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Today At Our Fellowship

Thursday, June 4, 2026

This Week @ AUUF

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All day Peace Camp

5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team

Meeting Library & Zoom

Friday, June 5

All day Peace Camp

*12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person
Only Sanctuary

Saturday, June 6

8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group at
AUUF Social Room

12:00 – 3:00 pm Japanese American
Citizen's League Meeting Social Room

Sunday, June 7

*9:00 – 10:15 am The Forum

*11:00 am – 12:00 pm Sunday Worship
Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom

12:30 – 2:00 pm The Alliance - At AUUF
Sanctuary

4:00– 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends
Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

*5:00 – 9:00 pm Sunday Solidarity- All
are Welcome Social Room

Monday, June 8

All Day Peace Camp

Tuesday, June 9

All day Peace Camp

*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group
Room 7

*2:00 – 3:30 pm Hungry Book Club
Upstairs Library

Wednesday, June 10

All day Peace Camp

*6:00 – 8:00 pm Safer Congregation
Team on Zoom

Thursday, June 11

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6:00 – 7:00 pm Private Rental

Friday, June 12

All day Peace Camp (Day 5/5)

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Community- Koun Franz Talk
Social room

*Open to AUUF Members & Friends

Social Justice Pillar for June: Advocating for Immigrants



The Forum IN person & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday, June 7, 2026
"Holding Police Accountable? Shaping a New Anchorage Public Safety Commission" Felix Rivera, Anna Brawley & Stand-Up Alaska Executive Director Erin Jackson-Hill

The Forum

Sunday June 7, 2026, 9:00 AM

IN- PERSON and on Zoom

Holding Police Accountable? Shaping a New Anchorage Public Safety Commission

That's the subject of the Forum this **Sunday, June 7** (9:00 – 10:15 a.m., as always) featuring Anchorage Assembly Chair **Anna Brawley**, former Assembly Member **Felix Rivera**, and **Stand-Up Alaska Executive Director Erin Jackson-Hill**. Brawley and Rivera, along with fellow Assembly member Kameron Perez-Verdia, started the ball rolling with creation of a task force. That group met and consulted with all segments of the community for six months last year about what a new Public Safety Commission should look like, and what powers it should have, to address transparency, trust, and other issues concerning the relationship between our community and its police force. This is timely, because the Anchorage Assembly is in the process of considering recommendations of the Task Force. What benefits can we expect to see from a new commission? Does it go far enough?

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

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Sunday Worship Service IN person & on Zoom 11:00 AM Sun., June 7,
"Surviving the Salem Witch Hunts, Then and Now"
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Michele Champion

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Minister's Message

Thank you to all the folks who sent me photos of our beautiful bouquet from our Flower Ceremony on Sunday! The photo you see with this message is courtesy of Cindy Kinard.

For those of you who weren't with us on Sunday, the first Flower Ceremony was created by Rev. Norbert Capek, a UU minister serving the Prague, Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic) congregation which he also founded. The first Flower Ceremony happened June 4, 1923. Capek created it as a way for his congregation to affirm and celebrate

the diversity of his congregation and the human race. Each flower, leaf or twig represents a congregant. Capek later died in Dachau in the early 1940s because of his actions for continued freedom under Hitler's fascist regime.

One of the other things we discussed on Sunday was Capek's book, *To the Sunny Shore, A Guide to Living Joyfully*, which he first published in 1929. In it he described his philosophy that humans can have more control over their lives than they might think by adjusting their attitudes to a more optimistic view of life. Some of what he wrote is very Buddhist in outlook. He also believed that to create the world we want, we first have to envision it. Then we simply work towards its enactment. Simple? Yes. Easy? No! Possible? Yes!

I told folks I would send a link to the translation of his book that a British minister (Rev. Andrew James Brown) has been working on. Rev. Brown says his work still needs

footnotes, but he wanted to share it at this point anyway.

Here's the link:

https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vQevCYUm8LNMnMKPRFVTF2c9IC9AoArAwF7XbbLBaEb_Db3OD8mkFpy9NZWL0hqrFb-VAcqJYuk0cfT/pub#h.lmkeqoxhww3h

Enjoy!

And I hope you enjoy these beautiful sunny days. By the way, I'm helping with Peace Camp this week and it's going really well! The kids are wonderful and all the volunteers pitching in make for a mini Beloved Community at AUUF this week. Thanks too, to Jenn and the RE Team for all their hard work making this happen.

With blessings and love,

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry



You are invited to celebrate Wray's 80th Birthday

It's a Party!!

Come on Down

This next Sunday--June 7th

Help celebrate Wray Kinard's 80th Birthday

Following the 11 o'clock service--

There'll be scrumptious carrot cake from Organic Oasis (OMG, are we in heaven yet?!)

With the normal accoutrements and

a LOT of silly joking...

Maybe even the chance to sing Happy Birthday off tune



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Annual Meeting Follow-up

Thanks for all of you that attended the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 3. For those who were unable to attend, the Fellowship passed revisions to the Bylaws, including a change to the process for taking public positions. The Fellowship also elected Doug Eby, Laura Kabatt-Kennedy, and Kay Sind to 3-year terms on the Board. And the Fellowship elected Jay Van Alstine to a 3-year term on the Endowment Committee.

Members also filled out a survey asking whether they would like to continue the Social Justice Pillars concept for another year and, if so, what topics they would like the Fellowship to focus on this next year. Fifty-three members filled out the survey. 96% of those who responded supported continuing the pillars for another year.

The following topics received more than 20 votes:

Climate and Environmental Justice – 29

Education - 28

Freedom of Speech/Freedom of Press – 27

Poverty/Food Security – 26

Government/Democracy – 22

Homelessness - 22

At its meeting on May 20, the Board discussed the results and decided to have two topics this coming fiscal year. The first pillar will be “Climate and Environmental Justice” from September to December 2026. We thought this could build off the installation of solar panels this summer. The second pillar will be “Education” from January to April 2027. This will overlap with the legislative session and expected discussions on education funding.

In addition to these topics receiving the most votes, the Board considered both topics to be fairly broad and to have local impacts and social action opportunities. We hope they will be relatively easy to incorporate into Forum, Worship, RE, and Social Action. The goal is to have one Sunday per month addressing the pillar topic, but the specifics will be left to the Forum, Worship, and RE Teams and the Social Action Council.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Lise or your Board members. Thank you for all you do.

In Fellowship,
Justin Roberts
Board President



Green Sanctuary sponsored Plant Sale

Go Green! Have a garden this year!

Plants for Sale!

Contact Yolanda Meza for more
information.

AUUF Youth Fundraising

The poster features decorative wavy borders in the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right corners, each composed of multiple overlapping rainbow-colored lines (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).

PRIDE MONTH

WE CELEBRATE LOVE, IDENTITY, AND
THE POWER OF BEING
UNAPOLOGETICALLY YOURSELF

AUUF Youth will be fundraising for future youth events. Pride merch and accessories will be available for purchase on Sunday, June 7 and 14 from 10am-12:30pm

Large Flags \$7 each
Small Flags \$3 each
Be Kind Stickers \$3 each
Human Stickers \$2 each
Assorted Pins \$2 each
Rainbow Fans \$2 each
Magnetic Bookmarks \$2 each
Small Stickers 5 for \$1

We thank you for your support!



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Whether it's our personal lives or the state of the world, at times it can feel like it's all just too much. Instead of teaching a way out, Buddhism teaches us a way into suffering, into unknowability, into the vast complexity of being alive.

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Invitation: Deliberative Democracy Study Group

Deliberative Democracy is a process of collaborative decision making in civic engagement- a practice used by many communities around the country and elsewhere in the world today. This is a new idea for many of us. Please join us to learn together what it is. We'll read articles and possibly books on the topic TBD.

To learn more visit: [DemocracyNext](#)

When: 6-7:30 p.m. on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Start: August 2026

Duration: 3-4 months or as needed

Contact: yaso.thiru@gmail.com

Organizers: Yaso Thiru & Erika Grant



June HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION:

The Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) program of Catholic Social Services is honored to be the half portion recipient this June. Refugee Assistance Immigration Services (RAIS) provides a bridge for refugees (individuals who have had to flee their countries of origin due to the tragedies of persecution and war) and other new arrivals from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. Through a focus on economic self-sufficiency, community integration, and a respect for unique cultures, history and traditions, RAIS creates an environment of compassion and encouragement for refugees to flourish. We offer programming to clients statewide including case management, employment assistance, health case management and youth/elder programming.

On January 20, 2025 President Trump signed an Executive Order titled "Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program" which indefinitely suspended the resettlement of Refugees through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). While we are not receiving new arrivals through that program, we continue to serve more than 1,000 clients currently in Alaska. With the uncertainty of federal policy, loss of significant federal funds, and increasing client needs, community support is more important now than ever.

Here are some immediate ways you can support:

- **Make a Financial Donation:** Donations help cover housing needs, transportation, job readiness tools, and emergency assistance. You can donate online at <https://www.cssalaska.org/donate/> and indicate that your gift is for Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services in the drop down.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** We especially need youth mentors, family mentors, childcare support and help sorting donations. Please reach out to our Community Engagement Manager, Michelle Waclawski, at mwaclawski@cssalaska.org

You can contribute in person at our Sunday services or online by visiting **[anchorageuuf.org](https://www.anchorageuuf.org)** click on Donate/ Pay on the home page. Enter your donation under "Half-Portion for Social Action."

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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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Wednesday, June 17
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Meeting - In Person (Zoom-Contact Don)

Thursday, June 18
2:00 – 3:00 pm UU HR Meeting

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Juneteenth offices closed
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11:00 am Sunday, June 14, 2026
"Freedom of Religion; Freedom to be UU"
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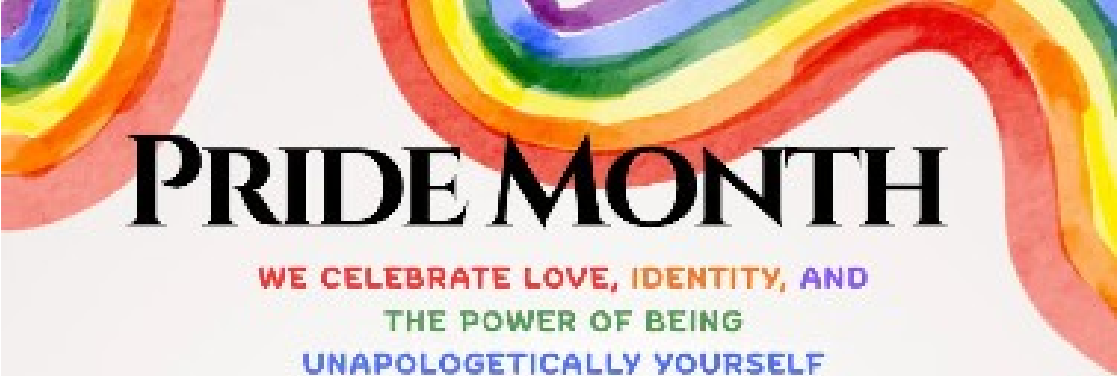


Youth Fundraiser Update

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Today At Our Fellowship Thursday, June 25, 2026

This Week @ AUUF

Thursday, June 25
Whalecoast

Friday, June 26
*12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person
Room 7

Saturday, June 27
8:30 – 10:30 am AA-Slap Happy Group at
AUUF Social Room

Sunday, June 28
*9:00 – 10:15 am The Forum
*11:00 am – 12:00 pm Sunday Worship
Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm ACLU Prison Project
Newsletter Assembly Social Room
4:00 – 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends
Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room
5:00 – 9:00 pm Sunday Solidarity- All are
Welcome Social Room

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30
*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group
Room 7
*5:30 – 6:30 pm Anchorage Against
Christian Nationalism- All Are Welcome

Wednesday, July 1
3:30 – 5:00 pm Connections Team
Meeting on Zoom Library
5:00 – 6:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting - In
Person & Zoom
Library
5:00 – 6:00 pm RE Meeting
7:00– 8:30 pm Building & Grounds
Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, July 2

Friday, July 3
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Only Room 7

*Open to AUUF Members & Friends

**Social Justice Pillar for June: Advocating for
Immigrants**



The Forum IN person & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday, June 28, 2026
Alissa Lambert, Program Director of Refugee Assistance & Immigration
Services

The Forum

Sunday June 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

Understanding the Likely Consequences of New Supreme Court Rulings Affecting Immigration and Refugees

Our speaker at this **Sunday's Forum** is **Alissa Lambert**, Program Director for Catholic Services' **Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services**. This is the main program offering these services in Alaska. The **US Supreme Court** Thursday made important **rulings about asylum and about TPS**, the federal Temporary Protected Status program dealing with refugees from certain countries. Alissa will focus on some of the implications of those Supreme Court rulings, and can also update us on RAIS programs. RAIS is the Half-Portion recipient for the month of June. This Sunday also marks the end of the quarter in which the Fellowship has been attempting to focus in a more intentional way on Immigration and Refugees, as part of the Board's Social Justice Pillars initiative.

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



Sunday Worship Service IN person & on Zoom 11:00 AM June 28,
"Pride and Freedom" Rev. Rebecca Bernard & the LGBTQ+ Advocacy
Team

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Sunday June 28, 2026, 11:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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

Worship Service Zoom Interrupted July 5

Due to vacation time and volunteers being gone for the holiday. There will be no Zoom Worship Service July 5. In-person worship will continue as normal. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you are interested in being an AV volunteer for the future, please contact Rev. Lise

Rev. Lise on Vacation

Rev. Lise will be gone June 28 through July 15. If you have an emergency please contact Esme in the office and she'll connect you to a Board member or a Care Team member. (Please send anti-mosquito thoughts and prayers her way as there is rumored to be a lot in the beautiful place she is going. Thank you!)



Anchorage Pride Parade 2026

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
LGBTQ Advocacy Team

We are so glad you are interested in being part of the parade with us!

What: Navigate the parade route with other UUs & celebrate Pride!*

When: Meet at 10:55 am, Saturday, June 26 (parade starts at 11:30 am)

Where: South east corner of the intersection of F Street and 8th Avenue in downtown Anchorage

Wear: Side with Love gear, AUUF gear, rainbow anything/everything, glitter, chalices, face paint, whatever brings you joy

**We will have a truck with a few spots for riders. If you'd like to save a spot, please contact Becca Bernard.*

Guidelines from the parade organizers:

- Bicycling? Wear a helmet.
- Pet? Keep it under control and pick up after it.
- No units shall display political protest, or advertising. Current serving elected officials may be invited to ride in the parade with signs identifying their status. They may not campaign for re-election, nor display any campaign materials in the parade.
- Parade participants may NOT distribute or throw merchandise, gifts, literature, or any materials, including candy.
- No spraying of water or other liquids from units.
- At the parade's end, people walking should exit quickly to the sidewalk to keep traffic flowing.
- [Full guidelines here for your reading pleasure](#)

[Click here for more info.](#)

HELP! ACLU NEWSLETTER MAIL OUT!

Dennis Arashiro

Once again we at the Fellowship will get out the ACLU Prison Project newsletter on SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026, after the Worship Service in the Social Room. This newsletter will be going out to those incarcerated in the Alaska prison system, letting them know that their lives matter to all of us on the outside. The Fellowship Anti-Racism Team has been organizing the assembling of the newsletter every time it comes out.

We will need volunteers to stuff the newsletters into envelopes, address the envelopes and check the addresses to ensure that they are updated and correct. If you bring a laptop, you will helping make the process smooth and fast by checking the accuracy of

addresses. The Social Room will be set up after the Worship Service like a Henry Ford assembly line to git 'er done right quick.

See you Sunday for some worthwhile action.



PILOT Presentation

Thanks so much to all who joined for the PILOT presentation to the Assembly on June 23rd, and to everyone who contributed to PILOT this year. Our presentation was so well-received the Chair had to (kindly, and perhaps against her own wishes) remind folks that clapping is not permitted. Please enjoy these photos of the check presentation firm handshake with Muni CAO Bill Falsey. Here's to 59 years of PILOT!

WhaleCoast Thanks!

A HUGE Thank You to all the people who opened their homes, their car doors, and their pantries to help host our 30 WhaleCoast guests from all over the country. Your support of this fundraising program earned for AUUF about \$13,500! Of course, we hope that you enjoyed your guests, the banquet, and/or the expanded Dollies troupe's entertainment. Thank you everyone who had a part in making the June WhaleCoast tour successful!

The July WhaleCoast event on July 22-24 is shorter, with 2 nights, and driving during the day and the banquet the evening of the 23rd. I'm still looking for a few hosts, especially ones with 2 beds or a king bed. Please let me know if you can house a couple. More information to come on how you can help.

In Fellowship, Peggy Robinson

Religious Exploration & Jenn Bluntach, DRE (Out of Office)

June 29 to July 18

What a wonderful summer so far! Our two weeks of Peace Camp went fabulous! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that contributed your time, energy and talents to make it happen---Katie Melrose, Kathy Lucich, Joclyn Reilly, Bev Grogan, Rosene Beachy, Elayne Hunter, Jim Kerr, Judie Jordan, Ralph, Kalen Saxton, Marisol Bundtzen, Robin Hill, Koala, Carol Histan, Rev Lise Sherry, Nelson Sherry, Andrea Van Ravenswaay, Cathy Steen, Joan Frankovich, Dennis Arshiro, Tim Huffman, Katherine Huffman, Bonnie Moore, Michele Champion, George Donart, Laura Kabbet-Kennedy,

Silver Hjellen and Teresa Zimmer. I hope I didn't miss anyone! We had bike help, lunch buddies, many different workshop leads and assists, check in/check out table and music- so many moving parts!

Thank you to our teen and young adult cabin leaders- Bella (Sakura), Cora, Skyler (Goose), Isa (Koi Fish), Zoe (Lime), Mae (Lemon), Bodhi (Nacho) and Emma (Sauce)!!!

I will be out of the office June 29 to July 18 to rest and hopefully have a chance to explore parts of Alaska I have yet to experience. I'll return to AUUF on Sunday, July 19.

Join us for the next Family Night Out on Wednesday, July 29 from 6pm-8pm. Our first event on June 24 was a success! Adults had a chance to visit and the kids played. It was an informal gathering during a lovely June evening. Hot Dogs (vegetarian option available) and s'mores are provided. Bring a side to share if you wish. Finger foods such as veggies, fruits, cheese & crackers are a great option as well as bringing a water bottle.

Religious Exploration registration for the 2026/2027 school year will be available at the end of July. Classes will begin Sunday, August 23 for the school year. I'm looking to round up some new RE helpers this school year. We'll be adding another classroom to split up our largest group once again. Classrooms will be Pre-K, Grades K-1, Grades 2-4 and Grades 5-8.

The NEW Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-8) will begin in October- meeting monthly on a Friday evening. Thank you to all who supported the youth fundraiser of Pride merchandise. Pearl and Dougie staffed the table and collected over \$300 to go into our youth account. This will help to plan and fund any special events for youth group we may want to have or attend in the future.

Parent's/Grown-Up Night Out will return in October as well.

HS Youth events/activities will announced as planned and scheduled. HS OWL classes will run for seven consecutive Sunday mornings mid-January through February.

Children's Choir will begin on Sunday, August 30 following the 11am service. Approximately 12:30pm-1pm (a chance to grab a snack after the 11am service and RE classes). There will be an option on the RE Registration to sign up. Kids will be singing at the multi-generational services throughout the school year. The first being the Water/Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 13.

Fall Frolic dates are September 18-20 at Birchwood Camp on Chugiak. Registration will be available mid-August and end on Thursday, September 3. Thanks again to ,The Alliance, for providing funds to pay for the food this year!

I think that is all the RE related news I have to share. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

AUUF Religious Exploration Updates

[Click here to read.](#)



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When:

Wednesday, July 29, 6pm–8pm

What: Hot Dogs & S'mores provided!
Bring a side to share (not required)



Join us to roast hot dogs around
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summer at the AUUF! Adults can visit
and the kids can play!



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Volunteer for Sunday Hospitality through Sign-Up Genius

Please consider signing up to help make AUUF a warm and welcoming community. Encourage a friend or relative to join you! Every Sunday we need greeters, zoom ushers and Social Hour helpers to keep our kitchen tidy. Below is a link to the Signup Genius which includes downloadable directions on what to do. All you need is an email address and you will be sent an automatic reminder 2 days ahead of time. Thanks to all who continue to help!



Invitation: Deliberative Democracy Study Group

Deliberative Democracy is a process of collaborative decision making in civic engagement- a practice used by many communities around the country and elsewhere in the world today. This is a new idea for many of us. Please join us to learn together what it is. We'll read articles and possibly books on the topic TBD.

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