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Today At Your Fellowship
Thursday
July 7, 2022

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

Thursday 7/7/22

4:30 pm Walk of Faith Scout Event --
Follow-up Meeting

6:30 pm Special Board Meeting on Zoom
ONLY

7 pm Healthy Congregation Team

Friday 7/8/22

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Saturday 7/9/2022

Sunday 7/10/2022

9 am The Forum **on Zoom ONLY**

11:00 am- NEW TIME AUUF Sunday
Worship

12:30 pm The Alliance

2:30 pm Worship Associate Meeting

Half Portion for Social Action for July
is [Planned Parenthood](#)

Sad News About Gary Holthaus

Dear Ones,

Some of you may have already heard through the grapevine that AUUF's beloved past minister, Gary Holthaus, died. His son-in-law, Ken Acton, reached out to me this morning and the following is some of what he shared with me.

Gary had been in hospice for the last six months due to his diagnosis of Lewy body dementia. He died early on Tuesday morning and his close family and friends are sad and relieved that he is at peace.

Ken shared how happy Gary had been to be AUUF's minister. From Ken's perspective, he felt like Gary's ministry allowed him to share and make use of all he had done and learned with his life. AUUF was a meaningful ministry to him. From the stories I've heard about Gary since my arrival it sounds like the entire fellowship was graced with his gifts and his presence.

At this point the family has no plans for a memorial service. Like many of us the pandemic has

been a challenge for them and they are making rest and private time a priority. That being said, Ken also said that neither Lauren (Gary's wife) or the rest of the family has any objections to others holding a memorial or other event to remember Gary's life.

Cards may be sent to Gary's wife, Lauren Pelon, at PO Box 401, Red Wing, MN 55066. Please no phone calls. Contact information for Ken Acton and Stephanie Holthaus is in our directory and they ask your patience as they plan to focus on self-care for the time being. I don't have any contact information for Gary's son, Kevin, but perhaps cards may be sent to Ken and Stephanie's address.

Please, everyone, take care of yourselves and treasure the memories you have of Gary.

Blessings and love,

Rev. Lise



*The Role of the Clerk, and How to Tap a Treasury of
Info About the Municipality*
Anchorage Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones

The Forum on Zoom ONLY

9 am Sunday, July 10

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

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

July at the Forum

There are five Sundays in July, and five Zoom-Only Forums to make your summer more interesting. **Speakers' bios and photos** can be accessed from the AUUF Home Page (www.anchorageuuf.org) through the link at "Virtual Forum," or by going to "Sunday Services" under the pull-down Menu for "Ministry."

On Sunday, **July 3** our speaker was **Delia Perez Meyer**, whose talk was called "**My Innocent Brother is on Death Row in Texas.**" If you missed her, or just want to see her again, she will be coming to Anchorage from Texas as the featured speaker for the Alaskans Against a Death Penalty's annual fish fry fundraiser ("Fry Fish, Not People") at Russian Jack Springs Chalet, on Thursday, August 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Our speaker this Sunday, **July 10**, is **Anchorage's Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones**. The Municipal Clerk is appointed by the Municipal Assembly, and among other things, supports the Assembly as well as MOA's Board of Ethics and other Assembly boards, and is responsible for conducting municipal elections. She will talk about the role of the Clerk, and about how to tap into the treasure of information available online about what the

Assembly does and has done, the Charter, municipal elections, and more—and, of course, answer your questions.

On July 17, our speakers will be **Stephen Haycox and Paul Brown**, talking about “**The Fate of the Fourth Avenue Theatre.**” As we write this, we don’t know if this historic Alaskan landmark will still be standing on July 17—or if it is, whether there is a way to save it, as a passionate group of citizens is hoping to do. Join us to talk about the 4th Avenue theatre’s possible future, or its past ... as the case may be.

On July 24, our speaker will be **Alex Cleghorn**, the Senior Legal and Policy Director for the **Alaska Native Justice Center**, talking about “**Tribal Courts, Tribal Sovereignty and the Violence Against Women Act.**” Alex is an attorney, tribal court judge, tribal council president, Native regional corporation board member, and former Special Assistant to the Attorney General on Alaska Native legal issues and tribal liaison with the Alaska Department of Law. His rich and deep experience will give us a window into understand an area that will only become more important in Alaska in the months and years to come.

Finally, on last Sunday of the month, **June 31**, our speaker will be **Vicky Ho**, the **new Managing Editor of the Anchorage Daily News**. Vicky will be talking with us about what is happening at our local newspaper, and give us a chance to get to know her.

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, or pass them along to other Forum Committee members: Dennis Arashiro, James Dryden, Heather Flynn, and Lynn Hallquist, and Rev. Lise Adams Sherry.



This is my Song
Megan Webb, Music Director

Sunday Worship live AUUF & on Zoom

11:00 am Sunday, July 10

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

Worship Services for July

July 17, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

Rooting Ourselves in Turbulent Times

Becca Bernard

From rising white Christian nationalism to climate chaos and the loss of reproductive rights, big changes are happening in our country and world. Turbulent times are nothing new in human history, so we'll look to our ancestors to explore how we can root ourselves

during these difficult times and continue to work towards a more loving and inclusive world.

July 24, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom
Celebrating "OWL" and Lifespan Sex Ed

Rev. Lise Sherry, Michele Champion

In the 1990s, the UUA and the United Church of Christ joined together to create OWL, Our Whole Lives Sexuality Curricula. The successor of the UUA's AYS (About Your Sexuality), these curricula offered values-based, age-appropriate lessons for kindergarteners through adults. Since its debut, it has been updated and offered to hundreds of thousands of youth across our country. Today, we need this knowledge and this discussion now more than ever.

July 31, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

Lessons Learned from Harry Potter

Rev. Lise Sherry, Ken Winterberger

The fictional character, Harry Potter, lived through a lot in the 18 years we got to accompany him through his life. Being an orphan, mistreatment by his relatives being fodder for gossip columns, and, of course, dealing with Voldemort. Yet throughout his challenges, he remained optimistic, loyal, caring, and brave. July 31 is his birthday—let's revisit him and the lessons we all learned together.

SUMMER Religious Exploration Happenings

We will meet outside at the 11:00 am service this summer. Volunteers are needed for fun play and craft activities in July and August. Call Rosene to share ideas.

JULY

7/10 With Rosene, Contemplation room, spiritual practice activities

7/17 With Rosene, Stream exploration - wear water boots

7/24 With Koala - Visit Koala & Susan's farm, walk in the neighborhood

7/31 Fun with Mary Prestage

AUGUST

TBA - Volunteers are needed for fun play and craft activities in August. Call Elayne Hunter to volunteer.

CYRE News

CYRE is looking for leaders interested in being part of the RE Team for '22-'23.

As we plan for a more normal year, we would love your ideas and help both on the CYRE Team and as class leaders as we provide the experiences and joy of Unitarian Universalism for our children and families.

Contact Rosene Beachy, DLRE or Elayne Hunter.

Fall Registration electronic forms coming soon. Check your email. Also here - The New 22-23 RE Brochure is ready for your reading enjoyment and available at the Fellowship.

The OWL Team - (Our Whole Lives - The UU lifespan sexuality program) will be holding 2 classes this fall - a 5th / 6th Intermediate Elementary class and an OWL 201Teen program for 9th / 10th graders. Registration forms available online and at the Fellowship. Elementary K-1 and Jr High 7th / 8th will be held in the winter.

FALL FROLIC is back!!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 23-25 for a spectacular Fall retreat out at our favorite place, Kings Lake Camp. A place to relax, renew, make new, and revive old acquaintances!

All ages are welcome to join in Friday evening games, Saturday indoor and outdoor activities and play, beachfront, a talent show, and the Sunday morning all community worship service and labyrinth walk.

Stay tuned for more details, but meanwhile, brush up on those talents for the annual talent show on Saturday night. It's been a few years, so we just know there is a lot of talent out there waiting to be shared!

And as always - Corks needed!! Drop off at the RE office anytime.

Ideas for activities and help coordinating welcome, please contact Jaime

Olson, jelizarose6@hotmail.com
Registration form and Info sheet below.

[Registration](#)
[Info sheet](#)

PEACE CAMP

Peace Camp is coming! July 18-22. New this year will be a mini-concert of Peace Camp songs and more, Friday, July 22nd, 3:30 - 4:00. Followed by a potluck BBQ for Camp participants, families and friends. Join us for this fun moment to experience a bit of Peace Camp at AUUF!

Fireside Chat / Connections

Staying Connected - Fireside Chat at the AUUF
Outdoor Fire Pit (and on zoom?)

Next Fireside Chat:
Wed. July 13, 6:30-8:00 pm
for ages 18 and up

Happy Summer! Bring your favorite beverage and join us for some informal conversations around the AUUF fire pit. If the weather turns foul, we can move inside. We'll also put up a Zoom link on the AUUF website calendar in case anyone wants to join in remotely. For more information, email connections@anchorageuuf.org



Showing Gratitude

By Robin Hill

When was the last time you specifically expressed your gratitude to a member of our AUUF community? Did you thank someone in person for washing your coffee cup? Send a quick email to a fellow committee member for completing a task? Drop a hand-written note to someone who

stepped up to provide much-needed AV support? I haven't done any of those things recently, yet think of myself as someone who regularly shows appreciation for a favor done or time spent. Clearly, I can do better.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration Job Opening

[Job Description](#)
[Letter to Applicants from Rev. Lise](#)

Volunteers Needed at the Airport Heights Elementary School Garden

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

Want to get to know our neighbors at the Airport Heights Elementary School? Volunteers are needed all summer long to help take care of the school garden and greenhouses. Come any Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 pm, and bring your gloves!



July Half Portion offering goes to Planned Parenthood

Friday, June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned Roe v. Wade. This is devastating for millions of people across the country, many of whom are losing access to abortion care. Here in Alaska, we are currently protected and abortion remains legal - but we know this could change at any moment. Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates is working to protect our rights to safe, legal abortion and to ensure we work together to bring abortion rights back nationwide.

First and foremost, it is critical to acknowledge who this decision will impact most - Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Trans people, and people with low incomes. A lot of these communities have already experienced what a post-Roe world feels like. As we move forward, it is essential we listen and learn from these communities.

The next election cycle in our state is critical for protecting abortion care. Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates works to help pro-abortion candidates up and down the ballot to make sure we are sending champions of our rights to Juneau. We are also working in communities to empower people to vote, explain the importance of abortion care and access.

We have a long road ahead of us, but the future we are fighting for is one we haven't seen before. One where everyone has legal access to necessary reproductive care. Where abortion is not just a woman's issue. And where everyone can feel safe making their own health care decisions. Roe was the floor, not the ceiling, and with your help we are going to work as hard as we can to make this new future a reality.

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at the bottom of the home page.
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"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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