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FELLOWSHIP  
*diverse beliefs,  
common purpose.*

**Today At Your Fellowship**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2022**

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**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

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[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

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## 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*

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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.***

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## 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.

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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](mailto:DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org) to volunteer!

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## 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](mailto:connections@anchorageuuf.org).

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:auktion@anchorageuuf.org)

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## 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](mailto:mrossboss@gmail.com)

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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,

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## 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.](#)

[Click here for more info.](#)



### Our Mission

To provide dynamic leadership to unite Anchorage in **making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.**



ANCHORAGE COALITION TO  
**END HOMELESSNESS**

 **Website**  
aceh.org

 **Telephone**  
(907) 312-9530

 **Address**  
3427 E Tudor Road, Suite A, Anchorage, AK 99507

## The October Half Portion offering goes to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to provide dynamic leadership in making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time. We believe that every Alaskan deserves a roof over their head, a place to put down anchor and feel safe with their loved ones. Our core values are respect, dignity, equity, and compassion.

Go to [anchorageuuf.org](http://anchorageuuf.org)  
Click on the Half-Portion note or Donate/ Pay  
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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10:30 am Nominating Committee  
Meeting on Zoom

4:30 pm Violin lessons with Amanda  
Kerr Violin & Fiddle Studio

6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful  
Living

**Tuesday 10/18/22**

5:30 pm Jerry's Group

5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

6 pm Private Rental

**Wednesday 10/19/22**

6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting on  
Zoom



*The Forum 9 am Sunday October 16*  
*Preserving the Constitution, Keeping Courts Fair—Your Vote*  
*Matters with Cathy Geissel, Elaine Andrews, Donna Goldsmith*

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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](mailto: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.

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*Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday October 16*  
*Honoring Sadako Sasaki with Shunji Ninoyu, Dennis Arashiro,*  
*and Joyce Laine*

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## **Eat Well and Do Good! / Children & Youth, Learning & Exploration**

Support Children's Social Justice Projects at Soup Sunday, starting this week after service, Oct 16th ~12:30p. Contact [DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org](mailto:DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org) if you want to donate soup, help serve, donate or have questions!!

- Children & Youth, Learning & Exploration

# **SOUP SUNDAY!**

**Dates:**

**Oct 16**

**Nov 20**

**Dec 11**

**Eat well and do good!**  
Buy a bowl and help raise funds supporting child/youth organized social justice projects!!

- **Pozole**
  - **Vegetarian Borscht**
  - **Chicken Noodle**
- And more!**

**This Sunday  
after service!**



## **Adult Learning & Exploration Groups Sign-Up! / Adult Learning & Exploration**

Adult Learning & Exploration programs are starting up, and it's time to sign up for groups!

Which groups? Small Groups - Chalice Circles - Covenant Groups - Listening Groups and the Care Bear Stare! Groups have been called many things. Call them what you'd like and make them yours. Groups take many forms, and they all serve the purpose of facilitating deeper listening, connection, and support, and giving us space to explore important topics that enrich our AUUF experience together.

Groups decide together how their connection will look, and within the facilitator's availability, where, when, and how often to meet. Share your ideas about what a good and engaging connection group looks like for you. Truly, this is very open to ideas, and if we have people to make it go, we will! Want to connect through D&D, Sci-fi? Art or music jam for your connection and processing? Outdoors in motion and connected to nature? Tell us how you want to connect with a group of individuals for caring, and support!

Generally, groups meet for one to two hours, every week, every other week or monthly, depending on what the group decides. Let us know when you are available and what type of groups you are most interested in! Please sign up by October 21st, as groups will be starting around the last week of October! You can use this link to sign up for



## AUUF Learning & Exploration Needs Your Help!

Last week we started classes with over 50 children and youth registered for Learning & Exploration. At the same time, we only have 7 teachers! (And a BIG thank you to them!) We need several more teachers, especially for our 6-9 year-olds and 10-13 year-olds. Guardians and prospective volunteers can find links to the curricula online [here](#). Please consider and let us know if you can

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Snack Masters - drop of snacks for Sunday mornings, as you schedule it

Team Members - twice a month meetings

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Children & Youth, Learning & Exploration

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## Vote for the 2023 Half Portion

*Dennis Arashiro*

5th Principle: The Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Process Within Our Congregations and in Society at Large

When I first joined the Fellowship, the Half Portion for Benevolence was in place to

donate from Sunday collections to charitable funds and organizations. The Social Justice Committee made recommendations to the Board of Directors, which made the actual decisions on who the recipients would be. The name has since been changed to the Half Portion for Social Action. This reflected the view that it should not be about our benevolence; it should be about what we are trying to accomplish. The process has also been changed, so that we can live in accordance with our principles, specifically our Fifth Principle.

The nomination process took place from September 15 to October 1, and the final list of nominees was vetted and set in the past two weeks. Now is the time for all of us to act on our Fifth Principle by voting for the 2023 Half Portion recipients. You will have from now until November 1, 2022. You will be able to vote for 10 nominees; the 10 nominees with the most votes will be on the monthly schedule next year. Two months are already reserved for AFACT (Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations Together) and PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), and all fifth Sundays in months that have them are already reserved for the Minister's Caring Fund or a cause designated by Rev. Lise. The actual 2023 schedule will be announced on November 17.

[Click here to vote and make your voice count.](#)

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## Anti-Racism Team Corner: Events Around Town

ALASKA BLACK CAUCUS: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION, Sun 10/16, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join the Alaska Black Caucus in a community dialogue with the Anchorage Assembly about priorities, questions and concerns for the 2023 Municipal Budget.

Get to know your Assembly members and add your voice to the 2023 budget—bring your questions!

[Register for the dialogue.](#)

ALASKA BLACK CAUCUS and ALLIES 4 CHANGE will be hosting a Ghoul Out The Vote event.

Saturday, October 29, from 12 PM to 4 PM, at the Mid Town Mall.

The focus is on voter education. The main target (but not exclusive), is youth. There will be music, food, costumes, and a "Get-out-the-Vote" parade.

Contact Tracy Barbee at [barbeetr@gmail.com](mailto:barbeetr@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering or want more info.

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ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES CONVENTION

"Celebrating Our Unity"

October 20-22, 2022

Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska

For more information, check out the [Native Federation website.](#)

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CURRENT EXHIBITS AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM

Black in Alaska

On view May 6, 2022 – March 2023

Throughout 2020, Rasmuson Foundation gathered with Alaska Black leaders to discuss critical issues and how the Foundation could be a better partner to the Black community in Alaska. Through these conversations, a need for more positive media by and for Black Alaskans was highlighted.

Black in Alaska is a multimedia project with interviews, photos and short videos profiling 50 Black Alaskans. Participants are from all over the state and represent diverse backgrounds in age, gender, and socioeconomic status. Through storytelling, this project aims to dismantle stereotypes and create a deeper connection between

A Halloween-themed poster for the HallowQueer Carnival. The background is dark purple with a yellow sun and a black silhouette of a haunted house. The text is in various colors and fonts, including orange, white, and green. The main title 'HALLOWQUEER CARNIVAL' is in large, dripping orange letters. Below it, 'AFTERLIFE PARTY FEATURING THE HIGH FEMMES VILLAGE MUTT' is written in white and red. The location 'AT THE NAVE 3502 SPENARD RD' and date '15 OCT' are in white and orange. The time '4:30 PM' and entry fee '\$5 ENTRY' are in white. Other activities listed include 'TREATS AND GAMES!', 'COSTUME CONTEST', 'LIVE MUSIC!', '4:30-6 TRUNK OR TREAT', '6-7PM ALL AGES DANCE PARTY', and '7-9:30 AFTERLIFE PARTY FOR AGES 13-25'.

CHOOSING OUR ROOTS + IDENTITY PRESENTS  
**HALLOWQUEER CARNIVAL**  
AFTERLIFE PARTY  
FEATURING  
THE HIGH FEMMES  
VILLAGE MUTT  
AT THE NAVE  
3502 SPENARD RD  
**15 OCT**  
AN EVENT FOR  
QUEER YOUTH  
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## AUUF at the HallowQueer Carnival This Saturday!! / Lifespan Learning & Exploration

Location:  
The Nave  
3502 Spenard Road Anchorage, AK 99503

Saturday, October 15th, join AUUF families to support LGBTQIA+ youth in our community. Identity and Choosing Our Roots are calling for participants and volunteers to enjoy and support the HallowQueer Carnival fundraiser! This event supports LGBTQIA+ youth and housing security in our community. Join AUUF for a fun and festive evening that is also serving the community!

### Schedule of Events:

- \* 4:30-6p - Trunk'r'treat, games, vendors, and more for all ages fun!
- \* 6-7p - All ages dancing party (feat. @djbiggaymike) and costume contest. Dress up to win some awesome prizes!
- \* 7-9:30p Youth concert featuring The High Femmes and Village Mutt for people ages 13-25!

Bring the family to enjoy the HallowQueer Carnival! Use these links to find [more info](#), to [buy tickets \(\\$5/person\)](#), and to [sign up to volunteer!!](#)

Volunteers are still needed to fill open spots:

- Admissions (2)
- Safety/Traffic (4)
- First Aid (3)
- Decorations/Set-Up (6)
- Clean Up (6)

Dr Ray Macfarlane (they/none) / Direction of Lifespan Learning & Exploration

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The Forum 9 am Sunday October 23

*Bringing JEDI Principles to Theatre: Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Leslie Ishii, Artistic Director, Perseverance Theatre*

## Virtual Forum

9:00 am Sunday, October 23, 2022

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

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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."***

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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.

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*All Soul's Day*  
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## **We're Still Singing!**

by Marie Lundstrom,  
Choir Member



Though our director has left us, the AUUF Choir will continue to make music in one form or another to perform for you about once a month. We will likely do more a cappella pieces unless we can find a piano player to accompany us. You may also hear more guitar, banjo, ukulele, and other instruments as we learn what choir and congregation members play, and when we can talk those folks into performing. Be prepared to be asked!

Meanwhile, we hope we can find a new director who will steer us into new musical directions and make it fun as we go forward. We always learn from whoever leads us. The choir meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Join us to sing!

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## **Fire Drill Planned for the October 23 Worship Service**

David O'Brien, Safer Congregation Team Co-Chair

Fire! Fire! What if someone yelled this during services at AUUF? Would you know how to exit the building safely in the event of this emergency? The Safer Congregation Team, which has been charged with the safety and well-being of the congregation, is planning on a fire drill during the 11:00 Worship service on Sunday, October 23. This is how you should exit the building depending on where you are at the time of the drill:

- People in the sanctuary on the right side of the central aisle (as you face the chancel) would exit the room through the double doors on the front right side of the room, proceed down the stairs, and exit the building through the doors facing 18th Avenue.
- **People in the sanctuary** on the left side of the central aisle (as you face the chancel) would exit the room through the double doors at the back of the room, proceed down the stairs, and exit through the door immediately on your left (leading out to the parking area on the side of the building that houses the minister's office and social room).
- **People upstairs with mobility challenges** should just wait by the lift but not use it (in the event of a fire-related power failure, people would be stuck in the lift). During an actual fire, multiple people would help these people down the stairs.
- **People downstairs in rooms nearest the playground** should proceed up the stairs and exit the building through the door immediately on your right (leading out to the parking area on the side of the building that houses the library and sanctuary).
- **People downstairs in rooms nearest 18 th Avenue** should proceed to the door at the bottom of the stairs on the side of the building facing 18 th Avenue, and exit the building using the ramp.
- **People downstairs with mobility challenges** should exit the building using the ramp, accessed by the door at the bottom of the stairs on the side of the building facing 18th Avenue.

Remember in the event of an actual fire, keep calm and exit the building in an orderly manner. Please don't use the restroom as your exit the building and if it takes you a while to get your coat on, please carry it with you as you exit the building to avoid impeding the flow of traffic. And hopefully, we will never hear those words yelled in our building except for practice drills like this one.

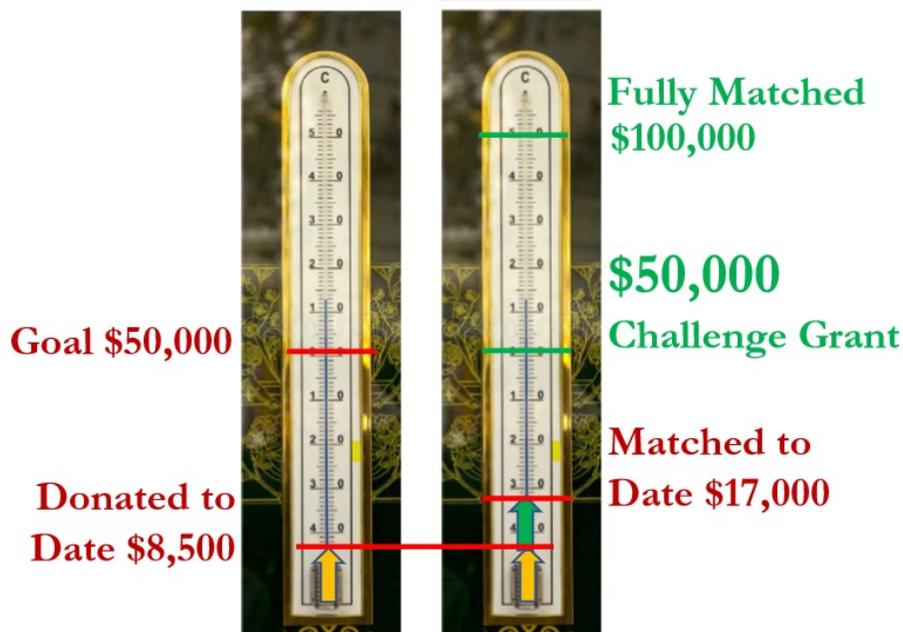
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## Donations + Grant



## AUUF Online Auction Live This Saturday!

OK, AUUF, get ready because we're about to go live with our annual auction! This year's online event opens this Saturday and runs through Sunday, Oct. 30. As always, there are several truly wonderful offerings: UAA sports tickets, yummy dinners and treats, paint and bowling nights, jewelry, brand new winter gear, home décor, a darling tricked out denim jacket, cooking classes, cabin stays, all sorts of useful gift certificates and a wide selection of hand and power tools. The auction provides the perfect way to jump-start your holiday gift buying while also supporting our mission. And once the auction opens, we'll also provide information about how you can share the link with family and friends. Thank you to our contributors and thank you in advance to each of you for committing to bidding on and buying at least one item.

Honestly, we think there's something for everyone. Items are on display downstairs in Rm. 2 at AUUF.

Questions? Please email [auction@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:auction@anchorageuuf.org)

## Are You Up-To-Date on Your Stewardship Pledge?

Many of our supporters pay their stewardship pledge automatically on a monthly basis, providing a continuous stream of income for us - Thank You! Others pay once to four times per year, based on their personal finances. If you are part of this latter group and are not sure what your pledge amount was for this fiscal year or where you are in paying it, please contact either Peggy Robinson at [probinson@ak.net](mailto:probinson@ak.net) or Shellie in the office at [admin@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:admin@anchorageuuf.org) for an update. Personalized statements for everyone will come out in mid-November for your end-of-year planning.

Thank you for your support of AUUF and our Mission!  
-Peggy Robinson, Stewardship Chair

By David O'Brien, Team Co-Chair

Your Safer Congregation Team has been periodically publishing "snippets" from its recently completed Guidebook. The charted purpose of the Team is to "ensure the protection and safety of the AUUF congregation and building", and the Guidebook has been written to support this goal.

#### **Limited Access Agreements (LAAs)**

- LAAs are created for individuals when there may be concerns for the safety of the AUUF members involved.
- The SCT shall oversee the LAAs and keep the Board and Minister informed of them with annual updates.
- The Minister will maintain the hard copy of the LAAs in secure files.
- Names of those with LAAs will not be disclosed to the congregation.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)



## **Adult Learning & Exploration Groups Sign-Up! / Adult Learning & Exploration**

Adult Learning & Exploration programs are starting up, and it's time to sign up for groups!

Which groups? Small Groups - Chalice Circles - Covenant Groups - Listening Groups and the Care Bear Stare! Groups have been called many things. Call them what you'd like and make them yours. Groups take many forms, and they all serve the purpose of facilitating deeper listening, connection, and support, and giving us space to explore important topics that enrich our AUUF experience together.

Groups decide together how their connection will look, and within the facilitator's availability, where, when, and how often to meet. Share your ideas about what a good and engaging connection group looks like for you. Truly, this is very open to ideas, and if we have people to make it go, we will! Want to connect through D&D, Sci-fi? Art or music jam for your connection and processing? Outdoors in motion and connected to nature? Tell us how you want to connect with a group of individuals for caring, and support!

Generally, groups meet for one to two hours, every week, every other week or monthly, depending on what the group decides. Let us know when you are available and what type of groups you are most interested in! Please sign up by October 21st, or as soon as you can so groups can start up the last week of October! New members may join throughout the year, but we need enough people in each group to get started! You can use this link to sign up for Groups!

-Dr. Ray Adult Learning & Exploration

## **AUUF Learning & Exploration Needs Your Help!**

Last week we started classes with over 50 children and youth registered for Learning & Exploration. At the same time, we only have 7 teachers! (And a BIG thank you to them!) We need several more teachers, especially



for our 6-9 year-olds and 10-13 year-olds. Guardians and prospective volunteers can find links to the curricula online [here](#). Please consider and let us know if you can volunteer!

Not sure you can commit to teaching but want to help out? We also need assistants, who don't plan lessons but help with class once or twice a month to cover when regular teachers are gone or to assist with group activities on Sunday mornings. This is a good way to check it out once to see how you like it! We also need one-time assistants for Cross-Age activities, and holidays like Halloween!!

The high school youth have some exciting plans this year, and we are especially in need of youth advisors who can support and supervise youth-led and organized events planned for evenings, weekends, and overnight. Youth advisors don't need to be at every event but should plan to be available about once a month or so.

Lastly, if you don't have much time, but want to support, you can volunteer to provide snacks for classes, one time or regularly! If you would like to help shape and grow Learning & Exploration programs, come help us and be part of the Learning & Exploration 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, special events  
Youth Advisors - monthly/every other month, for evening/weekend activities  
Snack Masters - drop of snacks for Sunday mornings, as you schedule it  
Team Members - twice a month meetings

Contact [DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org](mailto:DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org) to volunteer!

Children & Youth, Learning & Exploration

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## Vote for the 2023 Half Portion

*Dennis Arashiro*

5th Principle: The Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Process Within Our Congregations and in Society at Large

When I first joined the Fellowship, the Half Portion for Benevolence was in place to donate from Sunday collections to charitable funds and organizations. The Social Justice Committee made recommendations to the Board of Directors, which made the actual decisions on who the recipients would be. The name has since been changed to the Half Portion for Social Action. This reflected the view that it should not be about our benevolence; it should be about what we are trying to accomplish. The process has also been changed, so that we can live in accordance with our principles, specifically our Fifth Principle.

The nomination process took place from September 15 to October 1, and the final list of nominees was vetted and set in the past two weeks. Now is the time for all of us to act on our Fifth Principle by voting for the 2023 Half Portion recipients. You will have from now until November 1, 2022. You will be able to vote for 10 nominees; the 10 nominees with the most votes will be on the monthly schedule next year. Two months are already reserved for AFACT (Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations Together)

and PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), and all fifth Sundays in months that have them are already reserved for the Minister's Caring Fund or a cause designated by Rev. Lise. The actual 2023 schedule will be announced on November 17.

[Click here to vote and make your voice count.](#)

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## Anti-Racism Team Corner

### ALASKA BLACK CAUCUS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: A CONVERSATION WITH BLACK TRAILBLAZERS

Join the Alaska Black Caucus for a conversation with influential Black men.

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022. 7-8 PM

[Register now](#)

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ALASKA BLACK CAUCUS and ALLIES 4 CHANGE will be hosting a Ghoul Out The Vote event.

Saturday, October 29, from 12 PM to 4 PM, at the Mid Town Mall.

The focus is on voter education. The main target (but not exclusive), is youth. There will be music, food, costumes, and a "Get-out-the-Vote" parade.

Contact Tracy Barbee at [barbeetr@gmail.com](mailto:barbeetr@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering or want more info.

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### ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES CONVENTION

"Celebrating Our Unity"

October 20-22, 2022

Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska

For more information, check out the [website Native Federation.](#)

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### CURRENT EXHIBITS AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM

Black in Alaska

On view May 6, 2022 – March 2023

Throughout 2020, Rasmuson Foundation gathered with Alaska Black leaders to discuss critical issues and how the Foundation could be a better partner to the Black community in Alaska. Through these conversations, a need for more positive media by and for Black Alaskans was highlighted.

Black in Alaska is a multimedia project with interviews, photos and short videos profiling 50 Black Alaskans. Participants are from all over the state and represent diverse backgrounds in age, gender, and socioeconomic status. Through storytelling, this project aims to dismantle stereotypes and create a deeper connection between communities. Stories, photos, and videos are available on Black in Alaska social media channels as well as [the website](#)

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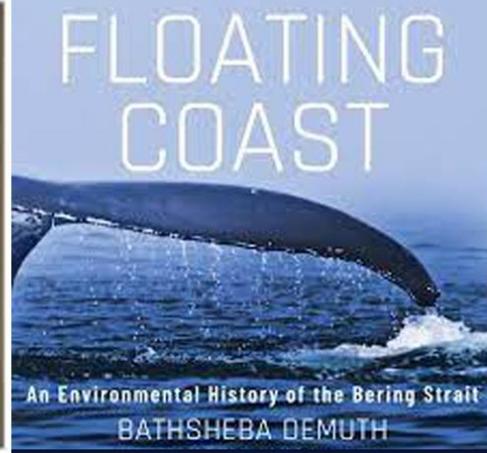
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Honoring our Deceased Loved Ones at All Souls  
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and AUUF

This Sunday, at our 11 am service, we'll celebrate our annual All Souls service and honor our loved ones who have passed to the other side. As part of this ritual please feel free to bring a photo or token of your dear one. Cards will also be available for naming and writing a brief sentence or two about the folks you'd like to honor. We'll create a table, or alter, of memories with these artifacts and also light candles in remembrance.

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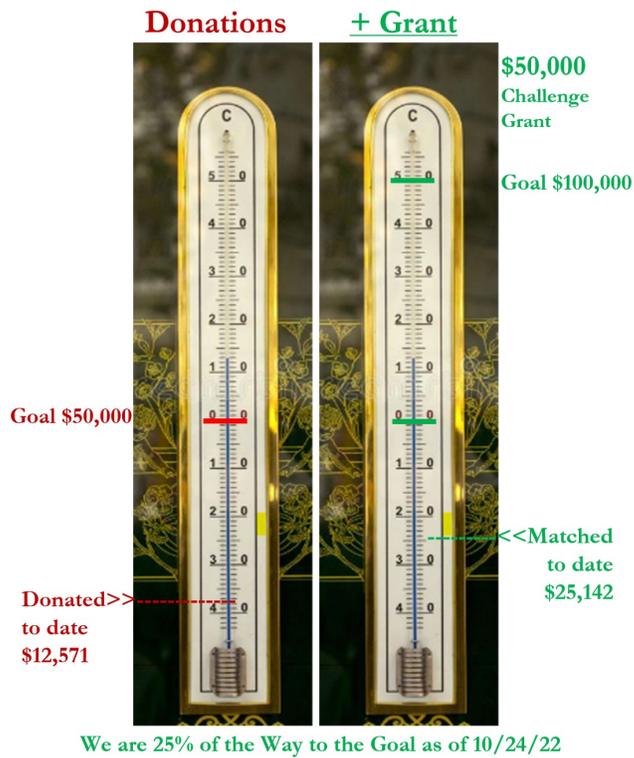
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## Awards Potluck Banquet

Sunday evening, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, November 6, 2022

Mark your calendars for this social event as we break bread together and celebrate folks who have contributed to our congregation and the greater community over the last year. This will be a potluck at the fellowship and in addition to giving awards, we'll also finish our auction with the raffle drawing.

Kalen Saxton is coordinating potluck goodies. Please contact Kalen at (907) 244-8221 to let her know what you are able to contribute and/or for suggestions.

This will be a mask OPTIONAL event. We hope to see you there!

## Playground & Grounds Master Planning

**Meeting Wednesday Evening, November 9, 2022 (Tentative Time 5:30 – 7:00 pm) at AUUF**

Our grounds and playground planning processes have been idle for a few months and we would like to kick them back into gear. Our overall objective is to progress to construction of our playground upgrade project next spring/summer. We need your help to get there.

We currently have in place a draft grounds master plan developed by Jobe Bernier and Cindy Kinard, based on widespread input from the fellowship. We need additional input to confirm what has been heard. We also have funding of > \$50,000 in place for the playground upgrade. Jobe, Cindy, and our consultant Peter Briggs, a licensed Landscape Architect with significant playground experience, have advanced playground site planning and design to 65% complete. We need your input to finalize our equipment selection and designs.

The preliminary agenda is as follows:

1. Overview of grounds master planning process to date
2. Review of the draft grounds master plan.
3. Overview of playground planning to date and what we have heard.

4. Presentation of draft playground plans.
5. Equipment, budget, and phasing discussion.

Please get the word out!

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## Rev. Lise will be out of state from Oct. 31-Nov. 3

Rev. Lise will be out of state October 31-Nov. 3 attending the Pacific Northwest Chapter Minister's meeting. This gathering happens about twice a year and it's the first one she's been able to attend since coming to Anchorage! She will be checking her emails while gone. Please text her if you have an emergency: 903.999.2061.

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## Safer Congregation Team – Guidebook Snippet

By David O'Brien, Team Co-Chair

Your Safer Congregation Team has been periodically publishing “snippets” from its recently completed Guidebook. The charted purpose of the Team is to “ensure the protection and safety of the AUUF congregation and building”, and the Guidebook has been written to support this goal.

### Limited Access Agreements (LAAs)

- LAAs are created for individuals when there may be concerns for the safety of the AUUF members involved.
- The SCT shall oversee the LAAs and keep the Board and Minister informed of them with annual updates.
- The Minister will maintain the hard copy of the LAAs in secure files.
- Names of those with LAAs will not be disclosed to the congregation.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

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## Adult Learning & Exploration Groups Sign-Up! / Adult Learning & Exploration

Adult Learning & Exploration programs are starting up, and it's time to sign up for groups!

Which groups? Small Groups - Chalice Circles - Covenant Groups - Listening Groups and the Care Bear Stare! Groups have been called many things. Call them what you'd like and make them yours. Groups take many forms, and they all serve the purpose of facilitating deeper listening, connection, and support, and giving us space to explore important topics that enrich our AUUF experience together.

Groups decide together how their connection will look, and within the facilitator's availability, where, when, and how often to meet. Share your ideas about what a good and engaging connection group looks like for you. Truly, this is very open to ideas, and if we have people to make it go, we will! Want to connect through D&D, Sci-fi? Art or music jam for your connection and processing? Outdoors in motion and connected to nature? Tell us how you want to connect with a group of individuals for caring, and support!

Generally, groups meet for one to two hours, every week, every other week or monthly, depending on what the group decides. Let us know when you are available and what type of groups you are most interested in! Please sign up by October 21st, or as soon as you can so groups can start up the last week of October! New members may join throughout the year, but we need enough people in each group to get started! You can



## AUUF Learning & Exploration Needs Your Help!

We started classes with over 50 children and youth registered for Learning & Exploration. At the same time, we only have 7 teachers! (And a BIG thank you to them!) We need several more teachers, especially for our 6-9 year-olds and 10-13 year-olds. Guardians and prospective volunteers can find links to the curricula online [here](#). Please consider and let us know if you can volunteer!

Not sure you can commit to teaching but want to help out? We also need assistants, who don't plan lessons but help with class once or twice a month to cover when regular teachers are gone or to assist with group activities on Sunday mornings. This is a good way to check it out once to see how you like it! We also need one-time assistants for Cross-Age activities, and holidays like Halloween!!

The high school youth have some exciting plans this year, and we are especially in need of youth advisors who can support and supervise youth-led and organized events planned for evenings, weekends, and overnight. Youth advisors don't need to be at every event but should plan to be available about once a month or so.

Lastly, if you don't have much time, but want to support, you can volunteer to provide snacks for classes, one time or regularly! If you would like to help shape and grow Learning & Exploration programs, come help us and be part of the Learning & Exploration 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, special events

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

Snack Masters - drop of snacks for Sunday mornings, as you schedule it

Team Members - twice a month meetings

Contact [DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org](mailto:DrRay@AnchorageUUF.org) to volunteer!

Children & Youth, Learning & Exploration

## Vote for the 2023 Half Portion- Please vote by Nov 1st!

*Dennis Arashiro*

5th Principle: The Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Process Within Our Congregations and in Society at Large

When I first joined the Fellowship, the Half Portion for Benevolence was in place to donate from Sunday collections to charitable funds and organizations. The Social

Justice Committee made recommendations to the Board of Directors, which made the actual decisions on who the recipients would be. The name has since been changed to the Half Portion for Social Action. This reflected the view that it should not be about our benevolence; it should be about what we are trying to accomplish. The process has also been changed, so that we can live in accordance with our principles, specifically our Fifth Principle.

The nomination process took place from September 15 to October 1, and the final list of nominees was vetted and set in the past two weeks. Now is the time for all of us to act on our Fifth Principle by voting for the 2023 Half Portion recipients. You will have from now until November 1, 2022. You will be able to vote for 10 nominees; the 10 nominees with the most votes will be on the monthly schedule next year. Two months are already reserved for AFACT (Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations Together) and PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), and all fifth Sundays in months that have them are already reserved for the Minister's Caring Fund or a cause designated by Rev. Lise. The actual 2023 schedule will be announced on November 17.

[Click here to vote and make your voice count.](#)



### Our Mission

To provide dynamic leadership to unite Anchorage in making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.



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## The October Half Portion offering goes to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

**Rev. Lise is also contributing her 5th Sunday offering collection to ACEH.**

The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to provide dynamic leadership in making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time. We believe that every Alaskan deserves a roof over their head, a place to put down anchor and feel safe with their loved ones. Our core values are respect, dignity, equity, and compassion.

Go to [anchorageuuf.org](https://anchorageuuf.org)  
Click on the Half-Portion note or Donate/ Pay  
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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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