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## Today At Our Fellowship

### Thursday, June 6, 2024

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

#### Thursday 6/6/24

#### Friday 6/7/24

9:30 am - 11:15 pm Private Rental  
12:00- 2:00 pm Freethinkers only at  
AUUF  
6:30-8:30 pm Small Group Discussion  
with Rev. Lise

#### Saturday 6/8/24

8:30-10:30 am AA Slap Happy Group  
4:00-9:00 pm Memorial Gathering for  
Maureen

#### Sunday 6/9/24

9:00 am The Forum ZOOM only  
11:00 am Sunday Worship In- Person &  
on ZOOM  
12:30 pm The Alliance

1:30 pm Worship Associate Meeting  
4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting

#### Monday 6/10/24

3:30 pm Private Rental  
6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful  
Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

#### Tuesday 6/11/24

2:00 pm Hungry Book Club  
5:15 pm PILOT to Assembly

#### Wednesday 6/12/24

#### Thursday 6/13/24

5:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting

Half Portion for June

[Refugee Assistance and Immigration  
Services](#)

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The Forum ZOOM only  
9:00 am Sunday, June 9, 2024  
*My Life in Alaska Theatre—A Conversation with Playwright,  
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## Sunday Worship



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*Is it Juneteenth yet?* With Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and Michele  
Champion

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## Freethinkers Book Selection

Freethinkers discussion group meets every Friday at 12:00pm - 1:30pm in Room 7

downstairs at AUUF. We just finishing reading *The Brain That Changes Itself* by Norman Doidge. The many examples and uses of the neuroplasticity of our brains gave us pause as we considered our own experiences with brain injuries, stroke victims, education, and so many other subject areas.

*The Brain..* was our third book since our January selection meeting. We had 15 titles nominated for this round including the remaining candidates from the January selection cycle.

At our May 24 meeting, we selected our next two books. There was the usual exchange of what we know about some of the books and some advocacy plus an appropriate amount of levity. Many titles were removed for lack of a moderator. Cari again made a list on a poster board and we each gave her our top three titles. Based on the votes, we will next take up *Write Hard, Die Free* by Howard Weaver nominated by James Dryden but, we hope, moderated by George Bryson. The next book will be *A World Lit Only by Fire* by William Manchester.

We will have a one session discussion of *Yuuyaraq: The Way of the Human Being* on June 7 and begin discussion of *Write Hard, Die Free* on June 14.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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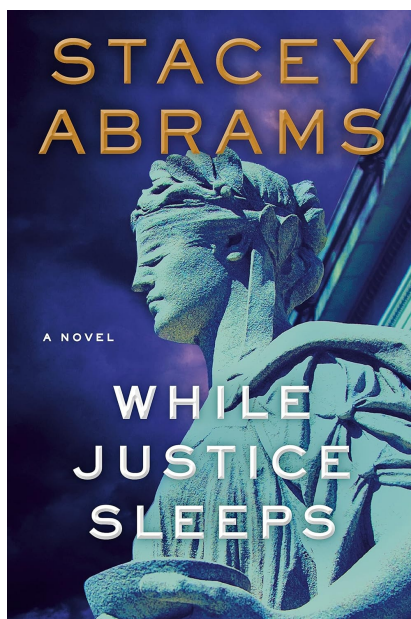
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## Join us in community for General Assembly 2024

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[Click here to read more.](#)



## The Hungry Book Club

The Hungry Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, June 11th at 2pm in the Library. The book being discussed is Stacy Abrams' *While Justice Sleeps*. Whether you have read the book or not, please come to join us for 90 minutes of discussion about both the book and getting to know each other better!





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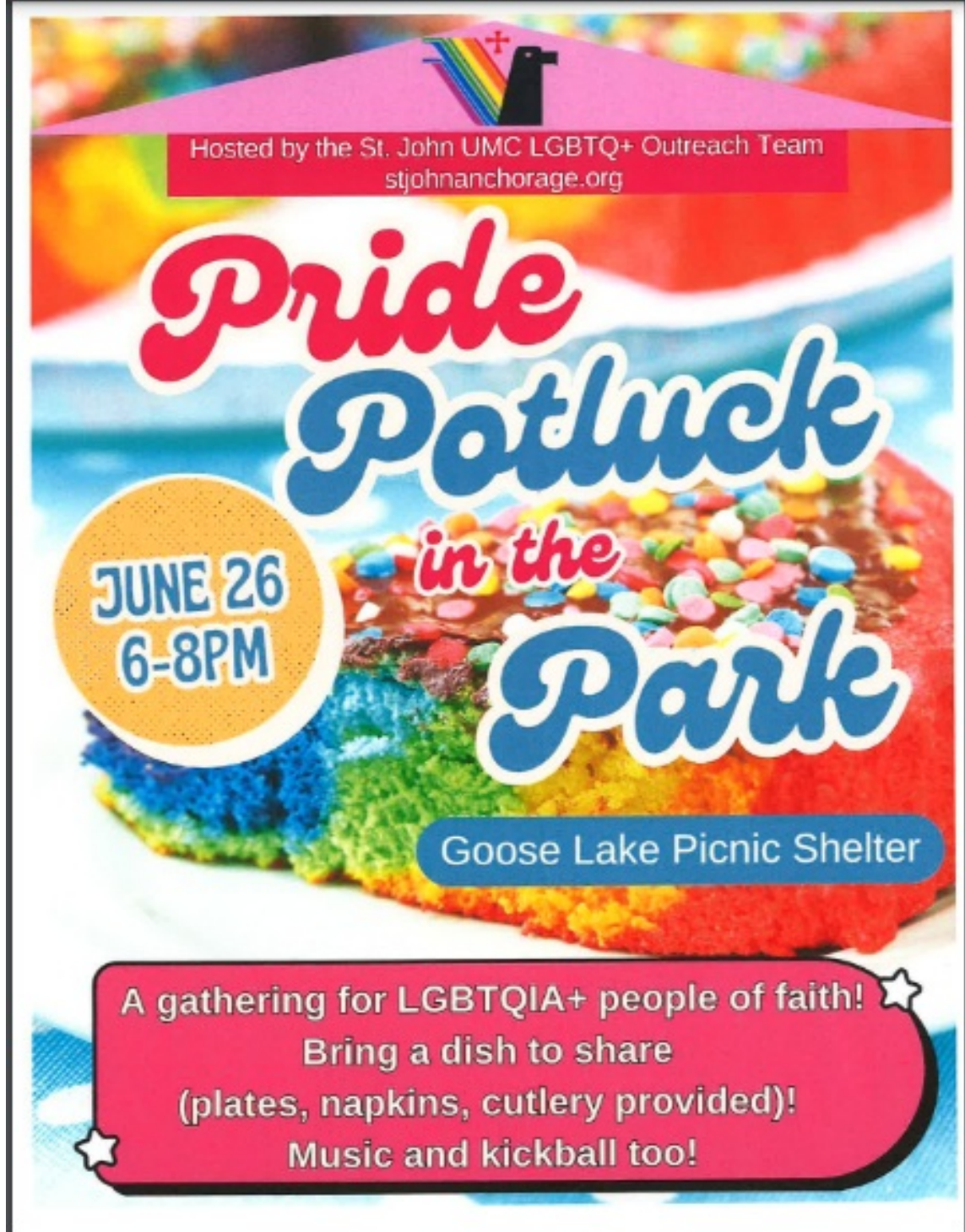
Come join us!  
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## PILOT

June 11th at 5pm in the Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library is the time that AUUF will present our annual PILOT check, or Payment In Lieu Of Taxes. This year the check is for \$4616 - a combination of half-portion funds from February offerings, \$1000 from the Operating Budget, and donations from 6 individuals. Don is not available this year for the presentation, so Vice President Kalen Saxton will be presenting the check to the Assembly chair. AUUF members are welcome and encouraged to come and support Kalen during the presentation. It will be on the agenda around 5:15pm.

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Our new DRE will start August 1, 2024. Please contact Rev. Lise in the mean time.

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Contact the Connections Team for more information on how to get involved at AUUF.

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5:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting

#### **Friday 6/14/24**

9:30-11:00 am Music Together Mountain song

12:00- 2:00 pm Freethinkers only at AUUF

#### **Saturday 6/15/24**

WhaleCoast Guests arrive

8:30-10:30 am AA Slap Happy Group

6:00-7:30 pm WhaleCoast set up

#### **Sunday 6/16/24**

8:00-11:00 am WhaleCoast Orientation

12:30-5:00 pm WhaleCoast Set-up

5:00-8:00 pm WhaleCoast Banquet

9:00 am The Forum **ONLY ON ZOOM**

11:00 am Sunday Worship In- Person & on ZOOM

4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting

#### **Monday 6/17/24**

3:30 pm Private Rental

6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

#### **Tuesday 6/18/24**

#### **Wednesday 6/19/24**

#### **Thursday 6/20/24**

5:30 pm Peace Camp Meeting

#### **Half Portion for June**

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The Forum ONLY on ZOOM 9:00 am Sunday, June 16, 2024  
*Climate Change and the Bering Sea Fisheries*  
Journalist Hal Bernton

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## Sunday Worship



Sunday Worship IN PERSON & on Zoom  
11:00 am Sunday, June 16, 2024  
*Renewing One's Story in Alaska*  
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Lauren Rench.

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## An Easy Social Action Activity

Please join the Anti-Racism team in the social room after the 11:00 service on Sunday

June 23rd to help stuff envelopes for the ACLU Prison Project. Each month, the ACLU sends out a newsletter to individuals who are incarcerated in Alaska prisons, giving them important updated legal information as well as some human interest items. This not only helps these individuals remain informed but also let's them know they are not forgotten. Who doesn't like to get mail, right? There will be a small group of us there for a couple of hours. Please consider joining us, for as little time or as long as you like. Thanks. (Michele Champion, 907-341-9249).

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## Staff Vacations

Hi Everyone,

Rev. Lise will be out of the office for a family memorial but checking her emails June 17-23. She will also be gone on vacation and out of contact for the entire month of July. Please contact the office for any pastoral care emergencies.

Kelly Spring, Communications Specialist will be out of office starting June 27, and returning July 20th.

**Deadline for the June 27th edition of TAOF will be June 25th.**

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## Introducing AUUF's new DRE

Greetings!

Some of you may have heard through the grapevine that we have hired a new Director of Religious Exploration (DRE). Annie Belts, Andee Cordano and Cristy Willer were all on the search team with me and hopefully, you're as excited by this news as we are. Jennifer has included an introduction of herself below, including some dates she'll be visiting soon. Before her move, she has to wrap things up in Minnesota which will take a few months. So she will begin to work for us halftime and virtually on August 1. She'll attend some meetings by Zoom that month so she can get to know us while also working on familiarizing herself with our curricula and events. The last week in August she and her husband will be driving up, and then she begins her fulltime, in-person journey with us on September 1. Yay!

So, please read below to meet our new DRE!

Warm regards, Rev. Lise

Greetings from Marble, Minnesota!

My name is Jennifer Bluntach and I am so grateful, excited, and feel so fortunate for the opportunity to step into the role as the new DRE at AUUF! I look forward to meet everyone and learn more about what the members and friends of the Fellowship are passionate about as well as how I can be of best service to the community. This is going to be a great adventure!

I was born, raised and have lived in northern Minnesota my entire life. I have a beautiful blended family. My husband is Ryan, daughter Hannah (26), her partner Jake(25), grandson Theodore(2), son Jack (22), step-son Austin (18), step-daughter Emma (16), step-daughter Autumn (9).



For eleven years I worked as the Activity Director at a retirement community. For the past five years I have been the office manager and youth director at Community Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. I love planning events (especially themed events!), youth retreats, youth trips, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities in the community and much more! I have planned and organized two high school youth group retreats in Wisconsin and taken the youth to two week long high school youth conferences in Montreal, North Carolina. At the beginning of June I will be taking them to North Carolina for one last trip together.

I'm excited to hear what the youth at AUUF might be interested in and passionate about. I always tell kids to dream big! We've made some of those dreams a reality at Community Presbyterian and we can do the same at the Fellowship!

Some of my other interests are any activities I can do with my grandson and family, baking, cooking, thrifting, antiques, Minnesota Timberwolves basketball and traveling somewhere new whenever possible! I am early to bed and early to rise. Even though I love and value community, I am an introvert and appreciate those days with absolutely zero plans. The days that I can just hang out at home with a cup of good coffee, read a book, watch a documentary and maybe even take an afternoon nap help me to recharge. My husband, dad and myself will be visiting Anchorage June 22-July 1. I plan to come to the 11am service at the Fellowship on June 23. Please introduce yourself to me if you are there! I'm good with remembering faces but it may take me some time to remember names. I'll do my best!

With gratitude and great excitement,  
Jennifer Bluntach



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## The Things We Find at AUUF . . .

On Tuesday, I arrived at the Fellowship to find a sports jacket, two ties and a pretty cool hat all hanging on the doorknob of my office door. My first reaction was to chuckle and shake my head, my next action was to ask our administrator (Peggy) if she knew anything about the surprise at my door. No, she did not. I have a very vague recollection of someone saying they wanted to leave something for someone on Sunday, but I didn't think it was clothes, but then it is a vague recollection. (I'm still chuckling at this as I write by the way.) This is not the first time that a mystery gift has been left at my door.

All of this is to ask folks who are thinking of leaving things at the Fellowship, to please 1. check with a staff person first, and then 2. include a note with your deposit. :-) (If someone did speak to me about the jacket ensemble, please pardon my forgetfulness and let me know what it is about.)

Oftentimes, folks will leave donations for us, which is a very kind thought, but we don't always have a need or space for some of these gifts. As should be apparent from this message, I at least, don't have the bandwidth to keep track of or be a go-between for deliveries. :-)

We do have a "will call" box hanging on the wall in the photocopy room if you need to leave a card for someone, and there are also the team/committee mail folders in that room as well.

Thank you so much for your understanding and helping me to keep my brain space a little more organized!

Warm regards, Rev. Lise

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## Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

AUUF members attended the Municipality of Anchorage regular assembly meeting on June 10 to make our annual PILOT payment to the municipality. This is the 58th year that AUUF has made such a payment in recognition of the municipal services that we receive as a congregation - in spite of the fact that we are not legally obligated to pay taxes. This year a check for \$4,616 was presented to the assembly. Board vice president Kalen Saxton made the formal presentation to the assembly and was joined by Lise Sherry, James Dryden and Stephanie Koonz, Linda McCool, David O'Brien, and Terry and Don Antrobus.

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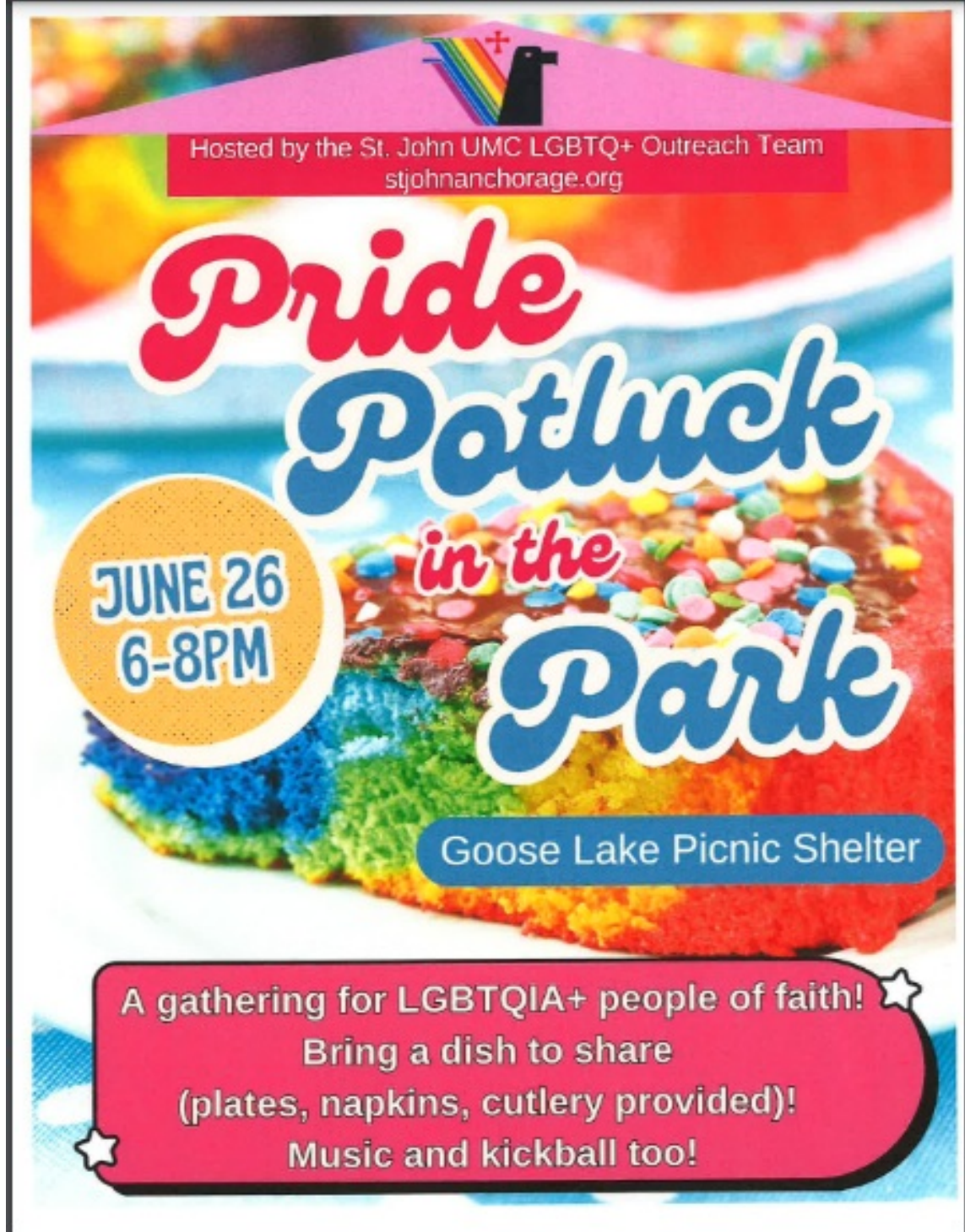
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## **Anchorage Pride Parade: March with AUUF!**

Saturday, June 29, 2024, 11:30 AM

Delaney Park Strip

The Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a Gold Sponsor of the Pride Parade this year, so let's show up in force to represent our UU values of love and justice!

Wear your "Side With Love" T-shirts and other festive UU gear, and come join us. If you forget your rainbow face paint and glitter, we've got you covered! We'll meet up at 11:15 AM at the Parade starting point – more details to come in future announcements.

Any questions, please contact Becca Bernard at 907-244-3988 or Gwen Perry Crawford at 907-360-7209. A huge thank you to the Alliance for covering the cost of our participation in this joyful community event!

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AUUF by voting on business matters, including a vote on whether to change Article II of the UUA's Bylaws. Article II is that section of the Bylaws that describes the UUA's Principles and Purposes. If you are interested in participating as an AUUF delegate, please contact Don Antrobus at (907) 980-2077.

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## Today At Our Fellowship

### Thursday, June 20, 2024

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

##### **Thursday 6/20/24**

6:00-9:00 pm Peace Camp & STAR and safety training

6:30-9:00 pm Board of Director's Meeting

##### **Friday 6/21/24**

9:30-11:15 am Music Together Mountain song

12:00- 2:00 pm Freethinkers only at AUUF

##### **Saturday 6/22/24**

8:30-10:30 am AA Slap Happy Group

8:00 am- 6:00 pm Private Rental

9:00-2:00 pm Set up for Peace Camp

6:00-9:30 pm Private Rental

##### **Sunday 6/23/24**

9:00 am The Forum In- Person & on ZOOM

11:00 am Sunday Worship In- Person & on ZOOM

1:00-3:00 pm Peace Camp Prep

4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting

##### **Monday 6/24/24**

Peace Camp

3:30 pm Private Rental

6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful

Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

##### **Tuesday 6/25/24**

Peace Camp

##### **Wednesday 6/26/24**

Peace Camp

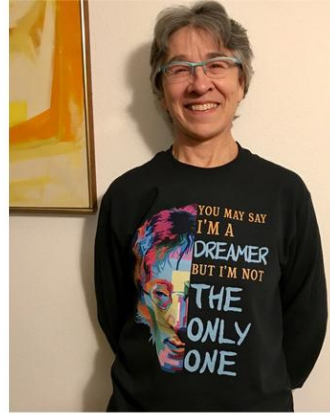
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##### **Half Portion for June**

[Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services](#)

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The Forum In person & on Zoom 9:00 am Sunday, June 23, 2024  
*Alaska's Afghan Refugee Community*  
Asia Amini, Dena Doublex

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## Staff Vacations

Hi Everyone,

Rev. Lise will be out of the office for a family memorial but checking her emails June 17-23. She will also be gone on vacation and out of contact for the entire month of July. Please contact the office for any pastoral care emergencies.

Kelly Spring, Communications Specialist will be out of office starting June 27, and returning July 20th.

**Deadline for the June 27th edition of TAOF will be June 25th.**

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## Summer RE Class Volunteers

JOIN US THIS SUMMER IN PROVIDING SUNDAY RE FOR OUR YOUTH!



**Sign up through**  
**[SignUpGenius](#)**  
**to volunteer for a**  
**Sunday.**

**Contact Katie**  
**Melrose for more**  
**information or**  
**support.**

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## Peace Camp is back! June 24 - 28, 2024!

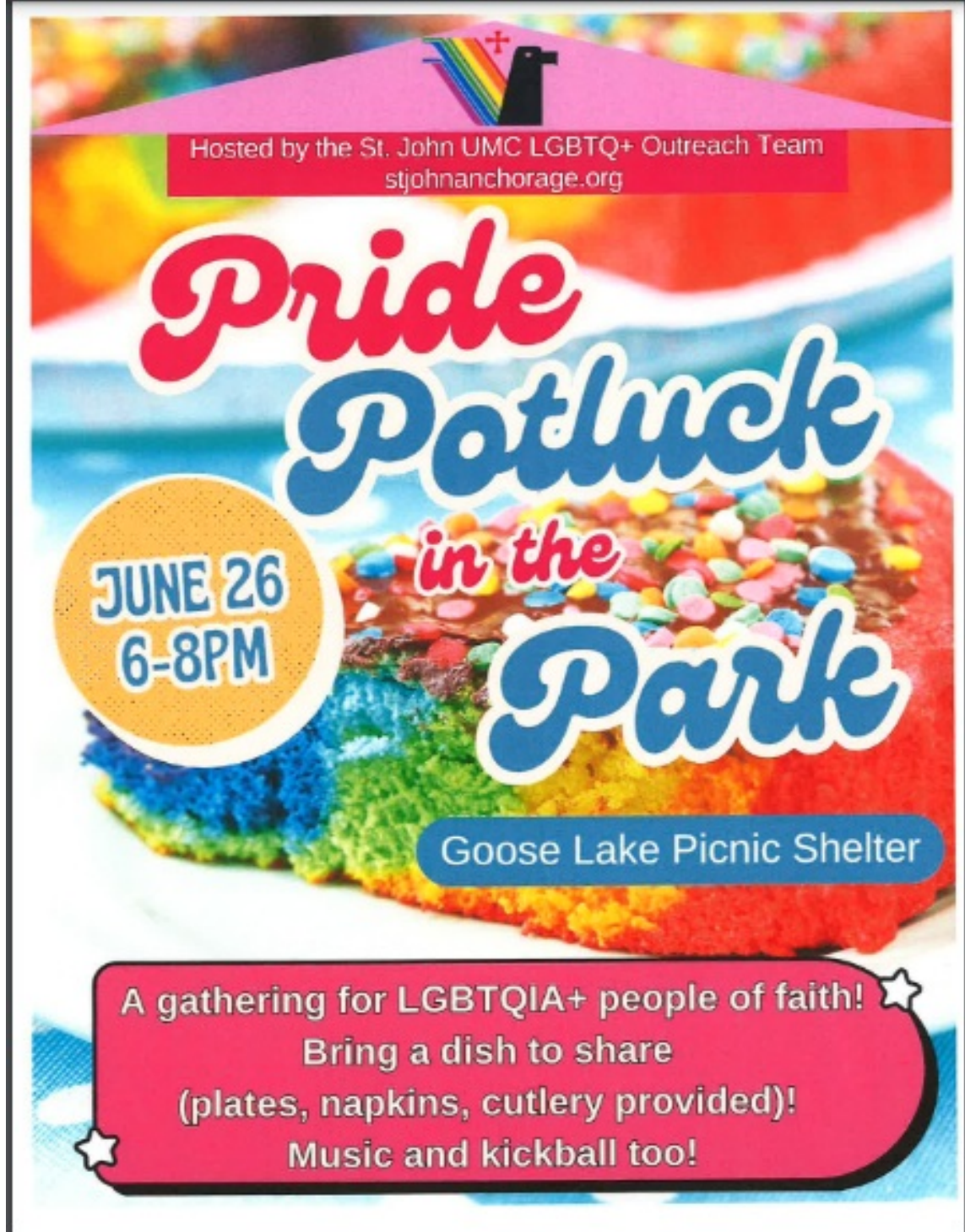
Children & youth from 1st - 8th grade are welcome to participate.

We are looking forward to a week in our beautiful Alaska outdoors, rain or shine! Music, stories, Crafts, games and bike rides. Lots of fun for everyone. Adults interested in volunteering in some way, please contact Elayne Hunter, Annie Belts or Rosene Beachy. And if you've been saving any of those giant coffee /fruit cans, we would love to take them off your hands.

Registration forms are available on the AUUF website as well as the RE Facebook Group. Early bird registration by May 1. Payment can be made on the AUUF Donations page.

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## AUUF Auction Updates

There is still space for some adventures this summer with other UU's! A few experiences for this summer still have space in them. If you are interested in a beach picnic at Kincaid Park (\$25/person, \$60/family) on August 3 or a weekend at Manitoba Huts on June 29-30 (\$175/person), please contact Carma Reed or the AUUF office.

Tom Choate may still have some space left on his Summer Alpine Walk in July (\$50). Contact him or the AUUF office for more information.

Upcoming fall auction. Former member Judith Anderegg has already contacted the office to donate one of her handknit creations for our auction this fall! It's not too soon to start thinking about what you can offer to be bid on – a handmade article? Experience or lesson? Food or a meal among congregants?

The on-line auction will again be held starting about mid-October, with it culminating in an annual dinner on Saturday, November 2 (tentative). The Auction Team needs some new members who enjoy the various aspects of organizing it, from gathering and sorting donations, writing descriptions, taking photos, monitoring the bidding, and planning and running the ending auction part of the dinner. Please contact the office at [admin@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:admin@anchorageuuf.org) if you would like to help.

Last fall we made over \$16,000 on the auction, so this is a major (and fun) fundraiser for us. There is something for everyone to be part of this event!

Come join us!  
-Peggy Robinson



## Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly – Call for Delegates

Would you be interested in representing AUUF at the 2024 UUA Virtual General Assembly? AUUF receives a total of 4 voting delegates. Our delegates will represent

AUUF by voting on business matters, including a vote on whether to change Article II of the UUA's Bylaws. Article II is that section of the Bylaws that describes the UUA's Principles and Purposes. If you are interested in participating as an AUUF delegate, please contact Don Antrobus at (907) 980-2077.

The annual UUA General Assembly will take place online beginning on Thursday June 20 and continue through Sunday June 23. You do not have to be a delegate to attend GA! GA offers many ways to deepen our experience of Unitarian Universalism through connections with our wider community, discussion and decision-making about business items, and engagement with leaders and speakers in worship and through multiple workshops.

For more comprehensive information on the Assembly, including schedules and program highlights please visit [General Assembly: The Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual Meeting | UUA.org](https://www.uua.org/general-assembly)

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## June 2024 HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services

Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) is the primary resettlement agency in the state of Alaska. Since 2003, RAIS has been dedicated to providing comprehensive support to refugees and new arrivals as they transition to life in the United States. Our mission is to empower new arrivals by offering a wide range of services including case management, employment support, English language classes, and cultural orientation. Through these initiatives, RAIS aims to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and fully integrate into their new communities.



Currently, RAIS faces an urgent need for additional resources to support the growing number of refugees arriving in Alaska. Since 2021, the program has grown over 2000%, and currently serves over 900 individuals throughout the state. RAIS works daily to ensure safe and warm welcomes for families, enhance their educational programs, and help new arrivals build the tools for success in the United States. You can learn more about the work happening at [cssalaska.org/RAIS](https://cssalaska.org/RAIS).

If you would like to continue to support RAIS, we are in need of volunteers, particularly Meal Team members, who ensure new arrivals are well-fed with culturally appropriate food for their first three months, and childcare helpers at Fresh International Gardens - our refugee-led agricultural co-op. We also invite you to join us for a World Refugee Day celebration on June 27th at Grow North Farm located at 3601 Mountainview Drive, Anchorage from 4:00 - 7:30 PM.

Go to [anchorageuuf.org](https://anchorageuuf.org)  
Click on the Half-Portion note or Donate/ Pay  
at the bottom of the home page.  
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"Half-Portion for Social Action"

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**Connections@AnchorageUUF.org**  
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song

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#### **Tuesday 7/2/24**

4:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom

#### **Wednesday 7/3/24**

5:00 pm Connections Team Meeting

7:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting

#### **Thursday 7/4/24**

Independence Day Office closed

#### **Half Portion for July**

[Planned Parenthood](#)

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The Forum In person & on Zoom 9:00 am Sunday, June 30,  
*A Life with Vic Fischer—Reflections On Statesmanship  
and Public Policy with Jane Angvik*

## The Forum

9:00 am Sunday, June 30, 2024

### Notes from the Forum

- This **Sunday, June 30**, our speaker at the Forum will be **Jane Angvik, in-person** at the Fellowship (as well as on Zoom for those who can’t make it there). She will be speaking about “A Life with Vic Fischer—Reflections on Statesmanship and Public Policy.” Vic Fischer, her husband of 42 years, would have been 100 last month. Jane has been a public servant and leader in our community for five decades.

- Also, our speakers from last Sunday, and our Social Action committee, wanted to remind everyone that the World Refugee Day event is happening **Thursday, June 27, from 4:00-7:30 p.m.** at the Grow North Farm, 3601 Mountain View Drive.

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## Upcoming Worship Services, Sundays at 11 am

Here's what's coming up for Worship for the next 5 Sundays. We don't have Soul Matters themes in July and August so we've got quite a selection!

June 30, 11 am, In-person & Zoom

Pride Fashion Show

Rev. Lise, C. Thomas, D. Arashiro

Come dressed authentically as yourself in whatever way you'd like, whether you strut your stuff or not. Rainbow colors are encouraged but not required. We'll also talk a little bit of Pride history.

### **July 7, 2024, 11 am, In-person and Zoom**

World Forgiveness Day

Michele Champion, Lauren Rench

**July 7 is World Forgiveness Day.** Michele and Lauren will propose a scenario for forgiveness—what would you do? How does forgiveness heal? Who has the right to forgive? What do our UU values teach us about forgiveness?

### **July 14, 11 am, In-person & Zoom**

Trans People Belong Here!

Becca Bernard, Maribeth Snell

Rebecca Bernard, will share how our values call us to learn about and advocate for trans folks. She'll look at this through the lens of our newly named UU value of "Pluralism."



**July 21, 11 am, In-person & Zoom**

Soap Box Sunday

Barb Clark

Come share what's important to you! Barb Clark will facilitate this opportunity for AUUF folks to get on their "Soap Box" and briefly share their passions and concerns.

**July 28, 11 am, In-person and Zoom**

Spiritual Dimensions of Elvis

Dennis Arashiro, Michele Champion

Who knew that Dennis was such a big Elvis fan? He'll share the important things he's learned from Elvis over the years.

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## Staff Vacations

Hi Everyone,

Rev Lise is going on a hiking trip in Northern California for the month of July. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact the office and Peggy will get you connected to our Care Team or Ruth Greenwood or Rebecca Bernard who will be available for emergencies. You can also email [ShareTheCare@AnchorageUUF.org](mailto:ShareTheCare@AnchorageUUF.org).

Hi Everyone,

Kelly Spring here, I am taking an extended vacation June 27- July 20. While I am out the website will not be updated, and Peggy will publish a simple TAOF July 11, in two weeks, after tomorrow's edition comes out. Deadline for the July 11 edition of TAOF will be July 9th. Sunday Services will occur as normal. You can check the [AUUF calendar](#) for more information & the [Sunday Services/ Speaker's bio page](#). Thanks for your understanding. TAOF will resume weekly publishing on July 25.

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## OMGosh! Peace Camp is so much fun!

I got back from time with family in Oregon last week, and this week is all about Peace Camp (and getting ready for my July hiking trip). Along with Michele Champion, our teen counselor Nora Houston, and some assists from Nelson, I'm working and playing with the middle school group—they recently named themselves the 'Peaceful Frogs' in honor of their green baseball caps. (Every age group at Peace Camp gets their own color baseball camp. Teachers/helpers get purple.) So far, we've ridden our bikes every day, and plan to continue that mixed in with a hike. We've made survival bracelets (google it ?), put up a variety of tents (including tarp shelters), we made trail mix and are going to experiment with a variety of camp foods, we're learning about Leave No Trace and 10 million (okay, maybe it's 28) things you can do with a bandana. We have a great group of kids and if you can, stop by and just check out all that's going on at the Fellowship this week. I'll try to post some photos on our FB page.

Last week, in addition to celebrating Nelson's mom with family and friends (she died in February), I also attended GA virtually with my friend Tracy in Portland. Our big push was to attend the business meetings because there was a lot of discussion about Article 2 of

our UUA bylaws, and the revamping of our principles into values. We discussed a series of amendments to Article 2, but generally folks liked the most recent revision as it was. Still, it was a hard conversation because we UUs value our 7 (or 8) principles and how they have represented us so well since the 1980s. Others saw the importance of renewing our mode of presentation—talking about values and even having a graphic representation was seen as a way to bring our content into our current times. Fortunately, some of our most valued phrases from our principles have been incorporated into the description of our values or elsewhere in Article 2. We voted on Saturday and our new version of Article 2 passed with 80% of the vote.

This is going to be a big change in how we identify ourselves, and understandably many of us will grieve for what was. I hope you'll talk to me about how you feel—sad, happy, confused, whatever it may be. And, this change also states to the world what we always say—we are a non-creedal movement. Sharing in common how we treat one another and our interdependent web with dignity and worth is more important than having the exact same belief statement. [Here's the most recent link to our new Article 2.](#) I hope you'll check it out.

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Have a great month everyone!  
Blessings, Rev. Lise

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## Clean Carpets - We need your help!

Our carpets need cleaning, and this coming holiday week is a perfect time to do it! We have Allen Rapid Dry Carpet Cleaning coming on Tuesday morning, July 2. Everyone's assistance on Sunday after the 11am service can help make the preparation of stacking chairs and moving couches and furniture go faster. Please plan on staying (or coming)!

We'll move everything back on Friday, beginning at 10am.

Come join us for an opportunity to exercise on behalf of your congregation!

Please contact Peggy Robinson in the office if you know youth who would be willing to help and earn a little money.

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## WhaleCoast Thanks and Update

Thank you to all the volunteers that made our June WhaleCoast hosting so successful! We made \$13,220 by providing housing and a banquet for the 33 guests and 2 coordinators. With so many members and friends helping and working together, it is such a successful financial and relationship-building activity!

The July tour is a slightly smaller event, as Anchorage is in the middle of their tour. Guests will come on the train from Denali during the evening of July 24, sightsee in Anchorage on the 25th, have our banquet that evening, and then fly out to Sitka the next morning. We are

still looking for a few more hosts for the nights of July 24 and 25. Please contact Peggy Robinson at [whalecoast@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:whalecoast@anchorageuuf.org) or the office if you are interested in hosting. Mel Langdon will be contacting everyone who has already signed up to confirm your availability.

Unfortunately, Covid did infect some of the June tour participants and 1 host, as it did the last few years too. Maya is encouraging everyone on the tour to use masks when inside or near others. We are encouraging all the hosts to do the same, in your home, car, and other enclosed locations. We plan on having the banquet outside again.

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Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health care for all people, as well as the nation's largest provider of sex education. Planned Parenthood is made up of many separate non-profit organizations across the country. While these organizations are tied by a central mission — to protect access to sexual and reproductive health care and education, no matter what — they are separate entities.

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