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Today At Your Fellowship
Monday
November 1, 2021



It's not forgetting
that heals.
It's remembering.

Amy Greene

This Week @ AUUF

Monday 11/1/21

Tuesday 11/2/21

4:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom

6:30 pm Mistakes and Miracles:
Anti-Racism Team Book Club on Zoom

Wednesday 11/3/21

7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting on
Zoom

Thursday 11/4/21

6 pm Choir Rehearsal at AUUF
7 pm Healthy Congregation Team on

Saturday 11/6/21

6-8 pm CYRE Trunk or Treat at AUUF

Sunday 11/7/21

9 am Virtual Forum on Zoom

10:15 am RE Chalice Circle at AUUF
(First Sunday ONLY)

11 am Sunday Worship at AUUF

*Dorothy Day and the Catholic Workers
Movement*
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

Zoom

Friday 11/5/21

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

5 pm Walk & Talk with Rev. Lise

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1-3 pm COA M&M Meeting at AUUF

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Service Format Changes (Again . . .)

If we didn't believe it before, or we were in occasional denial, the past 20 months have certainly taught us that "change is constant." (Sigh.) And with this abundant amount of change we're also (re)learning how much energy it takes to do and receive change. So I hope we're all being kind to ourselves and making time for things we love. On the bright side, all this change is also teaching us on a deeper level the importance of patience, grace, self-care, communication, and self-deprecating humor (I'm giggling as I write that last one). So . . .

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So, I'll hopefully see many of you in person on Nov. 7 th. The rest of you I look forward to seeing in Zoomland on Nov. 14.

As always, let us know if you've got any questions.

Sending hugs!
Rev. Lise



Auction Update

The auction started on Saturday morning and we've already raised \$3000 towards our \$14,000 goal! There are lots of great items to bid on – some new and some repeated favorites from last year. Join in the fun and support AUUF's operating budget!

Save Sunday, November 7, from 5-6 pm for a Zoom gathering to celebrate our award winners of the year, listen to some music and updates, and find out who won the raffle items! The Zoom link will be in TAYF on Friday and on the website. Join us!

AUUF Anti-Racism Team Corner:

AUUF Monthly Book Club: *Mistakes and Miracles* by Nancy Palmer and Karin Lin. The group meets monthly (the first Tuesday of each month, October - April, from 6:30 - 8:00). We will discuss one chapter each session. Our next meeting is on Nov. 2nd from 6:30 - 8 pm when we plan to discuss Chapter 2.

Zoom info on the AUUF calendar or

Join Zoom Meeting
[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)
Meeting ID: 960 6952 4601
Passcode: 218111
Dial by your location
+1 346 248 7799
+1 646 558 8656

Freethinkers

12 pm, November 5 on Zoom

Making a Difference
by Cari Sayre

There are many things to admire about Kamala Harris, but the one trait that seems to shine through most often is her ability to connect with other people. She is a real person, with a real family and real friends, and those diverse, deep connections have lasted. As shown in the photos, she is authentic, and she cares. She wrote *The Truths We Hold* when she was a US Senator from California, looking back on her early years, her time as a prosecutor, a DA in San Francisco, then-Attorney General of CA. In those roles, she tackled huge issues like inequality in the justice system. As a Senator, her arena widened even more as she worked on reining in Big Pharma, addressing the critical need for mental health and substance abuse care, cybersecurity, and income inequality (“fun” fact — during a period when productivity increased by 74%, wages increased a mere 9% with the rest of those profits going to corporate CEOs and shareholders). Many Freethinkers think some of those issues won't change until white-collar criminals begin to go to jail. We need more fearless leaders who are willing to ask the hard questions as

Kamala is known for doing (i.e. Mike Pompeo on climate change and Brett Kavanaugh...). For next week, we'll begin (or re-visit) Susan Jacoby's book, *Freethinkers*, reading chapters 1-3.

Joys & Sorrows

From Sunday Worship, Oct 31

From Ingrid Larson: I am joyful for my new marriage to Mohamed!

From Sid McCausland (he, his, him) To Everyone: I found joy in being in the physical presence of our Choir this week (after being away from them for 28 months due to other AUUF commitments) and lifting our voices together in song.

From silverhjellen: My joy is sharing this service with all of you and remembering my blessed dead

From Ken Winterberger To Everyone: Bryn, the younger daughter, visited the week before last and last weekend. both of us needed the visit.

East Anchorage Book Club Podcast: Heather Flynn

AUUF Member and former Anchorage Assembly member Heather Flynn is a political juggernaut once described by the Anchorage Daily News as "Velvet and Razor Blades." After challenging a draconian pregnancy policy while teaching at Romig Middle school, she dominated the political landscape of Anchorage. She will recount some important moments in Anchorage history and comment on city politics today.

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There is no power greater than
a community discovering
what it cares about.

Ask: "What's possible?"
not "What's wrong?"
Keep asking.

Assume that others
share your dreams.

Margaret Wheatley



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Our Path to a Settled Minister - Please Participate!

The Board is recommending that AUUF's Members Call Rev. Lise to be our Settled Minister, and she is interested in accepting if called by the Fellowship!

All AUUF Members are encouraged to participate in our discernment process that will conclude with a Congregational vote on March 20th.

The Board has asked George Bryson to lead our Fellowship's pre-Call decision-making process. George is looking for 4-6 volunteers who would like to be part of our deliberations with Members this Winter.

Please contact Sid McCausland before Wednesday if you are interested in serving on George's team.

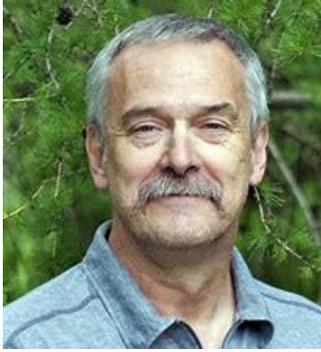
Thank You & Congratulations

While so many do so much to support AUUF's mission, this year we're honoring four current or former members for their extraordinary contributions to the work of the Fellowship. Congratulations.

Volunteer(s) of the Year: The tireless team of Alix McKee and Ken Winterberger have kept us all connected, engaged, and informed these last 20 months as we've switched to all things Zoom. From keeping abreast of new and emerging technologies to providing technical support for both Sunday services and consulting on the sanctuary remodel, it seems impossible to overstate their contributions. And they've done it all with calm and good cheer. From all of us, a sincere thank you.

Fred Hillman Distinguished Service Award: Since joining the Fellowship in 2008, Dennis Arashiro has shown that our Seven Principals are central to his daily life. Dennis has led AUUF's social action efforts for a decade and currently sits on the Anti-Racism Team and Forum Planning Committee. Outside the Fellowship, Dennis has been, or is, involved in mentoring ASD youth, serving the houseless, and working with the Japanese American Citizens League.

Shirley Dickens Memorial Tribute: William (Bill) Stilling is being honored for his extraordinary end-of-life financial gift to AUUF. Bill's generosity allowed us to complete the sanctuary remodel and to fully fund the audio-visual upgrades that initially had been planned for phased implementation. In addition, 20 percent of his gift was placed in our Endowment Fund to support AUUF's future work.



Ken Winterberger



Dennis Arashiro



Alix McKee

Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, November 12 on Zoom

The Birth of a Secular Nation
by Cari Sayre

I learned more about the founders of our nation in the first two chapters of **Freethinkers, A History of American Secularism** than I did in any history class I ever took. I'm sad to admit that, although I've always firmly believed in the separation of church and state, I didn't know how revolutionary that idea actually was at the time our Constitution and Bill of Rights were created. This book is a must-read! Susan Jacoby researches thoroughly writes beautifully, and I want to both devour the book by reading more at the same time I want to slow down and savour. Timing is indeed everything. Our country was the first without a State Church. Had it been 20 or 30 years later, or even now, instead of We The People, God may have been inserted into the Constitution as prime decision-maker. In the late 18th century, there were enough breakaway sects of Christianity that wanted to maintain their own practices, apart from a State religion, to support the humanists, secularists, deists and atheists who wished to found a secular government. It also appears true that ground-breaking "liberalizing" laws have been passed when there was cooperation between religious groups and freethinkers of all stripes who simply want to do what's right. The idea that God is the only moral compass goes against our founders' Truth. Quote for the day, from Thomas Jefferson, "*The legitimate powers of government extend only to such acts as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say that there are twenty gods, or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.*" Our discussion last week was so rich we didn't finish all three chapters, so for next Friday, we'll be discussing chapters 3 and 4 of **Freethinkers, A History of American Secularism**, by Susan Jacoby.

Anti-Racism Team Corner

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM AKST
Decolonizing Thanks Giving - a Virtual Worship Service

Unitarian Universalism's history, during the Civil War era, is directly connected to the creation of the mythos supporting the US Thanksgiving holiday and the historically inaccurate and harmful colonial narrative of "Pilgrims and the Indians," and the pageant traditions that perpetuate these harms.

In recent years, UUs have made a commitment to reconsider the cultural and colonial foundations of this tradition, in counsel and relationship with First Nations and Indigenous communities. The Harvest the Power program and Thanksgiving Reframed worship service last year were a significant milestone in this effort, and the work of truth-telling, cultural healing, and transformation must continue.

This virtual worship service, on Nov 18th at 4:30 PT / 5:30 MT / 6:30 CT / 7:30 ET, intentionally crafted by centering Indigenous people and cultures, is an invitation to come together in that

spirit. This service is presented by many Indigenous Unitarian Universalists and friends, Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE), Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), and Side With Love. Join on Zoom or the livestream on [Facebook](#).

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Hanukkah

Rabbi Abram Goodstein and Joyce Laine, Worship Associate

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RE Announcements

Calling all Jr Youth (6 th – 8 th grade)

Starting in November – Monthly Jr Youth hang out live at the Fellowship!

This month – Saturday, November 20, 2:30 – 4:00! Come join Jaime and Becca at the Firepit for s'mores, games and challenges, and conversations!

And mark your calendars and get your vaccines - for Dec. 11, 2:30 – 4:30, indoor special Christmas crafts and games!

Soup Sunday – Nov. 21, 2:00 till the Soups gone!

Virtual has become live – around the Firepit! Bring your family and join in with seating around the AUUF firepit, or bring a container to take some soup home with you.

Looking for folks who love to make soup! Contact Rosene Beachy or Elayne Hunter to contribute a soup.



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A Look at the Coming Year in Alaska Politics *Anchorage Podcaster Andrew Halcro*

Virtual Worship

9 am Sunday, November 14

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

November's Sunday Morning Forums—Preview of Coming Attractions

We started this month on November 7 with a fabulous conversation with **Alaska Black Caucus President Celeste Hodge Growden** about “**How Allies Can Help Fight Racism.**” If you missed it, it's available through AUUF's Forum Podcasts. On **November 14**, former Alaska legislator, long-time Anchorage podcaster and political observer **Andrew Halcro** will share with us “**A Look at the Coming Year in Politics.**” Our Half-Portion recipient for the month of November is the local nonprofit organization Standing Together Against Rape (S.T.A.R.). Our speaker on **November 21** will be STAR's Development Manager **Jennifer Brown**, who will talk about the important work of STAR in our community and why “**We Don't Have to Lead the Nation in Sexual Assaults.**” We are very pleased to end the month with a visit from **Alaska journalist and author Tom Kizzia** on **November 28**. Tom's latest book, just published, is called *Cold Mountain Path* (subtitled *The Ghost Town Decades of McCarthy-Kennecott, Alaska*). His previous book, *Pilgrim's Wilderness*, was a New York Times bestseller. His first book, *Wake of the Unseen Object*, published in 1991, is an account of his travels in rural Alaska communities that is recognized as some of the finest nonfiction writing about Alaska and has just been republished in an Alaska Classics series by the University of Alaska Press. Tom will talk with us about “**One Writer's Alaska Journey.**”

Thank you all for keeping the Forum alive by contributing to it through your attendance and your participation with questions and comments (don't be shy; jump in) and through your financial donations to the Fellowship. As always, you are encouraged to pass along suggestions for future programs or speakers.



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Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise

Tuesday, November 16 at 2 pm

We're meeting at University Lake in the parking lot southwest of the lake. You can get to this parking lot by turning north onto Elmore off of Tudor. Then turn right into the parking lot a little bit after Ambassador Drive. If you get to the roundabout you've gone too far north.

Call Lise's cell if you can't find it: 503.999.2061

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Welcoming our new neighbors

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Please visit the [SoKind registry here](#) to coordinate donating new or used items.

Our Path to a Settled Minister - Please Participate!

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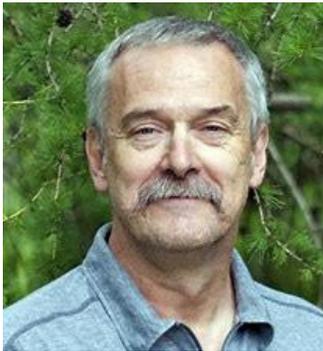
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Bill Stilling



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Alix McKee

Anti-Racism Team Corner

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Sunday, 11/14/2021

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[Side of Love on FB](#)

RE Announcements

Calling all Jr Youth (6 th – 8 th grade)

Starting in November – Monthly Jr Youth hang out live at the Fellowship!

This month – Saturday, November 20, 2:30 – 4:00! Come join Jaime and Becca at the Firepit for s’mores, games and challenges, and conversations!

And mark your calendars and get your vaccines - for Dec. 11, 2:30 – 4:30, indoor special Christmas crafts and games!

Soup Sunday – Nov. 21, 2:00 till the Soups gone!

Virtual has become live – around the Firepit! Bring your family and join in with seating around the AUUF firepit, or bring a container to take some soup home with you.

Looking for folks who love to make soup! Contact Rosene Beachy or Elayne Hunter to contribute a soup.



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**Go to anchorageuuf.org
Click on the Half-Portion note
at the bottom of the home page.
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Together . . .

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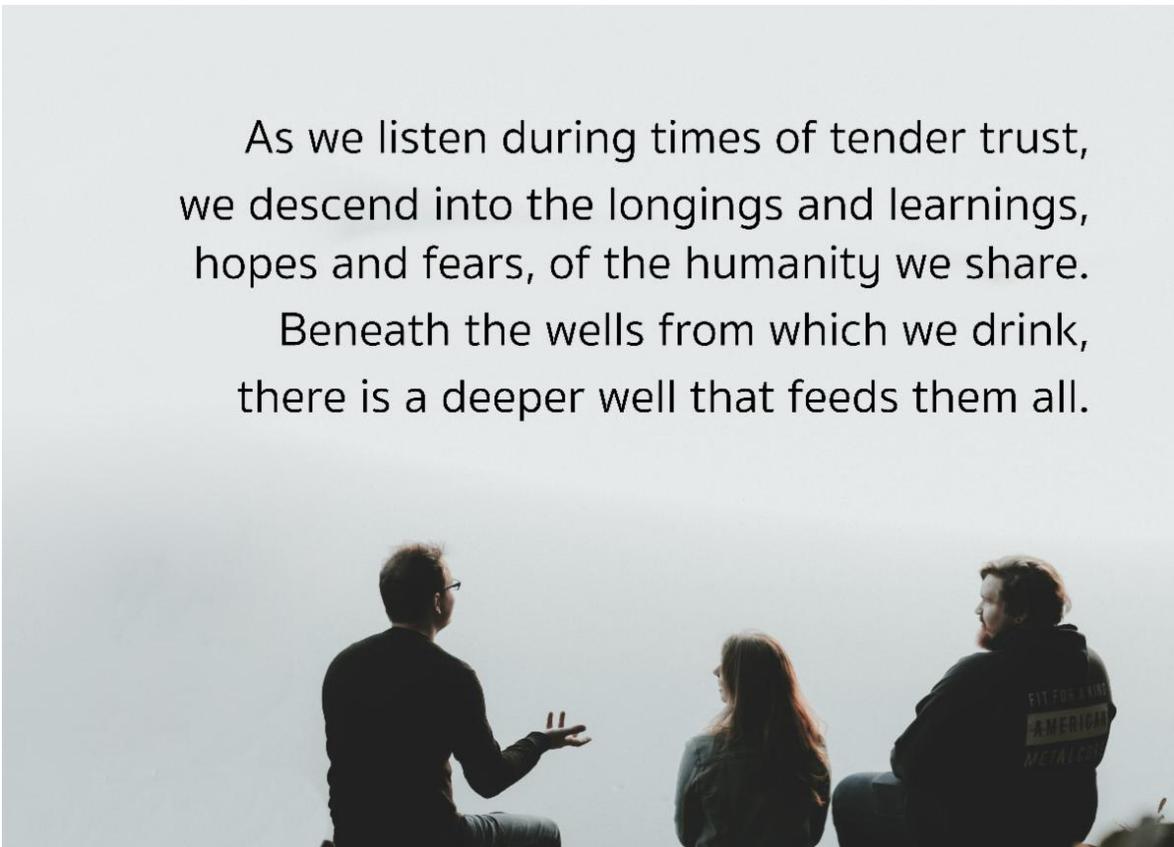
Today At Your Fellowship

Monday

November 15, 2021

As we listen during times of tender trust,
we descend into the longings and learnings,
hopes and fears, of the humanity we share.

Beneath the wells from which we drink,
there is a deeper well that feeds them all.



This Week @ AUUF

Monday 11/15/21

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2 pm Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise at
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Wednesday 11/17/21

6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting on
Zoom

6:30 pm Fireside Chat on Zoom

Sunday 11/21/21

9 am Virtual Forum on Zoom

*We Don't Have to Lead the Nation in
Sexual Assaults*

Jennifer Brown, Development Manager,
Standing Together Against Rape
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10:15 am RE Chalice Circle

Thursday 11/18/21
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12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Saturday 11/20/21

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(Online all the time)

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Multigenerational Service of Gratitude
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1 pm COA M & M at AUUF

4-7 pm Sunday Chalice Circle on Zoom



Our Stewardship Campaign Is Under Way—

The Logo Says It All!
by Marie Lundstrom
Stewardship Committee

You'll be hearing more from the Stewardship Committee in the next few months about pledging, fair share, giving, member expectations, how your money is used, programs, personal stories, and especially neighbors. That's what our stewardship logo this year is all about—caring for our neighbors. The ravens are an Alaskan image of working together, as they do, and as we do, to accomplish tasks while looking out for one another. The chalice is our symbol of fellowship, a loving center to our day-to-day efforts to get along through honest, non-hurtful communication, shared work, and helpful ideas. Our logo is our reminder of the fundamental rules among social beings like us—be kind and respectful to all. So we will be writing in TAYF, telling our stories during the Forum and the Worship Service, sending notes by email and snail mail, always encouraging you to continue looking out for each other, especially our neighbors in AUUF.

Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise

2 pm Tuesday, November 16

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Freethinkers

12 noon, Friday, November 19

Abolition, Feminism & Morality

by Cari Sayre

One of the downsides of American rationalism is that, without a set doctrine or credo, each generation must relearn important moral lessons. Thomas Paine understood that “when your own mind is your own church, it can take a very long time for future generations to make their way to the sanctuary.” Even the notable abolitionist and voracious reader William Lloyd Garrison didn't discover Paine's writings until middle age. Historical records are now easier to maintain and access with technological advances, but progress still comes slowly, with a lot of resistance from those in power. Yes, slavery was abolished, and yes, women have the right to vote, but both groups are still far from having “equal” standing in society. What is most puzzling is that churches, who claim to be the holders of

Moral Truth, are often the biggest roadblocks to progress toward a Moral world.

Ernestine Rose, suffragist, and abolitionist delivered a lecture two days before the onset of the Civil War “arguing against the idea that religious belief is a precondition for moral behavior” and reminding her audience “that America's ‘present crisis’ had been created by a system of slavery long upheld by many religious leaders in the North as well as the South.” Abraham Lincoln himself struggled with the idea that God could be on both sides of the Civil War, as claimed by clergy and soldiers alike, and he resisted attempts to “put God back into the Constitution.” Susan Jacoby writes at length about attempts to portray Lincoln as a religious man. “It was not enough for the Great Emancipator to be seen as a deeply moral man or even a believer in God; he had to be presented as a Christian, a believer in divine revelation, and a commander in chief who, granted victory, thanked his God for having been on the side of the strongest battalion.” In the end sees him as a “doubter” or “skeptic” if not an “unbeliever.” Lots to digest in the book, *Freethinkers, A History of American Secularism!* For next week, we'll read Chapters 5 and 6 and take a dive into Evolution.

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Alliance members are sorry to announce the postponement of the Annual Holiday Sale on Dec 3&4 of this year. We are hoping to sponsor a fundraising activity in February—stay tuned! We are also looking forward to having a Rummage Sale in late spring or early summer.” Stephanie, Alliance President

Joy & Sorrows

From Worship Sunday, November 14

Joyce Laine: Kind thoughts for Karen, whose husband Bill died from the effects of Alzheimer's



From Megan Webb: Lighting a candle for my friend John who served in the Marine Corps

Lucinda Kinard: We hold in our hearts AUUF member Jane Mangus who has been in the hospital since Nov. 1 and her sons who are unable to be with her nor to obtain any information about her status

Joyce Laine: The sunshine yesterday and today is wonderful.

Joan Frankevich: Candles for my father who served in WWII and Korean War and my grandfather who was a motorcycle courier in WWI.

Mariah: Candles for my father, Edward V. Offer, who served in WWII and Korean War

The Van Ravenswaay's : Joy: early thanksgiving today with my parents, brother and his wife, and nieces/nephew. Concern for our move to a new house and hope we find kind neighbors and kids for bodhi to play with. Candle for the veterans in our family: Papa Ben Gregg, uncle Ben Gregg Jr, cousins Kinuwan, Ernest, and friend Hal Campbell.

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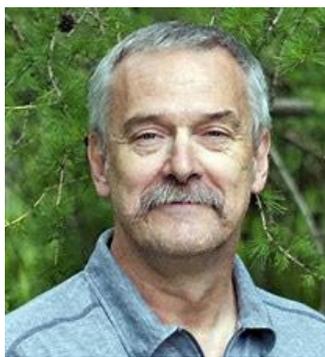
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Fred Hillman Distinguished Service Award: Since joining the Fellowship in 2008, Dennis Arashiro has shown that our Seven Principals are central to his daily life. Dennis has led AUUF's social action efforts for a decade and currently sits on the Anti-Racism Team and Forum Planning Committee. Outside the Fellowship, Dennis has been, or is, involved in mentoring ASD youth, serving the houseless, and working with the Japanese American Citizens League.

Shirley Dickens Memorial Tribute: William (Bill) Stilling is being honored for his extraordinary end-of-life financial gift to AUUF. Bill's generosity allowed us to complete the sanctuary remodel and to fully find the audio-visual upgrades that initially had been planned for phased implementation. In addition, 20 percent of his gift was placed in our Endowment Fund to support AUUF's future work.

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Looking for folks to host Zoom
services. Contact Rev. Lise to
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We Don't Have to Lead the Nation in Sexual Assaults
Jennifer Brown, Development Manager,
Standing Together Against Rape (STAR)

Virtual Forum on Zoom

9 am Sunday, November 21

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

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



Multigenerational Service of Gratitude
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, and Rosene Beachy, Director of Lifespan
Religious Exploration

Virtual Worship on Zoom & Watch Party at AUUF

11 am Sunday, November 21

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

Corn and Cider Communion this Sunday, Nov. 21

This Sunday we're going to have a corn and cider communion as part of our multigenerational Service of Gratitude. If you can, we hope you can bring something corny and something apple to munch on/drink during the communion part of our service. If you don't have time to organize that,

anything solid and liquid (that are eatable of course!) will do.

If you have a little more time, here's a recipe that Rosene has supplied for those of you who might want to use this as an excuse to do some baking.

See you online on Sunday, or at the Zoom Watch-Party at AUUF!

Blessings, Rev. Lise

Cornbread
3/4c. Cornmeal
1 c. Flour
2 T. sugar
2 T. Melted butter
1 t. Baking Soda
1 t. Salt
3 t. Baking powder
2 eggs
1 c. Sour cream
4 T. Milk

Beat eggs.
Mix all ingredients.
Pour into well-greased 9 in square pan.
Bake 425 for 15 - 20 min.

Soup Sunday This Sunday

We miss gathering with you for our Soup Sundays.

This Sunday we're going to stay warm by gathering in our fellowship zoom room to share a cup of soup or tea/ coffee and visit.

Join in on Soup Sunday by staying on Zoom after the 11 am service. We will start at 12:15 pm.

We want to hear how you are spending these cold days and what is warming your heart and soul. Let's come together and inspire each other with books, movies, music, u-tubes, foods, games, activities, outings, holiday ideas, people, TED talks...

Please, plan to join us, we miss coming together and sharing with you. Help us Warm and brighten up this cold and dark week.

Jr Youth Firepit Gathering

Tomorrow, same time, but will include some indoor activities due to the cold. Masks required. Contact Rosene for more info.

AUUF President's Report

Peggy Robinson 11/17/21

There are some great things happening within the Fellowship as we continue to find our path through this latest COVID-19 outbreak!

The Afghan Refugee Group is quite active with planning and implementing donations of cash, gift cards, and winter clothing items for the incoming refugees. There are also volunteer opportunities to help distribute donated items. Please contact Andee Cordano at andeecordano@gmail.com or cell 907-350-6361 for more information and ways to help.

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come in person and watch on our large screens. This gives the AV volunteers a break once a month, while providing a 3-D experience for everyone else. We greet each other during the Zoom chat rooms, do Joys and Sorrows with water and stones, and pass the basket for the offering. Come join us! At the service on November 14, we had 5 new visitors in person! Prior Sundays we've also had new people attending, curious to learn more about us.

The Ministerial Call Committee, led by George Bryson, has 8 volunteers to lead us through the consideration process of having Rev. Lise Adams Sherry as our called minister. The activities are planned to culminate on March 20 at a Congregational meeting and vote. If you would like to contact members of the committee, they are Andrew Gray, Cady Lynn O'Brien, Cari Sayre, Carma Reed, Dennis Arashiro, George Bryson, John Blaine, Mara Hill, and Susan Orlansky.

Our auction was again a success, with income exceeding our goal of \$14,000! The Alternative Gift Fair once again wants to use the same software next month for their event, which last year raised a significant amount more for the chosen charities than in the past with the physical gift fair. They are planning on starting the event on December 12th, so watch for their advertising!

It looks like our Sanctuary Remodel Project and Audio/Visual upgrades are going to be completed before the end of 2021! Thanks to Don Antrobus who learned more about A/V than he thought he ever would, and to Alix McKee for encouraging professional Rick Miller to finish it up with us. We still have a few small projects needing work in Megan's office, and a woodworking project for the cap on the A/V pony wall looking for a craftsman. Please contact Don for details.

Let's all stay positive that 2022 brings low COVID-19 transmission and illnesses, that we can all come back into our remodeled sanctuary together, and that we can do good in this world and support each other.

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ALASKA BLACK CAUCUS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION - Sunday 11/21/21, 7 - 8 PM
Join the Alaska Black Caucus for a conversation focused on COVID-19 vaccinations, with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine recently authorized for children ages 5 through 11 years.

The Alaska Black Caucus is proud to present monthly Community Conversations focused on topics related to COVID-19 impacts and health disparities in the BIPOC Community.

This program was supported by a grant awarded by the Municipality of Anchorage, Anchorage Health Department.

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Amy Greene

This Week @ AUUF

Monday 11/22/21

4:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team at AUUF

Tuesday 11/23/21

6-8 pm Program Council

Wednesday 11/24/21

Thursday 11/25/21

6:30 pm Pastoral Care Team

Friday 11/26/21

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

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One Writer's Alaska Journey
Alaskan Author Tom Kizzia

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Hanukkah

Rabbi Abram Goodstein and Joyce Laine,
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December Half Portion Recipient: Facing Foster Care in Alaska

Our mission is to improve the foster care system through sharing our experiences, supporting and educating youth and social services, and implementing positive change in society as a whole.

Facing Foster Care in Alaska (FFCA) is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the foster care system, developing leadership skills among current and former foster youth, and creating a network of peer support that is a lifeline for many foster youth and alumni.

FFCA provides foster youth and alumni opportunities to share lived-expertise about life in foster care to raise community awareness, educate child welfare staff, and government officials, and educate foster youth throughout Alaska about their rights, resources, and opportunities to share their voice to promote change.

Founded in 2003 by a handful of foster youth and alumni, FFCA has grown to become the state's leading organization on foster care reform and networking, and has received national recognition.

FFCA has touched the lives of hundreds of foster youth and alumni across Alaska. FFCA members have worked to improve the foster care system on both a state and national level through partnerships with state and private agencies, and youth alumni networks. FFCA members have led advocacy efforts to expand services and support for foster youth across Alaska, including;

- freedom of speech for foster youth,
- extending foster care to 21,
- foster care re-entry,
- tuition and higher education funds and access,
- mentors,
- laptops,
- discount clothing,
- foster parent recruitment,
- transitional living,
- medically necessary orthodontia,
- increased permanency for older youth,
- normalcy,
- sibling contact and placement,
- relative search,

- increased training and staff positions, and caseload standards for child protection,
- youth ages 14+ participation in case planning,
- loosened licensing regulations for rural communities,
- school stability,
- notice and access for foster youth of social security benefits,
- extended foster care beyond 21 for youth aging out during the COVID19 pandemic,
- published educational materials on youth engagement in court and rights,
- promoted foster care recruitment and public awareness,

FFCA has developed a statewide network of youth and alumni across Alaska. FFCA has become nationally recognized as members have traveled throughout the country to

present at various conferences, and even met with members of congress. We are always looking for donations to support our work. More recently efforts around COVID Relief. We offer financial assistance to support current and former foster youth with housing, meals, transportation, childcare, medical care, and other basic living needs. For more information, visit FFcalaska or contact us at info@ffcalaska.org



Join our Zoom meeting to discuss how to help Afghan Refugees

7 pm Wednesday, Nov. 24th

Have you been wanting to do some good in the world? Have you wanted to help the newly arriving Afghan Refugees? We started by collecting money, then outdoor clothing, some have been helping with food, clothing, and transportation. Come find out what is next! Join our zoom meeting this coming Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 7 pm. Send me a note if you would like to join us and I will send a zoom link. My apologies if you have tried to connect with us and have not been able to. Here is another chance!

Thanks so much,

Teresa Zimmer
tzimmer@gci.net

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Communications Update

If you have something you'd like to share in Friday's TAYF, or the Sunday Announcement video, or need a Zoom meeting scheduled please get your info in ASAP. Kelly will be off for the weekend Wednesday at 1 pm.

You can submit your info at [this link](#).
Thank you

Freethinkers

12 noon, Friday, November 26

Darwin/Evolution & Ingersoll/The Great Agnostic
by Cari Sayre

The discussion last Friday centered around two great thinkers from times gone by, and the ramifications their ideas have had on society at large. The divide over Darwinism pitted secular vs. religious as well as showing a continued divide between North and South. Even in the North, while the New York Times articles excitedly covered Darwin's publications, the conservative editorial board made it very clear they were not in favor of that type of thinking. Science didn't claim to take precedence over religious belief, but the opposite was not true. Freethinkers of the era described their beliefs as an "ethical and

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Ingersoll influenced great men like Clarence Darrow and Eugene V. Debs, and though he was known as a fiscal conservative, over time his own economic thinking became more progressive and liberal, leading to The New Deal. He was always a fierce defender of human rights and justice for all as well as the separation of Church and State. There’s enough for an entire book about him — actually, Susan Jacoby wrote one! For next week, we’ll read Chapter 7 (Dawn of the Culture Wars) of *Freethinkers, A History of American Secularism*.

See you on Zoom!

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From Sunday Worship November 21

From Megan Webb, Music Director: I am grateful for music!

From Silver H Jellen: I am grateful for this Fellowship

From Ann Larabee: I am grateful for food.

From Amanda Cash: Grateful for Townes finding pure joy in ballet.

From Rev. Lise: I am grateful for dance and my family and friends.

From Cindy & Wray Kinard: we're grateful for this time and this loving and giving community

From David & Irene O'Brien: We are grateful for a cuddly dog.

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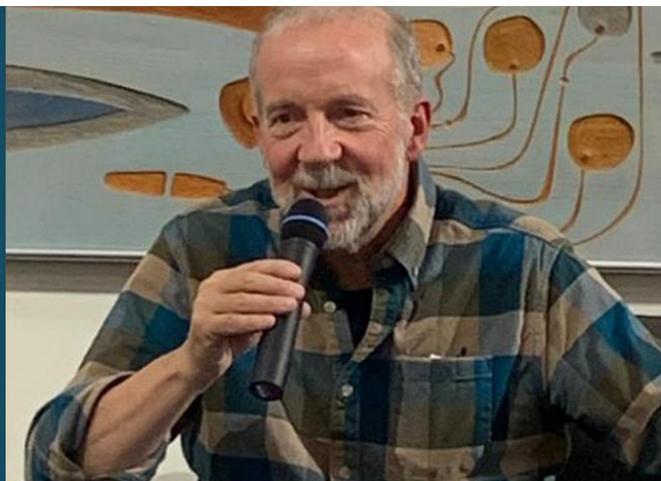
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One Writer's Alaska Journey
Alaskan Author Tom Kizzia

Virtual Forum on Zoom

9 am Sunday, November 28

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Hanukkah

Rabbi Abram Goodstein, Worship Associates Joyce Laine & Cassie Thomas

Virtual Worship on Zoom & Watch Party at AUUF

11 am Sunday, November 21

As Sunday is the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, we will welcome Rabbi Abram Goodstein as our guest speaker. Rabbi Abram Goodstein will share his faith tradition of Hanukkah with us. Laine and Cassie Thomas are worship associates, Cyrus Hicks is AV person, and Cady Lynn O' Brian greatly assisted in putting the service together.

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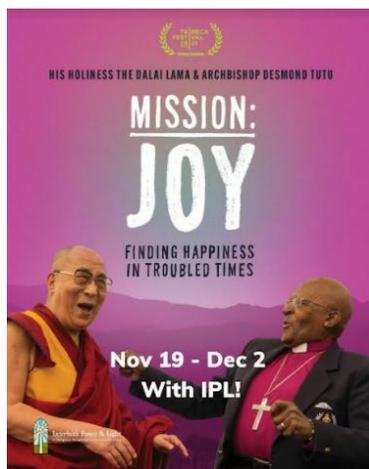
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Today At Your Fellowship

Monday
November 29, 2021



Don't cling to a mistake
just because you spent
a lot of time making it.

Aubrey De Graf

This Week @ AUUF

Monday 11/29/21

Tuesday 11/30/21

Wednesday 12/1/21

7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting on Zoom

Thursday 12/2/21

6 pm Choir Rehearsal at AUUF
7 pm Healthy Congregations Team on Zoom

Friday 12/3/21

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Saturday 12/4/21

1-3 pm RE Winter Fest

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AUUF President's Report

Peggy Robinson

There are some great things happening within the Fellowship as we continue to find our path through this latest COVID-19 outbreak!

The Afghan Refugee Group is quite active with planning and implementing donations of cash, gift cards, and winter clothing items for the incoming refugees. There are also volunteer opportunities to help distribute donated items. Please contact Andee Cordano at andeecordano@gmail.com or cell 907-350-6361 for more information and ways to help.

Our 11 am service is now on a schedule of the first Sunday of the month in-person only and then the rest are Zoom, with "watch parties" in the sanctuary for those who wish to come in person and watch on our large screens. This gives the AV volunteers a break once a month while providing a 3-D experience for everyone else. We greet each other during the Zoom chat rooms, do Joys and Sorrows with water and stones, and pass the basket for the offering. Come join us! At the service on November 14, we had 5 new visitors in person! Prior Sundays we've also had new people attending, curious to learn more about us.

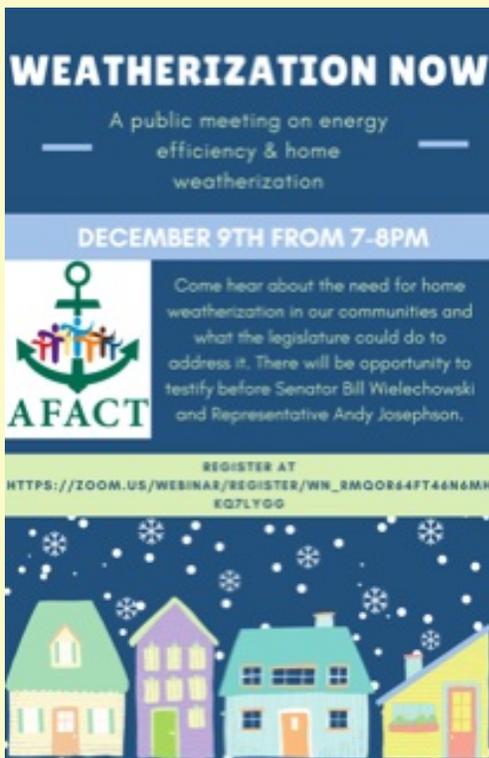
The Ministerial Call Committee, led by George Bryson, has 8 volunteers to lead us through the consideration process of having Rev. Lise Adams Sherry as our called minister. The activities are planned to culminate on March 20 at a Congregational meeting and vote. If you would like to contact members of the committee, they are Andrew Gray, Cady Lynn O'Brien, Cari Sayre, Carma Reed, Dennis Arashiro, George Bryson, John Blaine, Mara Hill, and Susan Orlansky.

Our auction was again a success, with income exceeding our goal of \$14,000! The Alternative Gift Fair once again wants to use the same software next month for their event, which last year raised a significant amount more for the chosen charities than in the past with the physical gift fair. They are planning on starting the event on December 12 th, so watch for their advertising!

It looks like our Sanctuary Remodel Project and Audio/Visual upgrades are going to be completed before the end of 2021! Thanks to Don Antrobus who learned more about A/V than he thought he ever would, and to Alix McKee for encouraging professional Rick Miller to finish it up with us. We still have a few small projects needing work in Megan's office and a woodworking project for the cap on the A/V pony wall looking for a craftsman. Please contact Don for details.

Let's all stay positive that 2022 brings low COVID-19 transmission and illnesses, that we can all come back into our remodeled sanctuary together, and that we can do good in this world and support each other.

In Fellowship,
Peggy



WEATHERIZATION NOW

A public meeting on energy efficiency & home weatherization

DECEMBER 9TH FROM 7-8PM

AFACT

Come hear about the need for home weatherization in our communities and what the legislature could do to address it. There will be opportunity to testify before Senator Bill Wielechowski and Representative Andy Josephson.

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The poster features a blue background with white text and a green anchor logo with colorful figures. At the bottom, there is an illustration of colorful houses under a starry night sky.

Weatherization Now

AFACT member congregations, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are hosting a public meeting with Senator Bill Wielechowski and Representative Andy Josephson on Thursday, December 9th from 7-8 pm over Zoom to address energy efficiency and home weatherization. Last spring, Governor Dunleavy introduced a bill (HB 170, SB 123) that would create a green bank in the state, which would fund energy efficiency projects, including needed home weatherization in our neighborhoods. Reverend Lisa will be offering the opening reflection, and the meeting will provide an opportunity for public testimony. Please register ASAP by clicking on the attached Zoom link so that we can send a reminder email with the embedded links.

[Zoom link](#)

[Facebook page](#)

"You must be the change you want to see in the world". Mahatma Gandhi

Freethinkers

12 Noon, Friday, December 3 on Zoom

Culture Wars

by Cari Sayre

First, our thoughts are with Macon's family and George's family in their times of grief. It's difficult to write about culture wars with all that sadness in my heart... Last Friday we discussed the tight grip religion has on society, and the many ways in which religious groups have held sway over cultural norms through history. Women's suffrage and the abolition of slavery were both slowed by religious groups. One member noted that it's all about control, stating that, "Women, let loose, would be threatening!" We struggled to think of cultures where women are truly respected/raised up.

Our country was definitely not the first to allow women to vote (more like the 20th), and, we were among the last countries to abolish slavery. Both efforts were slowed by religious groups. The Comstock Act of 1873 is still on the books, allowing for censorship of books and ideas deemed "obscene." One person recalled how postcards advertising "The Vagina Monologues" were held up by our local Postmaster in very recent memory! It appears some groups are using the government to inflict religious values on others, which is contrary to the "hands-off" attitude of Jefferson, et al. For next week, we'll read Chapter 8 (Unholy Trinity: Atheism, Reds, Darwinism) in *Freethinkers, A History of American Secularism*.

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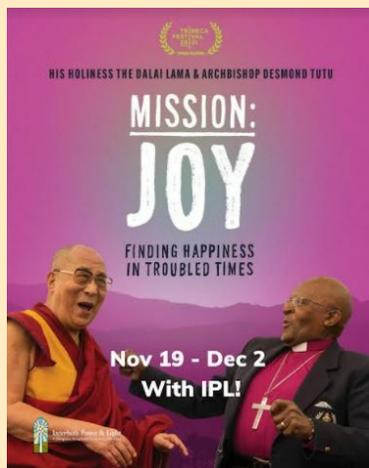
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