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## Today At Your Fellowship

Thursday, October 5, 2023

### **This Weekend @ AUUF**

Find Zoom [links here.](#)

#### **Thursday 10/5/23**

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday 10/6/23**

9:15 am Music Together Mountain Song

12:00 pm Freethinkers at AUUF only

#### **Saturday 10/7/23**

8:30 am AA Slap Happy Group

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Mountain Song

#### **Sunday 10/8/23**

**Collection and display of auction  
items begins**

**9:00 am Virtual Forum only ZOOM**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship Live at  
AUUF & on Zoom**

#### **Sunday 10/8/2 continued**

**12:30 pm Social Action Council**

**12:30 pm The Alliance**

**2:30 pm Worship Associate Meeting**

**4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting**

#### **Monday 10/9/23**

Indigenous People Day Offices closed

6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful  
Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

#### **Tuesday 10/3/23**

2:00 pm Hungry Book Club

5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Private Rental

#### **Wednesday 10/4/23**

11:00 am Private rental

5:00 pm Connections Team Meeting

7:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting

**Half Portion Recipient for October:  
[The Anchorage Coalition to End  
Homelessness](#)**



Virtual Forum only on Zoom 9:00 am Sunday, October 8, 2023  
*The Evolution of UU Principles*  
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

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Sunday Worship at AUUF & on Zoom 11:00 am Sunday,  
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*Viva Latinx*  
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry & Michele Champion

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## Hospitality Help Needed This Sunday

The Connections Team wants to make sure we have greeters and social hour help this Sunday. The Sign-Up Genius is a tool we use so that people can see who has already signed



up for these important tasks. Please click the link below to sign up for open slots in October. Contact Denise Martin if you have questions or need assistance. Thanks to all who are helping!



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## How About Sharing Your PFD!

by Marie Lundstrom  
Stewardship Committee

It's here—that magical money that keeps the Legislature haggling every year, the PFD! And where will it go in your household? Could you spare a piece of it for AUUF? We are likely looking at another budget shortfall, so every pledge that gets increased and every gift over and above your pledge will be most welcome to cut down that deficit. Every dollar matters, in whatever form.

Sharing some of your PFD with AUUF is one way to make a nearly painless gift. Since it has just arrived, and is most likely still unspent, consider sharing part of it with your AUUF neighbors. Just write and send a check in the mail, if you make payments that way. Or for credit card payment, go to the AUUF website and click on Donate. In the form that comes up, enter your donation to the operating fund (or other fund). It's easy, and you'll hardly notice it. But AUUF will notice and thank you for it.

And here's a limerick to help you remember:  
The PFD has arrived at long last  
Which usually gets spent down pretty fast  
For UU, save a part  
As a gift from the heart  
Use what's left on a glorious blast!

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## Freethinkers

Freethinkers discussion group meets every Friday at 12:00pm - 1:30pm in Room 7 downstairs at AUUF. We just finished reading *A History of the World in Six Glasses*, by Tom Standage. This is a fascinating read linking the history of beer, wine, spirits, tea, coffee, and coca cola to major world developments through the centuries. Some of the fascinating facts include a discussion of Caribbean sugar being used by the English colonies to produce rum which accounted for 80% of their exports at times. This economic connection was a big factor in the American Revolution. Similarly, the tea trade led to the Opium Wars when the British were seeking some commodity to trade for tea.

We had 18 titles nominated for this round. View the detailed information for a selection of some very thought-provoking books.

At our Sept 29 meeting, we selected our next two books. There was an exchange of what we know about some of the books and some advocacy. In the end, Cari made a list on a poster board and we each gave her our choices. We will take up *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson which was nominated by Jim Wanamaker on October 6. After that book, we will read *A Thousand Trails Home* by Seth Kantor.

We will read the introductory material and the first nine chapters of *Elon Musk* for next week.

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

## Ready, Set, Die....

### We plan for life’s big events, birth, marriage, why not death?

The goal of this workshop is to address physical, psycho-social, intellectual and spiritual concerns and desires surrounding death, eliminating surprises to survivors and increasing the likelihood that your wishes and desires around death will be carried out.

This interactive workshop utilizes a variety of individual and group activities for skill development in these areas:

- Defining for one’s self what constitutes a “good” death.
- Examining and dispelling common fears around death.
- Building a tool chest of essential information to design a pathway for your loved ones.
- Use of various communication means for farewells to friends and loved ones.
- Explore and strengthen spiritual aspects of your personal death plan.

Teresa Zimmer (RN/educator) and TK Kleiner (retired attorney/educator) share a passion for normalizing death and transforming the way we approach it. We believe that death planning promotes well-being and peace of mind for you and your survivors.

This workshop will be time well spent, as you join with others to make plans for this important transition.

### Ready, Set, Die

This workshop will be held at AUUF,  
2824 East 18th Avenue  
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 9:30-2:30 pm  
Box Lunch included (vegetarian and omnivore options)  
UU discount \$120 for individuals, \$220 for couples, and all others  
\$130 individuals; couples, \$240

Registration fee is due at the time of registration, by check or Venmo  
To register, please email [ready.set.die.workshops@gmail.com](mailto:ready.set.die.workshops@gmail.com) or call Teresa at 907.331.7034, or TK at 907.317.2799  
Registration is due by Oct. 8, 2023. Class size is limited.

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## HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION:

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5:30 pm Board Agenda Setting Meeting

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9:00 am The Forum IN PERSON & on  
ZOOM

11:00 am Sunday Worship IN-  
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#### Sunday 10/16/2 continued

12:30 pm Finding your way to  
Fellowship Newcomers & Explorers  
class

4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting

#### Monday 10/17/23

10:30 am Nominating Committee on  
Zoom  
4:30 pm Private Rental  
6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful  
Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

#### Tuesday 10/18/23

#### Wednesday 10/19/23

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The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom 9 am Sunday, October 15, 2023  
*The Alaska Innocence Project—Past and Future*  
Bill Oberly

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## **Sunday Worship** at AUUF & on Zoom 11 am Sunday, October 15, 2023

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6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday 10/20/23

9:15 am Music Together Mountain Song

12:00 pm Freethinkers at AUUF only

#### Saturday 10/21/23

8:30 am AA Slap Happy Group

8:30 am-12:15 pm Music Together Mountain Song

1-3:00 pm Private Rental

#### Sunday 10/22/23

9:00 am Virtual Forum only on ZOOM

11:00 am Sunday Worship IN-PERSON at AUUF only

### Sunday 10/23/2 continued

12:30 pm Finding your way to Fellowship Newcomers & Explorers class

4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting

#### Monday 10/24/23

4:30 pm Private Rental

6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

#### Tuesday 10/25/23

6:00 pm Community Connections

#### Wednesday 10/26/23

6:30 pm Anti-Racism "Defund Fear" Book Study

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Virtual Forum only on Zoom 9 am Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Former Attorney General Doug Baily  
*The Tanker Rebecca Incident: Alaska Comes of Age as an Oil State*

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**Sunday, October 22, 2023 Zoom Only**

Former Attorney General Doug Baily  
*"The Tanker Rebecca Incident: Alaska Comes of Age as an Oil State"*

**Doug Baily** was the Attorney General of Alaska from 1989 to 1990, under Gov. Steve Cowper. Prior that, he served as administrative assistant to Governor Jay Hammond, and as a trustee of the Alaska Permanent Fund. Before becoming a lawyer in 1965, Doug engaged in oil exploration in Alaska. From 1968 to 1971, he was the U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska, and had principal responsibility for designing and conducting the state's legal case against the *Rebecca* and her captain in 1968. The Exxon Valdez oil spill on March 24, 1989, occurred during his tenure as AG. After the spill, Attorney General Baily filed multiple court cases against Exxon Corporation and the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. Doug now lives in Homer his wife Landa, after moving back to Alaska from Oakland, Oregon, where they maintained the Old Baily Heritage Farm, raising rare breeds of American Livestock, including Myotonic Goats, Dexter Cattle, and America Guinea Hogs.

**Sunday, October 29, 2023 IN PERSON & on Zoom**

Meg Zaletel, Anchorage Assembly Member and  
Executive Director, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness  
*"Anchorage's Housing Crisis—What You Need to Know"*

Fresh out of law school, Meg took a job in Anchorage, sight unseen, representing Alaskans experiencing disabilities. This job brought her to Alaska, let her travel throughout the state, and gave her valuable experience working on systemic issues.

As an elected member of the Anchorage Assembly, Meg has been instrumental in expanding the Municipality's work around behavioral health and homelessness, including improving overall public health and safety and the well-being of vulnerable people. Meg has joined the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness to apply her experience and expertise. Meg enjoys spending her free time with her husband Zach, their daughter Zelda, three dogs, cat, and four chickens.

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# The History of UU Fellowships



Sunday Worship Live at AUUF only  
11 am Sunday, October 22, 2023  
*The History of UU Fellowships*  
Rev. Lise and Joyce Laine

## **Sunday Worship** live at AUUF only

**11 am Sunday, October 22, 2023**

Reminder: On the fourth Sunday of the month we're giving our AV crew a break, so the 11 am service will be in-person only

*The History of UU Fellowships*  
Rev. Lise and Joyce Laine

The Fellowship movement started in the mid-20th century as a way to spread the good news of Unitarianism when we didn't have enough ministers to serve all the possible congregations. How have these congregations evolved with and without professional leadership, and now that we're facing a shortage of ministers again, what happens next?

October 29, 11 am, in-person & on Zoom  
*In Memoriam: All Soul's Day*

Rev. Lise, Barb Clark, and Maribeth Snell

It's AUUF's annual time of remembrance as we name those cherished congregants who have left us and share mementos of other friends and family members on our altar. Remember to bring a photo or cherished object of your person(s) if you'd like to share in this way.

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## **Sunday Hospitality / Connections**

Greeters and Social Hour Help Needed this Sunday!

No one has signed up yet for greeters (there should be 2) for the 11 am service. Help is also needed for the Social Hour. Please consider volunteering so that our visitors feel welcome and want to come again. Just click on the link below and follow the directions. Future Sundays have slots to be filled as well. Thank you!



**SIGN UP!**



**SignUpGenius®**



# Religious and Ethical Exploration Opportunities for all Ages

Hey folks!

I hope you all are enjoying these beautiful fall days. And as always, the changing light is captivating this time of year.

I wanted to give a big shout-out to the CYRE Team (Children and Youth Religious Exploration) who have been working so hard on Fall Frolic and Sunday morning classes in the absence of having a DRE. Yay, CYRE Team!!!! (AKA Annie Belts, Katie Melrose, Mary Gregory, Dianna Polese, Kalen Saxton, Elayne Hunter, Andee Cordano and recently retired from CYRE Alison Hanson.) Fall Frolic was a lot of fun and we're thinking about ways to provide rides to King's Lake for a Saturday-only option for next year. On Sunday mornings, we still need a few more teachers for the K-5 and middle school classes. Please talk to me or Annie if you can spend a few Sundays a month learning and playing with our children. There are other ways to help our children's program as well, if teaching isn't for you.

If you're wondering how the Sunday morning children's classes are interfacing with 11 am worship, we're doing things a little differently this year.

- First Sunday of the month, children and youth are downstairs in classes.
- Second Sunday, Rev. Lise (me) spends the first 15 minutes downstairs with all children and youth in a Chalice Circle (children's worship) before they go to classes.
- Third Sunday, children and youth are downstairs in classes.
- Fourth Sunday, the children are upstairs for the first part of worship and a Time for All Ages before going downstairs to classes. The high school youth stay upstairs in worship, or help in other RE classes.
- Fifth Sunday, same as first and third Sundays.

For adult-only interactions, we have several options.

- Susan Orlansky is organizing Small Group Communities (Small Group Ministry/Chalice Circles). We hope to be starting those soon.
- Freethinkers (those who read a non-fiction book, discuss, and share snacks) continues to meet at AUUF Fridays at noon.
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Okay, folks, we're in the final days of soliciting donations for this year's auction and, wow, do we have some really great stuff! There's like-new outdoor gear, home décor, all sorts of art, puzzles, brand new board games, cozy never-been-

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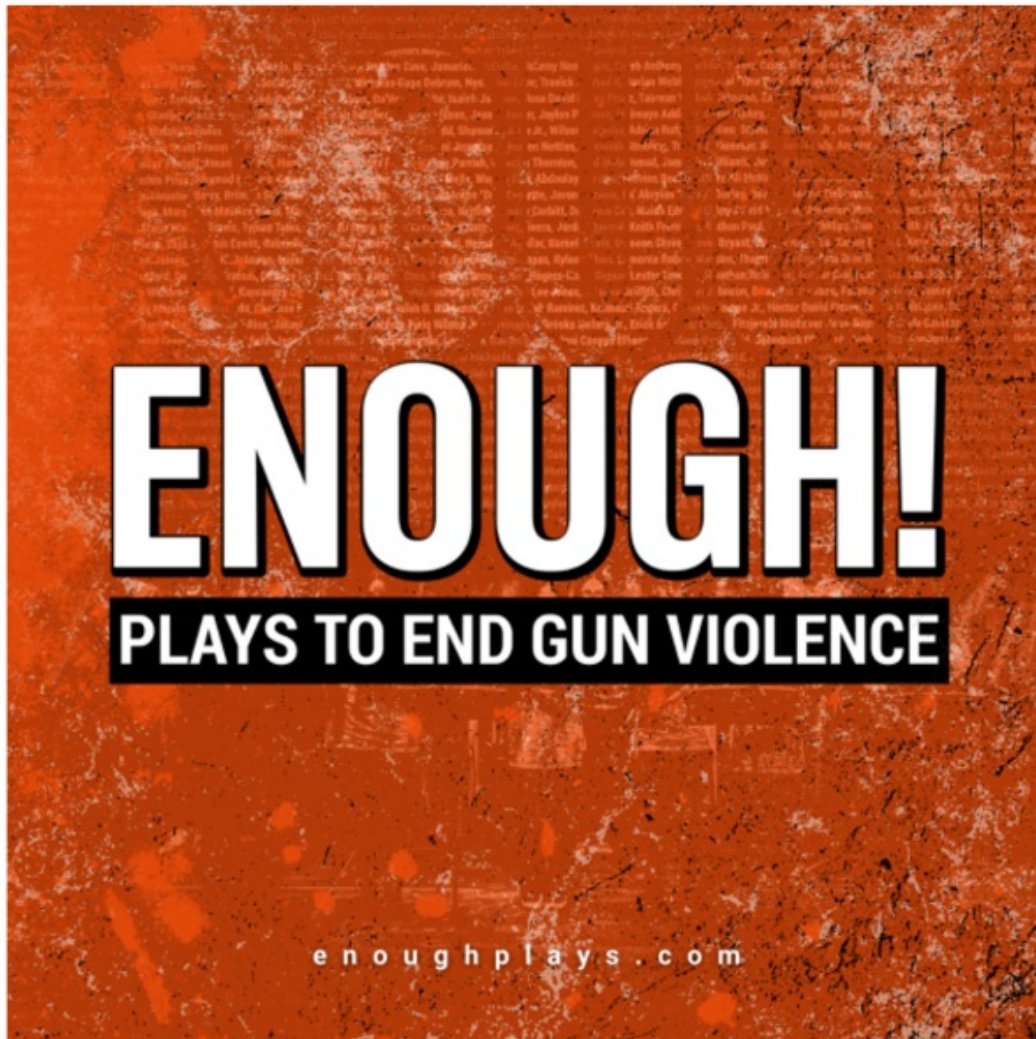


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**Today At Your Fellowship**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

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

**Saturday 10/28/23**

8:30 am AA Slap Happy Group  
12:00 pm Online Auction Starts

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6-9:00 pm Private Rental

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**9:00 am The Forum IN PERSON & on ZOOM**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship IN-PERSON and on Zoom**

**12:30 pm Finding your way to Fellowship Newcomers & Explorers class**

**12:30 pm 5th Sunday Potluck- All are welcome**

**4:00 pm Anchorage Friends Meeting**

**Monday 10/30/23**

1:30 pm Private Rental  
6:30 pm Fireweed Sangha of Mindful Living- Private Rental Visitors welcome

**Tuesday 10/31/23**

6:00 pm Community Connections- Private rental

**Wednesday 11/1/23**

Online Auction some items will close at 8:00 pm  
11-1:30 pm Private Rental  
5:00 pm Connections Team/ Pastoral Care  
7:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting

**Half Portion Recipient for October:**  
**[The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness](#)**

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Hi,  
Kelly Spring here, through an error on my part this did not get sent on Thursday. My apologies for the inconvenience.

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*"Anchorage's Housing Crisis—What You Need to Know"*

Fresh out of law school, Meg took a job in Anchorage, sight unseen, representing Alaskans experiencing disabilities. This job brought her to Alaska, let her travel throughout the state, and gave her valuable experience working on systemic issues.

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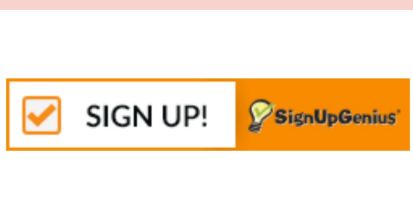
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### **Sunday Hospitality / Connections**

Greeters and Social Hour Help Needed this Sunday!

No one has signed up yet for greeters (there should be 2) for the 11 am service. Help is also needed for the Social Hour. Please consider volunteering so that our visitors feel welcome and want to come again. Just click on the link below and follow the directions. Future Sundays have slots to be filled as well. Thank you!



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# Vote for the 2024 Half Portion

Dennis Arashiro

The word “fellowship” is derived from the Greek word “koinonia,” which can be defined as “holding something in common.” While this clearly refers to what we Fellowship members have in common with one another, we can take it a step further in what we have in common with those beyond our walls. This is why only half of our Sunday collections go to supporting ourselves; the other half goes to causes and organizations supporting the larger community. The Half Portion for Social Action goes to 12 recipients each year, with each assigned to a specific month. Two months are reserved for an Indigenous cause and PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Who will be the other ten 2024 recipients? The decision is yours.

The nomination process took place from September 13 to October 1, and the final list of nominees was vetted and set in the past two weeks. Now begins the voting period for selecting the 2024 recipients of the Half Portion for Social Action. You will have from now until November 1, 2023, to choose 10 from the list of nominees, with the 10 highest vote-getters to be placed on the monthly schedule for next year. Two months are already reserved for PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) and a cause or organization supportive of Indigenous communities. All the fifth Sundays in the months that have them are reserved for the Minister’s Caring Fund or a cause designated by Rev. Lise. The actual 2024 schedule of Half Portion recipients will be announced no later than November 17. Click the link below to make your Half Portion selections.

[Click here to make your Half-portion selections.](#)  
[Click here to read descriptions about the 2023 Half-portion Nominees.](#)

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## On-line Auction Launches Saturday: Please Share the Link With Friends & Family

Get ready, AUUF, because our annual online auction launches this Saturday and runs through the following Saturday, Nov. 4. Trust us when we say we have some FABulous offerings, thanks to those of you who donated and to several generous businesses. All of you should get an email Saturday with the full catalog and easy directions on how to participate. How can you help?

1. Check the site often throughout the week and play along by bidding up the price on a handful of items. Few things are more fun than a good-hearted bidding war! Pick a couple that you’re particularly keen on.
2. Buy a raffle ticket (or two or three or more), or simply make a donation.
3. Commit to sharing the public link below with at least three non AUUF friends or family members. Broadening our audience is an easy way to spread the fun, draw in new participants and meet or exceed our fundraising goal.

<https://anchorageunitarianuniver.schoolauction.net/auction2023>

Items are on display downstairs in Rm 2 whenever someone’s in the building. Questions? Feel free to contact Peggy, Cathy, Robin or Carma or email [auction@anchorageuuf.com](mailto:auction@anchorageuuf.com)

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## Christmas Unplugged Workshop: how to make

# the most of the holidays on your own terms

Do you feel overwhelmed thinking about Christmas? Do you experience time and financial pressures related to the holiday season? Do you feel worn out by the time Christmas rolls around? Are you interested in discussing and learning strategies to empower yourself and your family to have your best Christmas ever in 2023? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you won't want to miss the Christmas Unplugged Workshop.

Join like-minded folks and co-instructors Teresa Zimmer and TK Kleiner for a fun, interactive, three-hour workshop that will put more JOY back in your Christmas season.

- Consider letting go of traditions that bring little value and are costly in time or money or in conflict with green values. Learn new and unique traditions that might serve you and your family better.
- Discuss gifting protocols and expectations. How much is too much? Must I give a gift to every person who gives me a gift? Alternative gift ideas.
- What do children really need at Christmas? What distracts from meaningful celebrations?
- Identify demographics that present challenges at Christmas: blended families, joint custody families, families with additional celebrations in grandparent homes, families traveling long distances to celebrate with loved ones.

Sunday Nov. 5 th , 12:45-3:45 PM at AUUF, Classroom #5

Childcare provided. Bring your lunch.

Instructors: Teresa Zimmer, TK Kleiner

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## Religious and Ethical Exploration Opportunities for all Ages

Hey folks!

I hope you all are enjoying these beautiful fall days. And as always, the changing light is captivating this time of year.

I wanted to give a big shout-out to the CYRE Team (Children and Youth Religious Exploration) who have been working so hard on Fall Frolic and Sunday morning classes in the absence of having a DRE. Yay, CYRE Team!!!! (AKA Annie Belts, Katie Melrose, Mary Gregory, Dianna Polese, Kalen Saxton, Elayne Hunter, Andee Cordano and recently retired from CYRE Alison Hanson.) Fall Frolic was a lot of fun and we're thinking about ways to provide rides to King's Lake for a Saturday-only option for next year. On Sunday mornings, we still need a few more teachers for the K-5 and middle school classes. Please talk to me or Annie if you can spend a few Sundays a month learning and playing with our children. There are other ways to help our children's program as well, if teaching isn't for you.

If you're wondering how the Sunday morning children's classes are interfacing with 11 am worship, we're doing things a little differently this year.

- First Sunday of the month, children and youth are downstairs in classes.
- Second Sunday, Rev. Lise (me) spends the first 15 minutes downstairs with all children and youth in a Chalice Circle (children's worship) before they go to classes.

- Third Sunday, children and youth are downstairs in classes.
- Fourth Sunday, the children are upstairs for the first part of worship and a Time for All Ages before going downstairs to classes. The high school youth stay upstairs in worship, or help in other RE classes.
- Fifth Sunday, same as first and third Sundays.

For adult-only interactions, we have several options.

- Susan Orlansky is organizing Small Group Communities (Small Group Ministry/Chalice Circles). We hope to be starting those soon.
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Providence Alaska Medical Center | Anchorage

## What is Health Ministry?

Health Ministers interact with their faith communities through presence and prayer, are role models for healthy stewardship of the body, emphasizing self-care of the whole person. They are responsive to the needs and interests of the faith community regarding healthier lifestyles, early illness detection, and health resources, and promote community resources to meet those needs. Health Ministers may also coordinate volunteers to help organize members of the faith community in sharing their gifts of serving to support wellness (i.e. bringing meals, transportation, or sharing their expertise in teaching a class).

## Additional Information

This 16-hour course will provide information on beginning a health ministry, roles and responsibilities, supporting others through chronic disease management, self-care/boundaries, home and hospital visits, caring for caregivers, prayer, confidentiality, accessing reliable information and resources, and more.

## Contact

Alaska Faith Community Nurse Resource Center at Providence:  
afcnrc@providence.org

## Bev Bateman

907-212-5053, beverly.bateman@providence.org

## Amanda Kratochvil

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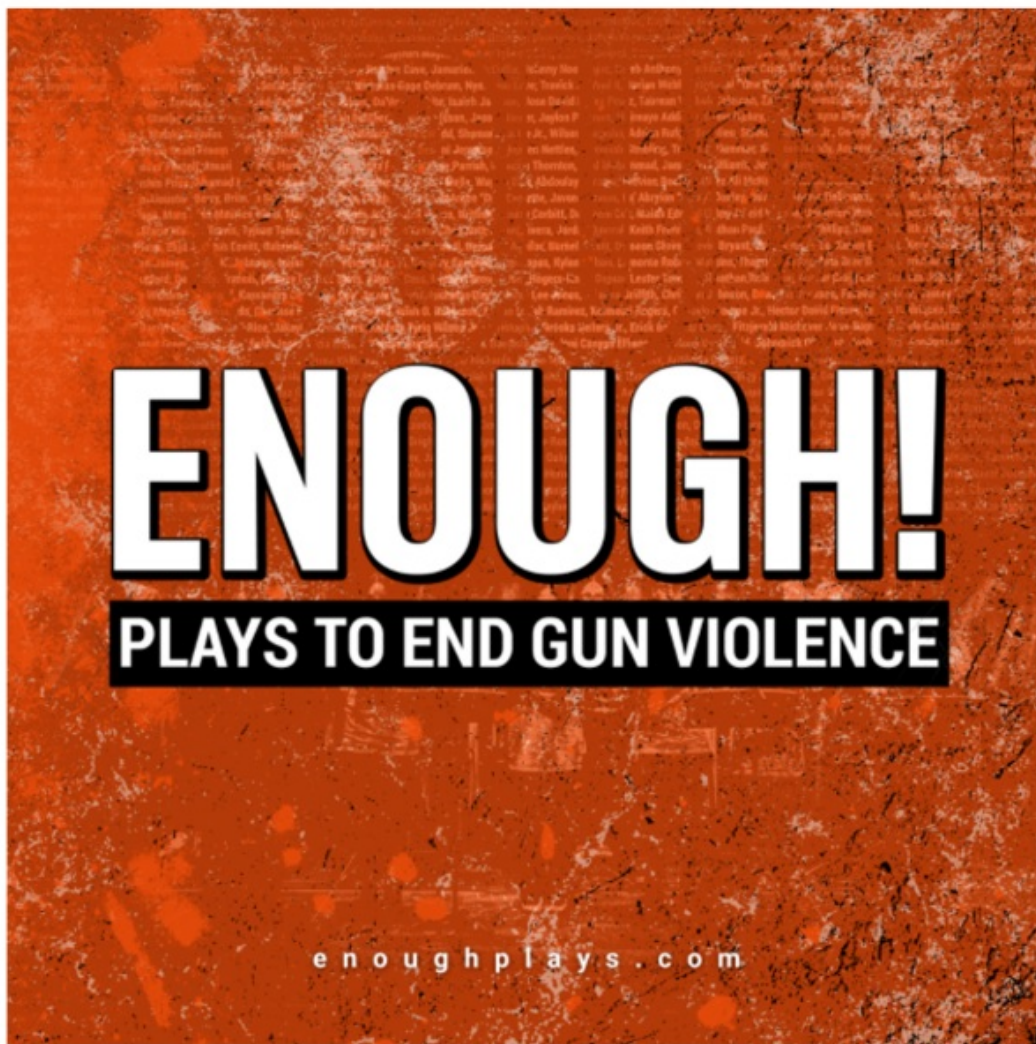
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