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Today At Your Fellowship
Friday
March 4, 2022

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

Saturday 3/5/2022

Sunday 3/6/2022

9 am Virtual Forum

10:15 am RE Chalice Circles
Online all the time

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Worship Services for March

March 6, 2022, 11 am Zoom only

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Our worship theme for March is "renewing faith," and March is also Women's History Month.

We'll explore what "faith" might mean for Unitarian Universalists and reflect on the idea of "renewing faith" through a prism of women's history and experience.

March 13, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

Esther and the Purim Celebration

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry; Marty Freeman, Worship Associate

As UUs, we honor the deeds and words of prophetic people (mythical and real) who share values that promote equity for all. Esther of the Hebrew Bible was one of these people, and as it's still Women's History Month and Purim is approaching, she seemed like a good person to learn from today. How did her courage and intention make it possible for others to continue and renew their beliefs?

March 20, 2022, 10 am In-person & Zoom

Congregational Meeting, 10 am—Forum and Worship are joined today

The AUUF Board, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

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The View from Her Perspective

The Anti-racism Team

Join us as we share writings from women of color. How can their perspectives and truths encourage us to renew our faith and energy as we work to build a more equitable world? If you have a favorite women author of color, please bring a short reading—we might have time for you to share, too!

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Online Retreat with David Loy
March 19

Staying Un/Grounded in a World that Seems to be Falling Apart

The Refuge of No Refuge:

The Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship is sponsoring a time of guided meditation, discussion groups, and a dharma talk with David Loy, author of *Ecodharma: Buddhist Teachings for the Ecological Crisis. *The retreat takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. This program is offered free of charge. There will be an opportunity to make an offering. Please register at [UUBF 2022 Day Retreat Registration](#)

The UUBF is a denomination-wide organization dedicated to supporting UUs who find inspiration in Buddhist teachings and practice. For further information contact Rev. Judy Zimmerman, UUBF President jzimmerman@uuma.org

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Your support makes ALP's mission of changing lives through literacy possible.

Since 1974, Alaska Literacy Program (ALP) has been the leading literacy service provider to English Language Learners around the state. Most of the people served are newcomers to Alaska, speaking languages including Spanish, Amharic, Somali, Samoan, Nuer, Korean, Arabic, Pashto, Somali, Hmong and Russian. ALP recruits, trains, certifies and supports volunteer teachers and tutors who work in a classroom setting or one-on-one teaching reading, writing, and speaking English. ALP provides year-round services for adults and families with young children, concentrating on those most in need. During the pandemic, we adapted our classes to be offered online and added classes for digital literacy, which will remain permanent parts of our programming. Along with English skills, we also provide instruction for citizenship, GED prep, and workforce development training.

Additionally, ALP supports the incredible Peer Leader Navigator (PLN) program, which is a health education and community outreach initiative. PLNs are former ALP students from many different immigrant communities who have undergone a year-long leadership development training. Our PLNs have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide support to some of our most underserved multilingual residents in accessing COVID-19 health information, testing, vaccinations, housing, food, childcare, and relief programs. Through generous donations to our PLN Community Fund, the PLNs helped feed over 100 families with a holiday food drive that featured fresh ingredients that PLNs knew their communities would be excited to cook.

Between our in-person classes, online classes, and GED classes, we have seen record high student enrollment in this past year. Now we are faced with the responsibility of replacing our condo building's roof this year, a project with a price tag around \$50,000-\$65,000. We've been in this building since 1986, gradually buying more space over time so that we now own 11 condos. Your generous donations will help make sure we can keep the roof over our head and continue to provide services!

Visit [Alaska Literacy Program](#) to make a gift today.

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

Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



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As you start to walk out on the way,
the way appears.

Rumi

This Week @ AUUF

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Tuesday 3/8/2022

2 pm Hungry Book Club

Wednesday 3/9/2022

6 pm Safer Congregations Team Meeting

6:30 pm RE Spirit in Practice

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The Finance Committee is meeting on Wednesday to consider how to allocate our proposed income to anticipated expenses for next year. Their report will come to the Board on March 16th. Unfortunately, there is a large gap between income and expenses, so some hard decisions will need to be made. Pledges usually pay for about 75% of our costs.

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Freethinkers

12 Noon, Friday, March 11, 2022

Patriotism and Courage
by Cari Sayre

It's easy to be lulled into thinking "it could never happen here." According to Timothy Snyder in the last chapters of *On Tyranny, Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, "A patriot says that it could happen here, but that we will stop it."

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10:15 am RE Chalice Circles
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2 pm Tuesday, March 15

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Oh, and I just realized, our first day back, March 13, is also our first day of daylight savings, so don't forget to set your clocks forward (spring forward). Everyone will be too excited about coming back to AUUF in person to sleep that late anyway, right? ;-)

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- Please maintain courteous distances from those not in your personal pods

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Other Days at AUUF

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- When children are present
- In groups larger than 10

Adult groups of 10 or less may mask-up or not based on the group consensus

Outdoors at AUUF

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Rebecca Bernard, Ministerial Intern

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Communications Updates

Hi AUUF,

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Then I will return to work on March 23 and **we will start a new TAYF publication schedule of once a week on Thursday**. We are making this change as Sunday Worship returns to regularly scheduled in-person services.

Submitting articles to TAYF & making a Zoom meeting request while I'm away....

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Assembly Candidate Forum

3-4 pm Sunday, March 13th

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6 pm Choir Rehearsal

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12 pm Freethinkers

Saturday 3/19/2022

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More info below.

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Help AUUF earn big bucks this Summer!

Denise Martin dulcimer.diva@gmail.com is still looking for AUUF volunteers to house guests during the dates above. Thanks so much to the former hosts who responded by email. We potentially have enough for the bed spaces for 42 guests in each tour (including the tour director and his assistant), IF everyone on the "maybe" list will come around to saying "yes"! That's a long shot, and backups are usually needed for hosts with unexpected changes in plans. First-time hosts are very welcome to help. If you don't have guest space in your home, but would consider the role of host in another AUUF home, let

me know if you're interested. Banquet organizers/volunteers are needed, too.

More information on our [website](#), or visit [WhaleCoast AK](#) for general tour information and Covid protocols.

Anti-Racism Team Worship and Discussion March 27

The AUUF Anti-Racism Team will be leading worship and hosting a post-service discussion on Sunday, March 27, and we hope you'll join us! March is Women's History Month and Reading Month, and we'll be celebrating by sharing excerpts from some of our favorite women writers of color and weaving these into our service. If you'd like to share an excerpt from one of your own favorite women writers of color, please stay for an informal discussion session afterwards, starting at 12:30. The writing can be on any topic, fiction or non-fiction – anything you would enjoy introducing your fellow congregants to. Questions? Please email Becca Bernard at rbernard.ak@gmail.com.

Anti-Racism Team Corner

Events of interest around town and online:

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- Implicit Bias Workshop, April 7
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- Microaggression Workshop, March 23

For more information and registration, visit <https://ywcaak.org/programs/social-justice/>.

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March is National Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Month

By Cindy Kinard

Since yesterday PM I've been praying for my niece and sending info to her parents about TBI treatment (I had a TBI in 2015 and am on the State TABI (Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury) Council).

She was bucked off a horse Thursday and only hit her butt (very hard and bounced several times) but wound up with a huge blood clot in her brain which had to be removed by a neurosurgeon in Georgia, where she lives and has run an equestrian center.

Which is to say---

This is National Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness Month, and one can acquire a TBI almost anywhere under the most seemingly unlikely circumstances. No jostling of the brain is safe to ignore (which she did, didn't even know it had happened, coming close to the point of dying...)

Also, please know that icing the affected area is the first thing to do, to reduce swelling, which is one of the most damaging effects of brain injuries. Most ER staff do not know of this!! Providence ER didn't when I showed up in 2015...and other ERs have recently shown similar lack of knowledge.

This podcast is of the April 04, 2021 AUUF Forum talk by the Anchorage TBI expert and a brain researcher/professor at UAA...it is most informative and may bear re-watching even if you saw it live!

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Share

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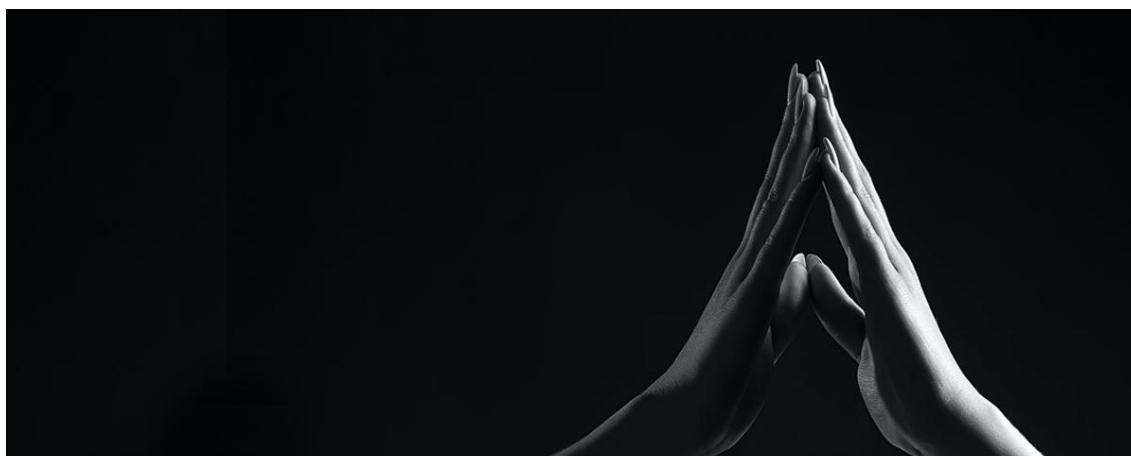
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The View from Her Perspective
The Anti-racism Team

Sunday Worship Live at AUUF & on Zoom

11 am Sunday, March 27, 2022

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

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Anti-Racism Team Worship and Discussion

12:30 pm Sunday, March 27

The AUUF Anti-Racism Team will be leading worship and hosting a post-service discussion on Sunday, March 27, and we hope you'll join us! March is Women's History

Month and Reading Month, and we'll be celebrating by sharing excerpts from some of our favorite women writers of color and weaving these into our service. If you'd like to share an excerpt from one of your own favorite women writers of color, please stay for an informal discussion session afterward, starting at 12:30 pm. The writing can be on any topic, fiction or non-fiction – anything you would enjoy introducing your fellow congregants to. Questions? Please email Becca Bernard at rbernard.ak@gmail.com.

SOUP SUNDAYS YUM!

There will be **2 Soup Sundays** this spring following the 11:00 am worship services.
March 27 – we will have tables inside and outside. Donations will be sent to UUSC to help with the Ukrainian refugees.

This Sunday, March 27 will be the last online 10:15 am RE Chalice Circle

April 24 -after the Earth Day Service. Because we do not have specific classes coordinating, we would welcome soup donations!!

Contact Rosene beachy, DLRE(907-441-6815) or Elayne Hunter, CYRE chair (907-223-6507)

REGISTER SOON! SUMMER PEACE CAMP– JULY 18-22, 2022

Accepting registrations for children entering 1st through 5th, also for Jr Camp for youth entering 5th-8th grade. Please register early so we know how to plan. Early Bird registration special. Registration forms are available on the RE Facebook page, or at the Fellowship.

Jr Youth Group has been meeting monthly with Jaime and Becca for some great in-person activities. They will begin meeting on Sunday mornings for fun and learning.

Come on Sunday morning starting March 27 to get reacquainted and to share ideas for fun! There is also a children's group meeting in person each week.

Now that we are again in person, we are asking for volunteers for our different programs.

OWL Leaders needed

Our Whole Lives is the UU Sexuality program that is highly regarded across the country. We have been offering it here at AUUF for about 20 years. Leaders come and go, and the demand has gradually increased our classes, and we turn propel away some years when our classes are full. In visioning meetings members talk about how this outreach could be increased . . . wonderful idea, but we need more trained volunteers to lead the programs. We cover with teams of 4-6 leaders so the workload isn't too difficult! Ideally, all OWL classes have leaders of diverse gender, race, and age. We are seeking interested persons (particularly males) to get the training for the Elementary and the Jr/Sr High OWL program. Trainings are now being offered online which makes attending easier. Weekly meetings + a Saturday during July, September, or November to add up to about 15 hours. Check out the UUA website information and then speak to Rosene for more information.

Youth Advisors needed

Because we do not as of this time have a Youth Volunteer Coordinator, we are looking for several folks to be High School Youth Advisors or Middle School Advisors to help with the youth programs this spring. Sunday mornings, and possibly other activities the youth create.

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Freethinkers

12 Noon, Friday, March 25, 2022

Defining Secularism
by Cari Sayre

The discussion last Friday wove itself around what secularism is — and what it isn't. Synonyms abound, but some (atheism, for example) have ugly historic and societal connotations to the extent that people are loath to label themselves as such.

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

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More information on our [website](#), or visit [WhaleCoast AK](#) for general tour information and Covid protocols.

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Your support makes ALP’s mission of changing lives through literacy possible.

Since 1974, Alaska Literacy Program (ALP) has been the leading literacy service provider to English Language Learners around the state. Most of the people served are newcomers to Alaska, speaking languages including Spanish, Amharic, Somali, Samoan, Nuer, Korean, Arabic, Pashto, Somali, Hmong and Russian. ALP recruits, trains, certifies and supports volunteer teachers and tutors who work in a classroom setting or one-on-one teaching reading, writing, and speaking English. ALP provides year-round services for adults and families with young children, concentrating on those most in need. During the pandemic, we adapted our classes to be offered online and added classes for digital literacy, which will remain permanent parts of our programming. Along with English skills, we also provide instruction for citizenship, GED prep, and workforce development training.

Additionally, ALP supports the incredible Peer Leader Navigator (PLN) program, which is a health education and community outreach initiative. PLNs are former ALP students from many different immigrant communities who have undergone a year-long leadership development training. Our PLNs have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide support to some of our most underserved multilingual residents in accessing COVID-19 health information, testing, vaccinations, housing, food, childcare, and relief programs. Through generous donations to our PLN Community Fund, the PLNs helped feed over 100 families with a holiday food drive that featured fresh ingredients that PLNs knew their communities would be excited to cook.

Between our in-person classes, online classes, and GED classes, we have seen record high student enrollment in this past year. Now we are faced with the responsibility of replacing our condo building's roof this year, a project with a price tag of around \$50,000-\$65,000. We've been in this building since 1986, gradually buying more space over time so that we now own 11 condos. Your generous donations will help make sure we can keep the roof over our head and continue to provide services!

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How Should Libraries Referee Fights Over Competing Social Agendas?
Former MOA Librarian Mary Jo Torgeson

Virtual Forum

9 am Sunday, April 3, 2022

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)
[Click here for Speaker's bio.](#)

April at the Forum

We're looking forward to an interesting variety of Forum programs for April. **Speakers' bios and photos** can be accessed from the AUUF Home Page anchorageuuf.org through the link at "Virtual Forum," or by going to "Sunday Services" under the pull-down Menu for "Ministry."

On Sunday, **April 3**, our speaker will be **Mary Jo Torgeson**, who has **recently retired** after serving as Anchorage's **Library Director** for the past nine years. Turns out a lot of people are interested these days in who the library serves—and how and why. While we await the results of the ongoing worldwide search for a new Library Director, Mary Jo will share some thoughts on ***"How Should Libraries Referee Fights Over Competing Social Agendas?"***

The following Sunday, on **April 10**, our program will be **"Good Priest/Bad Priest."** We'll hear from two friends who are both **Alaskan authors, Joan Nockels Wilson and Kathleen Witkowska Tarr**. Joan recently published a memoir called **"The Book of Timothy,"** subtitled, **"The Devil, My Brother, and Me"** about a predator parish priest who changed the lives of her Midwest Catholic family. Kathleen has written about a very different kind of priest, the renowned Trappist monk Thomas Merton, called **"We're All Poets Here,"** subtitled **"Thomas Merton's 1968 journey to Alaska, a shared story about spiritual seeking."** Through readings and conversation, Joan and Kathleen will share some of the impacts these polar opposite priests have had on their respective journeys.

April is National Poetry Month, and we will celebrate that on Sunday, **April 17**, with a reading by **former Alaska Poet Laureate Tom Sexton**. Tom is the author of ten books of poetry, and a preeminent figure in Alaska's literary world.

Finally, on **April 24**, our speaker will be **Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy**. This will be the second of our Forums with gubernatorial candidates, and as we noted last month, we believe it is important to hear from those most likely to lead our state over the next four year, whether we think we agree with their views or not. **AUUF does not and will not support or oppose any candidate.** We have invited others running for Governor to join us, and those who accept will address the Forum in the coming months.

As always, you can send your ideas for either programs or specific speakers to the Forum Committee Chair John McKay at mckay@alaska.net, or pass them along to other Forum Committee members: Dennis Arashiro, James Dryden, Heather Flynn, and Lynn Hallquist.

Sunday Worship Live at AUUF & on Zoom

11 am Sunday, April 3, 2022

[Click here for Speaker's bio.](#)
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April Sunday Worship

April 3, 2022 In-person and Zoom
Hosea Ballou: Awakening to Love
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Joyce Laine

Hosea Ballou was born in the 18th century and helped shape the Universalism that informs our movement today. How did he come to the realization that God is love and how do we continue to carry that message of love forward?

April 10, 2022 In-person and Zoom

Now what? Are we finally "awake" or ??
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Cassie Thomas

As we seem to be coming out of yet another COVID peak, more and more of us are thinking about how we can keep moving forward and still be safe. It seems we're waking up to the reality and possibilities of an endemic situation. What does this mean? How can we continue to create Beloved Community?

April 17, 2022 In-person and Zoom
Healing from Past Harms, Awakening to Possibilities
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Barb Clark

Traditionally, Easter is a time of spring and rebirth. As UUs, we are often made of people who are recovering from the harms of past religious influences. Is there a way we can reframe this Christian holiday to heal our past hurts and awake to new spiritual possibilities?

April 24, 2022 In-person and Zoom
Earth Day!
The Green Sanctuary Team, Becca Bernard

April 22 is observed the world around as Earth Day. Join us as we celebrate and reconsider our stewardship of this most precious gift.

Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise

Join Rev. Lise for a walk and talk on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Folks gather at AUUF and leave at 2 pm. If the weather is really bad, we can always stay inside and chat.

Announcements from Religious Exploration - A very big Spring Weekend

PASSOVER SEDER SERVICE – SATURDAY, April 16th, 6:00 pm – 8:00

Family Friendly Seder Dinner at the Fellowship.

Join us for a multi-generational potluck at 6:00 pm, Saturday, April 16th Great for families and fun for kids! There will be about half an hour of active group participation in reading and singing the ritual Seder service with some traditional and some new elements. Bring a traditional or favorite family recipe!

SPRING FLING April 17 Religious Exploration

April 17 will be "Spring Fling" in RE a Cross-Age celebration including an egg hunt, and crafts. We would love some helpers for this week!

Please drop off candy and other plastic egg fillers in the RE office by April 10th, non-dyed, hard-boiled eggs brought on April 21.

VISITING YRUU GROUP (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) - April 16-17

We are looking forward to a Visit from a UU HS youth group from the Unitarian Church in Westport, Connecticut. A group of 11 youth and 5 adults will be taking a "Learning trek to Alaska! Understanding climate change and changing lives." As [stated on their website](#). They will be overnight at the church, joining us for our Seder and Easter services, and we will provide some meals.

Please contact Rosene for information on helping with this project.

UU Seder

April 16, 2022: 6 to 8 pm

We're having a seder again! In-person!! (Subject to all plans changing if a virulent new variant emerges.)

After two years of Zoom seders, when we ended with “next year in person,” we think we are ready to gather again.

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

Susan Orlansky
susano@reevesamodio.com
907-952-1668

Green Sanctuary Earth Day recycling event

April 24, 2022

Green Sanctuary is sponsoring another collection event for Earth Day on 4/24/22. Please bring your batteries, fluorescent lights, light bulbs, computers, and all other malfunctioning electronics. There will be a collection of containers at the fellowship. We are asking for a donation from our depositors. Funds are used to improve our grounds & sanctuary to be more “Green”. We can assist if there are large items to transport.

Call Yolanda Meza 907 764-9234 if any questions.



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More information on [our website](#). or visit [WhaleCoast AK](#) for general tour information and Covid protocols.

Introducing the Prayer Shawl Ministry

AUUF's Pastoral Care Team has begun a new ministry: knitting and crocheting prayer shawls and hats for members, friends, and others who are dealing with health problems and other difficulties. Knitting or crocheting a shawl or a hat is a beautiful way to embody our prayers for strength and healing into something tangible that can be given with care and worn with love. Knitting and crocheting are also powerful contemplative practices that can bring us in closer touch with the mystery of life. If you would like to knit or crochet a shawl or hat and imbue it with your loving care, please email Becca Bernard at rbernard.ak@gmail.com. I have patterns to share and can give you yarn and other guidance if you need it. Or just start knitting or crocheting, and bring your finished work to the fellowship! Thank you.

UU Intergenerational Spring Seminar

Are you worried about climate change and wondering what you can do? Here is an opportunity for you:

UU Office at the United Nations, 2022 Intergenerational Spring Seminar.

Theme: Displacement and Human Rights: All In For Climate Justice.

Dates: April 22 – May 1, 2022.

Location: Online.

The Intergenerational Spring Seminar, hosted by the UUA Office at the UN, aims to instill in Unitarian Universalist youth (age 14+) and adults a commitment to global engagement and the skills to take action locally to address global issues.

The intergenerational seminar is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, peer and expert-led panel discussions, community-building activities, and worship services, you will undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today.

[To learn more, click here.](#)

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12 Noon, Friday April 1, 2022

Principles and Principal Players by Cari Sayre

Jacques Berlinerblau's book, *Secularism: the Basics*, is an impressive study of the term and the way secularism has been incorporated in society through the ages.

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

New Board Members Needed for AUUF — If not YOU, then WHO?

By Denise Martin

AUUF's nominating committee has had a difficult time finding willing candidates to fill 2 vacancies that will be open on the board starting in June. After we called on numerous people over the last month, I'm realizing how much volunteer work is being done by so few. Some have been doing a lot of work for a long time, and serve on more than one committee.

We fully understand that this is a time of personal and health challenges for many of us. I also know how important a strong board of directors is to maintain our beloved community at AUUF. The nominating team will continue to look for dedicated candidates for the board. We welcome you to contact us with suggestions or may re-consider yourself as a candidate knowing how thinly stretched our volunteer base is becoming. Please contact Don Crandall for more information: phone 907 5701639 or email dhc907@gmail.com.

Thanks for your consideration!

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We have three new members this month - we'd love to have your participation as a member too!

A message from Katie Gordon Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services

Dear AUUF,

I've been chatting with the mosque for months to try to organize a welcome event to our 100+ Afghan neighbors. This Friday, April 1st at from 6-10 pm there will be a potluck at the Mosque for the Afghans. Ramadan starts the following day, so I'm trying to connect our clients with the mosque before it begins so that they can pray with their larger community.

Most of the Afghans mainly live in the Mountain View area and the mosque is located off Diamond/Old Seward Highway ([8005 Spring St, Anchorage, AK 99518](#)). Most of our families here do not know how to get to the mosque and it is also about a 1 hour bus ride. There are also no busses to pick them up that late at night—which is why I'm reaching out to you!

I'm hoping to have volunteers help me shuttle families from the Welcome Center to the Mosque this coming Friday and then back home. RAIS has a 15 seater van and a 7 seater van, but I'm sure a lot of people will want to attend.

Let me know if you [can drive by signing up here](#)—if you could let me know how many seats you have that would be great!

We will be asking clients to come to the Welcome Center around 5:30-6 pm and then be shuttling people down to the mosque. [Attaching the CSS volunteer driving form](#), but I will have some at the Welcome Center as well.

Let me know if you have any questions and **THANK YOU!!!**

Warmly,

Katie Gordon
Youth Mentoring/Older Refugee Coordinator
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Alaska Chamber Singers

This weekend. Katherine Huffman and AUUF Music Director Megan Webb will be performing alongside many other talented musicians.

Delight in Spring!

April 1 & 2, 2022

Live Performances at 8 PM

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
3900 Wisconsin Street, Anchorage, AK

[Click here for tickets.](#)

Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine

A time to recognize the harm of all global conflict, show support for resettlement, and connect with our community.

Thursday, March 31st | 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Please Join Us for a Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine

The recent events in Eastern Europe weigh heavy on all our hearts. We grieve with the people of Ukraine who have lost so much, and the people of Russia, as many must now also flee their homeland. The crisis we're witnessing is heartbreaking and horrifying. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected.

This candlelight vigil will be a time and place to gather and recognize the global crisis of displacement. Over 80 million people were forcibly displaced in 2020. Approximately 26 million of these individuals have refugee status. Because of the current crisis in Ukraine, it is more important now than ever to take the time to recognize the disastrous effects of conflict. We hope that this vigil will allow those attending time to grieve and reflect and to feel connection and support during these times of extreme global conflict.

New Chance and their Ukraine Relief Program will be joining us for the event. New Chance is addressing the immediate needs of Ukraine. The program is providing support to churches in West Ukraine that are giving shelter and food to families, helping visa-holding Ukrainians get to Alaska, and supporting new arrivals as they get settled.

When: Thursday, March 31st; 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Delaney Park, next to the walkway on G St and 10th Ave.

[Click here for event details.](#)

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