nora, Sarina, Denali and Levi. I encourage you to bring your children to this service so they can see what they can take part of in the future as they continue through the RE program here at AUUF. Childcare will be available in Room 3 for children who do not attend the service.



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The Wizardly World of Peace Camp 2025

Planning is underway and registrations have been mailed. More registration/health form copies are available outside of Jenn's office door. To receive the Early Bird discounted rate of \$275, return your registration and payment to AUUF by May 1. After May 1 the rate is \$300. Once registration has been received an email will go out with a pdf copy of the

Parent Policy Handbook. Paper copies are also available outside of Jenn's office door .

Peace Camp Planning Meetings

Wednesday, March 26 at 1pm

Wednesday, April 23 at 1pm

Trainings for helpers and volunteers

Tuesday, May 27- Safety Training 6pm-9pm (All Staff & Volunteers)

Wednesday, May 28- Counselor Training 1pm-5pm

Thursday, May 29- Counselor Training 1pm-5pm

Saturday, June 7- Peace Camp Set Up 1pm-5pm

Peace Camp June 9-13, 9am-4pm Daily



Picnic Sunday

June 29, July 27 and August 24

Join us once a month this Summer for, Picnic Sunday! Pack and bring your own picnic lunch to the Fellowship and stay after to visit. The kids can play on the wonderful playground! Dates for Picnic Sunday are June 29, July 27 and August 24.

Special Ordination Service: Save the Date!

4:00 pm Sunday, August 10

At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, AUUF and the UU Fellowship of Fairbanks (UUFF) have the honor and responsibility to ordain Becca Bernard as a UU Minister. You may have questions about what ordination means, who does it, what happens after ordination, and whether AUUF has ever done this before. We'll do our best to answer these questions over the next couple of months. If you have other questions, please contact any member of Becca's Ordination Team – we'd love to hear them! Team members are: Katherine Huffman, Ruth Greenwood, Cassie Thomas, Marty Freeman, Laura Volmert (UUFF), and of course, Becca!

Save the Date(s)! Fall Frolic 2025!

September 5-7, 2025

Fall Frolic will be September 5-7, 2025 at Birchwood

Camp. More details, information and registration will be available July 2025. For now, mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this weekend of fun, friends and fellowship!



Do you enjoy devouring books? AUUF's Hungry Book Club may be for you!

AUUF's Hungry Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 in the upstairs Library. If you are available and interested, please plan on joining us! We spend the initial time checking in, sharing snacks, then discussing the book. We are rotating the leadership of the discussion to the member who suggested the current book or to someone else who volunteers.

April 8th book discussion is The Chelsea Girls by Fiona Davis. It takes place mainly in the 1950's during McCarthyism and the "Red Scare", centered in the iconic Chelsea Hotel and the theatre district in New York City. I chose it to read about this historic time and how it relates to today. (And, I was able to visit the hotel last October!) As Jane Fonda said in her Lifetime Award acceptance speech, are we brave enough to do what others have done in the past, to show that same courage and community spirit? Come join us and share your thoughts!

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Faith in the Future Conference

March 29 @ 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This conference is for people of any age and all backgrounds interested in joining with others learning about constructive social change, beginning in our neighborhoods. Bahá'ís believe in a future society that is just, peaceful and prosperous and believes every person has a role to play in building it. And faith plays a part! Bahá'ís and friends are working together to explore how spiritual principles can be applied to help satisfy individual needs and address the complex challenges facing humanity today. And youth are at the forefront. We have faith in young people! Efforts are in place throughout Alaska—modest but growing—for children, youth and adults to contribute to this learning process.

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March 5th Sunday

HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION:

Pink Haven Coalition

We are a collective of organizations and individuals who are committed to trans liberation and joy and to growing community defense, mutual-aid, and alternative systems of care for gender diverse people.

In response to the increasingly hostile legislative environment in the United States, with more than 550 legislative acts in the last year seeking to eradicate transgender people from public life, we are working together to create networks of safety and direct support for trans beloveds and their families who need to relocate, access healthcare across state lines, or stay as safe as possible where they are.

We are a coalition of trans organizers, mutual-aid groups, progressive faith organizations, queer associations, and individual justice-lovers. We know that liberation is a group project and that no one is free until everyone is free. We proclaim that trans lives are sacred. Our work centers trans lives and experiences, particularly the lives and experiences of BIPOC trans and gender expansive people.

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