

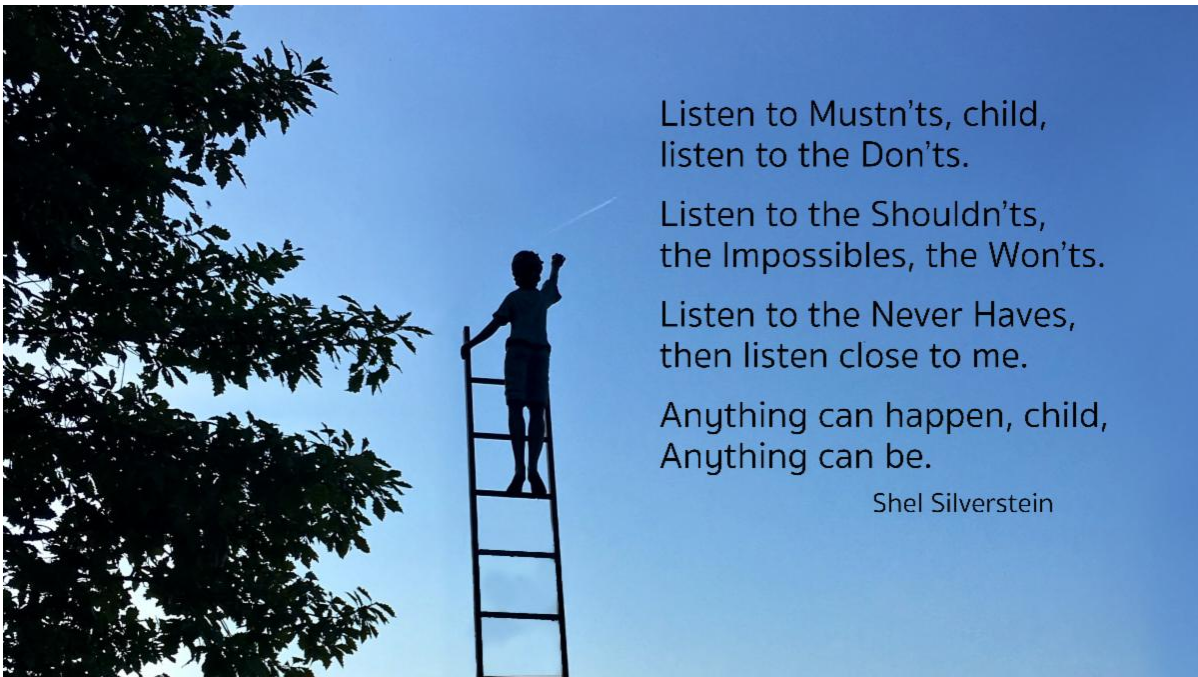


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Today At Your Fellowship

Monday
February 1, 2021



Listen to Mustn'ts, child,
listen to the Don'ts.

Listen to the Shouldn'ts,
the Impossibles, the Won'ts.

Listen to the Never Haves,
then listen close to me.

Anything can happen, child,
Anything can be.

Shel Silverstein

This Week @ AUUF on Zoom

Monday 2/1/21

Tuesday 2/2/21

10am Gentle Beginners Yoga
4:30pm Forum Planning Meeting
7pm Adult RE with Rev. Lise

Wednesday 2/3/21

6pm Fireside Chats
7pm Building & Grounds Meeting

Thursday 2/4/21

7pm Choir Practice

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Go to [Yoga Collective AK](#) for zoom link and class details.

Connecting During COVID: Fireside Chat for Adults

6:30pm Wednesday February 3



Your AUUF Connections Team invites you to our monthly Fireside Chat (Tea and Toddies!) -- no agenda, just show up on Zoom for some friendly conversation. You're welcome to attend for the entire time period, or drop in whenever you want for as long as you want.

Monthly Connections on Zoom

February 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

for ages 18 and up

We'll offer this every first Wednesday of the month until further notice.

The Zoom link is on the [calendar on AUUF homepage](#).

For more information, email connections@anchorageuuf.org

Choir Practice

7pm Thursday February 4

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

Also on the calendar on the AUUF homepage

Freethinkers

12pm Friday February 5

Freethinkers Friday Noon on Zoom

Freethinkers are wrapping up our enlightening immersion into the mind of President Obama with a

visit to the lifetime of photos Obama appended to Volume 1 of his memoir, *A Promised Land*. (It's a safe bet that the circle will jump on Volume 2 when it is published.)

Then we're off on our next adventure with Joseph Campbell's *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*.

Join our humanist pilgrimage of exploration with fellow [Freethinkers Friday Noon on Zoom](#).



Four Black students from the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina, who later became known as the Greensboro Four, sit at the Woolworth's whites-only lunch counter on Feb. 2, 1960, the second day of their peaceful protests there. (John Moebes/Corbis)

Anti-Racism Committee Corner

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WhaleCoast Alaska Tours -- Anchorage Hosts Needed This Summer

June 12-16 and July 14-15
(COVID-19 Protocols Mandatory!)

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If you've been a host to WhaleCoast guests in the past, or are interested in being a host for the first time, you should read up on the latest safety information on their [website](#). Other pages on the site give details about the statewide tours.

Since there is still some uncertainty about how the public health outlook will be for this summer, you should know that a decision to possibly cancel this summer's tours may come about by March.

Until then, Denise Martin is looking for volunteers who would like to host guests during the dates above. Contact her at dulcimer.diva@gmail.com for more information.



2021 Stewardship Pledge Drive



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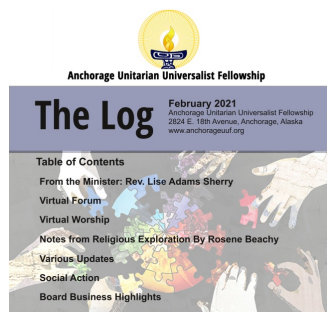
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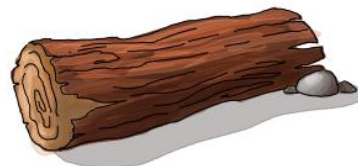


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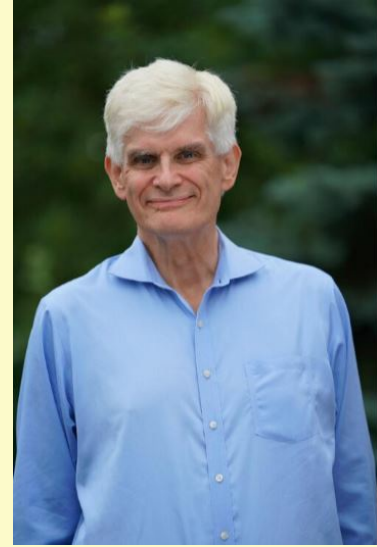
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Virtual Worship

11:00am Sunday February 7

It's Stewardship Sunday. Join us as we consider how best to transform our gifts into AUUF's dreams for the next year. So much seems to be looking up and moving forward—let's make sure we're not left on the shore!

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Whale Coast tours were cancelled in 2020 but Dave Frey, tour organizer from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, is pulling together June and July tours this year. AUUF will be supporting him by providing hosts and some transportation services this year. Naturally, all prudent pandemic protocols will be observed and the tours will be cancelled if conditions have not improved enough to allow them.

There are 2 ways you can be involved:

1. Consider being a host to one or more guests in your home.

It can be a rewarding experience in more ways than one!. Denise Martin

<dulcimer.diva@gmail.com> will be organizing the Anchorage homestays. Details of the Anchorage schedule will be finalized soon. Check [AUUF website fundraisers page](#) for dates and the latest information.

2. Join a tour (or encourage your UU friends / relatives from outside Alaska to participate). Some of our members have joined the tours from Anchorage which can be an excellent way to get acquainted with other parts of the state, other Alaskan UU congregations, and outside UUs. If you have any questions or would like to join a tour, please call or text 907-322-4966, or email

dfrey@WhaleCoastAK. To view the complete tour roster for each tour, visit WhaleCoastAK.org. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won't want to miss!

Important COVID-19 information for the 2021 Whale Coast Tours:

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Vacation Time!

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[Click here to submit articles & request Zoom meetings.](#)

Thanks!

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COMMUNITY EVENT

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Beloved Conversations—a faith formation anti-racism program through our Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago, Meadville Lombard Theological School—went virtual last fall and over 1,200 learners joined the first 'Within' phase. This program is an experience of connection and spiritual development that you don't want to miss.

The Spring Term registration opens February 1st and closes on February 26th. The Spring Term begins March 16th, with lessons published every two weeks, as well as biweekly small group check-ins with your own UUtheVote "pod" and monthly large group worship and discussion. In the program's current phase, 'Within,' we engage with a personal exploration of race and our work for racial justice. With two caucuses, our white participants are invited into the Un/learning for Liberation course and our BIPOC+ participants are invited into the Gathering Ourselves course. In Beloved Conversations, we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives. Let's get free together.

Contact : uuthevotevolunteers@gmail.com. for more information.

Need Some Financial Help?

Contact Rev. Lise (907.248.3737) who has congregational funds designated for just this purpose. Read on for why you should contact her. :-)

It has been a tough year. We're coming up on the anniversary of being socially distant from all of our loved ones, not being able to visit family during holidays and other important events such as weddings and memorials. We've been homeschooling, juggling work and caregiving for others in ways we might never have imagined. The scaffolding of regular events that supported our lives

has been completely set aside. Underneath all of us this is the concern we all have of getting sick or someone close to us getting sick. It's a lot to continually cope with.

Now imagine having to face all this without one's regular financial security.

I have friends and family members that have been scrambling to keep food in the refrigerator and their rent paid. Saying it has been difficult is an understatement. And, it's nothing to be ashamed of. These are extraordinary times. I know we keep saying that, and it keeps being true.

Fortunately, at AUUF we have some regular mechanisms for collecting funds for those who might need some help. At the moment we have over \$6000 in the Minister's Caring Fund. I fear that people haven't been asking me about help because they're embarrassed or they think someone else might need it. Please don't be embarrassed. Please ask. Caring for each other is one of the many reasons we come together as a community.

If it makes any difference, I too, have been in places in my life where I needed some financial help and family and friends stepped up to help out so we could pay some unexpected bills or to help with a few extras that made life a little more enjoyable. Some of those friends were members of my congregation before I was a minister--I'm so grateful for their support. And now, I try to pay it forward when I can.

We all need help, in many ways, at different times in our lives. If right now your finances are causing extra stress on top of everything else we're experiencing, please let me know. Your congregation has provided a way to help for just these circumstances. Please be in touch.

Blessings and love,

Rev. Lise

Pacific Western Regional Assembly

Saturday, February 13, 2021, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm PST

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Florida Scott-Maxwell



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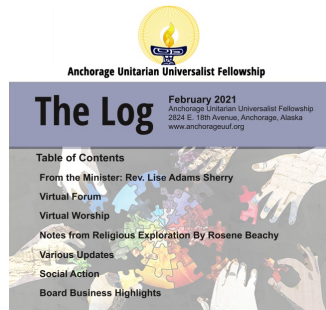
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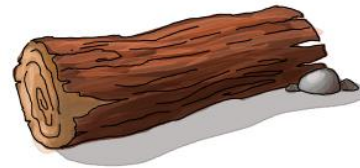
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Dennis Arashiro Stewardship Talk



Photos of Construction at AUUF



Joys & Sorrows

From Sunday Worship on 2/7

From Lucinda Kinard : We're celebrating sunny skies on what would be Cindy's mothers

AUUF

JOY & SORROWS

104th birthday.

From Erik and Robin Hill : We are sorry to hear of Shawn Lyons' passing. Such a talented individual.

From Peggy Robinson : Concerned over the loss of summer employment/income for thousand's of Alaskans (and my son & daughter-in-law) due to Canada closing their ports to cruise ships.

From Ken Winterberger : Longer days are bringing me joy - the country's continued

division concerns me.

From Mary / Beck : I'm grateful my family is healthy and has outlets for their energy in these weird times

From Judy Engh : Joys: beautiful days outside. Concerns: husband and in-laws struggling to find appropriate care for father-in-law.

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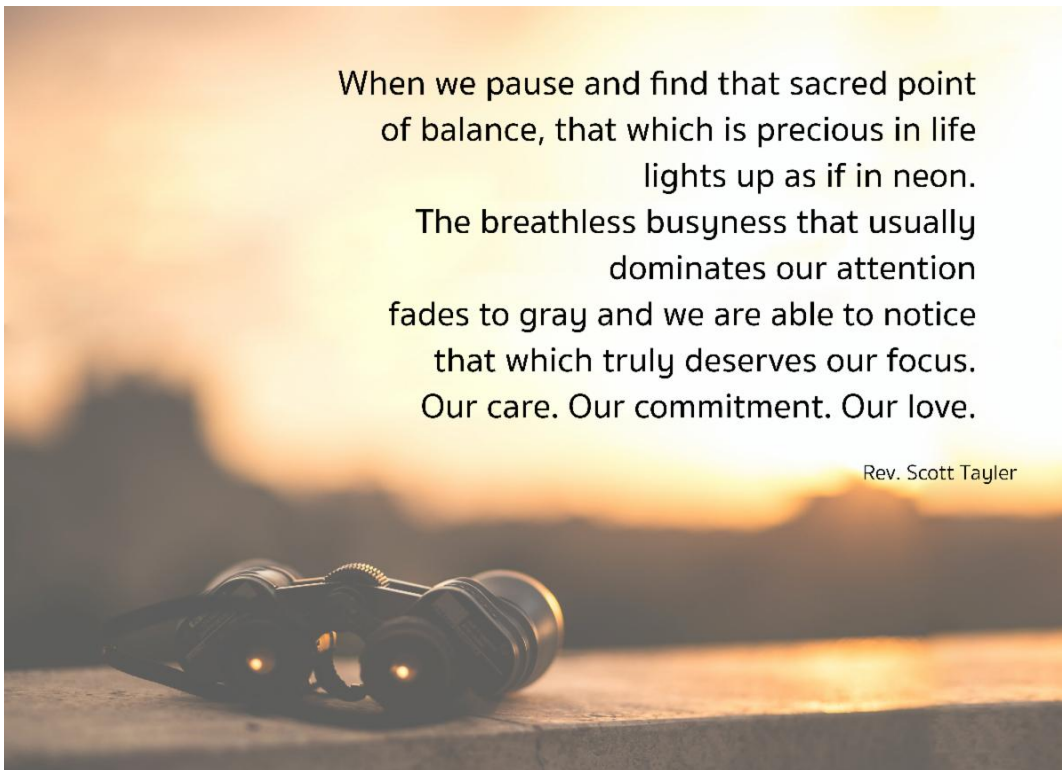
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Rev. Scott Tayler

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Your Board of Directors just became more transparent!

(No, not that kind of transparent.)

Participate in AUUF Board decision making, join with us as
AUUF's Board meets on the Third Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm

During this time of COVID, we are meeting on Zoom.

The zoom link is posted on [AUUF's homepage](#) the day of the meeting

What is more transparent is our new, accessible folder containing
all public documents related to our meeting.

You can access the Meeting Agenda and associated materials each month on this
link:

[AUUF Board Meeting Materials - Current Month](#)

Pacific Western Regional Assembly

Saturday, February 13, 2021, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm PST

[Click here for more info.](#)

Construction Progress Updates



AUUF Anti-Racism Committee Corner: Upcoming events of interest

Join us as kids and parents read to our children! Brought to you by the **Alaska Black Caucus Education Committee!** Every Saturday, 10 AM for Black History Month, Stories 4/Kids! Please email revmary@gci.net if you'd like to participate or have questions.

Black History Month, Stories 4/Kids

February 13, 2021

Date/Time

Date(s) - 02/13/2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

The Alaska Black Caucus Sunday evening **Community Conversation:**

"Black in the Military"

Date/Time

Date(s) - 02/14/2021

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

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PBS Alaska Public Media HDTV 7.1. starting Tues 2/16 at 8 PM

New Documentary Series from Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG

Premiering Tuesday, February 16 at 8 p.m. on Alaska Public Media TV, this new, two-part, four-hour documentary reveals the broad history and culture of a living institution in African American life - the Black church. From enslavement to emancipation, the civil rights struggle to political action at every level of society, explore how African American faith communities have forged interracial ties and have been on the frontline of uplift and change.

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As you know, funds are required in order to make that impact. So here we are again, asking for you to take a few minutes to fill out that pesky pledge form. You can find it in the emails coming from the AUUF Stewardship Committee. (You may be relieved to hear they'll stop coming once you respond!)

According to J.R.R. Tolkien, "It is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succor of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till." Your part, your financial contribution, may be large or small, but it is nonetheless important in the big picture. Thanks for taking time to check that email. (There will be another one coming your way on Sunday!)

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Come join in an outdoor event:

Sledding at Sunset Park (600 Vine Ave in Government Hill)

February 15 from 1-3:00 pm

Masks and social distancing required.

Let Rosene know if you need us to bring sleds, masks or winter gear for your family.

Feb. 14 Box lunch Tailgate Bash 1 - 2:30 pm

Before Sunday, decorate a box or basket.

Pack your lunch of choice in the decorated box or basket for you and for all the sweethearts in your family!!

Traditionally, participants bid on a lunch in a box they like as a fundraiser!!

We are doing this as a "FUN" raiser and you get to eat your own lunch!!

Dress warmly and Drive to the Fellowship before 1:00!

See you at 1:00 in the AUUF Parking lot. Please park tailgates out towards the ally so folks can view you and your box!!

If you want to bring a small table to add to the scene behind your vehicle, go for it.

All creativity encouraged!!

Put on your mask and enjoy strolling around and seeing others' decorations and lunch boxes.

Eat your lunch (that You brought) by your vehicle, with your "sweeties"! while awards are decided!

Art worthy awards courtesy of **Katherine Huffman!** There will be awards for all types of decoration themes:

Silliest, Sweetest, Trendiest, Craziest/colorful, Frilliest, Most Handsome, Most Elegant, Most Imaginative, Most Environmental, Most Regal!

And a yummy prize for everyone! courtesy of **Amanda Cash!!**

Beautiful **Music** by Megan Webb!

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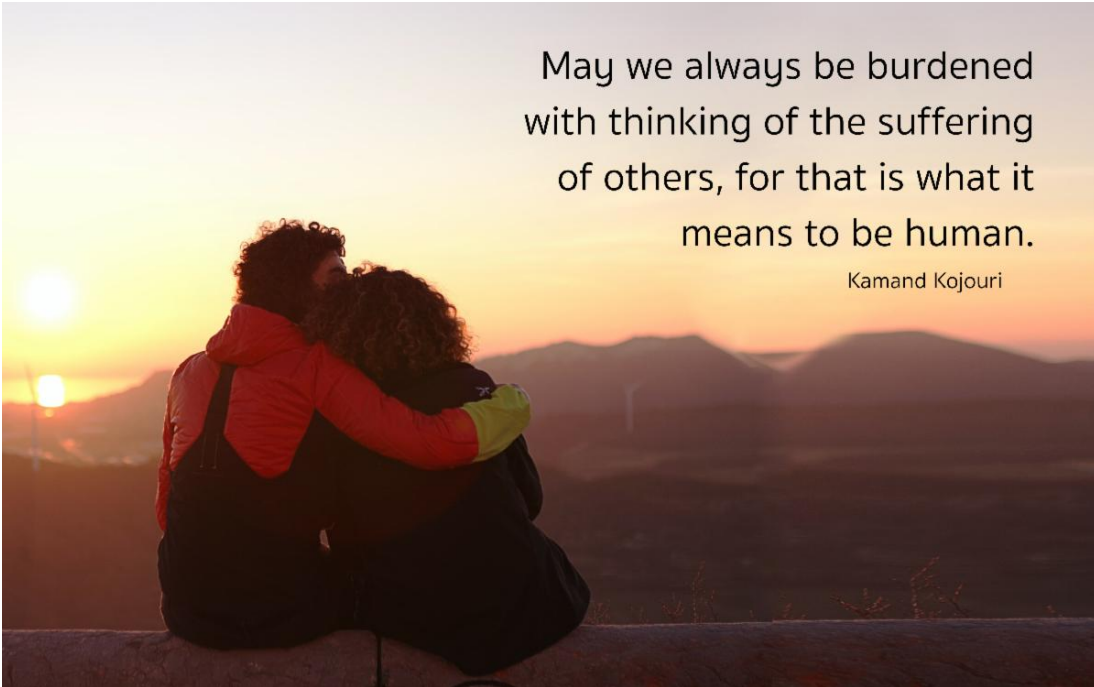




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Today At Your Fellowship

Tuesday
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May we always be burdened
with thinking of the suffering
of others, for that is what it
means to be human.

Kamand Kojouri

This Week @ AUUF on Zoom

Tuesday 2/16/21

6pm Finding Your Way to Fellowship
7pm Adult Religious Exploration with Rev.
Lise

Wednesday 2/17/21

4pm Board Meeting

Thursday 2/18/21

7pm Choir Practice

Friday 2/19/21

12pm Freethinkers

Saturday 2/20/21

Sunday 2/21/21

9am Virtual Forum

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Healing wounds of racism and injustice

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Adult Religious Exploration with Rev. Lise

7pm Tuesday February 16

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Find the Zoom link on the [calendar on the AUUF Homepage](#)

Choir Practice

7pm Thursday February 18

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

Freethinkers

12pm Friday February 19

Freethinkers Friday Noon on Zoom

This week Freethinkers are reading through the end of Chapter 1 - Departure in *The Hero With 1000 Faces* by Joseph Campbell, including the 5 sub-chapters, ending with "The Belly of the Whale." As Marie Lundstrom notes, "There's no doubt that Campbell's book has stirred our thinking, and brought [others] into our conversation. Welcome! Arguments about rationality vs emotional response, right brain vs left brain, head vs heart, intellect vs gut are certainly easy to pick up and run with, as evidenced in today's discussion. I look

forward to hearing more! I'm a believer in the wholeness of self, not split into mind as separated from body, as we cerebral types often do. To keep reminding myself about the unity of mind and body, I keep a book near my bed so I see its title every day: *Your Body Believes Every Word You Say*. That helps me to remember that I'm all of a piece, not just a gut, or heart, or stuffy nose, or pain in the back of the head. I think a lot of doctors tend to forget that unity. Here's to more lively talk next week!"

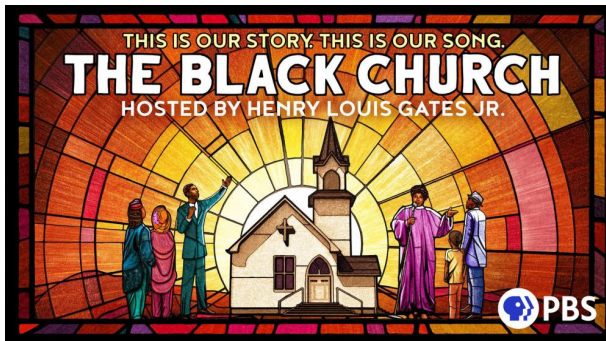
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PBS presents: The Black Church

Greetings Beloveds! An invitation to join us for:

A Side With Love Watch Party: The Black Church

February 16 & 17 @ 8:45pm-10:15pm EST

Co-Hosted by Revs. Duncan Teague & Michael Crumpler

[Register Now](#)

Side With Love invites you to join as we livestream the premiere of PBS's *The Black Church*, an epic production about the impacts of the Black church movement on American society, culture, and politics. As Unitarian Universalists with our own unique history of engaging abolition and civil rights, it is important for us to know how our history has supported and has been in conflict with the Black church. *The Black Church* can also help us understand the rich tradition out of which our Black UU religious professionals and laypersons came to be and all that we bring to Unitarian Universalism.

Women's Power League of Alaska (WPLAK) Presents "Mothers of Black History"

Feb 17, 2021 04:00 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83068664800>

In honor of Black History Month, WPLAK presents "Mothers of Black History". Hosted by storyteller and author, Skywalker Payne, this unique event will share entertaining stories spanning over 3,000 years of Black History and feature stories of some of Alaska's oft-unsung Black female historic figures.



Catch the Rising Tide

Germaine Greer is quoted as saying, "We can't change the moon but we can live in harmony with its tides, and we can make some ripples of our own." Please take a few minutes to make some ripples by making your pledge to AUUF. An email came to your inbox yesterday with a fillable pledge form. It may seem like a daunting task, but if I managed to do it, so can you! If you have questions, please send an email to the Stewardship Committee with a good time to call. Someone will be in touch to try to answer your questions. AUUF is only as strong as its membership. We rely on you for our operating budget. Please dig deep and give as much as you feel good about giving.

Be a ripple in still water!



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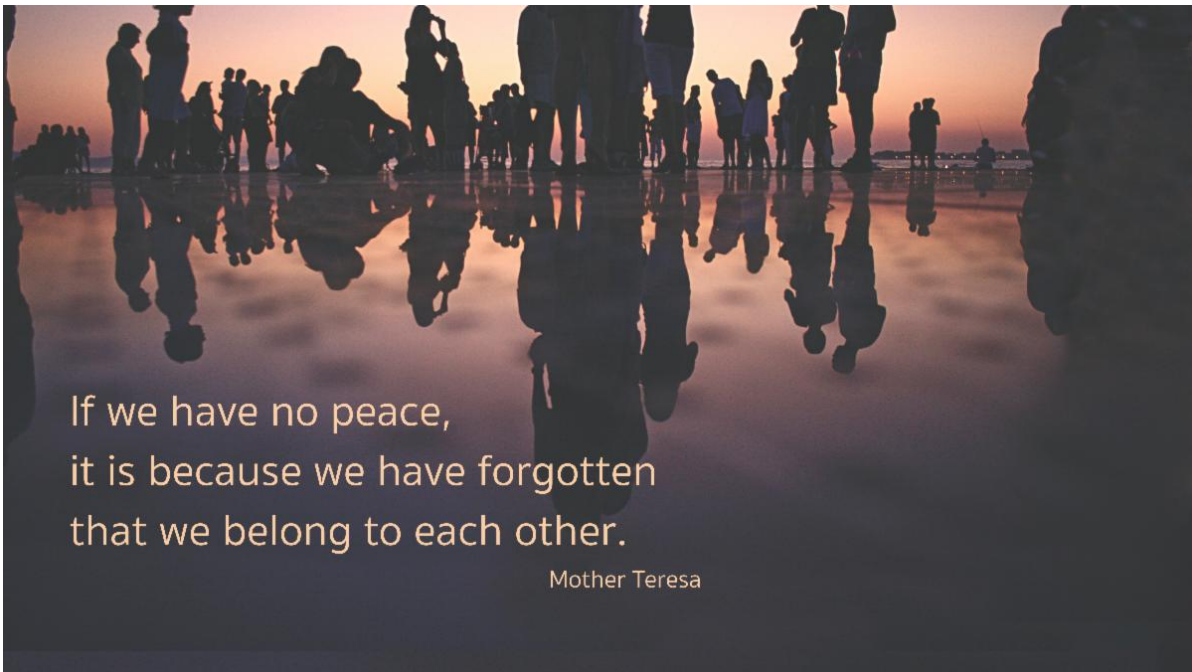
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Kids, build a Lego or block structure ahead of the meeting to share with us on Zoom!

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Catch up on all things AUUF Sunday at 4:00pm

Your Pledges will make up 87% of AUUF's revenue this fiscal year because of COVID's hit to our income from outside sources.

So it is more important than ever that you
Stick with AUUF as we ride out this pandemic.

Got Questions?

Join us for AUUF's *Catch the Rising Tide Virtual Summit*

This Sunday, February 21st from 4:00-6:00pm on Zoom

[AUUF's *Catch the Rising Tide Virtual Summit*](#)

These social distancing days make it a challenge to keep up
with everything going so drop in Sunday afternoon and catch up on our
Building renovations,
Ministerial search,
Finances,
Stewardship Campaign,
and get answers to the questions you've been wanting to ask.

And, Please,
Please help keep AUUF strong - submit your Pledge now
Check your Sunday morning email for your pledge form
if you have not already submitted it.
Thank you.

Find the link on the calendar on the AUUF homepage.

Catch the Rising Tide



"There are tides of justice surging to the unknown shores of right;
Stars of truth that seek a setting in the dark, untutored night." Arthur Lynch

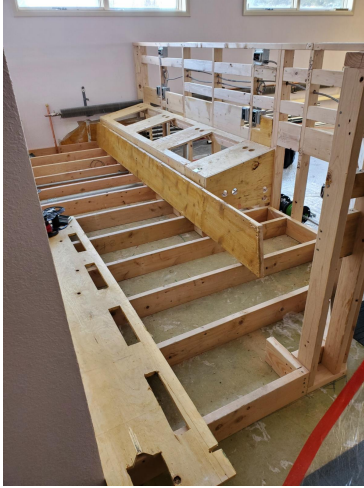
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New Rental Home Needed

An AUUF member with COVID-related financial difficulties, and one child, is looking for a rental that will take Alaska Housing vouchers. This member is looking for a 1-2 bedroom apartment, preferably with utilities included in the rent.

If you have any ideas or tips, please contact Rev. Lise. (907.248.3737) Thank you advance for any help you can provide!

Construction Updates



Technology booth progress



New wider steps



Ramp framing

Farewell and Thank You to The Log

At our last Program Council meeting in January I brought up the possibility of discontinuing the monthly publication of The Log.

The reasons for this are many:

- TAYF (Today at Your Fellowship) is working really well
- Readership of the Log is down compared to times past
- Our Communications Specialist only works 20 hours/week, and we'd like her to be able to work more on other things like our Sunday worship announcements reel, helping with special projects like the auction and stewardship, and more social media
- Publishing both the Log and the TAYF can be a bit redundant

General feedback to this change from Program Council members was positive. Folks expressed their appreciation for the Log, but also realized that TAYF was an excellent communication tool and seemed to fit our current needs better. As part of this transition we are going to start archiving TAYF on the AUUF website on the "AUUF Publications" page under the "What's Happening" heading. Since these publications will be open to the larger community we also encourage you to edit your announcements so you only put public information out that you are comfortable with others knowing (perhaps use emails rather than phone numbers). Additionally, folks that made use of the Log for a monthly column will be assigned particular days of the month to publish so we still have monthly information from the minister, DLRE, the board chair, etc.

As always, all change is a work in progress. Kelly and I thank you for your patience as we make this transition and welcome your feedback.

Blessings, Rev. Lise

AUUF ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE CORNER:

Upcoming events of interest.

2/20/2021 10:00 to 11:00 AM : Come on a journey with Keys to Life as we celebrate and honor

Black History Month through the power of sharing our stories.

The Incomparable Diane Ferlatte

"IF YOU WANT TO KNOW A CULTURE LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES"

From humble beginnings on her grandparents' porch in Louisiana listening to neighbors and family swap stories, lies, and tales, Diane Ferlatte has become a global storyteller sharing stories and songs worldwide, performing in a multitude of countries on six different continents. She tells African-American stories and stories that hold truths and touch upon our common humanity including personal and historical stories that are laced with humor, depth, and tenderness.

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7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Our panelists are:

Val Davidson, President of Alaska Pacific University

Margo Bellamy, Anchorage School Board Member

Dr. Ian Hartman, professor of history at UAA

Register for the discussion here:

[Click here to register.](#)

This panel discussion is part of Anchorage Reads, a community led program to promote reading, literacy and community-building by inspiring people of different ages and backgrounds to talk about the same book. This year, Anchorage Reads has chosen *Stamped from the Beginning: A Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi and *Stamped: Racism,*

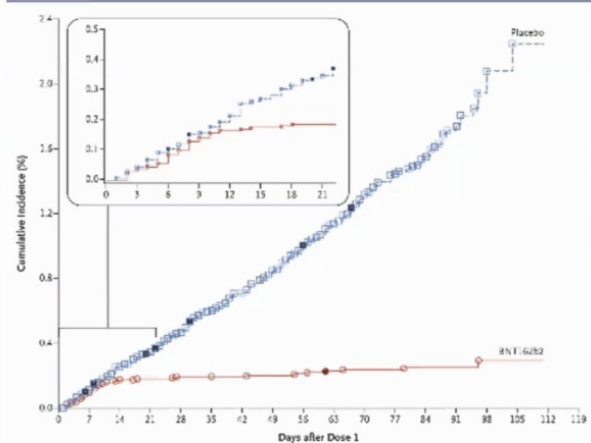
Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

For more information on Anchorage Reads visit:

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The Vaccines Trial Results are Impressive...

- This graph plots the Cumulative number of cases of COVID-19 diagnosed among subjects participating in the trial
- BLUE dots received the PLACEBO
- RED dots received the VACCINE
- The small inset box, top left, is a blow up of the first three weeks after injection.
- By DAY 12 the difference is stark.



The COVID-19 Vaccines will be a game changer if enough people actually get them

This image says it all - the vaccines work!

I was asked to prepare a presentation for the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness / Homelessness Prevention and Response System Advisory Council. This image is the one I knew I had to share with AUUF.

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Baha'i Community of Anchorage Hosted by: *Carol Krein*

February 25, 2021

**Panel Discussion
on Building Resilience**

Hosted by: *Faith leaders and Representatives serving on the
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*on How we are striving to be building resilience in our respective faith communities
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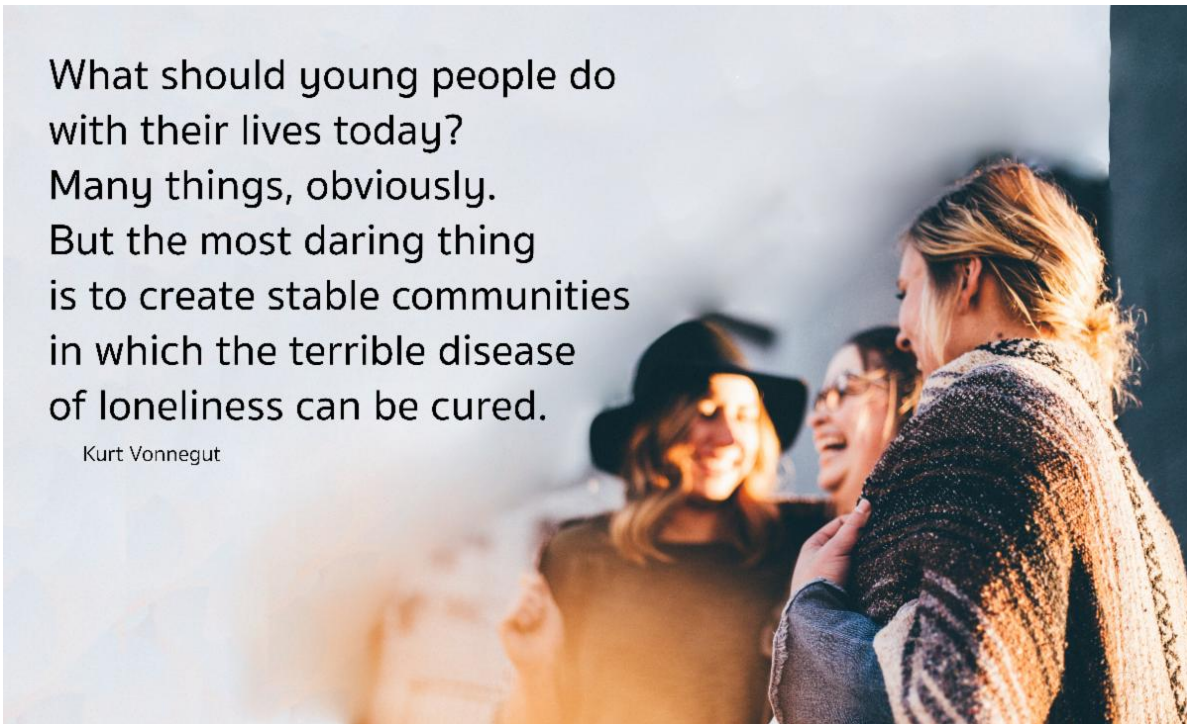
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Monday

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What should young people do
with their lives today?
Many things, obviously.
But the most daring thing
is to create stable communities
in which the terrible disease
of loneliness can be cured.

Kurt Vonnegut



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Wednesday 2/24/21

1-2:30pm RE Coming of Age Meeting

Thursday 2/25/21

6:30pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting

7:30pm Music with Megan

Friday 2/26/21

Saturday 2/27/21

Sunday 2/28/21

9am Virtual Forum

University of Alaska: Serving the State

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Gentle Beginners Yoga

10am Tuesday February 23

Enjoy engaging your mind, moving your body, and tending to your spirit at home with each other via Zoom! This yoga class is a gentle, beginner yoga class that incorporates a combination of yoga philosophy themes, pranayama or breath-work, accessible asanas or yoga poses that embrace different modifications for every body to the extent possible, and meditation and relaxation techniques.

Go to [Yoga Collective AK](#) for zoom link and class details.

Finding Your Way to Fellowship

6-8pm Tuesday February 23

Finding Your Way into Fellowship in February via Zoom!
Have you been attending AUUF for years or are you brand new? Would you like to know a lot more about UU and/or AUUF? Would you like to find out how your own faith journey intersects with AUUF? Are you thinking about becoming a member in the next few months? If so this class is just for you!



Three sessions will be held 3 consecutive Tuesdays Feb. 16th, Feb. 23rd and March 2nd, from 6-8pm. We share our journeys and learn more about UU and AUUF. We have really enjoyed getting to know new and familiar folks. Rev. Lise will be leading one of the sessions.

Contact connections@anchorageuuf.org to learn more.
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Freethinkers

12pm Friday February 26

Freethinkers Friday Noon on Zoom

As Marie says, "We are great bunny-trail/tangent followers, as evidenced in most of our sessions. And yet, eventually we get back to important mainstream ideas in the books we tackle. Today, QAnon and conspiracy theories as related to myth got a lot of verbal ink. "Myth" is a slippery term, worth a trip to a dictionary, online or print. I'm inclined to put the QAnon and related conspiracy stuff into the newer dictionary category of "urban myth," "a story about an unusual event or occurrence that many people believe is true but that is not true." A couple of days ago, I ran across a piece by Richard A. Friedman in *The New York Review of Books*, "Why Conspiracy Theories Are So Alluring," which relates to

some of what we talked about today.

As for our reading in Joseph Campbell's *The Hero With A Thousand Faces*, keep going into Chapter II, Initiation, sections 1-4, which takes you through the 4th section, "Atonement with the Father."

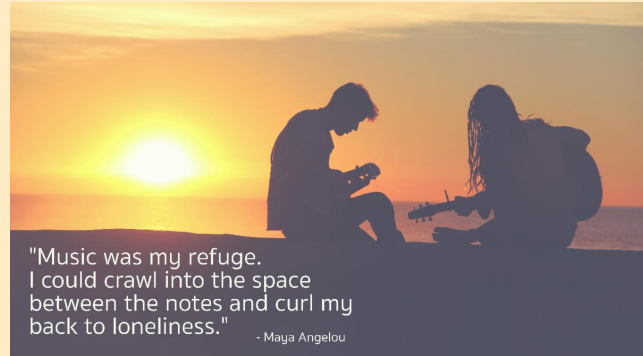
I keep reminding myself that this whole book is about a journey, which has certain important elements that the hero, male or female, must deal with in order to grow and progress. The zipping from Asia to Africa to the Middle East to Navajo beliefs shores up the ubiquity of the same basic human story—Frodo, Mrs Frisby, Luke Skywalker, Arthur, Marty McFly, Dorothy Gale., and a thousand other faces take that journey."

Join us on the hero's journey [Friday Noon on Zoom](#)

Music with Megan

7:30pm Thursday February 25

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



Catch the Rising Tide



Fair Share Guide

[Click here to open the PDF.](#)

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Look who is turning 100 years old!

March 14, 2021 from 9-10:15 am. Come join in centenarian Sylvia Short's 100th birthday party celebration during the AUUF Forum

Sylvia and her family will be in Anchorage for a week in March. George Bryson will once again be interviewing Sylvia -- this time via Zoom -- gleaned up-to-date information from her since their Forum interview 2-1/2 years ago.

To further honor her lifetime of contributions to our Fellowship, the AUUF Alliance has set a "100 birthday cards for 100 years"

target to generate keepsakes that Sylvia can cherish. If you would like to participate in this, please send a card, before March 14th, to

Sylvia Short % Debbie
Hoke, 6357B Whispering Loop, Anchorage,
Alaska 99504

Come and join in the fun! Stephanie Koonz

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New Rental Home Needed

An AUUF member with COVID-related financial difficulties, and one child, is looking for a rental that will take Alaska Housing vouchers. This member is looking for a 1-2 bedroom apartment, preferably with utilities included in the rent.

If you have any ideas or tips, please contact Rev. Lise. (907.248.3737) Thank you advance for any help you can provide!

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Welcome to the 3rd Annual celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021 by *Interfaith Council of Anchorage*

WHEN: 7 PM

Zoom doors will **open at 6:45 PM**

ZOOM LINK* : (FOR ALL EVENINGS)

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

Meeting ID: 849 4311 4103

Passcode: 312903

February 25, 2021

**Panel Discussion
on Building Resilience**

Hosted by: *Faith leaders and Representatives serving on the
Interfaith Council of Anchorage*

on How we are striving to be building resilience in our respective faith communities despite the sorrow, sufferings, uncertainty and hardship of this global pandemic and health crisis!

[Click here for more info.](#)

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Needed in March - Pals!! Be a Mystery Pal for a young person! -

[Click here for the adult form](#)

[Click here for the child form](#)

Please return your form ASAP

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Malcolm X speaks at a rally in Harlem, New York. Bettmann/Getty Images



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Catch the Rising Tide

Stewardship Talk by Judy Engh



It's Stewardship Crunch Time

Dear Members and Friends,

It's Crunch Time for AUUF's Stewardship Campaign - We are Counting on You to help us *Catch the Rising Tide*!

Next year's Proposed Budget would need to be a lot smaller than this year's if we had to submit it today. That's because, as of this noon, only about half of the households that pledged this fiscal year have said they will pledge next fiscal year.

You all know that AUUF is only as strong as our Members' support. Just as this evening's Full Moon launches a week of great Turnagain Arm Bore Tide surfing, this is the moment for you to jump on board and help us wrap up AUUF's *Catch the Rising Tide* Stewardship Campaign.

Why do we need to hear from you so soon?

Every March AUUF's Finance Committee and Board of Directors prepare the Proposed Operating Budget for the next fiscal year and most of the budget is based on your pledges..

On April 1st the Board will distribute the Proposed Budget to all Members to comply with our Bylaws thirty-day notice requirement.

On May 2nd AUUF Members will vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget during our Annual Meeting.

We need your help to keep AUUF vital and strong. Here are three options for you:
A pledge form will be in your Friday evening email if you have not already submitted one (or you clicked continue "until further notice" on your last one). Please check it over and click on "submit;" OR

Download and send in a paper pledge form from our AUUF Pledging-Annual Fund website; OR

Send an email to Stewardship@anchorageuuf.org stating "please continue my current pledge until further notice."

Before you go to bed tonight, please submit your AUUF Pledge. And then reward yourself by basking in the glow of tonight's Full Moon, knowing in your heart that you have done your part to help AUUF *Catch the Rising Tide*.

In Fellowship,
Sid McCausland, President
Board of Directors
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WhaleCoast Alaska

Update of AUUF Hosts to Accommodate UU Tourists June 12th-16th * July 14th-15th

Thanks so much to those of you have responded positively to my requests to house WhaleCoast guests this summer! As of Feb. 23rd, there are 4 volunteers confirmed to host 6 or more guests for the June tour (and possibly July). There are another 4 "maybe" willing to host in June/July, and another maybe for July only.. With a potential of up to 42 guests for each tour, we obviously have a long way to go. Please write the dates on your calendar and consider contacting me if you have guest space and want to help with this major fundraising tour program! Denise Martin, dulcimer.diva@gmail.com. For more information, go to or website: [Fund-raisers](#)

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Automatic door openers installed on both south doors.



Push Pad. Use the heel of your hand.

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Many of us are missing seeing each other in person. The Fellowship decided to offer Outdoor Friendship Nights at member's homes. Several members with outdoor fireside seating are hosting Friendship Nights for small groups of 4-6 members. This is an opportunity to gather in small groups outside.

All one needs to do is sign up for one of the following dates by contacting:
Joan Frankevich at 907-250-6056 (fireweed59@gci.net) or Andee Cordano at 907-350-6361 (andeecordano@gmail.com) and we will send you the address and contact information for your host.

6:30 Saturday, March 13, on Hillside, 4WD needed, an accessible location with no stairs
7:00 Saturday, March 20, accessible location, with no stairs in West Anchorage
6:30 Friday, March 26, South Anchorage
7:00 Friday, March 26, West Anchorage

Guests will need to dress warm and bring their own drinks in their own glasses. This is an informal outside gathering. As much as we love food, we decided to be Covid Safe and not serve refreshments. We have additional dates and locations coming soon.

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Monthly Connections on Zoom
March 3, 6:30-8:00 pm
for ages 18 and up

We'll offer this every first Wednesday of the month until further notice.

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Meeting ID: 937 4585 1060
Passcode: 791795

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