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April 2, 2021

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WC Update 3-31-21

Yikes! I've Been Advertising the Wrong Tour Dates for July!!

I (Denise Martin) recently had to contact hosts to set straight a mistake in the schedule for July. Please adjust your calendar so that you know the July WhaleCoast guests will be in Anchorage July 7th-8th (NOT 14th-15th). The banquet will happen on July 8th. Apologies for this glitch; I'm also working to get it fixed on the AUUF website. June dates are correct as shown below.

Update of AUUF Hosts in Anchorage for UU Tourists
June 12th-16th * July 7th-8th

Hosts with Guest Space Still Needed • Driver Volunteers Also Needed
Tour director Dave Frey reports that he will be closing registration for the June tour this

week, and the final number of guests for June is currently 30, including the tour director and his assistant. Below is the latest tally of host volunteers as of March 31st. Though it appears that we have almost enough confirmed beds, the complications of suitable households will likely require using at least some of the “Maybe” hosts, and/or driver volunteers to help some of the confirmed ones. Kudos to Jane Gray and Deb Addie, who have offered to help me with some of this organizational work!

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3. Vaccinated volunteers who can help do some driving during the Anchorage tour dates. If you have a van, this would be especially useful.
4. Help with the 2 banquets (June 13th and July 8).

Thanks again to everyone who has offered to be a host or driver! Please get yourself vaccinated if you haven't, and consider contacting me if you have guest space and think you might help with this major fundraising tour program! Denise Martin: dulcimer.diva@gmail.com. For more information, [go to AUUF website](#) - Fundraisers page

Also, if you're intrigued about the tours, go to [WhaleCoast AK](#) to view the entire statewide itinerary. To inquire about joining up with the UU tourists coming in July, please contact tour director Dave Frey: dfrey@whalecoastak.org

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In CCL, we 'bet the ranch on relationships' and maintain a cordial and earnest ongoing dialog with the 3 offices of Alaska's MOC. Because of our reputation for respectful dialog, we regularly meet with over 95% of all the offices on Capitol Hill.

In these polarized times, working in the middle is hard, but at this moment it uniquely positions CCL to move climate from a wedge issue to a bridge issue.

Whether for building relationships with members of Congress, local businesses, media, and more, CCE & CCL provide ongoing specialized training and tools to help maximize local citizen volunteers' skills.

As we make greater efforts to involve under-represented populations, we intend to support 2 or 3 Alaskans to CCL's November national conference & lobby day in DC this year.

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Office of the Alaska Synod offering The Alaska Gatekeeper Training

Friday, April 23, 2021 1:30 to 4:30 PM

The Alaska Gatekeeper Training uses the QPR method as its core training. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, an emergency mental health intervention for suicidal persons created by Dr. Paul Quinnett. QPR is a basic education program that teaches everyday community members to recognize suicide risk and how to get a person at risk the help they need. It is also an action plan that can result in lives saved.

[See the event flyer.](#)

[Register for this free online event \(April 23rd\).](#)



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what you already chose.

Our lives are stories of
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David Brooks



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Gentle Beginners Yoga

10 am Tuesday, April 6

Visit [Yoga Collective AK](#) for zoom link and class details.

Ends Tuesday, April 13

Adult Religious Exploration with Rev. Lise

7 pm Tuesday, April 6

Rev. Lise facilitates the Tapestry of Faith curriculum, *What Moves Us*. Written by theologian, Rev. Thandeka, the 10 sessions look at the belief systems of historical and current UUs and help us articulate what we believe and have experienced in our own faith journeys.

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Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, April 9

Farewell to Myths, Hello to Women Heroes and Genetics
by Marie Lundstrom

In this age of focus on the individual, Joseph Campbell says at the end of *The Hero With A Thousand Faces*, "... it is not society that is to guide and save the creative hero, but precisely

the reverse.” One who would be a hero in modern society takes on the ordeal, alone without cohesive community support. It’s tough to be a hero, but we need them more than ever for the stability and value of our communities.

In our next book, *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson, we’ll be learning about gene editing and the device/program/process/tool called CRISPR. In particular, we’ll become acquainted with Jennifer Doudna, one of the chief developers/discoverers of the genetic scissors. She and Emmanuelle Charpentier were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2020 for their work in developing CRISPR. Now we’ll have some woman heroes to emulate and cherish.

For our April 9 session, read through chapter 5, “The Human Genome,” or up to page 43 in a print copy of *The Code Breaker*. It is available at Costco, among other sources. Join us Friday on Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the link.



Only 27 days until our 2021 Annual Business Meeting.

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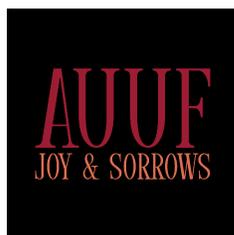
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Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday Worship April 4

From Ruth Greenwood: Concern about rising COVID rates, in the US and elsewhere.

About equity of vaccine distribution. Remember my mother, who taught me so much about love by example. And SO GLAD that the snow is finally melting!!

From Sid McCausland: When a Sequoia dies a fairy ring of young trees spring up and became my background. Grateful for all that is. And for each of you.

From SilverHjellen: My joy today is my first great-grandchild, Chris, turning 10 today.

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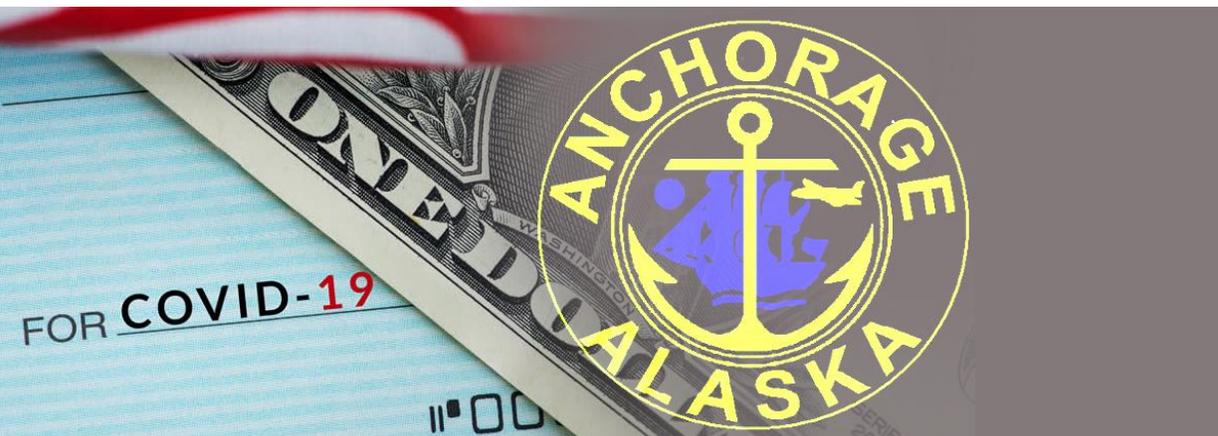
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Religious Exploration Chalice Circle

10:15 am Sunday, April 11

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Summer Peace Camp - One week

July 12-16, 2021 K-5th grade

The camp features summer fun! Camp is from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm each day. Before (8-9 am) & after care (4:00- 5:00 pm) is also available.

Click the Peace Camp link on the AUUF home page for registration form.



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WhaleCoast Update 4-9-21

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Date fix: In case you haven't checked in lately about WhaleCoast, the correct dates for the second tour are July 7th-8th (NOT 14th-15th as previously advertised). Please adjust your calendars accordingly! Below is the latest tally of host volunteers as of April 8th.

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JULY: 10 Confirmed hosts / 26 bed units

9 "Maybe" hosts / 16 bed units

Registration for July will be closed soon, but we are close to being prepared for the current 26 guests including the 2 tour directors. 4 guests have paid extra for a private bedroom. The payment for each of these guests will be \$127.50/night, which would be extra profit for AUUF! And at least 2 other guests have requested separate bedrooms. Backups will likely be needed.

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Alaska Black Caucus: Community Conversation: Body Worn Cameras

Sunday April 11th, 7-8 PM

Join the Alaska Black Caucus for a discussion on the use of body worn cameras.

[Click here to register.](#)

Democracy Today! A Faith Call for Justice & Democracy

COMMUNITY EVENT (sponsored by UU the Vote)

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:00 - 4:30 PM (AK time)

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for a faith-grounded discussion and call to action for democracy on Wednesday, April 14, 3-4:30 AK time. Today we are witnessing a dangerous swelling in anti-democratic measures across the country. Nearly every state in the nation faces voter suppression bills, states and cities are criminalizing protest, and our immigration and criminal legal systems continue to keep us from the promise of a truly democratic nation. Right now, across the country, the people are rising up to demand democracy, organize their communities and leverage their collective power to move lawmakers and corporations to make change.

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Beware of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Dear Community,

Nationwide, there have been an increasing number of reports that individuals are being contacted via email and/or text message after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and asked to participate in a fraudulent post-vaccine survey with the promise of a prize or cash at the conclusion of the survey. The FBI and our partners just released the attached infographic explaining this scam, along with indicators/tips to avoid being victimized.

[Three Ways to Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams \(PDF\)](#)

Thank you,

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UU the Vote and the Anti-Racism Team will be holding an educational and action-oriented event on Monday April 12th and/or Thursday April 15th which will focus on the attempts to enact laws which will result in voter suppression, both in AK and the nation. We will watch a brief (5-minute) video and learn about HR/Senate bill 1 (the "For the People" Act). This session will include EASY ACTION STEPS which we can take to oppose the voter suppression bills and support voting

rights law.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Gentle Beginners Yoga

10:00 am Tuesday, April 13

Visit [Yoga Collective AK](#) for zoom link and class details.

Adult Religious Exploration

7 pm Tuesday, April 13

Rev. Lise will facilitate the Tapestry of Faith curriculum, What Moves Us. Written by theologian, Rev. Thandeka, the 10 sessions look at the belief systems of historical and current UUs and help us articulate what we believe and have experienced in our own faith journeys. Classes will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month through May.

Find the calendar link on the AUUF homepage .

Freethinkers

12 pm, April 16

Genetics is Big, Deep, Exciting, and Now!
by Marie Lundstrom

We are definitely in today's world in *The Code Breaker*. Walter Isaacson gives a solid background as context for Jennifer Doudna's work with CRISPR, which means getting into DNA and Watson, Crick, Franklin, and Watkins, plus other luminaries. Then onward into RNA and what that means for us right now with vaccines based on mRNA. The coronavirus is with us whether we want it to be or not.

Women in science is an important underlying theme in the telling of Doudna's story. Sexism is an ongoing obstacle, which Rosalind Franklin, Doudna, and others have had to hurdle in order to be effective, sometimes making it and sometimes not.

But mostly we are enjoying becoming drenched in science, in genetics, in teamwork, in what can make us ultimately healthier and safer. Join us Friday at noon on Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the calendar for the link.

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AUUF Anti-Racism Team corner: Upcoming events of interest

Democracy Today! A Faith Call for Justice & Democracy (sponsored by National UU the Vote)
COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM AK time

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for a faith-grounded discussion and call to action for democracy on Wednesday, April 14, 7-8:30 pm ET/6-7:30pm CT/5-6:30pm MT/4-5:30pm PT. Today we are witnessing a dangerous swelling in anti-democratic measures across the country. Nearly every state in the nation faces voter suppression bills, states and cities are criminalizing protest, and our immigration and criminal legal systems continue to keep us from the promise of a truly democratic nation. Right now, across the country, the people are rising up to demand democracy, organize their communities and leverage their collective power to move lawmakers and corporations to make change.

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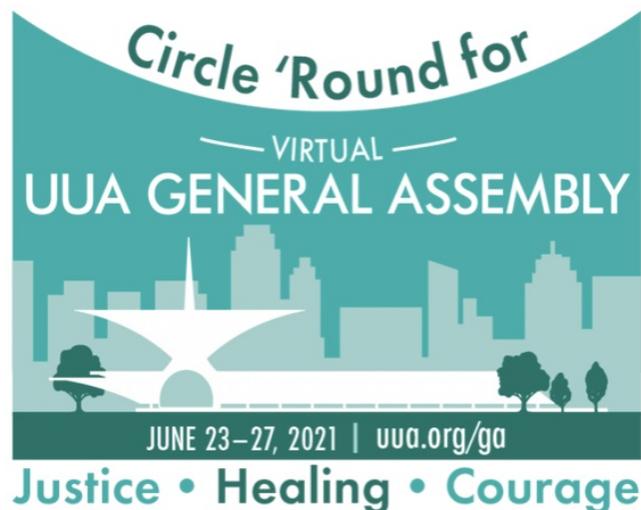
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WhaleCoast Update

Hosts with Guest Space Still Needed • Driver Volunteers Also Needed

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are still needed to put on the backup list, especially any hosts who can offer more than 1 bed!

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4. Help with the 2 banquets (June 13th and July 8). Thanks again to everyone who has offered to be a host or driver! Please get yourself vaccinated if you haven't, and consider contacting me if you have guest space and think you might help with this major fundraising tour program!

Denise Martin: dulcimer.diva@gmail.com.

For more information, go to our [Fundraiser website](#).

Also, if you're intrigued about the tours, go to whalecoastak.org to view the entire statewide itinerary. To inquire about joining up with the UU tourists coming in July, please contact tour

director Dave Frey: dfrey@whalecoastak.org



Annual Business Meeting

May 2nd 10:00 am

Pre-Registration Required

The Registration link is on the AUUF website under the tab *What's Happening* you will find the Annual Meeting page

Looking forward to seeing you!



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Sunday 4/18/21

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Annie & Dennis Ronsse

Virtual Forum

9 am Sunday, April 18

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

[Click here to read speaker bio.](#)

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Multigenerational Earth Day Service

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry & Friends

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Calling all painters!

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We would like to complete the painting over the next 10 – 14 days in order to keep the rest of the construction on schedule. The specific dates have yet to be determined and will be set based on the availability of interested volunteers. If you are interested and available, please contact Don Antrobus directly via email at dtantro@gci.net or by phone at (907) 980-2077. Come see the progress that has been made on the sanctuary remodel project and help us move it to completion!



2021 Annual Business Meeting

May 2nd on Zoom

Check out our [Annual Meeting](#) webpage

in the *What's Happening* menu on AUUF website &

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and find links to important documents and websites

Members will be voting on the

Adoption of our FY 2022 Operating Budget (7/1/21-6/30/22)

Election of two members to the Board of Directors

Election of three members to the Endowment Committee

Pre-Registration is Required, so do so early

Doors will open at 9:00 am, Meeting will convene at 10:00 am

EARTH DAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

Dennis Arashiro

"Understanding the links between social justice and environmental sustainability must be at the heart of a new social settlement."

- Anna Coote

Climate change poses a global threat to social justice. The chasm between the rich and the poor means different outcomes for both. When faced with drought, floods, hurricanes and other climate change disasters, the rich have the means to escape to other nations who welcome their investment dollars--while the poor face closed borders. When faced with acidifying oceans, the rich can profit off sheltered fish farms--while the poor can no longer live off the seas. When faced with dangerous heat waves, the rich pay a higher price for air conditioning--while the poor pay a higher price in death by heatstroke.

So what can stand in the way of a common focus on meeting the challenge of climate change? The very chasm between rich and poor! When faced with future global catastrophe, we can see the rich turn away to focus their concern on their present portfolios--while the poor turn away to focus their concern on their immediate survival. Without greater equality to bridge social division, there can be no common focus. Without common focus, there can be no collective action. Without collective action, there can be no success in achieving environmental sustainability. We must end poverty to end ecological disaster. We must fight for social justice to fight for our planet.

Let's realize that vision on Earth Day.

AUUF Anti-Racism Team corner:

This 5-minute video was shared at a national UU-the-Vote event as well as our own local education session on Voter suppression. The link is listed below if you are interested in seeing this.

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On view April 30 — Nov 30, 2021

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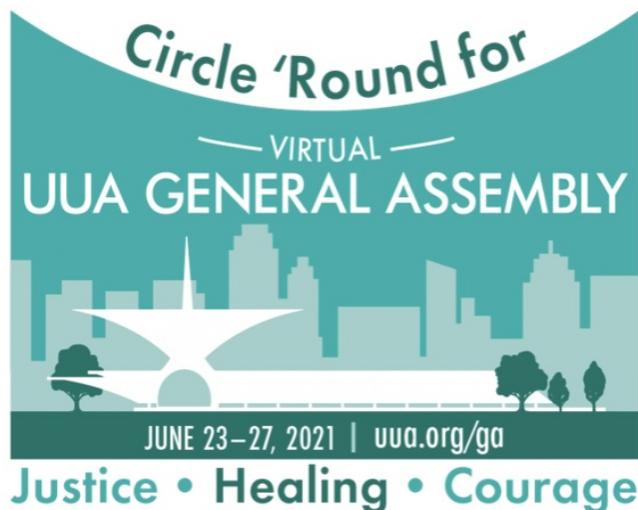
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Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness	✓
Travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test	✓
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A message from the Pacific Northwest District UU Board.

Later this week you and other leaders in the Pacific Northwest will receive an invitation to our District's upcoming Annual Meeting. I'm writing to you now, to let you know about some important news that will be included in that invitation.

At our annual meeting on May 16, 2021, the Pacific Northwest District Board will advise our member congregations to dissolve the district, with the final vote to be taken at a Regional Assembly in November.

Over the past several years, current and past members of the PNWD Board have been in a careful and considered discernment process about how to engage with the structural shift across our association from districts to regions. In every other part of the country, districts have joined together to become:

- The Southern Region
- Central East Region
- Mid-America Region
- New England Region

The congregations in those areas are now served by regional UUA staff and district budgets have become part of the budget of the larger association. After much discussion with the boards of the other three districts in the West, we have come to view Regionalization as inevitable and see this as the moment for our next step.

At our Annual Meeting on May 16:

- We will propose Bylaw changes that will make the dissolution of the District possible
- We will celebrate the incredible leadership and stories of resilience in the PNW, and
- We will share more about the process of Regionalization.

In the coming months, we will host online conversations with anyone who wants more information, listening deeply to questions and concerns that arise.

We also encourage folks to participate in the Love Right Through Forums ([Click here.](#)), hosted by our Regional Staff to explore the impact of Regionalization across our four districts.

In November, we will gather again as a District, at which point members will vote to dissolve the PNW District. Thank you for the leadership you have provided UUs in our district during this difficult year. We hope you and your constituents will join us for a celebratory annual meeting on May 16. More information about registration, delegates, and the agenda will be forthcoming in the regional newsletter and on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting!

Warmly,
Joseph Bednarik

YOUNG ADULT REVIVAL NETWORK



CONline 4

April 30 - May 2, 2021

For: People Ages 18 to 39

Cost: Free

Contact: yarn@uusf.org

[Register Here, Today!](#)

It's time for CONline 4, and we are all about that bass, so join us for a beat-bopping weekend! This weekend will be filled with worship, small groups, workshops, and FUUN! Whether it's your 1st time or your 4th, come join us for all or part of CONline 4. Registration is now open and free! Open to all Unitarian Universalist young adults and friends between the ages of 18 to 39.

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And we need you on our team.



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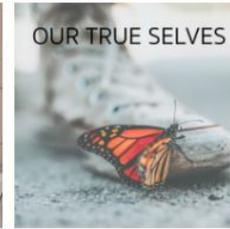
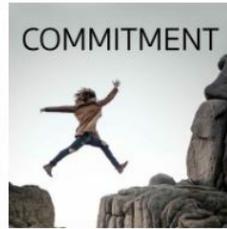
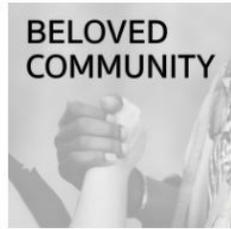
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Wednesday 4/21/21

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Thursday 4/22/21

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7:30 pm Music with Megan

Friday 4/23/21

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Saturday 4/24/21

Sunday 4/25/21

9 am Virtual Forum

What You Have Heard Is True
Poet and Human Rights Advocate
Carolyn Forché

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12 pm, Friday April 23

Women CAN Do Science!

By Marie Lundstrom

One of the great things about reading *The Code Breaker* is all the related material—"Women in Science," Jennifer Doudna's Nobel lecture, TED talk by Doudna, TED talk by James Watson, interviews, articles. There's a lot of stuff out there, and it's current! Sharing what we find adds spice to our reading.

We talked a lot about women in science now and in the past—I love Silver Hjellen's story about nailing the bozo who came into her lab asking about the "cheesecake in here?" And the problems of acceptance, not only on scientific teams, but in the scientific work women do. The whole notion that if women do it, it can't be as important or as well done as what men would do. I've found that old mindset in myself, a holdover from young years when men were deferred to as "the bosses." I continually check my own attitudes to make sure that old mindset is not operating.

I cheer Doudna's aggressiveness as well as her support of self-starters and her efforts to have a congenial, collegial lab team. This reading is such good fun! For next week, April 23, read Part 3 Gene Editing, through ch 31 Patents—for print books, that's through page 241. To join Freethinkers on Zoom Friday at noon, go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar, and the link will come up.

Catch the Rising Tide ... of charitable deductions!

Charitable Giving in 2020

How does it go again? The 2020 CARES Act added an option for up to \$300 in deductions from your income for a charitable gift of cash, even if you don't itemize your deductions. FYI that's \$300 per tax return, not per taxpayer, if you file jointly. The IRS has a website where you can search for qualifying organizations (we checked to make sure AUUF is a "yes" and it is!). Find this and other tips

here: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-the-cares-act-changes-deducting-charitable-contributions>



Tax-wise, there are other ways to benefit from your annual pledge to AUUF, even if your deductions don't reach the standard deduction. While a tax professional is your best resource, some common examples are:

- 1) Taxpayers age 70 ½ or older can make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA – up to \$100,000 – directly to an eligible charity.
- 2) Rather than cash, give stocks or bonds that you have held for over a year. When stocks are up, this is most certainly a better financial deal for you than giving cash, whether you itemize your deductions or not.
- 3) Another strategy is to combine multi-year deductions into one year. Many taxpayers won't qualify for the necessary deductions to surpass the 2020 standard deduction threshold (\$12,400 for individuals, \$24,800 for joint filers). However, you can still receive a tax benefit by "bunching" multiple years' worth of charitable giving in one calendar year to surpass the itemization threshold. In off-years, you take the standard deduction.

These strategies could save you thousands of dollars, not to mention supporting the charitable organizations that mean something to you. We hope AUUF is one of those!

Questions? Contact the stewardship committee at stewardship@anchorageuuf.org

ANCHORAGE DATES:
JUNE 12-16 (Banquet 13th)
JULY 7-8 (Banquet 8th)



WhaleCoast Update

We now have a roster of 31 guests for the June tour, and host match-ups are underway. We'll likely be calling for some driving help once the matches are finalized. Some reminders about the June tour: arrival times vary among all the guests (and we're still missing some of that information). But the general idea is that most hosts will contact and arrange to pick up their guests on Saturday, June 12th. A few guests arrive a day or 2 early, and if hosts are willing to house them, AUUF will earn extra for those nights (otherwise, it's Motel 6). After 2 nights in Anchorage with hosts, the guests take a train to Seward and come back to Anchorage on the 16th for a 3rd (and final) night's stay with hosts. Tentative tour schedule and driving details are on our website:

[Fund-raisers](#)

July schedule is shaping up, and while we don't have a guest roster yet, word has it that private bedrooms are in demand, so we'll be calling on anyone with more than one bedroom to offer, including folks who also hosted in June. Unlike the June tour, guests arrive in Anchorage all at once at the train depot on a Wednesday night and stay with hosts for only 2 nights.

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Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday, April 18, 2021

From Ruth Greenwood: Such joy to be able to get together with 2 other fully vaccinated friends and share a meal and watch a movie together. After more than a year of living alone and having no one in my bubble. And HUGS!

From David & Irene: Sorrow for my dad whom I just visited in Arizona for the last few days who is suffering from dementia. So sad to see someone decline like this, my dad, and someone who was once the leading expert on radiation physics in the country and participated in the nuclear bomb tests in the Pacific in the 1950s.

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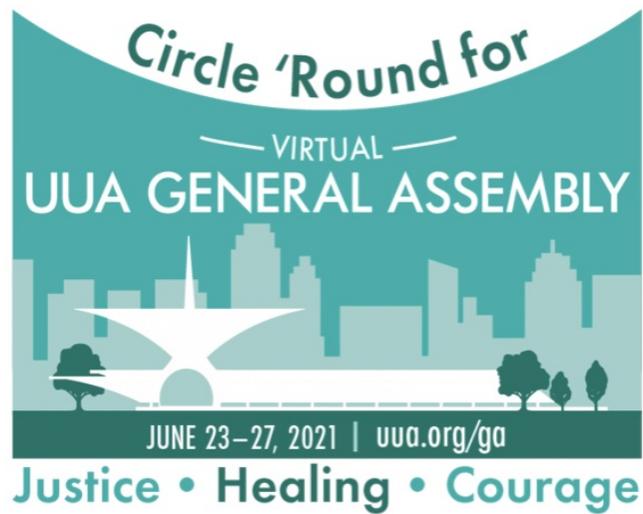
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12:30-1:30 pm Sunday, April 25

Stay on the same Zoom meeting as the Worship Service, and we will begin after.

Join us for a discussion of the proposed budget for next year. All three meetings will be the same. This is a time for you to ask your questions as well as have a brief overview of the summary

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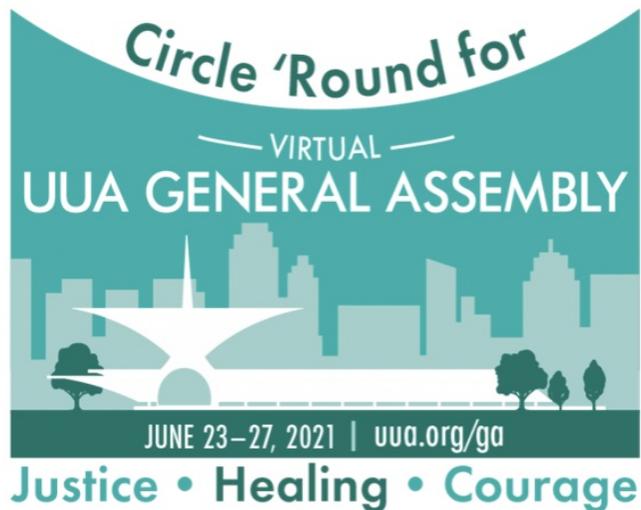




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Blessings,
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Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, April 30

From Gardening to Genetics to Ethics—We Cover Ground!
By Marie Lundstrom

What a fascinating range of topics we touch in our discussions! Gardening—watch the Netflix documentary Kiss the Ground which “reveals that, by regenerating the world’s soils, we can completely and rapidly stabilize Earth’s climate, restore lost ecosystems and create abundant food supplies.” Encouraging, especially since I need to fill my new garden box with good soil to raise carrots, beets, spinach, and sunflowers. Last Sunday’s Forum on gardening got me inspired to grow great food!

DIY Genetics—get your CRISPR home kit today! DIY AI—build your own Artificial Intelligence at home with your computer. Population—we have 7.8 billion people on the planet, with 9.8 bn projected by 2050 and 11.2 bn projected by 2100. Can Earth survive all those people? Should we try to cure genetic diseases and extend lives?

Ethics—where do we stop in editing the human genome? Judith Andereggs suggests reading *Altered Inheritance: CRISPR and the Ethics of Human Genome Editing* (c2019) by Françoise Baylis. Moral and ethical questions abound in genetic manipulation. And we will be reading about those very biting issues in the coming weeks in Walter Isaacson’s *The Code Breaker*. For next week, read Parts 4, 5, and 6, through chapter 39 “Acceptance.” For a print copy, that’s through page 332.

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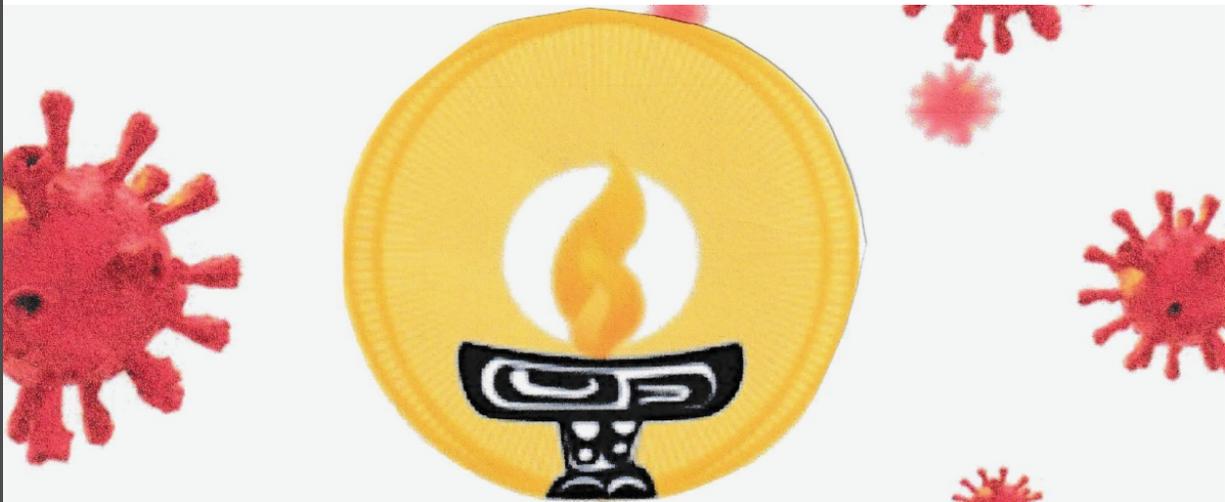
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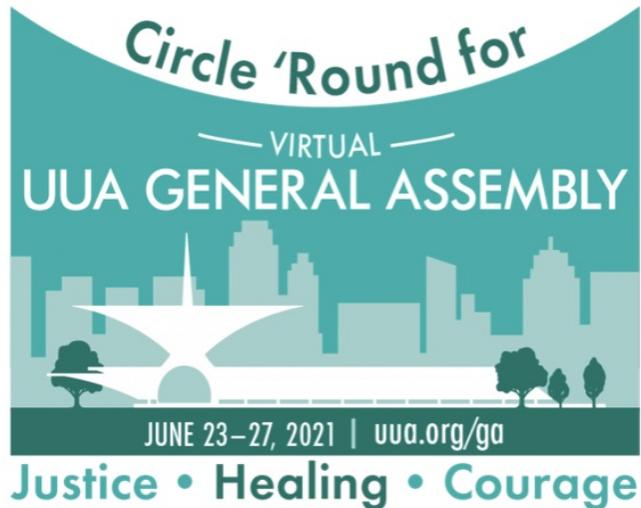
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Tentative tour schedule and driving details are on our website: [Fund-raisers](#)

What we still need for the June 12-16 tour:

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Reminder: All volunteers for the tours need to be fully vaccinated for Covid in advance of coming into contact with guests (who will also be fully vaccinated). This means 2 weeks in advance of the start of dates. Free vaccines are readily available in Anchorage, so we don't expect this to be a problem.

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	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	

Construction Updates



Preparing to install new doors.



More work on the sound booth.



New doors installed.



Can you help us?

We are in desperate need of blankets for our shelter clients! Twin-sized new or gently used, clean blankets preferred.

Every day of the week you can drop off blankets at the Sullivan Arena between 9am-9pm. Pull up to a parking spot near the main entrance closest to Ben Boeke and adjacent to the statue. From inside your car, text or call 907.310-4091 and one of our staff will come and greet you. You can also wave down a staff person in Bean's logo wear for assistance.

Be sure to ask for a receipt before you leave!

Can't donate in person? Donate monetarily through this email, or mail donations to 1020 E. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501- our Bean's Cafe Administration office.

Our solution to climate change? Democracy.

And we need you on our team.



April Half-Portion for Social Action Citizens' Climate Lobby

This month's recipient of the half portion goes to Citizens' Climate Education (CCE)/Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a volunteer-driven, non-partisan, non-political, non-profit that works to educate citizens on how to advocate effectively for climate legislation with their elected officials. Since its inception in 2008, CCE/CCL has championed bi-partisan solutions to mitigate climate change. Efforts by CCL groups were behind last year's launch of the bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus of which Senator Murkowski is an active member.

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If you would like to learn more about CCE & CCL, please contact George Donart (anchorageclimate@gmail.com) or go to CitizensClimateLobby.org

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