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common purpose.*

Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, March 5, 2026

This Week @ AUUF

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*5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team

Meeting Library & Zoom

*6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary

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Saturday, March 7

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

AUUF Social Room

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Starts

*9:00 – 10:15 am The Forum

*11:00 am – 12:15 pm Sunday Worship

Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom

*11:00 am – 1:00 pm HS Youth Group

Room 7

*11:00 am Religious Exploration Classes

for kids

4:00 – 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends

Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group

Room 7

*2:00– 3:30 pm Hungry Book Club

Upstairs Library

Wednesday, March 11

11:15 am – 1:30 pm Christians for
Equality Social Room

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

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The Forum IN person & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sun., March 8, 2026
"How Alaska Institute for Justice Serves Legal Needs of Alaska's Immigrants" Anna Taylor, Executive Director, AIJ

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IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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



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Crafting in the forms of quilting, crochet, coloring, building bird houses and more, has served so many purposes—practical needs, a creative outlet, showing love and even as a way to record culture and history. Are you a practitioner or is there a future of crafting in your life? Please bring items you'd like to share with the congregation or send a photo of

your work to Rev. Lise (RevLise@AnchorageUUF.org) to be included in the Sunday slides.

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

The SoulMatters theme for March is Paying Attention

We'll look at what matters to us, what we give our attention to, what we should perhaps give more attention to. As we continue our Social Justice Pillar of AK Native Culture and Indigenous Rights we'll include contributions from their perspectives.

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It's that Auntie AUUF!

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You are most welcome to contact:

Kathryn Huffman (907-342- 9890) or

Cindy Kinard (907-720-1341) with your "offerings" ! ---SOON, please!!

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Communications on Vacation

Hi Everyone,

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Update on Planned Giving/Pledging/Stewardship efforts at AUUF

As we near the end of February, we are nearing the end of our annual update on Planned Giving/Pledging/Stewardship efforts at AUUF. The update is that many of you have updated your plans - and those of you who have updated are being wonderfully generous in your Planned Giving. The relative rate of giving per giving unit is up about 10% from last year - which is a great thing. There are still many of you who have not given us your plan for Planned Giving in support of AUUF, however, and we really need a 100% response in order to plan the budget for next year. In particular we hope that many of you who have joined us over the past year or two can give a few hundred or a couple thousand per month to help support AUUF - but even \$20 a month - if that is your affordable level - is helpful. The answer to our budget gap challenge is a combination of 1) 10 - 15% more from regular givers, 2) 5-10 givers to make a sizable jump up as you learn to value AUUF more and more, and 3) newly joining people joining the Planned Giving process. We will also continue to work on other sources of income - rental use of our facility, fund raising events, Whale Coast hosting, etc., but the core of our financial survival is the Planned Giving of our membership. This past Saturday was a fabulous Barbershop Music event where half of the ticket/admission giving will benefit the AUUF budget. Just a few words on the budget development work - we are in better shape than we thought with some 'savings' in some administrative cost areas and so our total annual budget cost will end up about \$475,000 rather than the \$500,000 that we thought might be the case. While this is good news, we are still \$50 - \$70,000 short depending on how the Planned Giving effort ends up. Thank you to all who have made generous Planned Giving commitments!! The Annual Business Meeting will be the first Sunday in May (same as usual) and materials will be sent electronically at least one month prior to that. Please plan to attend - we need a quorum present to do business!!



**BIDDING OPENS Feb 28th
For The Alliance's
Cuisine-to-Go**

Cuisine-to-Go- BIDDING CLOSES March 8th

Look in your email for your own special link to bid on delicious meals made by The Alliance. This is one of the annual fundraisers that help us grant funds to special projects at AUUF. We have such gratitude for our tech guru, Cathy Steen.

Contact Katherine with any questions, 907-342-9890.



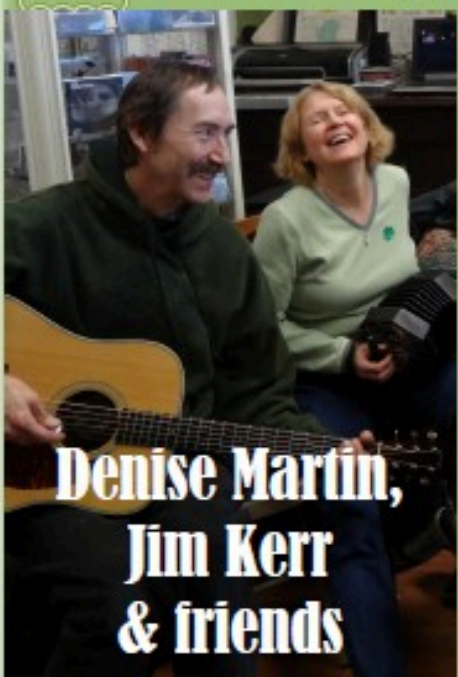
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Vision

Our communities reconnected to birth through reclamation of ancestral knowledge and exercising sovereignty from birth.

Mission

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You can contribute in person at our Sunday services or online by visiting **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

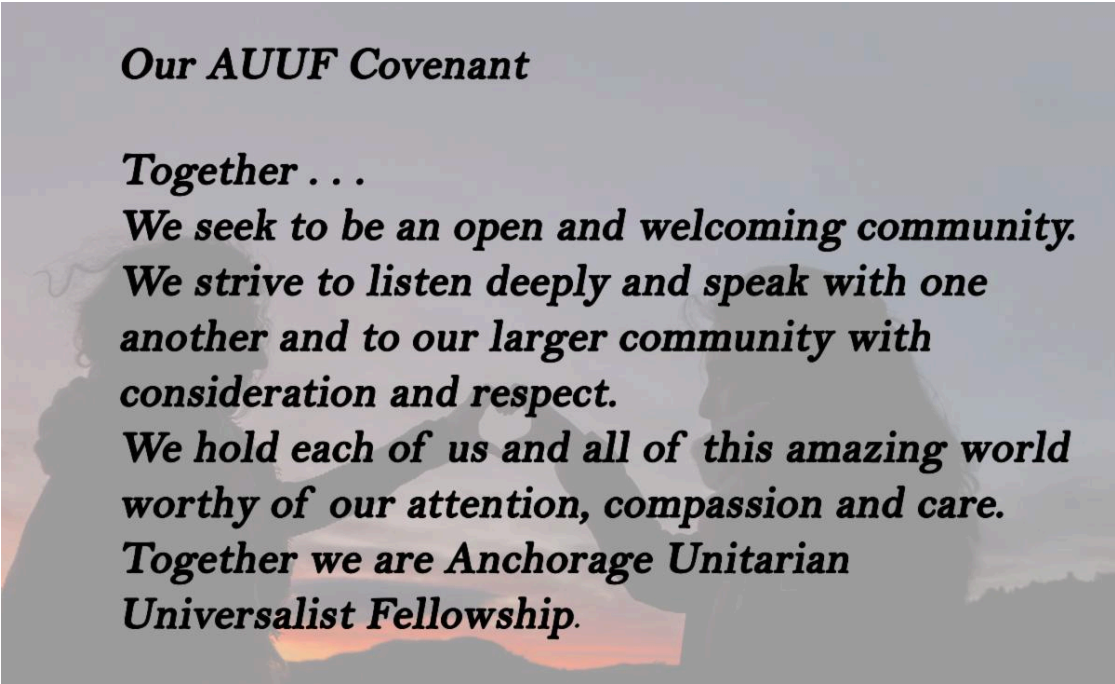
Together . . .

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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Monday, March 16

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St. Patrick's Day
*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group
Room 7
6:30 – 8:30 pm Finance Committee
Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

6:30-9:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
in person

Thursday, March 19

*6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice
Sanctuary

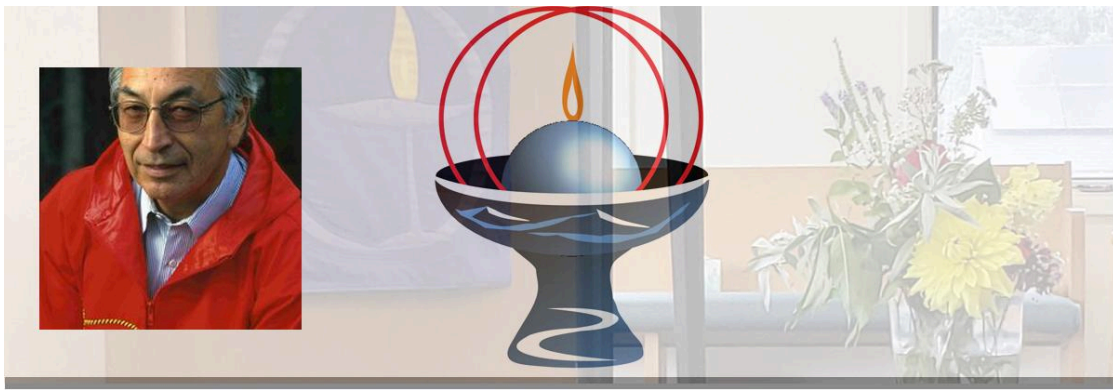
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Half Portion February Recipient: Alaska Institute for Justice



The Forum IN person & on Zoom *9:00 AM Sunday, March 15, 2026*
"The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act From the Beginning to the Present" with Willie Iggiagruk Hensley

The Forum

Sunday March 15, 2026, 2026 9:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

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

We have three more great programs at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning **Forums in March**. Since our TAOF newsletter will be on break for part of this time, you might want to make a note of them now. As always, it is great for the speakers—and for the rest of us—when you can make it in person, but if not we'll see you on Zoom.

This Sunday, March 15, we are honored to have with us **Alaska statesman and Native elder Willie Hensley**. He was one of the moving forces behind the **Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act**, and author of the book *Fifty Miles from Tomorrow: A Memoir of Alaska and the Real People*, which recounts his childhood growing up in rural Alaska and his journey as an Alaskan politician and native rights activist. He'll have copies with him that he can sign afterwards.

On **Sunday, March 22**, our speaker will be **Wesley Furlong**, who many of you may know from seeing him and his wife at AUUF. Wes is Senior Staff Attorney at the Native American Rights Fund, and will talk about ***Contemporary Issues Facing Alaska Native Tribes***.

We'll close out the month on **Sunday, March 29**, with former state senator and **gubernatorial candidate Tom Begich**. He will be the first of the **gubernatorial candidates** we'll be hearing from as we move toward the 2026 elections. We won't be hosting the entire field of candidates, but if you have a candidate in mind who you think we should invite, please contact John McKay or any member of the Forum Committee.

New Chapters



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Worship Services in March

We're continuing our March Soul Matters them of "Paying Attention." Here's what's planned for the rest of the month.

March 15, 2026 11 am In-person and Zoom

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Barb Clark and Lars Danner, Worship Leaders

Life is full of transitions with many choices and opportunities. How we deal with them is as important as what they are.

March 22, 2026 11 am in person and Zoom

Reflections on 'Blonde Indian'

The Anti-Racism Team and Rev. Lise

Last fall, the Anti-Racism Team offered a book read and discussion on *Blonde Indian* for AUUF. We'll share what we learned from this book by Alaskan Native, Ernestine Hayes.

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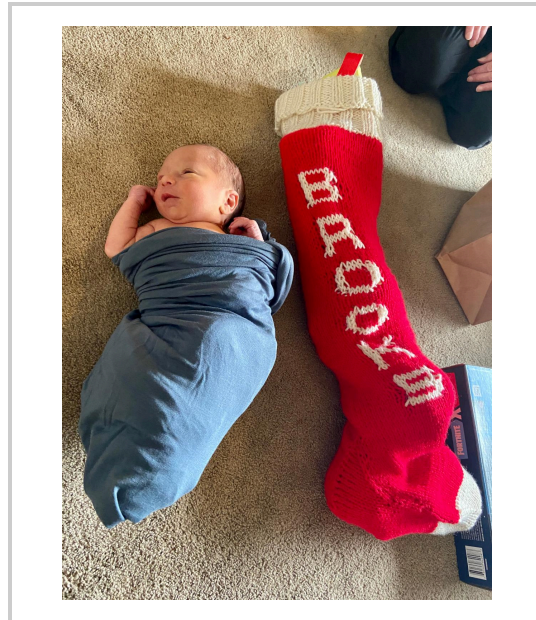
The Last Child in the Woods

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Kay Sind

As I've welcomed a new grandchild into my life, I'm being invited to revisit attitudes towards screen time and how to create community. How do we find the balance of using new media and staying connected to what's IRL?

Remnants of our Worship Service "Crafting as a Path to Attention"

We have a very industrious Great Grandma in our midst who has made stocking for everyone in her family--15 in total! The Brooks stocking is one example. Also pictured is the completed felt chalice folks created on Sunday. What other works of art, industrious, and proof of mental and emotional sanity are in our midst? You can still email photos to Rev. Lise and we can put them in future editions of TAOF.



A message from Kay Sind

Last December, I preached using Byron Katie's teachings from her book published with Stephen Mitchell, "Loving What Is: Four questions that can change your life." The book teaches of a method often referred to as "The Work" or "Inquiry" to use what is already happening in your life to reflect upon yourself and find freedom. Katie has a website: <https://thework.com/> which includes a myriad of resources folks that enjoyed the sermon and practice may find interesting and enlightening! Good luck!

A message from your Endowment Fund Committee (Endow@AnchorageUUF.org)

During this time of year, there are two things we would like to remind you of related to AUUF. It is the time where we all turn to each other and ask each other to commit to funding the ongoing costs of AUUF through a pledge. It costs a lot of money to keep AUUF led, staffed, and thriving. We encourage you think of the recommended 5% if you have an ongoing income – or as generous as you can be if you are retired or otherwise disconnected from an ongoing income. The second thing is your long-term investment in AUUF through the Endowment Fund. This Fund primarily grows through designated giving in people's wills when they pass on – but can also grow through any one-time gift giving at any time. If you have not included AUUF in your will or as an investment beneficiary, now is the time to do so. Remember that any giving to AUUF will have a big impact, as opposed to leaving gifts to large organizations. Please do update your will and/or beneficiaries and include AUUF.

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You are **most** welcome to contact ---**SOON, please!!**---any of the folks below, and/or *attend the next Board meeting* to find out what really goes on ☺ Next meeting—Wednesday March 18 at 6:30 PM, in person at AUUF ---or by Zoom (Contact Don Antrobus for the link—907-980-2077.)

Board Member, **Marty Freeman** (907-231-1406), or
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Film Showing: Frybread Face and Me

March 22, 2026, 12:30 pm, AUUF

Join the Anti-Racism Team in watching the movie Frybread Face and Me. It's a coming of age story about two cousins who learn about each other and their culture one summer on their grandmother's ranch on the Navajo reservation. Billy is 11 and from San Diego. Frybread Face is a little older and has always lived on the reservation. Rated TV-MA. Written and directed by Billy Luther with a mostly indigenous crew.

AUUF Seder April 4

It's time for a seder, UU-style: Saturday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.

As most of you know, a seder is the ritual meal that Jewish families prepare for the first night of Passover. There is a collective telling of the story of Passover, then a shared meal. We have a tradition of celebrating the holiday with UU twists. Even for religious Jews, the seder is a story of liberation and religious freedom. It is also a time of committing to work for others who still suffer without that freedom. Our seder emphasizes those themes.

We will gather in the social room. Please try to come around 5:45, so you can settle into your seat at the table, and we can begin our ritual storytelling promptly at 6. The ritual and storytelling take about an hour. We tell the story through food as well as words, so there is special food to eat along the way.

Please bring something for a potluck, which we will start right after we finish our shared storytelling. A traditional seder has many rules – no bread, no mixing meat and dairy, for example – but we are flexible. Bring whatever you are in the mood to cook and eat. Google seder or call me if you want some traditional ideas.

This is a family friendly event. Noisy kids who have a hard time sitting still are welcome. Older children who really want to learn something about a new holiday are especially welcome. Your non-UU friends who'd like to come to a seder are also welcome. There is always room for a stranger, who will become a friend.

I need a few volunteers to help set up the room, and a few to help clean-up afterward. Please let me know if you can assist.

You can come even if you don't RSVP, but if you do RSVP, that'll help us know how many tables and chairs to set up.

For questions, RSVPs, and offers to help, reach me at susano@reevesamodio.com or 907-952-1668 (call or text).

Looking forward to seeing many of you.
Susan Orlansky

Sign Up Now for “Finding Your Way into Fellowship”

April 22, April 29 and May 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

The AUUF Connections Team is inviting you to learn more about UU and AUUF. This three-session class is designed for newer folks, or anyone ready to explore our history, our personal spiritual journeys, and ways to get involved. And you'll get to meet some new friends along the way.

The three sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings 4/22, 4/29 and 5/6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, 4/19, but notify us ASAP if you might be needing childcare.

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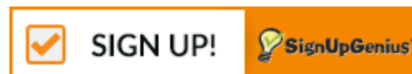
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Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, March 26, 2026

This Week @ AUUF

Thursday, March 26

*6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary

Friday, March 27

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

Only Room 7

4:30 – 7:30 pm Private Rental

*5:30 – 8:00 pm Parent Night Out -

Childcare Downstairs Library & Room 8

Saturday, March 28

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

AUUF Social Room

Sunday, March 29

*9:00 – 10:15 am The Forum

*11:00 am – 12:15 pm Sunday Worship

Service Live at AUUF & on Zoom

***11:00 am – 1:00 pm HS Youth Group**

Room 7

***11:00 am Religious Exploration**

Classes for kids

4:00 – 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends

Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

Monday, March 30

Tuesday, March 31

*2:00 – 4:00 pm Knitting Group

Room 7

Wednesday, April 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, April 2

*5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team

Meeting Library & Zoom

*6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice

Sanctuary

Friday, April 3

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

Only Room 7

*Open to AUUF Members & Friends

**Social Justice Pillar for January, February &
March; Alaska Native Culture and Indigenous
Rights**

Half Portion March Recipient: Alaska Native Birthworkers Community



The Forum IN person & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sun., March 29, 2026
"Candidate for Governor of Alaska"

Tom Begich

The Forum

Sunday March 29, 2026, 2026 9:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

We'll close out the month on **Sunday, March 29**, with former state senator and **gubernatorial candidate Tom Begich**. He will be the first of the **gubernatorial candidates** we'll be hearing from as we move toward the 2026 elections. We won't be hosting the entire field of candidates, but if you have a candidate in mind who you think we should invite, please contact John McKay or any member of the Forum Committee.

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



Sunday Worship Service IN person & on Zoom
11:00 AM Sun., March 29, 2026

"The Last Child in the Woods" Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Kay Sind

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday March 29, 2026, 2026 11:00 AM
IN- PERSON and on Zoom

As I've welcomed a new grandchild into my life, I'm being invited to revisit attitudes towards screen time and how to create community. How do we find the balance of using new media and staying connected to what's IRL?

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



No Kings Rally

Sat., March 28, 12:00 pm, by the PAC

If you'd like to carpool with other UUs to the rally, join Rev. Lise and others at AUUF at 11:30 sharp. We'll take our Side with Love banner. See you on Saturday!

ANNUAL MEETING BUDGET PREVIEW

*What follows is the financial narrative that will be sent out to AUUF membership one month before the scheduled Annual Business Meeting (10:00 am May 3rd) to introduce the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget proposal. The Board decided it might also be helpful to share it in Today At Our Fellowship. **Additional Q&A discussions will be held on two Sundays, April 12 (in the sanctuary) and April 26 (in the library), both at 12:30.***

For your consideration in advance of the Annual Meeting...

Proposed Budget FY 2027 (7/1/26 - 6/30/27)

We are fortunate to have all our paid positions (Minister, DRE, Administrator, Communications, Music, AV) filled with people who have been with us for at least a year or two and for whom we know of no upcoming departures. This is fabulous for our programming and operations, but also means we need to be able to generate enough money to pay for it all, and all the facility related costs, which we do not quite achieve at present.

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

Membership Required for Voting at AUUF Annual Meeting

10:00 am May 3, 2026

We're having our annual meeting again soon where we'll decide on our budget for the next year (and implicitly how our budget serves our mission). We'll also talk about our Social Justice Pillars and how we'd like to proceed with these for next year. If you would like to participate in these decisions you need to be an official member by April 5. If you've been considering this for a while, or just now, please talk with Rev. Lise about any questions you may have and to sign our membership book. (If you don't want to join, you can still come to the meeting and express opinions and are welcome to do so.)

Update on AUUF Stewardship/Pledges

As we hit mid-March we are basically finished with updating the Stewardship planning process of asking everyone to update their pledges towards the operations costs of AUUF. Here are some updates/facts...

- We have 128 giving units/households
- 61 of these have decided to increase their pledges - resulting in \$42,185 more from these persons
- 14 have either moved, left, or dramatically decreased their giving for a total loss of almost \$30,000
- 12 have joined us and are pledging a total of \$15,220
- We are ending the updating effort this year with a projected total of right around \$330K - which is an increase of \$25-30K depending what you count from last year (always moving/changing a bit as a few people move in and out of AUUF).

We consider all of this to be a great result!! We are very grateful for how well everyone stepped up and increased the giving amounts, resulting in right around a 10% increase in the total amount. It does feel good when lots of people step forward together at the same time!! Thank you so very much!

You may remember that we did not have anyone step forward this year to take primary responsibility for creating and operating the Stewardship Pledge Drive. So a group of us that called ourselves 'The Unwilling and Unskilled' - myself as AUUF Treasurer, Don Antrobus as most recent President of the Board, Tracey Barbee from the Finance Committee, and Tim Huffman - just a fabulous and actually technically skilled person connected to AUUF - organized ourselves quickly and virtually and together completed the minimum needed work.

We have also worked hard to communicate to all of you that your pledge - monthly or annual - is now considered to be ongoing indefinitely - until you change the amount or request to have it end. We are hopeful this will significantly reduce the amount of work this Stewardship updating effort takes each year. (We would still benefit from a lead/chair person attending to this topic year round...) In February each year we will update everyone on the financial situation at AUUF and offer opinion on whether additional giving is needed or whether maintaining the current level will suffice. We do expect that adding 3-5% each year will be necessary to just keep up with personnel raises and costs of everything else.... Flat giving is actually a decrease in real dollars.

Anyway - here is your update at the end of this year's effort - and really big thanks to everyone for what has ended up being a pretty significant increase from what is essentially the same number of people. As you will see in the FY 27 budget proposal (other article in the TAOF), a deficit of about \$25K (5%) remains, but that is progress!! A slight increase in membership and property rental income is what we hope will close this gap.

Thank you all again for your generosity of time, talent, and money!!

St. Patrick is Still a-ca-alling for
some *very* special **UUs**

to follow him along the path of



**Goodness &
Light**

**Gathering
Snakes and
Spreading**

**Golden
Coins**

to Nourish the Great Work of AUUF!!



With your help, just watch our Tree of Life Blossum!!

FAQ--What is "help" in *St. Patrick's Stewardship Realm of Merry Eereland*?

Nope! It's not asking folks for Moola!

Can you write *sweet* thank you notes?

Can you *stuff* envelopes?

Are you *creative* enough to concoct a "Stewardship Theme" and symbols for it?

Can you write *compelling* articles for TAOF?

Can you *herd* cats?! 😊

If any of these contributions looks "easy peasy" to you, please contact **Katherine Huffman** of the Nominating Committee!! (katherinelynnhuffman@gmail.com , 907-342-9890)

A short heads up about Bylaws

These are what we use to conduct the Fellowship's business fairly and consistently. Over time, we discover that some of them cause confusion or don't cover some important situations. That's when we look at them more closely and propose changes that the entire membership votes on. In November and December, a Bylaws committee reviewed the entire set of bylaws for ways to remove ambiguity and bring them up to date. Proposed changes will be included in the Annual Meeting information and will be voted on at the meeting.

A message from your Endowment Fund Committee (Endow@AnchorageUUF.org)

What is the AUUF Endowment Fund? It is essentially our version of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The idea is that one-time gifts are contributed and the total value grows until it reaches the goal of \$500K (in fiscal year 2022 value), at which point it can be used up to 4% (\$20K in fiscal year 2022 dollars) per year for one-time expenses related to AUUF that are not in the Annual Budget. The list of possible uses is very long and would be approved by the AUUF Board. Donations can be cash, through a Will, as a beneficiary of insurance/retirement, and can include assets such as stocks. Your individual Financial Advisor would have to advise you for your specifics. Please consider AUUF in your financial planning!

AUUF Seder April 4

6:00 to 8:00 pm It's time for a seder, UU-style:

As most of you know, a seder is the ritual meal that Jewish families prepare for the first night of Passover. There is a collective telling of the story of Passover, then a shared meal. We have a tradition of celebrating the holiday with UU twists. Even for religious Jews, the seder is a story of liberation and religious freedom. It is also a time of committing to work for others who still suffer without that freedom. Our seder emphasizes those themes.

We will gather in the social room. Please try to come around 5:45, so you can settle into your seat at the table, and we can begin our ritual storytelling promptly at 6. The ritual and storytelling take about an hour. We tell the story through food as well as words, so there is special food to eat along the way.

Please bring something for a potluck, which we will start right after we finish our shared storytelling. A traditional seder has many rules – no bread, no mixing meat and dairy, for example – but we are flexible. Bring whatever you are in the mood to cook and eat. Google seder or call me if you want some traditional ideas.

This is a family friendly event. Noisy kids who have a hard time sitting still are welcome. Older children who really want to learn something about a new holiday are especially welcome. Your non-UU friends who'd like to come to a seder are also welcome. There is always room for a stranger, who will become a friend.

I need a few volunteers to help set up the room, and a few to help clean-up afterward. Please let me know if you can assist.

You can come even if you don't RSVP, but if you do RSVP, that'll help us know how many tables and chairs to set up.

For questions, RSVPs, and offers to help, reach me at susano@reevesamodio.com or 907-952-1668 (call or text).

Looking forward to seeing many of you.

Susan Orlansky

AUUF American Red Cross Pediatrics First Aid/CPR/AED Certified Training

9am-12:00 pm and 12:30 pm-3:30 pm Sat., April 11

Limited slots are available to become certified by the American Red Cross at AUUF on Saturday, April 11. Two time slots are available, 9am-12pm and 12:30pm-3:30pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity as a parent, caregiver or anyone that works with children to be certified in these life saving skills.

[Click on this link to sign-up.](#)

Sign Up Now for “Finding Your Way into Fellowship”

April 22, April 29 and May 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

The AUUF Connections Team is inviting you to learn more about UU and AUUF. This three-session class is designed for newer folks, or anyone ready to explore our history, our personal spiritual journeys, and ways to get involved. And you'll get to meet some new friends along the way.

The three sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings 4/22, 4/29 and 5/6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, 4/19, but notify us ASAP if you might be needing childcare.

Please email admin@anchorageuuf.org to sign up or ask questions.

AUUF Variety Show

Sat. May 9 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm

AUUF is excited to announce the second annual Variety Show! This year it will be hosted by Wray Kinard - think Lawrence Welk and Ed Sullivan but funnier! It will start at 5:00 pm with a potluck dinner (please bring something to share) in the social hall followed by the performances in the sanctuary beginning at 5:45 pm. We aim to be done by 7:30, but based on the interest last year the show may be extended to 8:00 pm. Suggested donation of \$20 to help close our annual operating budget gap.

INTERESTED IN PERFORMING? We're looking for anyone in the fellowship or with a personal connection to AUUF who wants to perform in a fun, relaxed and family-friendly environment. The AUUF Variety Show is Saturday, May 9 from 5-8pm. Performances are limited to 5 minutes. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Examples include (but are not limited to), singing, playing music, juggling, telling jokes, dancing, reciting poetry, or telling a story. Please keep UU principles in mind: interdependence, pluralism, justice, transformation, generosity, and equity. **Submit this form by Sunday April 26!**

Questions? Please contact Joel Cladouhos at 907-244-2123 or cladjoel@gmail.com

AUUF Peace Camp 2026!

There are approximately 15 spots left per week for Peace Camp 2026. [General information about Peace Camp can be found on the registration link here.](#)

AUUF Religious Exploration (RE)

What's happening...

April 2026 & May 2026

Questions? Contact
Jenn Bluntach at
dre@anchorageuuf.org

HELLO
SPRING!



Sunday, April 5

11am RE Classes & Spring Fling!
Spring & Easter themed activities- The
Easter Story told from a UU perspective,
Egg Hunt, Bunny Necklaces, Color your own
spring puzzle & more!

Sunday, April 12

11am RE Classes & Youth Group (Last class
of the 2025/2026 school year)

Sunday, April 19

11am Multi-Generational Earth Day Service
Childcare available in Room 1

Friday, April 24 5:30pm-8pm

Parent/Grown Up Night Out
Sign your child(ren) up online.
Last one of the school year!

Sunday, April 26

11am RE Celebration Sunday Service and Soup
Sunday! Come celebrate RE and all of our
fabulous volunteers!
Childcare available in Room 1

Sunday, May 3

10am Annual Meeting- Kids Annual Meeting
Downstairs followed by childcare

Saturday, May 9

5pm-8pm AUUF Potluck & Variety Show

Sunday, May 10

11am Bridging Service for High School
Graduates- Childcare Available

Sunday, May 17- Summer Schedule Begins

11am- Pre-K RE Room 1 & One Group RE Room
5

Sunday, May 24 & Sunday, May 31

11am Childcare Only- Peace Camp Prep



Coming Summer 2026- RE Family Night Out!

Wednesday, June 24- 6pm-8pm & Wednesday, July 29 6pm-8pm

As we look for more ways to connect beyond Sunday mornings- join us for a family night out at AUUF around the fire pit and playground outside. And when I say family, I mean EVERYONE! The whole community at AUUF is a family and you're all invited to join us for an evening of roasting hot dogs around the fire pit and maybe some outdoor games or a scavenger hunt! Or, just hang out at the picnic tables and visit. It's meant to be a laid back evening of fellowship, food and fun! Hot Dog and smore's supplies will be provided. Bring a salad or side of any kind to share. If you're unable to bring an item, that's ok! Bring yourself and enjoy a night out with friends. This also would be a great time to invite your friends to join us and check out AUUF on a weeknight.

AUUF Religious Exploration Updates

[Click here to read.](#)

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!

March HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: Alaska Native Birthworkers Community



Who

The Alaska Native Birthworkers Community is a community-based group of full spectrum Indigenous birth helpers and reproductive justice advocates organizing to reclaim Indigenous birth practices and to support Native families from preconception through postpartum with culturally-matched care.

What

The Alaska Native Birthworkers Community seeks to formalize and grow a network of Alaska Native birthworkers who feel confident, competent and grounded in cultural values to support Native birthing families for better health and wellness outcomes for parents and babies, while also advocating for systemic change to better support Alaska Native birthing families. We do this through offering free direct services to Native birthing families, free access to capacity building and training for current and aspiring Indigenous birthworkers, and by building partnerships for collective impact on a statewide, national, and international scale.

Why

Most rural Alaska Native pregnant people are displaced from their homelands while also often alone, separated from their families and support systems when giving birth. It has not been the standard model of care to provide full spectrum birth helper/doula, long-term postpartum and breastfeeding or other peer support to these birthing parents within this

system. Reclaiming the birth helper role is one step to help reconnect birth knowledge back to communities.

Vision

Our communities reconnected to birth through reclamation of ancestral knowledge and exercising sovereignty from birth.

Mission

To serve Alaska Native birthing families so that they feel supported, well cared for, and full of the information they need to make confident choices around reproductive health, birthing, and parenthood. In doing this, we seek to reclaim as well as create new ceremony to heal our ancestors, ourselves, and future generations who may have been harmed through the colonization of our bodies, healthcare, and birthing practices.

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

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