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Today At Our Fellowship Thursday, August 07, 2025

This Week @ AUUF

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05:30 – 07:00 pm Anti-Racism Team
Meeting in the Library

Friday, August 08

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Friends Meeting in Room 7

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The Forum

COMING UP AT THE FORUM

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:00-10:15 AM

IN PERSON and on Zoom

At this **Sunday's Forum (August 10)** our speaker will be **Sophia Walters**, talking about "Navigating Life's Waters: **Rowing the Pacific** and Beyond."

Sophia is a coach, athlete, bodyworker, and a lifelong learner. She is passionate about human resilience, building teams, and uplifting passionate people. After several years of rowing competitively in flat water, Sophia set her eyes on the ocean, and in 2022, she and her team, Latitude 35 set the world record for the fastest women's team to row from California to Hawaii. A seasonal resident of Palmer, along with her commercial pilot husband, Logan Walters, Sophia currently serves as head coach of the Anchorage Rowing Association.

The following **Sunday (August 17)** our speakers will be **Judith Anderegg** and **David Pelto**, talking about "How Alaska's Public Lands Became Private and **Our Cabin Will Become Yours.**"

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

Sunday Worship Service

In Person & on Zoom

11:00 AM

August 10, 11 am In-person and Zoom

Lughnasadh: A Harvest Festival

Rev. Lise Sherry, Renee Frost

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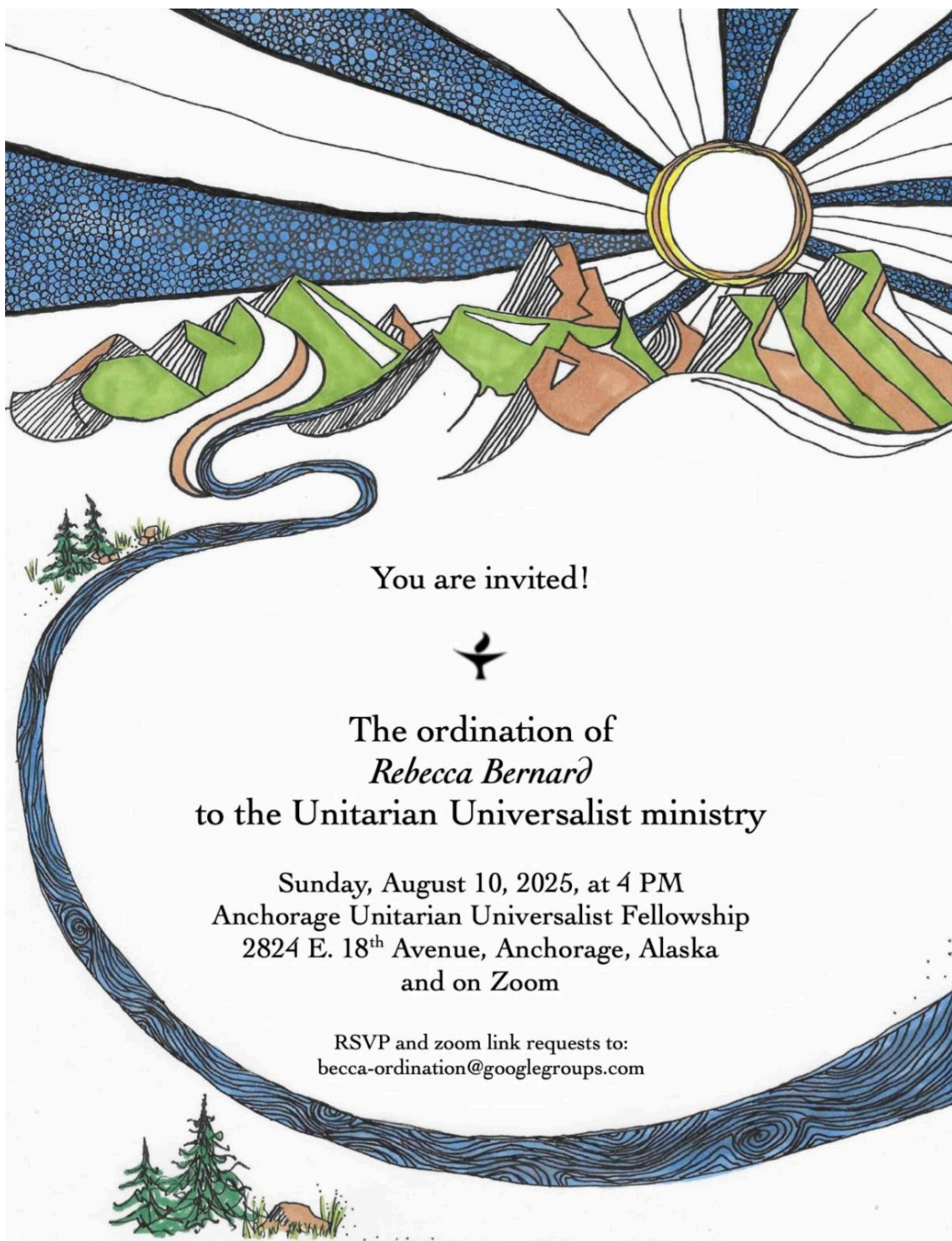
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You are invited!



The ordination of
Rebecca Bernard
to the Unitarian Universalist ministry

Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 4 PM
Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2824 E. 18th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska
and on Zoom

RSVP and zoom link requests to:
becca-ordination@googlegroups.com

Brief overview of AUUF Religious Exploration for 2025/2026

[Link to Brochure](#)

Communications Specialist, Kelly Spring on vacation July 14th- August 11th

Hello Everyone,

I will be on vacation, (last day in office) July 14th and returning August 11th. During this time communications activities such as website updates, social media posting, etc. will be reduced. A bare bones version of Today at Our Fellowship newsletter will be published only on **July 24th & August 7th** during this time.

During summer vacation, I look forward to finishing my first semester of graduate school at University of Oklahoma, visiting family near Lake Michigan and hopefully biking & relaxing with my daughter in the cold springs of the Chickasaw National Recreational Area.

Please send any blurbs you have during this time through the [content submission link here!](#) My email may not be monitored so please send any blurbs through the content submission link. You can find a link to this page from the website homepage titled "Submit an Article," in the blue box labeled "Stay up to date."

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[Registration form](#)

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UUMUAC 3rd Wednesday Vesper Services are held via Zoom, starting at 7 PM Central Time (8 PM Eastern/6 PM Mountain/5 PM Pacific).

If you are interested in receiving the Zoom invitation and codes to attend these, or future 3rd Wednesday Vesper Services, please send an email to richard3point@gmail.com

UUMUAC 3rd Wednesday Vesper Service August 20, 2025
"Dignity"

Dan Kenney

Our celebrant is retired DeKalb, Illinois high school teacher Dan Kenney. He will be exploring Tim Shriver's Dignity Index and Dignity Pledge - an instrument for healing America's divisions. Dan is a long-time member of the UU Congregation of DeKalb, and the founder of DeKalb County Community Gardens (now "Rooted for Good"), which began as a backyard effort to grow a few vegetables, and now feeds thousands of DeKalbans with weekly free food distributions. Dan is a regular contributor to WNIJ Public Radio's "Perspectives" series.

UUMUAC 3rd Wednesday Vesper service September 17, 2025

"Church of the Free Spirit"

Dr. Matthew Shear

What shall we call a true liberal religion? I contend that labels from past centuries will not do in our time. In this service I will explore concepts I've come to believe are essential to a workable intersection of liberalism with religion and society.

Dr. Matthew Shear is a 1980 graduate of the New England College of Optometry, and completed a post-graduate program from the Baltimore Academy for Behavioral Optometry in 2002. He has also trained as a peer counselor, eventually teaching the technique to others. His particular interest is in the effects of misperception on our understanding of ourselves and the world, and how that affects our behaviors. This focus eventually led him from clinical practice to becoming a religious professional. He began preaching lay led services in 2007, and in 2018 was engaged by Channing Church in Rockland, MA as their full time Preacher, where he served for two years. A former Board member of UUMUAC, he is still an occasional preacher of their 3rd Wednesday Vesper services and elsewhere.



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for the right to vote for all people. 60 years ago, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Bill. Mrs. Hamer coined a phrase often repeated by many today. In response to the ongoing struggle for Rights, she said, "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired". We explore and learn of these stories and more on the Mississippi Pilgrimage.



Democracy Summer: Weekly Student Summer Training Series

Hosted by Public Citizen, in partnership with UUSJ

Every Tuesday, July 1 - August 5

6:30 p.m. ET • 5:30 p.m. CT • 4:30 p.m. MT • 3:30 p.m. PT

RSVP for full details

- July 1 — Organizing Under Advancing Autocracy
- July 8 — Firewalls for Freedom & Intro to Campus Democracy Organizing
- July 15 — Campus Campaign Planning I (Goal Setting)
- July 22 — Campus Campaign Planning II (Strategy & Structure)
- July 29 — Campus Campaign Planning III (Outreach Planning)
- August 5 — Strategic Escalation
- August TBD (Virtual) — Community-Building, Mutual Support, and Action Teams

Emerging or Young Adults are invited to join a Weekly Student Summer Training Series and learn the skills they need to be effective mobilizers, organizers, and advocates to champion the best version of our American democracy.

As part of this program, we are trying to connect with Unitarian Universalist University Students who may be interested in getting a youth-focused version of the Rise for Freedom National Training Series, which we partnered on this past spring. See our recent email for more context.

An advertisement for Planned Parenthood Alaska. It features a woman in a red winter coat holding a pink sign that says "Abortion is Health Care." The background is a blurred street scene. The Planned Parenthood logo is in the top left, with the tagline "Act. No matter what." Below it, it says "Alliance Advocates - Alaska". A large pink text box at the bottom contains the following message: "We are honored and grateful to be included in your July tithing donation. In the past year, we have protected and expanded reproductive health access in Alaska, thanks to YOUR support!"

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JULY HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Alaska (PPAA - Alaska) advocates for a just, equitable, thriving world where everyone has access to sexual and reproductive health care and education. PPAA - Alaska is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization. PPAA - Alaska protects and promotes reproductive health, rights and justice. We do this by advocating for public policies that guarantee the right to full and nondiscriminatory access to reproductive health care including abortion. We educate voters and mobilize our supporters to lobby the Alaska legislature against bills that threaten reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights, and are working tirelessly to expand access to reproductive health, rights, and justice in Alaska.

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Tuesday, August 19

4:30 – 6:30 pm Anchorage CN Resistors

Advocacy - All are welcome Social Room

6:30 – 8:30 pm Finance Committee
Meeting

Wednesday, August 20

5:00-6:30 pm Peace Camp Debrief-
Social Room

6:30-9:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- In Person on Zoom Contact Don for
details

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2:00 – 3:00 pm UU HR Meeting

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"By Their Groups You Shall Know Them" & RE: Blessing of the Backpacks
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A Special Time for All Ages on Sunday, August 17- Blessing of the Backpacks!

Everyone is welcome to bring a backpack/briefcase/bag for Blessing of the Backpacks! As a new school year begins let's celebrate our community and remember to be there for one another through the ups and downs of life. Let's especially hold our youth and teachers with love, encouragement and support.

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TIME IS ALMOST UP!

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FALL FROLIC
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SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2025

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Register today! The deadline is approaching! Workshops will be based off interest questions on the registration form.

So far, these are the top picks- Nature Walk, Canoeing/Kayak, Small Group Discussion, Drum Making, Scavenger Hunt, Creating Luminaries for a night walk, bike riding, Family Friendly Yoga, Sweat Lodge and Board Games.

Our meals have been decided. The staff at Birchwood Camp will be cooking and cleaning up the kitchen after each meal.

Friday Evening 9/5- there will be hot dogs to roast over the campfire as well as s'mores as people check-in.

Saturday 9/6

Breakfast- Eggs, Bacon, Tater Tots, Cereal, Fresh Fruit & Yogurt

Lunch- Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad and Dessert

Dinner- Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad and Dessert

Sunday 9/7

Breakfast-

French Toast Casserole, Sausage Links, Cereal, Fresh Fruit & Yogurt

Hot Drinks will be available at all times- Coffee, Tea and Hot Cocoa. There will be a place to fill up your water bottles throughout the weekend. There will be a snack table in the dining hall where snacks and fresh fruit will be available throughout the weekend.

If you have any questions before the registration deadline on August 17 please reach out to Jenn Bluntach at dre@anchorageuuf.org

[Registration form](#)

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Room 5

Tuesday, August 26

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RE reorganizing PaRTy!- Many Hands Make Light Work

Can you lend a hand? From 9am to 1pm this Saturday, August 23, at AUUF, Rooms 3 & 4 need to be emptied in preparation for a long term rental. Moving items to store in Room 6 and moving items into different classrooms is the plan. We can offer you bagels, cream cheese and fruit in compensation. Maybe even a few laughs. Who can resist a fun Saturday morning like this?!



The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom

9:00 AM Sunday August 24, 2025

"Understanding the shifting landscape of Tribal and community health care"

UU member, SCF/ANMC Exec VP Douglas Eby

The Forum

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New Congregational Administrator

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In search of...

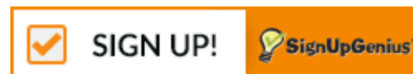
Do you have any smooth, empty mason jars collecting dust or in need of a purpose? At Fall Frolic this year we will be creating luminaries for a night walk. If you have any mason jars you'd be willing to donate for this craft, please drop them off outside of my office by the end of August. No lids? No problem! We just need the jar itself. All sizes and shapes are welcome. Thank you in advance!!!

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American Teenager by Nico Lang

August 30th at 11:00 AM

Local drag performer Golden Delicious will be moderating the discussion, and there will be snacks and such available.

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Today At Our Fellowship Thursday, August 28, 2025

This Week @ AUUF

Thursday, August 28

6:30- 8:00 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary

Friday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 30

08:30 – 10:30 am AA – Slap Happy in the
Social Room

Sunday, August 31

09:00 – 10:15 am The Forum in the
Sanctuary
11:00 – 12:00 pm Worship in the
Sanctuary
04:00 – 05:30 pm Anchorage Friends
Meeting in Room 7

Monday, September 1

Labor Day- Office closed

Tuesday, September 2

4:30 – 6:30 pm Anchorage CN Resistors
Advocacy - All are welcome Social Room
4:30 – 6:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom
7:00– 9:00 pm Alaska Bird Club Meeting
Social Room

Wednesday, September 3

2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain
Song in the Social Room
3:30 – 5:00 pm Connections Team
Meeting on Zoom Library
5 – 6:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting - In
Person & Zoom in the Library
7:00 – 8:30 pm Building & Grounds
Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, September 4

6:30 pm Choir Practice
5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team
Meeting Library & Zoom

Friday, September 5

Fall Frolic - For All Ages! (Day 1/3)
Birchwood Camp - United Methodist
12:00 – 02:00 pm Freethinkers in Room 7

Saturday, September 6

08:30 – 10:30 am AA – Slap Happy in the
Social Room



The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday August 31, 2025
"Climate and Health—Alaska's Arctic is a Bellweather in the Circumpolar North" with Dr. Steve Konkel

The Forum

Sunday August 31, 2025 9:00-10:15 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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



Sunday Worship Service IN PERSON & on Zoom
11:00 AM Sunday August 31, 2025
Rev. Lise & Cassie Thomas

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday August 31, 2025 11:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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

Anchorage CN Resisters

First Tuesday of each month

Anchorage CN Resisters meet the first Tuesday of each month through December 2 with the following mission: Promoting religious freedom for all through education, advocacy and action to ensure secular governance and separation of church and state. All are welcome in the UU fellowship hall from 5:30 to 6:45. For more information contact Larry Michael, 907-317-3151.

The Hungry Book Club

Second Tuesday

The Hungry Book Club meets once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday, for snacks and a lively book discussion. Our next meeting is on September 9th at 2 PM in the library. This month we will be discussing Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, *An Unfinished Love Story*. It is a great and easy read focusing on the events of the 60's and 70's, offering great insights into what was going on behind the scenes from the perspective of her husband who was a speech writer for JFK, Johnson and RFK. Please join us!



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SUNDAY SERVICES

The Forum

9:00 AM Sunday Month xx, 2025

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

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

Sunday Worship

11:00 AM Sunday Month. xx 2025

TITLE, SPEAKER

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Announcing new AUUF website!

Coming soon!

Hi,

We are launching a new website in the coming weeks! Above you will find a (stitched together) screen shot of what the new homepage will look like. On Thursday September 11, we will share a test link here in our newsletter, TAOF. When we share the test link we welcome your feedback before it goes live, as our new website. Then the last week of September we will launch the new site. The intention behind the revamp is to reduce redundancy and create more ease of use!

Please contact me if you have any concerns. communications@anchorageuuf.org

Thanks,

Kelly Strycker

Communications Specialist

New Congregational Administrator

Esme Danner is taking over as our congregational administrator. She'll still be doing choir + music on Sundays.

Please remember on Sundays while Esme is choir director to not ask her about admin things!



In search of...

Do you have any smooth, empty mason jars collecting dust or in need of a purpose? At Fall Frolic this year we will be creating luminaries for a night walk. If you have any mason jars you'd be willing to donate for this craft, please drop them off outside of my office by the end of August. No lids? No problem! We just need the jar itself. All sizes and shapes are welcome. Thank you in advance!!!

Jenn Bluntach

Connections Team Needs Sunday Hospitality Volunteers

Please consider signing up ahead of time to help make AUUF a warm and welcoming community. We need greeters, zoom ushers and ESPECIALLY Social Hour volunteers to keep our kitchen tidy and clean. If Connections ends up doing dishes all the time, they will have a hard time staffing the welcome tables as they should be doing. Below is a link to the Signup Genius which includes downloadable directions on what to do. All you need is an email address and you will be sent an automatic reminder 2 days ahead of time.

Thanks to all who continue to help!

AUUF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

For FALL

SEP 5-7 **FALL FROLIC**

Friends, Nature,
Workshops, Smore's,
Hot Cocoa,
Connections,
Building Community.

SEP 14 **WATER HOMECOMING SERVICE**

Bring water from a place that has special meaning to you for this multi-generational service

SEP 20 **RE HELPER & TEACHER ORIENTATION**

9am-12pm Orientation will be held for RE Teachers and Helpers for the RE Program year. Please see Jenn if you are interested!

OCT 5 **SUNDAY RE CLASSES BEGIN**

Classroom classes will begin this Sunday. There will be four rooms- Pre-k, Grades K-3, Grades 4-7 and Grades 8-12 Youth Group

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JENN BLUNTACH, DRE AT DRE@ANCHORAGEUUF.ORG OR 218-910-6090

Brief overview of AUUF Religious Exploration for 2025/2026

Link to Brochure

Religious Exploration Registration for 2025/2026 is now OPEN!!

Help us prepare for the Religious Exploration year by registering your child/youth/teen today!

[Registration form](#)

Grades K-1 OWL (Our Whole Lives) Registration is now OPEN!

Register today to secure your child's spot. (open to 2nd graders as well)

[OWL Registration form.](#)

NEW for 2025/2026! AUUF Parent/Grown Up Night Out!

Once a month Oct-Apr- childcare for school aged kids.
Pizza-Activities- Movie-FUN!

[Registration form](#)

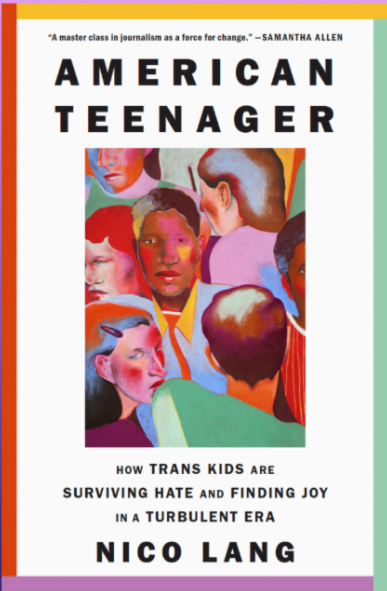


Save the Dates!
Fall events at AUUF

Sept. 5-7, 2025 Fall Frolic
Sept. 14, 2025 11:00 am Water Communion/Homecoming
Sept. 20, 2025 9:00 am-12:00 pm Religious Exploration Teacher Training
Sept. 21, 2025 Fall Religious Exploration Starts
Oct. 10, 2025 5:30-8:00 pm Parent Grown Up Night Out (Ask Jenn!)
Oct. 12, 2025 K-1 OWL Starts (Age Appropriate Sexuality Curriculum)
Oct. 2025 AUUF Hosting of Family Emergency Cold Weather Shelter begins

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*Choir is back!
6:30 pm
Thursdays*



Join author Nico Lang for a discussion about their book

American Teenager

11 am
Saturday,
August 30,
at St. John UMC

American Teenager by Nico Lang

August 30th at 11:00 AM

Local drag performer Golden Delicious will be moderating the discussion, and there will be snacks and such available.

[Click here to read more.](#)

AUGUST HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: Alaska Native Birthworkers Community

The Alaska Native Birthworkers Community seeks to formalize and grow a network of Alaska Native birthworkers who feel confident, competent and grounded in cultural values to support Native birthing families for better health and wellness outcomes for parents and babies, while also advocating for systemic change to better support Alaska Native birthing families. We do this through offering free direct services to Native birthing families, free access to capacity building and training for current and aspiring Indigenous birthworkers, and by building partnerships for collective impact on a statewide, national, and international scale.

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