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Today At Your Fellowship
Thursday, October 6, 2022

This Weekend @ AUUF
Find Zoom [links here.](#)

Thursday 10/6/22

6:30 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Auction Planning Group

Friday 10/7/22

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Saturday 10/8/22

8:30 am AA Slap Happy
1 pm Private Rental

Half Portion Recipient for October is
[Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness](#)

Sunday 10/9/22

9 am Virtual Forum

11 am Sunday Worship Live at AUUF &
on Zoom

12:30 pm The Alliance

2:30 pm Worship Associate Meeting

4 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting

Monday 10/10/22

4:30 pm Private Rental
6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha

Tuesday 10/11/22

2 pm Hungry Book Club
5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
6 pm Private Rental

Wednesday 10/12/22

6 pm Safer Congregation Team
6:30 Connections Team Fireside Chat

The Voyage of The Alaska Union

Adventure, Danger, Scurvy, Romance.



The Forum - 9 am Sunday October 9, 2022

The Voyage of the Alaska Union: Adventure, Danger, Scurvy, Romance with Mr. Whitekeys, Boy Historian

Virtual Forum

9:00 am Sunday, October 9, 2022

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

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

October at the Forum

We have an exciting variety of Forum programs scheduled for October. Spread the word. **Speakers' bios and photos** can be accessed from the AUUF Home Page (www.anchorageuuf.org) through the link at "Virtual Forum," or by going to "Sunday Services" under the pull-down Menu for "Ministry."

On Sunday, **October 2** we had an excellent presentation from **Codie Costello**, President and COO of the **Alaska Center for the Performing Arts** and General Manager of **Broadway Alaska**. If you missed it, you'll be able to catch most of it on the **podcast** (minus several video clips from the Broadway productions, which we weren't allowed to include—"you had to be there." This can be found, along with other Forum podcasts—thank you, Ken Winterberger—by going to the blue box in the left column of the AUUF Home Page under "Stay Up to Date," or directly to [the podcast page](#).

This Sunday, **October 9**, our speaker will be **Mr. Whitekeys, Boy Historian**. You may know him as the long-time host of the Whale Fat Follies at his Spenard nightspot, The Fly By Night Club, or maybe as head of the local chapter of the Audubon Society. He will talk with us about his most recent passion—researching a history of a Gold Rush era vessel and writing a book about it called ***The Voyage of the Alaska Union: Adventure, Danger, Scurvy, Romance.***

The following week, on Sunday, **October 16**, former Alaska Senate President and co-chair of the bipartisan group "Defending Our Constitution," **Cathy Giessel**, will talk about **Ballot Measure 1** — **"Shall There Be a Constitutional Convention.** She will be joined by attorney **Donna Goldsmith** and retired Superior Court Judge **Elaine Andrews**, co-chairs of Alaskans for **Fair Courts**, who will focus on how the upcoming general election could involve important issues relating to **selecting and retaining judges.**

On **October 23**, Perseverance Theatre's Artistic Director and nationally respected theatre consultant **Leslie Ishii** will talk about ***"Bringing JEDI Principles to Theatre: Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion."***

How do whales make history? Can reindeer be communists? On the last Sunday, **October 30th**, we will hear from writer and Brown University associate professor **Bathsheba Demuth**. She'll talk about her excellent book, **"Floating Coast, An**

Environmental History of the Bering Strait,” and the linked human and ecological pasts of the Bering Strait over the past two centuries, from Russia to Alaska and back. There’s no homework for the Forum but you still have time to read this beforehand if it catches your fancy.

As always, we encourage you to 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.



Sunday Worship - 11 am Sunday October 9, 2022

Celebrating Indigenous Legislators

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Michele Champion

Sunday Worship at AUUF and on Zoom

11:00 am Sunday, October 9, 2022

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

Worship Services for October 2022

The SoulMatters theme for October is Courage. Courage!!! Sometimes it feels like just getting out of bed in the morning takes courage! But other days we wake up miraculously ready to love our folks with all our heart and take on the world. These ups and downs are just part of the human condition and being willing to acknowledge and accept that truth takes courage, too.

So far this month we’ve had our Animal Blessing Service (it took courage to bring our pets, didn’t it?) and learned a little about St. Francis and how his countercultural ways shaped a religious movement. Hopefully this month you’ll find some more inspiration in the stories and lives we’ll share in worship on Sundays at 11 am. We hope to see you there and hear your stories about courage as well.

Oct. 9, 11 am In-person and on Zoom

Celebrating Indigenous Legislators

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Michele Champion

In Alaska we’ve recently been excited to have elected our first Alaska Native woman as our representative to Congress. There are a few other indigenous folks serving in Congress as well. How does this representation change the view in Washington and how can we courageously continue to work for more diversity?

Oct. 16, 11 am In-person and Zoom

Honoring Sadako Sasaki

Shunji Ninoyu, Dennis Arashiro, and Joyce Laine

Sadako Sasaki was a victim of the Hiroshima bombing at the end of WWII. Her story

has been turned into a children's story and her life has been shared with many, though she died at an early age. Our guest speaker will share the courage that she and her family have had as they worked, to tell the truth about nuclear weapons.

Oct. 23, 11 am In-person and Zoom

And She Persisted—Margaret Fuller

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Cassie Thomas

Margaret Fuller lived in the early 19th century and courageously fought against society's limitations on women. As a Unitarian, she contributed to the Transcendental movement and hoped for many rights that only now are beginning to come to fruition.

Oct. 30, 11 am In-person and Zoom

All Soul's Day

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and AUUF



AUUF Learning & Exploration Needs Your Help!

Fall Frolic was amazing! We had over 100 people from about 35 families frolicking at Kings Lake this year. Thank you to everyone who came together to make the magic happen! We also have nearly 50 children and youth signed up for programs this year, with our first day back being this Sunday, Oct 9th at 11 am.

We do need your help! We need several more teachers to volunteer about twice a month on Sunday mornings. We also need assistants, who don't plan lessons but help out once or twice a month to help cover when teachers are gone or to help with group activities on Sunday mornings. This is a good way to check it out once to see how you like it! The youth have some exciting plans this year, and we are especially in need of youth advisors who can be there for youth-led and organized evening, weekend, and overnight events, about once a month or so. Lastly, if you don't have much time, but want to support, volunteer to provide snacks for classes, one time or regularly! If you would like to help shape and grow Learning and Exploration programs, come help us and be part of the team! We have several team positions open and look forward to working together to build the program this year.

We appreciate all our volunteers who make it happen for the kids. If you can, give a little time for a lot of impact!

Volunteers Needed:

Children's Teachers - planning and teaching class twice a month, Sunday mornings

Assistants - once a month, Sunday Mornings

Youth Advisors - monthly/every other month, for evening/weekend activities

Snack Masters - drop off snacks for Sunday mornings

Team Members - twice a-month meetings

Contact DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org to volunteer!

Fireside Chat for Oct 2022 / Connections

Staying Connected - Fireside Chat at the AUUF Outdoor Fire Pit

Wed. Oct. 12, 6:30-8:00 pm

Pack a warm beverage in a thermos, grab your lawn chair and join us for some

informal conversations around the AUUF fire pit. The AUUF Connections Team wants to have at least one more of these 2nd Wednesday gatherings before winter sets in. We usually enjoy sharing “s’mores” and other light snacks. Bring your family and friends! If the weather turns foul, we will mask up and move inside. For more information, email connections@anchorageuuf.org.

Staff Changes

Dear Ones,

Some of you may have already heard (I announced it at Worship last Sunday), that Megan Webb, our Music Director for the last five years, has decided to resign. I imagine many of you are sad to hear this. Megan has brought joy, professionalism, a strong ethic of teamwork, and a diversity of music to our Fellowship. She also was foundational in helping us switch to Zoom services during the pandemic shut-down and helping the Worship Team over the summer months between Rev. Shelley's departure and my arrival. I know the choir has enjoyed working with her (Didn't they have a fabulous concert a couple of weeks ago?!) and I have gained so much learning from and collaborating with her over the last two years.

Megan's last Sunday with us will be October 16. But, she has agreed to help us out on a few Sundays between then and the end of the calendar year as we search for a replacement. We'll be depending on Fellowship musicians to help with worship in the meantime, and the choir, with a bit of pre-planning help from Megan, is going to continue to sing for us about once a month as a lay-lead group for the time being.

Unfortunately, I had already planned to be out-of-state visiting relatives on October 16, so I won't be here to officially send her off and thank her for all her hard work and contributions. I trust this loving Fellowship will take the reins on this in my absence. And if you can't be here on the 16th, please find some time to let Megan know how much she has meant to us. It's a bittersweet time for both Megan and our Fellowship as it's hard for Megan to leave, too, but all good things eventually come to an end.

Blessings, Rev. Lise

Let's Hear A Cheer For Megan!

by Marie Lundstrom, Choir Member

Last spring, a couple of weeks before our concert-that-wasn't, I wrote a piece for TAYF about our AUUF Music Director Megan Webb. Now we know that she is leaving that position as of October 16. So I'm going to crib from part or all of that piece to give folks a picture of what Megan has been doing for us during the past five years—for a part-time position, it's a lot!



For one, Megan runs our choir show. She buys music she thinks we can do comfortably; she comes early on Thursdays to be ready for us at 6:30; she gives us crazy warmups; she takes us through part by part, again and again; she directs and plays the piano at the same time; she makes recordings and puts them online so we can learn our parts; she sends out reminders of practice and what we need to know. And she organizes our concerts each year, such as the one we just had on Sept 23.

As Music Director, Megan plans with Rev Lise and a Worship Associate what music to have at the 11 am Worship Service. For in-person events, she'll be there to play the piano and lead the congregation in singing. For Zoom services, she figures out how to fit music in. The pandemic really tasked her ingenuity to find ways to make music a part of our Fellowship when we couldn't sing, play, or meet together safely.

And all that is only her after-school, part-time job. Megan has a day job instructing Wendler Middle School band students. And she has a young son. And how she has

managed all that is a wonder! We are all lucky that she has done so these five years! And soon she will leave us, a sad time to contemplate.

Share Your Talent, Passion, or Fat Tire Bike!

We were scrolling through the online auction that the fellowship in Fairbanks is holding and got some great ideas! Someone, there is offering eight hours of carpentry skills, while someone else is offering to snow plow your driveway. Don't those sound divine? Other folks are offering group dinners, guided nature walks, and the use of their tandem bike. Our own auction team has learned that experiences and services are very popular, and so far we have several, including bowling and paint nights, dinner overlooking Sand Lake, and a B & B stay. What could you share? Use of your kayak, fat tire bike, or other outdoor gear? A guided hike and picnic lunch? Computer skills? Your auction team can't wait to hear from you. Also, if you have actual items to drop off, please take them downstairs to Rm. 2 and fill out the paper form. (Sunday mornings are best or Monday-Thursday 10 am—2 pm) There's also a personal link in the email that was sent to you late last month.

Questions? auktion@anchorageuuf.org

Jack Roderick Memorial

Jack Roderick Memorial service will be held at AUUF on October 22 from 3 pm until 5 pm please RSVP to attend, by contacting Molly at mrossboss@gmail.com

Rev. Lise will be out of town from October 10-18

Rev. Lise will be out of town from October 10-18. During her absence, you can contact Robin Hill (akhills@ak.net) on the Pastoral Care Team if you have a pastoral emergency. Otherwise, please reach out to Shellie Goodin, our Congregational Administrator, in the Fellowship Office.

Kelly Spring, Communications Specialist altered hours October 10-14

Hi Everyone,
Next week I am traveling and may work altered hours. I will still be available by email daily and will publish TAYF on Thursday as usual.
Thanks,

Thank you from Gary Holthaus' family

One of the things we do really well as a community is support one another on our journeys. I know how much Gary meant to this Fellowship and I'm so glad we got to spend some time remembering him after his death. Our memorial was important to so many including Gary's family. Below is the text of a note from Stephanie Holthaus (Gary's daughter) that she gave me permission to share with you all:

"Many thanks to you and the UU community for a lovely memorial for Dad. We are so grateful that he was here for his time as minister--we were able to spend time with him [here in Alaska] and hear stories we may not have otherwise heard. What a gift! Dad would have been delighted to see everyone and hear all of the beautiful words. Warmly, Stephanie"

Thank you so much for creating Beloved Community here at AUUF!

Music Together Mountain Song

My fall music session starts tomorrow (at a different church) and I'm offering full-tuition scholarships for up to three children for whom participation in high-quality music programs like mine might not otherwise be financially possible. Recipients of the tuition scholarship will only need to pay Music Together materials and service fees (\$42 per family per semester).

My classes are 45 minutes in length and meet once weekly for 9 weeks. The Wednesday morning class is at 10:00 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in east Anchorage.

In addition to weekly music classes, participants receive a beautifully illustrated songbook, a CD, digital access to the song collection, and online resources for parents.

To protect our young children, some of whom are not yet fully vaccinated, proof of Covid-19 vaccination and masks are required for all adults attending my classes.

If you know of any families with young children (perhaps in the AUUF congregation?) who might be interested in the opportunity to take nearly free music and movement classes this semester, [please have them fill out this bilingual \(English/Spanish\) form.](#)

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