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Today At Your Fellowship

Friday
September 3, 2021

This Sunday @ AUUF

Sunday 9/5/21

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10:30 am- NEW Sunday Worship

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Tuesday
September 7, 2021

The heart of justice is truth telling,
seeing ourselves and the world
the way it is rather than
the way we want it to be.
More than ever before we,
as a society, need to
renew a commitment
to truth telling.

bell hooks



This Week @ AUUF

Tuesday 9/7/21

4:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom

Wednesday 9/8/21

6 pm Safer Congregation Team

Thursday 9/9/21

5:30 pm Board Agenda Setting Meeting
6 pm CYRE Team Meeting on Zoom

Friday 9/10/21

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom
All Day COA Retreat offsite

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Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, September 10
On Zoom

Staying Grounded During Exponential Change by Cari Sayre

First, a huge thank you to Marie Lundstrom for two years of keeping us on track with what we're reading when not to mention her eloquent commentaries on our Friday discussions! Topics last Friday ranged from housing (Buckminster Fuller's geodesic domes to 3-D printing of homes) to flying cars and Future Shock, to how a human's medial prefrontal cortex shuts down when one tries to envision one's future. My own coping mechanism is to acknowledge future possibilities while remaining rooted in the lovely (non-virtual) reality of the natural world. Diving deeper into technology and how it may impact our lives, we'll continue reading *The Future Is Faster Than You Think*, by Peter Diamandis and Steven Kotler, chapters 4, 5, and 6 for Friday, Sept. 10, on Zoom — go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the link.

September Worship

The theme for worship this month is "Embracing Possibility." Is this topic ironic considering the COVID whiplash we've all been through this summer, or is it hopeful? Most likely (if we're embracing possibility) it's both and maybe even more. I've decided to accept it as an invitation, one that I extend to all of you as well. I hope to see you on Sundays, both virtually, and in person if you feel comfortable coming to AUUF. And remember, *our worship service returns to its regular 11 am slot, beginning September 12*. Below are the topics we'll be considering within this theme.

Blessings, Rev. Lise

September 12, 2021

Water Communion and Ingathering

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Rosene Beachy, DLRE and Rebecca Bernard, Ministerial Intern

Join us as we welcome one another back and share our spiritual water journeys from the summer. As we explore the theme of how water nurtures us, we'll also consider how we can protect this important life source. If you can, bring water to mix in the communion bowl with others as we demonstrate, metaphorically, how all of our lives connect and blend, one into the other.

Sept. 19, 2021

Covenant—the Foundation of our Faith

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Michele Champion, Worship Associate

What is a covenant and why is it important to our faith? Why don't we have a creed? Which is more challenging to live by? How can we help one another to live into the promises we make together? What can we do when promises are unfulfilled and how can we rebuild trust that has been broken? How can this possibility for renewal strengthen our community? These are just some of the questions we'll discuss as we consider the possibilities of covenant.

Sept. 26, 2021

Welcome to our Ministerial Intern!

Rebecca Bernard will be with us part-time for the next 9-ish months. This Sunday she'll share some of her life's story as well as her vision of why ministry, and her call, is important to her, and by association us. What possibilities will her ministry bring to AUUF and Unitarian Universalism?

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Looking for folks to host Zoom services

Do you enjoy being able to participate in the forum and worship services from home on Zoom? Many of us have benefitted from the availability of online services. And we need your help to keep it going.

What do you need?

- a computer
- an internet connection
- a willingness to learn
- Zoom
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I will happily train you to host Zoom meetings and help presenters with screen sharing.

Please let me know if you are interested in learning more. AUUF needs at least 8 more volunteers* to step up and help with Zoom hosting.

Sincerely,
Alix

*If you are already a member of the board of directors, please do not apply. Your time, talent and treasure is already hard at work.

Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday Worship Sept. 5

From George & Michele: Concern for Marie Rozak, and for Ron.



From Carol Clausson: May the working poor find support to find their way out of poverty with a living wage.

From Julie I Becker: Concern for everyone feeling the effects of weather events, wildfires, and feelings of loss of home and safety.

From Lucinda Kinard: We hope that as Marie Rozak fades into eternity, we can all give Ron support in his loss

From Joyce Laine: Joyce hopes her carpa tunnel surgery last Monday is successful.

From Amerika (RCSE) Rakiraki, Fiji to Everyone: Deeply concerned about the new laws that took effect on September 1 in my home state of Texas. One of them effectively disenfranchises me for not maintaining a residence in Texas while living here in Fiji.

From Carol Clausson to Everyone: May Unions again flourish and help everyone obtain a good wage, Heath care, and safe working conditions

From John McKay to Everyone:
Remember John Havelock and all he contributed to the state as well as AUUF.

From Joyce Laine to Everyone: May the terrible new restrictions on women's autonomy not spread.

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Ingathering and Water Communion Service

11 am Sunday, September 12

We hope to see you this Sunday online or in person. To accommodate more folks gathering we're doing things a little differently.

11 am: Worship starts in Sanctuary (and online) and Children's RE starts outside

11:35 am: Pause in worship so we all can gather together outside (masked)

11:45 am: Multigenerational worship begins outside (rain or shine). All ages will hear a story and add water from their spiritual journeys this past year in our Communion Bowl.

12:10 ish pm: Hang out outside and visit with friends for a while (masked, please)

Water, spiritual journey? Just bring any water that represents something that has nurtured you this summer--gardening, kayaking, rain water, bath water, squirt gun water. Water is a part of us all, and our world, so UUs take this time to blend our different inspiring waters together as a symbol of regathering after time apart. We hope to present the outside part of our service via zoom as well and understand if folks aren't comfortable gathering outside. Parking in your car at the fellowship is a welcome way to participate, too.

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Religious Exploration

FALL ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Anti-Racism Book Reading

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Adult Chalice Circles / Small groups

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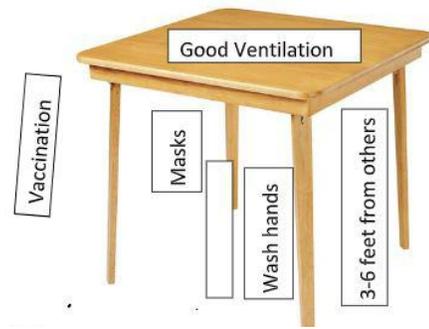
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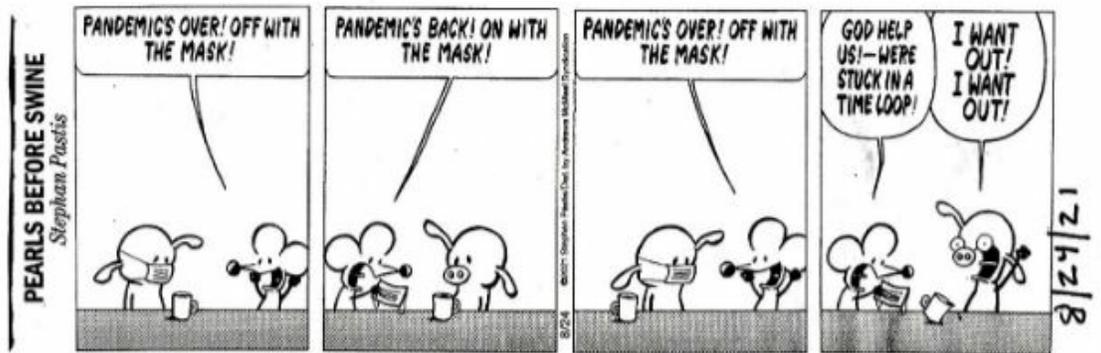
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Anti-Racism Team Corner

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More details will follow re: zoom invitation.

This is how the book is described on the In Spirit UU Book and Gift Shop webpage:

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BELOVED CONVERSATIONS: is a virtual learning program offered by Meadville Lombard Theological School for UUs who are seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. Several members of the AUUF anti-racism team are planning to take this course and we invite all who are interested to also enroll.

The first phase, called "Within," focuses on the internal work that each of us needs to do as we engage in deeper personal understanding, explorations of race and racism, extracting our souls and spirits from white supremacy culture, and work for racial justice

Deadline for registration: Sept. 15, 2021
Tuition: \$250 - \$350 (see webpage for details)
Timeframe: begins Sept 21, goes through Dec. 2021

Once you register and pay, a Welcome & Orientation Lesson will be available on the learning platform.
September 21: The first Lesson drops onto the learning platform for individual study and reflection at your own pace (followed approximately every two weeks by Lessons 2-6).
Ongoing: Small group Learning Pod gatherings, approximately every two weeks, as scheduled by your Pod
Meaning Making Sessions: Participants will choose ONE date/time to attend for each Session (1-3). If you cannot attend a Session live, they will be partially recorded and posted to the learning platform for later viewing.

[See the website for details and registration.](#)

If you have other questions, contact Michele Champion at akmichelechamp@yahoo.com. Rev Lise participated in this program last year and can answer questions about her experience.

[Click here to read more ...Events Around Town](#)

Looking for folks to host Zoom services

Do you enjoy being able to participate in the forum and worship services from home on Zoom? Many of us have benefitted from the availability of online services. And we need your help to keep it going.

What do you need?

- a computer
- an internet connection
- a willingness to learn
- Zoom
- commitment to host one meeting each month

I will happily train you to host Zoom meetings and help presenters with screen sharing. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more. AUUF needs at least 8 more volunteers* to step up and help with Zoom hosting.

Sincerely,
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Religious Exploration

FALL ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Anti-Racism Book Reading

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First Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 pm. Read through chapter 1 for our first meeting.

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On Zoom

What About the Role of Human Workers?

by Cari Sayre

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Joy & Sorrows

From AUUF Sunday Worship 9/12/21

From George - Anchorage to Everyone:

Sorrow for Marie Rozak, for the fires in the West. Joys for yesterday's bike ride & movement on carbon pricing in the US Senate

11:39:13 From Silverhjellen to Everyone:

My joys this week are holding my 10-day old new great-granddaughter and celebrating my 81st birthday with my family. My sorrow is thinking of the Afghans who were there helping our service people, translators, medical personnel who are still in great danger stuck in their country—why didn't we get them safely out and when will we do that. During the meditation, my joy was to think of the beautiful places water has been in my life-oceans, rivers, lakes...

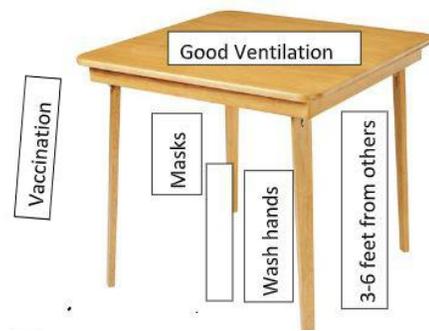
11:49:25 From Dave & Cari to Everyone: Dave is thankful for low fire danger here.

11:50:23 From Irene & David O'Brien to Everyone: We are thankful for the adventurous water that we see on our camping trips around Alaska.

11:51:55 From Diane Smith to Everyone: I'm thankful for the water I'm drinking during this service. And ... hasn't Anchorage been voted the city of the "best water" in the U.S? George, I bet you know about that ... the accuracy, and such.

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The lantern launch will be LIVE at Goose Lake at 8 pm, Please wear masks and spread out along the lakefront.

2) Beginning this week:

RE ZOOM Chalice Circles- Pre – 5th grade-

Time: 10:15- 10:45 AM - Live each Sunday morning! Also recorded and posted on the RE Facebook page

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A Word About COVID-19 From Your Safer Congregation Team

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- If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did before the

pandemic.

- To reduce the risk of being infected with the Delta variant and possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings. In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission:

- If you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease.
- If someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.
- If you have a medical condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you may not be fully protected even if you are fully vaccinated. You should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by your healthcare provider.
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- You will still need to follow masking and social distancing guidance at your workplace and local businesses.

Source: [Click here for the CDC website.](#)

A message from Alaska Literacy Program

Fundraiser 6:30 pm September 24

Dear AUUF,

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Here is the form to register from the trivia team:

[Click here to register.](#)

Here is also the facebook event:

[ALP Trivia for Literacy](#)

Changing minds in a divided world: The art of strategic dialogue

UAA/APU Books of the Year, Difficult Dialogues Initiative & CCEL invite you
Thursday, September 30, 2:30-3:45 pm



A talk by Justin Lee, author of UAA Book of the Year

Talking Across the Divide: How to Communicate with People You Disagree with & Maybe Even Change the World

To join, see Zoom information below

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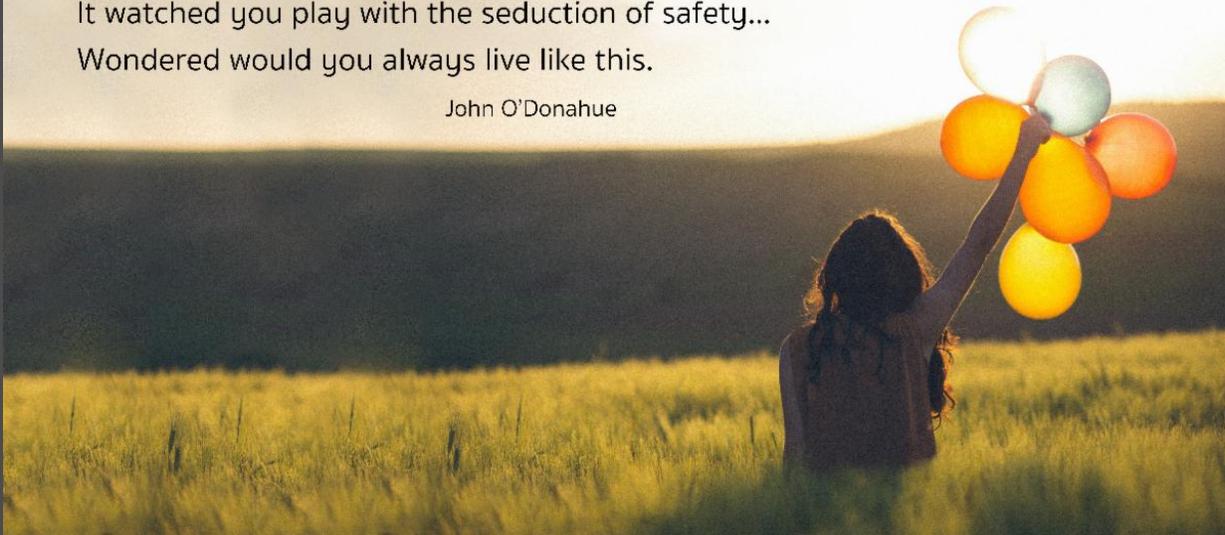


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Monday
September 20, 2021

This beginning has been quietly forming
Waiting until you were ready to emerge...
It watched you play with the seduction of safety...
Wondered would you always live like this.

John O'Donahue



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7-8:30 pm Stewardship Meeting

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5:30-6:30 pm Anti-Racism Team Meeting

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ALASKA INNOCENCE PROJECT

AUUF Half- Portion for Social Action October Recipient: The Alaska Innocence Project

The Alaska Innocence Project is the only organization in Alaska solely dedicated to identifying, freeing, and exonerating those individuals wrongfully convicted in the state. We receive requests to review claims of innocence from all over the State. The cases we review involve all types of criminal cases, arising out of all types of situations that can lead to wrongful convictions.

As part of AKIP's efforts to discover wrongful convictions in Alaska, we have undertaken an outreach program in rural Alaska. As a result of the size of Alaska, the remoteness of many of the villages, and the transience of many of those in the legal field, AKIP believes that wrongful convictions occur more often in the Bush. Because of the differences in cultures, we further believe many of those wrongful convictions go undiscovered. We are working to specifically identify these cases.

AKIP is a free-standing, non-profit organization, reliant on donations to fulfill its mission. Most of the funding AKIP receives is from individual donations. Traditionally, many of these came during our two annual fundraisers. However, the pandemic has prevented us from holding a fundraiser since the spring of 2019. We had planned to hold our first in-person fundraiser in two years this month but determined we could not hold it with the current surge in cases. We will be trying a virtual event on October 2, which is International Wrongful Conviction Day. This is why generosity like that shown by the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is so important to us. Thank you so very much.

Bill Oberly
Executive Director
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907-279-0454
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**Go to anchorageuuf.org
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September 21: International Day of Peace

Dennis Arashiro

The United Nations General Assembly recognized September 21 as the International Day of Peace in 1981. On the fortieth anniversary of that initial observance, the theme this year is: "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world." In February of this year, the UN Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for member states to support a sustained humanitarian cause to local conflicts to allow people living in the midst of violence to access lifesaving vaccinations and treatments for COVID-19 and other scourges. What we have learned in the past forty years is that establishing ceasefires and peace treaties between warring parties can only be a first step in establishing true peace.

We need equitable peace. That means realizing the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. That means identifying and healing the wounds of the underprivileged and marginalized everywhere. That means addressing the worldwide challenges of poverty, healthcare, and climate change as matters of social justice.

We need sustainable peace. That means peace with reconciliation, not victory and defeat. That means leaving behind an economy of finite resources that fuels conflict and building an economy of renewable resources that fuels cooperation. That means building and strengthening the institutions of global cooperation and peacemaking. That means making peace with nature as well as with one another. That means commemorating peace beyond one day.

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WHERE: Virtual Event

[LINK](#)

CONTACT: Kristel Komakhuk EMAIL: kkomakhuk@alaskapacific.edu

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Performances By: Martin Paul (Yup'ik) Woosh.ji.een led by Lyle and Kolene James (Tlingit)

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Join Rev. Lise for a walk and a talk. She'll be dressed in her walking shoes and appropriate outdoor gear, rain, snow, or shine, and ready to leave from the AUUF parking lot on:

Third Tuesdays at 2 pm (Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, etc.)
First Fridays at 5 pm (Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, etc.)

(Notice the alliteration?) Yes, she knows it will be dark soon at 5 pm, but evening walks are nice, right? Strollers and dogs are welcome and we'll adjust the pace for whoever is walking. So come share in fellowship and get a breath of fresh air!

Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, September 24
On Zoom

Too Many Options?

by Cari Sayre

Last Friday we read about the future of entertainment, education, and healthcare. Most agreed that the options for entertainment were too plentiful and too complicated to comprehend — even the lingo was hard to pronounce. Gone are the days of 3 or 4 networks of free TV, replaced by a myriad of choices that vanish as quickly as they appeared. Soon, it seems, we'll be able to transport ourselves anywhere to do anything, realistically, with just a VR headset! At that point, who needs reality? Teachers among us agreed that the authors' views short-changed education, giving it less than half the number of words than other topics, which seemed short-sighted at best. Our future generations WILL need to be educated — but how, and with what ends in mind? What DO kids need to learn? Could a personalized computer program do it all? What about social skills and problem-solving? The authors got one thing right about the US's current healthcare system in calling it Sick Care rather than Health Care. All the technological advances could prevent deaths from curable diseases and alleviate much suffering. But what will we sacrifice in the process — how much do we really want to know about what's coming up in our lives, and how much do we want the rest of the world to know about us? Read the next three chapters (10, 11, and 12) of *The Future Is Faster Than You Think* for next Friday, Sept 24, on Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the link.

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Choir Update!

Choir rehearsals begin on Oct. 7th at 6:30 pm. If you haven't been receiving emails about choir and want to start receiving them, email Megan at auufmusic@gmail.com so she can add you to her list.

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9 am Sunday, September 26

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Welcome!



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Virtual Worship

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New Worship Service Schedule Effective Immediately

Effective immediately (this Sunday, September 26) we are beginning a new worship schedule for our 11 am service regarding in-person and zoom services. The first and third Sundays of the month (the odd weekends) will be both in-person and over Zoom (hybrid). The second and fourth Sundays (even weekends) will be Zoom only. Our 9 am Forum service continues to be on Zoom only.

We apologize for yet another change, but in the time of COVID, we need to be flexible. As we all know, folks are having to deal with a lot right now, and this makes it more difficult to pursue volunteer activities, no matter how important they might be. Finding folks to help with AV (audio-visual) for in-person services is one of those volunteer activities that is showing the strain. Alternating in-person with hybrid services is one of the ways we're being flexible and providing grace during COVID. We appreciate your understanding.

To those of you who have recently volunteered to help with AV stuff--thank you! If others of you are interested, please contact Rev. Lise or Alix McKee.

Here's the schedule for the 11 am Worship Service for the rest of the year (odd weekends--

hybrid; even weekends of the month--Zoom) You might want to print this up and post it on your fridge. :-)

Sept. 26: Zoom only
October 3: In-person and Zoom (hybrid)
October 10: Zoom only
October 17: In-person and Zoom (hybrid)
October 24: Zoom only
October 31: In-person and Zoom (hybrid)
Nov. 7: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Nov. 14: Zoom only
Nov. 21: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Nov. 28: Zoom only
Dec. 5: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Dec. 12: Zoom only
Dec. 19: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service TBA
Dec. 26: Zoom only

Our 9 am Forum Service continues to be on Zoom only.

As a reminder, we continue to encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated. (All eligible children and religious exploration adult volunteers must be vaccinated to participate this year.) We are still requiring masks to be worn in the church building.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings, Rev. Lise

Thank you for your donations to our chosen non-profits and AUUF!

Thanks to the generous donations of our members and friends, we were able to support our chosen non-profits with \$718.22 in donations for August!

- Our August designee, Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations (AFACT) received \$445.57
- Our 5th Sunday Minister's Choice designee, UUSC Haiti Emergency Relief Fund received \$272.65

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Alliance Seeks New Members

The Alliance is inviting anyone interested in our past activities to join us this year. We raise funds to assist projects and programs of the Fellowship.

- We have purchased hymnals.
- Repaired upholstered chairs and purchased chair plaques.
- Provided refreshments at many Celebration of Life services.
- Provided a birthday cake once-a-month at Sunday coffee hour.
- Contributed turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Bought Easter flowers for the Sanctuary.
- Bought Poinsettias at Christmas for the minister and staff.
- Bought the beverages for several Annual Dinners.

- Contributed books to the Youth Group.
- And, supporting the will of the Fellowship, we provide the funds for the ad in ADN in the weekly Worship Services

Directory.

We sponsor an annual Rummage Sale in the spring and an annual Holiday Gift Sale in December to raise funds for these projects. We meet (by ZOOM) the second Sunday of each month, September through May, from 12:30-2:00 pm.

Call the AUUF office, 907- 248-3737, and leave your phone number. We will call or text to invite you to the next meeting.

Stephanie Koonz, President
Kalen Saxton, Vice President

Nominate an Outstanding UU!

Do you know an outstanding UU in our congregation? Here is your chance to recognize them for all the work they have done on behalf of AUUF. The Board presents two awards during the annual dinner to members who have contributed substantially to our congregation.

The awards are:

Volunteer of the Year: This award is meant to honor a person who has contributed a significant amount of volunteer time to the Fellowship during the last year. Recent awardees are Denise Martin (2016), Kalen Saxton (2017), the Project Oversight Team that managed our building renovation (2018), Carma Reed (2019), and the Ministerial Search Committee (2020).

Fred Hillman Distinguished Service Award: This award is named after long-time AUUF member and former Board president Dr. Fred Hillman, who passed away in 2014. Like its namesake, this award is meant to honor a person who lives the Seven Principles as part of their everyday life. Recent awardees are Sylvia Short (2016), Rod McCoy (2017), Helen Nienhueser (2018), Wendy Romberg (2019), and Ruth Sheridan (2020).

To submit a nomination for an award, send a brief statement (no more than one paragraph) on why you feel this person should be recognized to Board member Robin Hill at blink3433@icloud.com. The deadline for nominations is October 15.

Sad News

Dear Ones,

A few weeks ago I wrote that Marie Rozak was very ill with cancer. This past Monday (September 20), early in the morning, Marie died with Ron beside her.

I was able to spend some in-person time with Ron and Marie on Saturday, and while she was aware of my presence, it was clear that she was getting ready to go. Ron shared that their siblings and son were able to visit with her over the phone on Sunday so folks had an opportunity to say goodbye.

I know we all send our love and healing thoughts to Ron and the rest of Marie's family. Cards may be sent to Ron's Anchorage address and he replies to texts. At this time, there are no immediate plans for a memorial service, but we will let you know when this changes.

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- Monday, October 11 (Indigenous Peoples' Day), 6:30-8:30 pm
- Zoom link: will be posted at a later date

We know now that Christopher Columbus was not quite the hero that he's portrayed to be in American textbooks. But what exactly was the worldview that allowed Columbus and other European explorers to justify their intensive colonization of the lands and peoples who were already here? A new documentary, “The Doctrine of Discovery – Unmasking the Domination Code,” offers an incisive analysis of this question from Shawnee-Lenape scholar Steven T. Newcomb and his co-producer Sheldon P. Wolfchild, a documentary filmmaker and member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community. This hour-long video explains the premise under which lands were seized based on the international laws of Western Christendom and still – five centuries

later – is used to deny the rights of Indigenous people in the Americas and globally.

The AUUF Anti-Racism Team invites you to commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day by joining us for a viewing and discussion of "The Doctrine of Discovery."

If you'd like to know more, please call or text Anti-Racism Team member Marilyn Russell at 907-750-4566. [You can also read more about the documentary here.](#)

Events Around Town

The Alaska Black Caucus Community Conversation
Sunday, September 26, 2021
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Community Dialogues with the Anchorage Assembly

Join the Alaska Black Caucus for a dialogue with the Anchorage Assembly. Get to know your Assembly Members!

Conversation topics include:

- houselessness
- boards and commissions
- proposed ordinances involving face coverings
- the issues that matter the most to you!

Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/abc-ancassembly>

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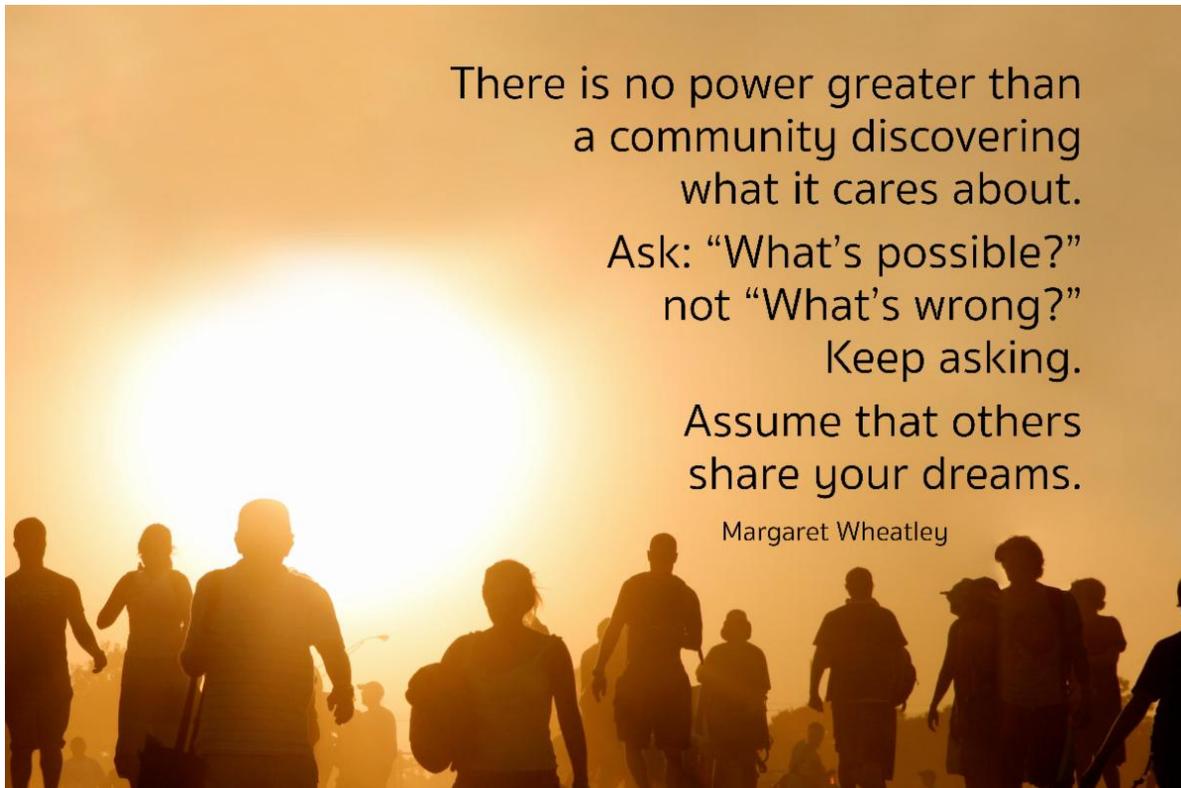
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Zoom

Sunday 10/3/21

9 am Virtual Forum on Zoom

**11:00 am Sunday Worship Live at
AUUF & on Zoom**

**11:00 am RE Chalice Circle Live at
AUUF**

**12:30 pm Jr High Owl Class Live at
AUUF**

Thursday 9/30/21

12:30 Elementary Owl Live at AUUF

Friday 10/1/21

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

5-6 pm Walk & Talk w Rev. Lise

Saturday 10/2/21

September Half Portion goes to [Alaska Literacy Program](#) donate [here](#).

Zoom links for public meetings are always available on the calendar on the [AUUF homepage](#).

Looking for folks to host Zoom services. Contact Rev. Lise to volunteer.

From the Board President, Peggy Robinson

Fall is definitely here! And along with the chill, those traditional AUUF activities. You've read about the variety of RE activities planned and occurring, both for children and adults. Coming back into the sanctuary for the 11 am service this fall with slowly increasing attendance has been a welcome breath of normalcy. Please join us on the first and third Sundays!

The annual auction is happening this fall too. We were so successful with the virtual auction last fall that we had planned to repeat it again this year anyway, regardless of COVID. It will be online from October 30 through November 7th. We will again have a program at 5 pm on the last Sunday with a time for recognition of volunteers, music, and raffle results. We will be ready to accept donations at AUUF starting October 4th ... be thinking of experiences, food, and other items that you can donate to help support the operations of our fellowship!

The theme for Stewardship for the year is "Because we love our neighbors ...". You will see this throughout the congregation, as the "..." gets filled in by many different activities and efforts, both within the congregation and out to the Anchorage community and beyond.

Bill Clontz, the Stewardship Consultant who led a workshop for us in April 2015, provided the following reminder in his written report ...

"Unitarian Universalism comes out of the Congregationalist tradition; we each provide what we can of time, talent, and treasure, not because of some external pressure, but because this is our fellowship – it is ours to enjoy and ours to sustain."

Covenant of Right Relations

During the last two weekends, we've been talking about Healthy Congregations and covenant at AUUF. I preached about Covenants on September 19 and our Healthy Congregations Team did a Forum presentation yesterday. On both weekends we took the time to share the draft Covenant of Right Relations with you all. You can check it out at the below link. And we'll be talking about it in Zoom meetings on Sunday, Oct. 3, 4 pm, and Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 pm. We'd love to hear direct feedback from you so please look at this link and come join us for a conversation!

[Covenant draft of right relations.](#)

Blessings, Rev. Lise

New Worship Service Schedule Effective Immediately

Effective immediately (this Sunday, September 26) we are beginning a new worship schedule for

our 11 am service regarding in-person and zoom services. The first and third Sundays of the month (the odd weekends) will be both in-person and over Zoom (hybrid). The second and fourth Sundays (even weekends) will be Zoom only. Our 9 am Forum service continues to be on Zoom only.

We apologize for yet another change, but in the time of COVID, we need to be flexible. As we all know, folks are having to deal with a lot right now, and this makes it more difficult to pursue volunteer activities, no matter how important they might be. Finding folks to help with AV (audio-visual) for in-person services is one of those volunteer activities that is showing the strain. Alternating in-person with hybrid services is one of the ways we're being flexible and providing grace during COVID. We appreciate your understanding.

To those of you who have recently volunteered to help with AV stuff--thank you! If others of you are interested, please contact Rev. Lise or Alix McKee.

Here's the schedule for the 11 am Worship Service for the rest of the year (odd weekends--hybrid; even weekends of the month--Zoom) You might want to print this up and post it on your fridge. :-)

Sept. 26: Zoom only
October 3: In-person and Zoom (hybrid)
October 10: Zoom only
October 17: In-person and Zoom (hybrid)
October 24: Zoom only
October 31: In-person and Zoom (hybrid)
Nov. 7: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Nov. 14: Zoom only
Nov. 21: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Nov. 28: Zoom only
Dec. 5: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Dec. 12: Zoom only
Dec. 19: In-person/Zoom (hybrid)
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service TBA
Dec. 26: Zoom only

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As a reminder, we continue to encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated. (All eligible children and religious exploration adult volunteers must be vaccinated to participate this year.) We are still requiring masks to be worn in the church building.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings, Rev. Lise

New Vanco App! GivePlus Mobile is Retiring on September 30th

Vanco has released a new giving app, Vanco Mobile, and they are also sunsetting their legacy mobile app, GivePlus Mobile on September 30, 2021. If you haven't already, please download Vanco Mobile to ensure continued support of our ministry.

Please reach out to Gina at admin@anchorageuuf.org if you have any questions or issues getting access to the new platform. Thank you for your generous support!

Do You Want to Live Forever?
by Cari Sayre

Great discussion arose once again from *The Future is Faster Than You Think*, as we considered issues of longevity, insurance, and finance (we didn't even get to *The Future of Food!*). It's becoming more likely that humans will be able to extend our lifetimes by years, even decades. Is this desirable? In a poll Jim mentioned, 1/3 of the people said they'd choose to live to age 75, another third would choose to live 150 years, and the rest wanted to live forever! But what, then, about the allocation of limited resources and/or availability of caregivers as people have fewer children and the population skews toward more and more Elders (as it has in Japan)? Big Brother reared his ugly head, or at least poked his nose in, as we talked about insurance companies' use of driver data to determine premiums, as in the DriveSafe program some folks already subscribe to, with a little box on the dash that transmits how you drive. But wait — with driverless cars, will we even need insurance? And in the wider world of finance, is Bitcoin the way of the future, or with China's recent ban, has it already run its course? Trading phone minutes for money and micro-loans have helped poor people rise out of poverty (NGOs like FINCA, Heifer & Women for Women Int'l). Judith and David mentioned a book called *Weapons of Math Destruction*, which talks of how algorithms, which more or less create themselves based on what data they collect, can slant our world in one direction or another. Sid reminded us of our own soul-searching in order to make major paradigm shifts, and I wonder if we can somehow add compassion to those algorithms. For next week, Friday, October 1st, finish *The Future is Faster Than You Think*. The following week we'll be discussing Kamala Harris's autobiography, *Truths We Hold*.

Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday Worship September 26

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JOY & SORROWS

From Ruth Greenwood: Sorrow/Concern: COVID rates in our city and state, the immense pressure it puts on our hospitals, and the lack of leadership by our elected leaders.

From Peggy: Joy - Being able to usher again at a LIVE PAC event last night - so wonderful to share the experience with others, in person! (fully masked and negative test or vaccinated, of course)

Lucinda Kinard: We were blessed with both in-person care from neighbors in the midst of a power outage and by offers of refuge from friends at AUUF on the snow day!

Diane Smith: Joy that Yana got a nice MCAT score, and should be able to go to a good state medical school in California, where she is a resident. :-)

Changing minds in a divided world: The art of strategic dialogue

**UAA/APU Books of the Year, Difficult Dialogues
Initiative & CCEL invite you**
Thursday, September 30, 2:30-3:45 pm



A talk by Justin Lee, author of UAA Book of the Year

Talking Across the Divide: How to Communicate with People You Disagree with & Maybe Even Change the World

To join, see Zoom information below

In a world divided by political and social issues, how do you get people on the other side to listen to you? Join us virtually as author Justin Lee will discuss the

psychological principles behind people's resistance to new ideas and share simple, proven strategies for discussing controversial issues without losing friends.

[Click here to join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 842 3305 7328 Passcode: iUUnMqHb

For more information: Libby Roderick eroderick@alaska.edu

Alliance Seeks New Members

The Alliance is inviting anyone interested in our past activities to join us this year. We raise funds to assist projects and programs of the Fellowship.

- We have purchased hymnals.
- Repaired upholstered chairs and purchased chair plaques.
- Provided refreshments at many Celebration of Life services.
- Provided a birthday cake once-a-month at Sunday coffee hour.
- Contributed turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Bought Easter flowers for the Sanctuary.
- Bought Poinsettias at Christmas for the minister and staff.
- Bought the beverages for several Annual Dinners.
- Contributed books to the Youth Group.
- And, supporting the will of the Fellowship, we provide the funds for the ad in ADN in the weekly Worship Services

Directory.

We sponsor an annual Rummage Sale in the spring and an annual Holiday Gift Sale in December to raise funds for these projects. We meet (by ZOOM) the second Sunday of each month, September through May, from 12:30-2:00 pm.

Call the AUUF office, 907- 248-3737, and leave your phone number. We will call or text to invite you to the next meeting.

Stephanie Koonz, President
Kalen Saxton, Vice President

Nominate an Outstanding UU!

Do you know an outstanding UU in our congregation? Here is your chance to recognize them for all the work they have done on behalf of AUUF. The Board presents two awards during the annual dinner to members who have contributed substantially to our congregation.

The awards are:

Volunteer of the Year: This award is meant to honor a person who has contributed a significant amount of volunteer time to the Fellowship during the last year. Recent awardees are Denise Martin (2016), Kalen Saxton (2017), the Project Oversight Team that managed our building renovation (2018), Carma Reed (2019), and the Ministerial Search Committee (2020).

Fred Hillman Distinguished Service Award: This award is named after long-time AUUF member and former Board president Dr. Fred Hillman, who passed away in 2014. Like its namesake, this award is meant to honor a person who lives the Seven Principles as part of their everyday life. Recent awardees are Sylvia Short (2016), Rod McCoy (2017), Helen Nienhueser (2018), Wendy Romberg (2019), and Ruth Sheridan (2020).

To submit a nomination for an award, send a brief statement (no more than one paragraph) on why you feel this person should be recognized to Board member Robin Hill at blink3433@icloud.com. The deadline for nominations is October 15.

AUUF Anti-Racism Team Corner:

AUUF Monthly Book Club: *Mistakes and Miracles* by Nancy Palmer and Karin Lin. The group will meet monthly (the first Tuesday of each month, October - April, from 6:30 - 8:00). We will discuss one chapter each session. Our first meeting is on Oct. 5th from 6:30 - 8 pm, when we plan to discuss Chapter 1.

More details will follow re: zoom invitation.

This is how the book is described on the In Spirit UU Book and Gift Shop webpage:

“What calls Unitarian Universalists to create multicultural, antiracist Beloved Community? What do congregations need when they embark on this journey? What common threads run through their stories? Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin—a white minister and a layperson of color—share how five diverse congregations encounter frustrations and disappointments, as well as hope and wonder, once they commit to the journey. Mistakes abound. Miracles of transformation and joy emerge too. Extensively researched and thoughtfully written—with reflection questions at the end of each chapter—*Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* will guide readers to apply these stories to their own communities, develop next steps, and renew their commitment to this hard but meaningful work.”

Indigenous Peoples' Day Event: Viewing and Discussion of “The Doctrine of Discovery – Unmasking the Domination Code”

- Monday, October 11 (Indigenous Peoples' Day), 6:30-8:30 pm
- Zoom link: will be posted at a later date

We know now that Christopher Columbus was not quite the hero that he's portrayed to be in American textbooks. But what exactly was the worldview that allowed Columbus and other European explorers to justify their intensive colonization of the lands and peoples who were already here? A new documentary, “The Doctrine of Discovery – Unmasking the Domination Code,” offers an incisive analysis of this question from Shawnee-Lenape scholar Steven T. Newcomb and his co-producer Sheldon P. Wolfchild, a documentary filmmaker and member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community. This hour-long video explains the premise under which lands were seized based on the international laws of Western Christendom and still – five centuries later – is used to deny the rights of Indigenous people in the Americas and globally.

The AUUF Anti-Racism Team invites you to commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day by joining us for a viewing and discussion of “The Doctrine of Discovery.” If you'd like to know more, please call or text Anti-Racism Team member Marilyn Russell at 907-750-4566. [You can also read more about the documentary here.](#)

Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration - Alaska Pacific University

WHEN: October 12, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

WHERE: Virtual Event

[LINK](#)

CONTACT: Kristel Komakhuk EMAIL: kkomakhuk@alaskapacific.edu

Alaska Pacific University, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 87, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Native Peoples Action Community Fund and Pamyua invite you to join a virtual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration featuring:

An Opening Blessing by an Honored Member of APU's Elders Council.

Guest Speakers: Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson (Yup'ik), President, Alaska Pacific University Honored Elder Ernestine Saankalaxt' Hayes (Tlingit), Writer and Professor, Alaska State Writer Laureate, Dr. Allison Kelliher (Koyukon Athabascan), Tribal Doctor and Physician

Performances By: Martin Paul (Yup'ik) Woosh.ji.een led by Lyle and Kolene James (Tlingit)

And others to be announced, you won't want to miss out on this!

Stay tuned for the link to zoom you may also [visit the APU Facebook page to live stream.](#)

Diversity workshops will be starting again this Fall of 2021, between the months of September through November. All workshops will be Virtual (Zoom) from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Implicit Bias Workshop

Exploring Implicit Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgements (offered twice):
September 16, 2021 & October 28, 2021

Anti-racism & Whiteness Workshop

Develop a foundation for anti-racism work and begin to learn methods to actively practice anti-racism (offered twice):
October 12, 2021 & November 23, 2021

Microaggression Workshop

Exploring the impact of everyday slights and insults: Microaggressions in the workplace and classroom (offered twice) :
September 28, 2021 & November 9, 2021

[For information on how to register visit this link.](#)

Sad News

Dear Ones,

A few weeks ago I wrote that Marie Rozak was very ill with cancer. This past Monday (September 20), early in the morning, Marie died with Ron beside her.

I was able to spend some in-person time with Ron and Marie on Saturday, and while she was aware of my presence, it was clear that she was getting ready to go. Ron shared that their siblings and son were able to visit with her over the phone on Sunday so folks had an opportunity to say goodbye.

I know we all send our love and healing thoughts to Ron and the rest of Marie's family. Cards may be sent to Ron's Anchorage address and he replies to texts. At this time, there are no immediate plans for a memorial service, but we will let you know when this changes.

Blessings and love,

Rev. Lise

Join Refuge Assistance Action Team

Interested in doing something helpful and kind in the world? Join me! I am looking to create a Refuge Assistance Action Team to help the Afghan refugees who will be arriving in Anchorage soon! I don't have a clear idea of what our tasks will be - but we will be partnering with Catholic Social Services Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services . I know it will involve meetings, likely gathering/buying things for incoming families and likely connecting them with the community and resources to aid their transition to life in Alaska. Sound like fun? If so, please send me your email, or best form of communication and I will add you to the team. Please contact Teresa Zimmer at tzimmer@gci.net or text me at 907 331-7034, or even call me if that is simplest. And thank you for the gift card donations already received. If you have already emailed Dennis with your interest - you should get an email from me soon... When we work together we can accomplish much!

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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