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Today At Your Fellowship
Thursday
June 2, 2022

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

Thursday 6/2/22
7 pm Healthy Congregation Team

Friday 6/3/22
12 pm Freethinkers

Saturday 6/4/2022

Sunday 6/5/2022

8 am Whalecoast Orientation

9 am The Forum **on Zoom ONLY**

11 am Sunday Worship Live at AUUF &
on Zoom

6 pm WhaleCoast Banquet

Half Portion for Social Action for June
is [Alaska Innocence Project](#)



“New Approaches to Aging Well and Supporting Those with Persistent Pain”
With Doug Eby, South Central Foundation VP

The Forum on Zoom ONLY

9 am Sunday, June 5

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

June at the Forum

We have four great Forum programs on tap for June, and they will all be Zoom-Only to make them easy to join from (almost) anywhere your summer weekends take you. **Speakers' bios and photos** can be accessed from the [AUUF Home Page](#) through the link at “Virtual Forum,” or by going to “Sunday Services” under the pull-down menu for “Ministry.”

On Sunday, **June 5** our speaker will be **South Central Foundation Vice President Doug Eby**. Doug is one of the most knowledgeable people in the state on health care issues, and this Sunday he is going to talk with us about **Aging Well**—about new approaches to this issue being implemented at South Central Foundation, and also about supporting those living with chronic or persistent pain.

The following Sunday, on **June 12**, our speaker will be **Christine Charbonneau**, speaking about **Life After Roe v. Wade**. For decades, Christine has been one of the most prominent national leaders in the fight for reproductive rights and women's healthcare issues. She will be joining us from Seattle, where she served as CEO of Planned Parenthood longer than anyone.

Our speaker for **June 19** is **Rich Curtner**, who served as the **Federal Public Defender for Alaska** and now in his retirement is serving as co-chair of the Alaska Black Caucus's Justice Committee. His talk is entitled “**The Killing of Bishar Hissan by the Anchorage Police Department, and Why We Need Police Body Cameras Now.**” Bishar Hissan was a young man whose family had immigrated to Anchorage after fleeing civil war in Somalia. He was shot to death by APD officers while walking by himself along C Street near the Sullivan Arena after purchasing a toy gun. A short bio of him, and information about the process of creating policies for body worn camera program at APD, will be posted in advance of the Forum.

Finally, on last Sunday of the month, **June 26**, our speaker is **Heidi Lieb-Williams**. Heidi is Chair of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and will be **speaking with us about autism**—a topic that she is very familiar with personally and professionally, and as she addresses [in her blog](#).

Please help us decide about when and if we should transition to Forums that are back in the Fellowship's building by sending feedback to mckay@alaska.net, and as always, you can send your ideas for either programs or specific speakers to the Forum Committee Chair John McKay at mckay@alaska.net, or pass them along to other Forum Committee members: Dennis Arashiro,

The Forum Will Be Zoom-Only Till Further Notice We Need Your Help and Feedback

Change is hard, even if the change is just “returning to normal.” We plan to continue bringing you interesting and informative Forums—that won’t change. But as a courtesy to speakers and to help make things go more smoothly for all involved, including each of you and our volunteers, we have decided to continue with Zoom-only Forums until at least the end of June and maybe for the rest of the summer.

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



“Finding Blessings in the Chaos”

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and Barb Clark, Worship Associate

Sunday Worship Live at AUUF & on Zoom

11 am Sunday, June 5

Another school shooting, people arguing about solutions, COVID killing over 1 million people in the US—there’s so much to cope with and feel, sometimes it seems the only option for maintaining our sanity is to allow numbness to take over. But is that truly a long-term solution? Do we really want to go through our lives avoiding the pain, because in the process won’t we avoid the joy as well?

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

[Click here for Speaker’s bio.](#)



**UU WhaleCoast Guests at AUUF this Sunday,
June 5**

Are you attending AUUF in person this Sunday? Be prepared to welcome the 42 UU WhaleCoast guests who will be joining us for the 11:00 am service! To keep everyone safe and comfortable, please wear a mask and maintain properly-distanced seating. Immediately after the service, there is a catered lunch arriving for our guests, so we will need to move tables and chairs into place so they can eat and be ready to depart by bus for the afternoon. Then they'll come back around 5:00 for the evening banquet being coordinated by Jane Gray. Many thanks to the 17 hosts offering comfy home stays that will earn AUUF some much-needed funds!

A second WhaleCoast tour will come through Anchorage mid-week: June 29-30. Like the first tour, it's sold out for the maximum number of guests. We're short a few committed hosts, especially anyone who might have 2 or more beds, so let me know if you can help. We're also still in need of someone to organize/supervise the Thurs. June 30 banquet and I would heartily welcome anyone who might enjoy tackling this one-time, short-term project. Thanks to one and all!

Denise Martin dulcimer.diva@gmail.com.

Pick up information sheets at AUUF, or visit the [AUUF fundraiser page](#) or [WhaleCoast website](#), for general tour information and Covid protocols.

SUMMER Religious Exploration Happenings

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

JUNE

6/5 With Rosene, Contemplation room, spiritual practice activities

6/12 With Rosene, Roxaboxen, Building houses in the woods

6/19 With Mary, Tikishla Park playday, walk to the park

6/26 With Rosene, Stream Exploration, water play - wear boots

JULY

7/3 NO Religious Exploration

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

7/17 With Koala - Visit Koala & Susan's farm, walk in the neighborhood

7/24 TBA

7/31 TBA

AUUF Peace Camp happening July 18-22!

There are still a few spots available in the Elementary and Middle School tracks. Registration forms are available at AUUF or at the website. Looking for volunteers to help with bike excursions. IF you love biking, consider this a great match with your talents. Bike rides happen daily in both age groups. Contact Rosene, Elayne or Andee.

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

We are beginning to plan for a more normal year, next year and would love your ideas and help. We also need loving adults to be class leaders as we provide the experiences and joy of Unitarian Universalism for our children and families.

Contact Rosene Beachy, DLRE or Elayne Hunter.

Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, June 3

Join the Freethinkers every Friday at noon (a zoom meeting, accessed through the AUUF website) for a good discussion and much camaraderie. If you're only just curious please join us anyway; no need to be up-to-date on the current book-read. I promise we don't bite, and we will welcome you. (Yes!) Currently we're reading Lifespan, Why We Age – And Why We Don't Have To, by David Sinclair (We're up to chapter 4, so we haven't gotten very far). A provocative book and a great catalyst for much debate. Is aging really a

disease to be cured? Can we really live to 120 *without illness and with vitality*? Many research scientists think so! Is that crazy, or what? Join the Friday discussion, bring your suitcase full of skepticism if you wish, for a robust examination of the author's almost unbelievable premise. And win door prizes! (Okay, okay, we don't have door prizes, but if we ever get to meet in person again we'll at least lure you with cookies.)

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[Click here to read more.](#)

Fire Pit Chat at AUUF Wed., June 15th

6:30-8 pm Wednesday, June 15th

Are you new to AUUF or would just like to hang out with other AUUFers? Come on Wednesday, June 15th to the fire pit at AUUF and hang out with some of the Connections Team to learn more about AUUF and get to know each other. If there isn't a "burn ban" being enforced, you can bring food to cook over the fire. We'll bring stuff for s'mores and maybe hot dogs. June 15th from 6:30-8 pm. Hope to see you there! If weather is terrible we can go inside.

Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration Job Opening

[Job Description](#)

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

Volunteers Needed at the Airport Heights Elementary School Garden

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

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

For questions or more information, contact the garden liaison, Kim Millett, at 518-495-8209.

Anchorage Bahai Center

A Celebration/ a Conversation Building Vibrant Communities

1-5 pm June 4, 2022

1207 E. 74th Ave.

One of many conferences in Anchorage and throughout the world exploring the oneness of humanity, the vision for the betterment of the world, and how we can create strong vibrant communities... together.

Music, art, games & discussion. All activities are designed with families in mind. Children and youth of all ages are welcomed into all activities with adults of all ages.

For information or registration (helpful but not required): aatc@akbnc.org

[Click the link below to see the flyer.](#)



Rainbow Run 5K

Support Anchorage PRIDE!!!

Hi all,

It looks like there isn't going to be a Pride Parade this year in Anchorage, although there are going to be a couple of events to celebrate and affirm our LGBTQ+ friends and family. One of these is the Rainbow Run on June 14, 2022 (the virtual race is a week-long event). It's a 5K run/walk with prizes for the most creative costumes.

I just signed up!!! Come join me. ☐ I also created an "Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship" Team, so when you sign up you can join that as well. I've been in conversation with other AUUF folks about getting AUUF t-shirts and carrying our banner for this and other events. Check-in with the Program Council folks to see if they decided anything about t-shirts at their meeting on June 24, or look in TAYF for more information.

[Click this link to sign up and find out more information.](#)

Yours in fellowship,
Rev. Lise

Communications Specialist summer hours & TAYF Publication Guidelines

Hi, Kelly Spring here,
Just a reminder, my remote office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 am- 1 pm AK. I will not be working on Tuesday for the next 7 or so weeks.

Other important communications info:

The deadline for inclusion in TAYF is Thursday at 9 am. We can no longer make exceptions.

[Please review these communications guidelines for calendaring, TAYF, and Zoom requests.](#)

[Please submit your TAYF articles here.](#)

[Please submit a Zoom request here.](#)

June Half Portion offering goes to Alaska Innocence Project

Half-portion for June 2022: The Alaska Innocence Project (AKIP)
The Alaska Innocence Project is the only organization in Alaska solely dedicated to

identifying, freeing and exonerating those individuals wrongfully convicted in the state. We receive requests to review claims of innocence from all over the State. The cases we review involve all types of criminal cases, arising out of all types of situations that can lead to wrongful convictions.

As part of AKIP's efforts to discover wrongful convictions in Alaska, we have undertaken an outreach program in rural Alaska. As a result of the size of Alaska, the remoteness of many of the villages, and the transience of many of those in the legal field, AKIP believes that wrongful convictions occur more often in the Bush. Because of the differences in cultures, we further believe many of those wrongful convictions go undiscovered. We are working to specifically identify these cases.

AKIP is a free-standing, non-profit organization, reliant on donations to fulfill its mission. Most of the funding AKIP receives is from individual donations. During covid, we were unable to hold our traditional fundraisers, which highlighted why generosity like that shown by AUUF is so important to us. Thank you so very much.

Go to anchorageuuf.org
Click on the **Half-Portion** note
at the bottom of the home page.
Enter your donation under
"Half-Portion for Social Action"

Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

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