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FELLOWSHIP
*diverse beliefs,
common purpose.*

Today At Your Fellowship
Thursday
May 12, 2022

This Weekend @ AUUF

[Find Zoom links here.](#)

Thursday 5/12/22

5:30 pm Board Agenda Setting Meeting
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Healthy Congregation Team

Friday 5/13/22

12 pm Freethinkers
All-day COA Retreat off-site

Saturday 5/14/2022

All-day COA Retreat off-site

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

Sunday 5/15/2022

All-day COA Retreat off-site

9 am Forum Live at AUUF & on Zoom

**11 am Sunday Worship Live at AUUF &
on Zoom**

12:30 pm The Alliance

The Forum on Zoom

9 am Sunday, May 15

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

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Religious Exploration Happenings

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 13

Please Step Up, Help Keep Our Beacon of Hope Shining Brightly



What does AUUF mean to you? Your family? Why are you here?

AUUF is a rare beacon of hope flickering in the darkness of our conservative state. Most of us find our way to AUUF in search of fellowship and wisdom that helps us and our children grow as engaged, compassionate individuals tending democracy's garden. We come to AUUF to explore the unknown and unknowable together.

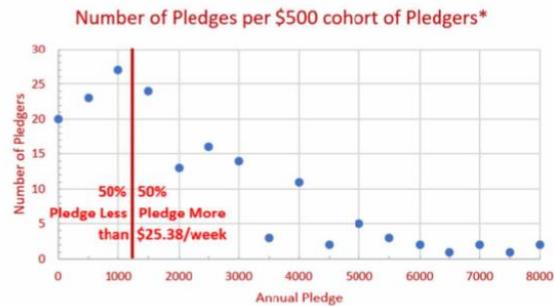
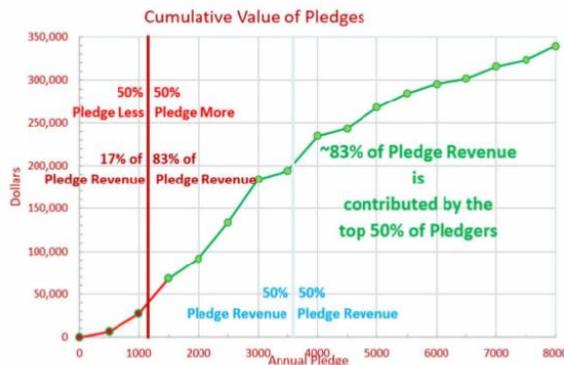
So, what is AUUF worth to you?

50% of you pledge less than \$25.50 a week.

(Someone might be inclined to believe you prefer to share more of your treasure with your barista than with your Fellowship.)

REALITY CHECK: If all Members had pledged \$25 a week this year, we would have had to **reduce our personnel budget by 29%**, severely cutting staff support for all AUUF activities.

Less than 17% of AUUF's pledge revenue comes from the 50% of our Members in the cheap seats.



I'm hoping you just haven't taken time to think about what it takes to support our informative Forums, our amazing lifespan religious explorations, our community engagements, our fine facilities, and our challenging worship services.

Every Member needs to accept their share of responsibility for making sure our Fellowship remains a vital force for enlightened thinking within our increasingly polarized community.

If your household is financially challenged, we do not want you to sacrifice any more on AUUF's account. But most of our members are relatively secure financially.

Our Fellowship values You.

We need you to value Our Fellowship.

We are all in this together.

We are better together.

As we reopen AUUF's doors, please take another look at your budget. Your AUUF pledge is very important. **Try to Imagine what \$50 or more a week could do for our Fellowship. Share what you can.**

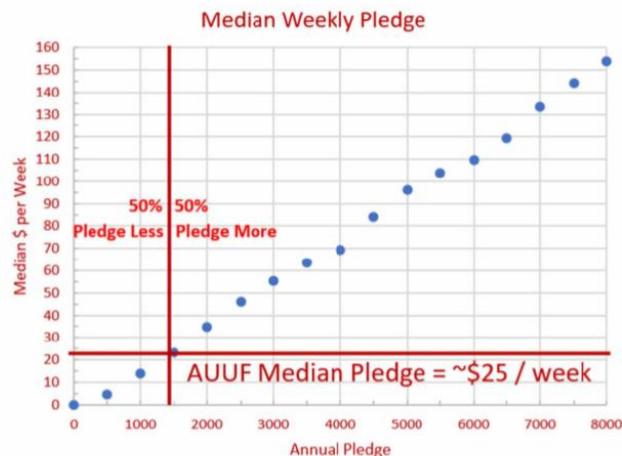
Thank you.

Till next week, Shalom.

Sid McCausland, Board Treasurer

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[Painting by Victor Minca]



*Two very generous Members' pledges do not fit on the graphs – Thank you!



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Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure



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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



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.

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!



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!

**Go to anchorageuuf.org
Click on the Half-Portion note
at the bottom of the home page.
Enter your donation under
"Half-Portion for Social Action"**

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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