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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP
*diverse beliefs,
common purpose.*

Today At Your Fellowship

Monday
January 3, 2022

Intentional living
is the art of making our
own choices before
others' choices make us.

Richie Norton



This Week @ AUUF

[Find Zoom links here.](#)

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Tuesday 1/4/2022

4:30 pm Forum Planning Meeting on Zoom
6:30 pm Mistakes and Miracles - Anti-Racism
Book Club on Zoom
7-9 pm OWL Parent Orientation at AUUF

Wednesday 1/5/2022

6 pm Connections Team Meeting on Zoom
7 pm Afghan Refugee Team Meeting on Zoom
7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting on Zoom

Sunday 1/9/2022

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7 pm Healthy Congregation Team Meeting on Zoom

Friday 1/7/2022

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom
6:30 pm "Mission: JOY" Zoom Watch Party at AUUF

Saturday 1/8/2022

12:30-3pm OWL Kick-off at AUUF

& Zoom Watch Party at AUUF
The Essential Jesus, Part 2

4-7 pm Sunday Small Group
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12:30 pm Jr High OWL class

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1 pm COA M & M activity at AUUF

2:30 pm Worship Associates
Meeting at AUUF

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Anti-racism Team Corner

Mistakes and Miracles - Anti-Racism Book Club meeting, Chapter 4
6:30 to 8:00 PM Tuesday, January 4, 2022

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 960 6952 4601 Passcode: 218111

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Alaska Black Caucus: Community Conversation
Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 7 PM – 8 PM

Join the Alaska Black Caucus to recognize the contributions of Anchorage Police Chief McCoy, who will retire in February 2022.

[Register now](#)

Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise

2 pm Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Join Rev. Lise for a walk and talk Tuesday, January 4, at 2 pm. Meet her at the Fellowship. If it's really cold, we'll decide by group consensus to stay inside and chat. Rev. Lise invites you to walk with her on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 2 pm.



Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, Jan 7

School Prayer & Abortion

by Cari Sayre

In 1960, then-presidential candidate John F. Kennedy made a clear and profound statement about "an America where the separation of church and state is absolute..." As a Catholic, had he not been clear about that, he might not have been elected.

OWL (Our Whole Lives) News

Jr High OWL for 7th/8th grade begins this week. There is still space for participants who have been vaccinated.

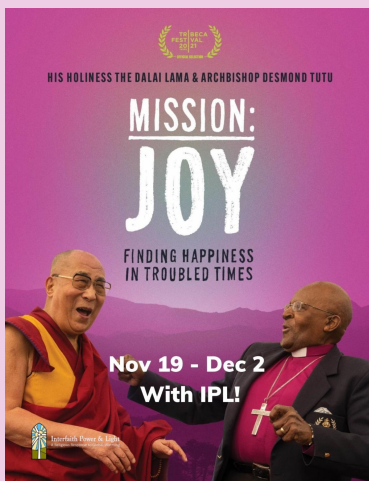
The group will meet 9 Sunday afternoons from Jan - April, with the Kick off on Saturday, Jan. 8th.

Parent orientation is January 4, 7-9.

To continue the OWL program in the coming years, we have a great need for more trained facilitators. Current leaders have been facilitating for many years, and while they enjoy it, it takes 4-6 leaders every time it's offered, which is twice most years. So it's necessary to have a deep leadership pool! There is a possibility that the training for facilitators will be offered online this winter. We will also be considering in-person training in Anchorage this summer.

This is always a great training, from past reports the last 3 times we have hosted trainings, both educational and fun! Please contact Rosene, DLRE for more info.

The Elementary intermediate OWL group was rescheduled from Fall to Spring and is currently full. It will resume in March.



"Mission: JOY" film screening and discussion

NEW DATE AND TIME: 7:00 pm Friday, January 7, 2022

Via Zoom, with Zoom watch party in the sanctuary at AUUF

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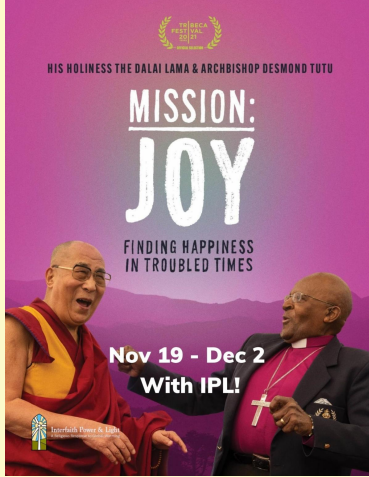
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Virtual Forum

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Blessings, Rev. Lise

Jan. 9, 2022 Zoom only
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This time around we'll discuss more of the life folks think Jesus lived, based on cultural information available from that time period. Would Jesus fit in the mold of someone who lived for the future, or for the now with intention?

Jan. 16, 2022, Zoom only
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Join us as we celebrate Dr. King's legacy and revisit his important lessons for us all.

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O Brother, Where Art Thou?

by Marie Lundstrom
Stewardship Committee

Remember that loopy Coen Brothers movie of 20-some years ago, with George Clooney and other chain-gang screwballs looking for buried treasure through the 1930s Deep South? It's too long ago for me to recall the finer details of that trip of fools, but the title haunts me, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" That question is one we have to keep asking ourselves. It could just as well be, "O Neighbor, Where Art Thou?"

We, all of us, have to find and look after our brother, our neighbor. In AUUF, we try to do that with our half-portion in the offering baskets each Sunday going to local organizations trying to make some corner of our Alaskan world a little better. We try to look out for our neighbors through helping Afghan refugees get settled. We work with other faith groups in AFACT on community issues that impact all of us. We're making an effort to make matters better for AUUF members and for neighbors in the greater community.

That effort takes time, energy, and money. Especially money. It's pledge time, and there's no buried treasure out there, except what's buried in your bank accounts, home stashes, investment accounts, and credit cards. If you haven't pledged before, it's easy to set up an account for regular payments at your bank or credit union through Bill Pay. If you are already pledging, now is the time to increase it by five or ten percent, to account for inflation at the very least. If you need help deciding how much to pledge or to increase it, go to our AUUF website, click on our Stewardship logo and find charts and forms to make or increase a pledge.

May 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Draft

A draft of the AUUF May 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes is [available at this link](#).

I will collect any suggested changes and incorporate them into the draft to be presented for approval at the upcoming May 2022 Annual Meeting. If you would like to make suggested changes, please contact James Dryden at 907-344-4995.

As a reminder, our next annual meeting will be May. Probably May 1, 2022

Thanks

Adult RE Opportunity: Spirit in Practice

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks
Adult Religious Exploration Offering

Spirit in Practice
An Exploration of Spiritual Practices
With Becca Bernard, Ministerial Intern

8 Wednesdays in Winter/Spring 2022, 7-8:30pm
January 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 13, 27, May 11
Via Zoom and (possibly) in-person at AUUF ♦ 15 participants maximum

Spirit in Practice was created to help Unitarian Universalists develop regular disciplines, or practices, of the spirit—practices that help us connect with the sacred ground of our being, however we understand it. Spirit in Practice affirms religious diversity while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness. Drawing on a model developed by the Zen Mountain Monastery in Mount Tremper, New York, for the training of its students, Spirit in Practice focuses on eight spheres of holistic and wholehearted spiritual practices: personal, communal, mind, body, soul, life, and justice practices, as well as spiritual partnerships.

This program will:

- Nurture a deepening spiritual life and spiritual centeredness
 - Consider the value of spiritual practice, in any variety of forms, as a means to deepen faith and enhance the quality of everyday living
 - Cultivate individual and communal spiritual practices
 - Develop participants' alertness to the wonder and mystery of existence
 - Encourage experiences of the sacred through worship, ritual, wisdom of faith traditions, and spiritual disciplines
 - Explore possibilities for deepening experiences of spirituality in the context of a Unitarian Universalist congregation
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Monthly Connections on Zoom

Jan. 12, 6:30-8:00 pm
for ages 18 and up

We'll offer this monthly on the second Wednesdays until further notice.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 965 3453 7013

Passcode: 264160

Dial by your location +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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For more information, email connections@auuf.org

Finding Your Way into Fellowship class

Feb 8th, 15th, 22nd / Connections Team

Tuesdays Feb 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 6-8 pm will be the times for our next session of Finding Your Way into Fellowship (online using Zoom). These 3 days give folks time to really learn about UU, AUUF, and how it fits into their own spiritual journey. If you are wanting to become a member of AUUF or just want to learn a whole lot more about AUUF, this is for you!

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6 pm Safer Congregation Team Meeting

6:30 pm Fireside Chats

Thursday 1/13/2022

5:30 pm Board Agenda Setting Meeting on
Zoom

Saturday 1/15/2022

11:30 am Macon Roberts' Memorial
Service on Zoom & at AUUF

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AUUF's Half-Portion for Social Justice is a reflection of our commitment to our community. Your Sunday offerings sent \$893.50 to STAR in November and \$893 to FFCA in December. CSS' Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services program will be the recipient of your January Half-Portion donations.

Standing Together Against Rape, STAR, has been providing support to victims of sexual assault free-of-charge since 1978. All Alaskans have been touched by its prevention and education programs aimed at reducing the risk of harm for everyone. Our Fellowship has been supporting STAR for many years.

Facing Foster Care in Alaska, FFCA, was created by individuals who grew up in Alaska's foster care system with intimate knowledge of its inadequacies. FFCA is a lifeline for foster youth and alumni. As a statewide network of current and former foster youth, FFCA leads efforts in advocacy, training, and peer support to improve the lives of thousands of foster youth across Alaska. FFCA empowers current and former foster youth to share their lived-expertise to be heard in key decisions affecting children and families. This is FFCA's first year as a recipient of our Fellowships Half-Portion donation.

Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services is covered elsewhere in this TAYF.

Our nearly Half Empty Cup no longer overflows from your beneficence as your donations to our Sunday Half-Portion offerings are suffering from long-COVID-fatigue. Your support for our social justice ministry, our Minister's Caring Fund, and a bit of our operating budget is now 1/2 of what it was in 2019.

Half-Portion distributions to our social justice partners averaged **\$1,666/month** in FY19;

\$880 in FY20; \$841 in FY21. And here we are, one-half of the way through FY22, currently averaging **\$778/month**.

The other 50% of our Half Portion donations helps support our ongoing AUUF programs expenses.

You may make Half-Portion donations electronically through our website or call the office, or mail a check, or put a check or cash in our offering basket or in one of our black mailboxes, whichever is most convenient for you. Any amount is welcome! Thank you so much for your generous support!

Who wants to bet that the social justice organizations you voted to support can tell that our cup is half-empty even as they thank us for your “generosity”?

Please follow this link to [Half-Portion donation](#). Do it **in addition to your Pledge**. By doing both you will know that even though COVID *et al* has made us all world-weary you are still supporting AUUF’s social justice ministry in our community. (And if you use EFT instead of your credit card, we save on fees.)

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Jan. 12, 6:30-8:00 pm
for ages 18 and up

We’ll offer this monthly on the second Wednesdays until further notice.

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Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, Jan 14, 2022

The final chapter of Freethinkers, A History of American Secularism, by Susan Jacoby began with a hard look at the Supreme Court, including the role and highly religious views of the late Antonin Scalia, leading to lively discussion about the court’s current status and ways it could be made less political/more balanced.

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Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday Worship January 9



Joan Frankevich: Joy this morning - watching a bird at the feeder that was barely visible in the early dawn light.

Jon, Andrea, and Bodhi: Joy: my daughter is back after a 3 week trip to Florida. She was delayed due to canceled flights but made it ok. We missed her so much. Concern: that doctors and medical staff are overwhelmed, tired, understaffed, out sick with covid or in quarantine for being in close contact, and just need support and encouragement.

From Judy Engh: Husband recovering from knee replacement surgery. So far so good.

Bonnie Moore: Joy of having the ability to replace our 30-year-old furnace and stay warm, while being mindful that this is not available to all in our community.



O Brother, Where Art Thou?

by Marie Lundstrom
Stewardship Committee

Remember that loopy Coen Brothers movie of 20-some years ago, with George Clooney and other chain-gang screwballs looking for buried treasure through the 1930s Deep South? It's too long ago for me to recall the finer details of that trip of fools, but the title haunts me, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" That question is one we have to keep asking ourselves. It could just as well be, "O Neighbor, Where Art Thou?"

We, all of us, have to find and look after our brother, our neighbor. In AUUF, we try to do that with our half-portion in the offering baskets each Sunday going to local organizations trying to make some corner of our Alaskan world a little better. We try to look out for our neighbors through helping Afghan refugees get settled. We work with other faith groups in AFACT on community issues that impact all of us. We're making an effort to make matters better for AUUF members and for neighbors in the greater community.

That effort takes time, energy, and money. Especially money. It's pledge time, and there's no buried treasure out there, except what's buried in your bank accounts, home stashes, investment accounts, and credit cards. If you haven't pledged before, it's easy to set up an account for regular payments at your bank or credit union through Bill Pay. If you are already pledging, now is the time to increase it by five or ten percent, to account for

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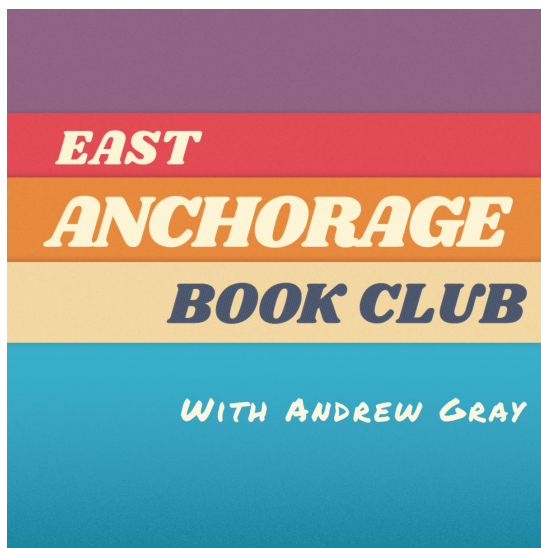
May 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Draft

A draft of the AUUF May 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes is [available at this link](#).

I will collect any suggested changes and incorporate them into the draft to be presented for approval at the upcoming May 2022 Annual Meeting. If you would like to make suggested changes, please contact James Dryden at 907-344-4995.

As a reminder, our next annual meeting will be in May. Probably May 1, 2022

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Virtual Forum

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

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Honoring MLK, Jr. Day Becca Bernard, Ministerial Intern

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The Spirit of Martin Luther King Jr

*by Marie Lundstrom
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Martin Luther King Jr worked for civil rights and social justice for all people in his remarkable lifetime. We celebrate his life because of what he did to help all folks achieve respect and equal treatment in the laws and in community.

AUUF follows the spirit of King's life and work in our efforts toward social justice in our greater community. Our **Half Portion for Social Action** program, in which a nonprofit, charitable organization is chosen each month to receive half our Sunday offerings, is, as far as I know, unique in Anchorage. And from what I've been told about other UU churches generally, it's a rarity among them. We can celebrate that!

Through our Social Action Council, teams work on Pride Fest, Project Homeless Connect, refugee assistance, food insecurity, racism, gender inequality, and other issues. Our people are out there trying to make the world better. Keeping AUUF going in the realm of social justice takes the dedication of time and talent by our members and friends. It takes

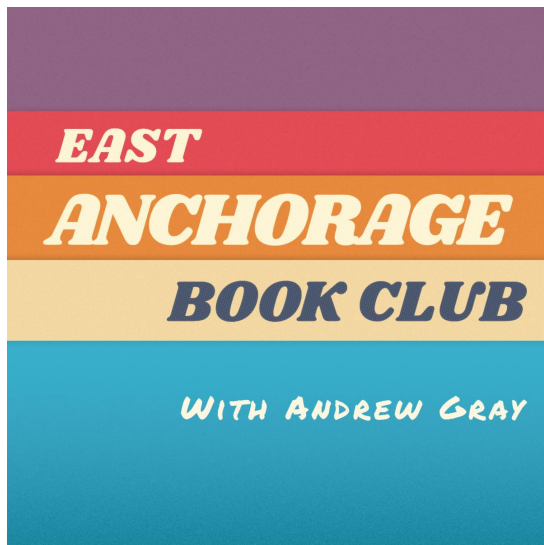
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This Week @ AUUF

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7 pm Stewardship Training

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Thursday 1/20/2022

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February Half Portion for Social Action: Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

By *Dennis Arashiro*

"PILOT is a moral issue."

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When I first joined the Fellowship, I had no idea why we were making payment in lieu of taxes to the Municipality of Anchorage. It was only after listening to long-term member Fred Hillman did I understand the moral underpinnings of our action. Let's look at what they are:

We owe for services rendered--not someone else.

The Fellowship benefits from the many services provided by the Municipality of Anchorage, which relies on property taxes to do so. When we do not pay for street maintenance to allow access to our property and the fire and police departments to protect our building and grounds, other property owners have to pay in our stead.

Separation of church and state

Exempting religious entities from taxation is government support for religion. The separation of church and state requires an end to this.

Take from the poor and give to the rich.

When church buildings and grounds are exempt from taxation, churches benefit more the richer they are. There are churches too poor to own their own property and pay property tax indirectly through rent payments to their landlords. Reverse Robin Hood.

As long as we own our building and grounds and the Municipality relies on property taxes to serve us, we are under the moral imperative to make payment in lieu of taxes. It does not matter that no other church follows our example. It only matters that we follow our own example. By contributing to the Half Portion this month.

Safer Congregation Team – Guidebook

By David O'Brien, Team Co-Chair

Your Safer Congregation Team has been periodically publishing "snippets" from its recently completed Guidebook. The charted purpose of the Team is to "ensure the protection and safety of the AUUF congregation and building", and the Guidebook has been written to support this goal. This month's excerpt concludes the previous discussion of first aid.

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

Freethinkers

12 pm, Friday, Jan 21, 2022

AUUF discussions

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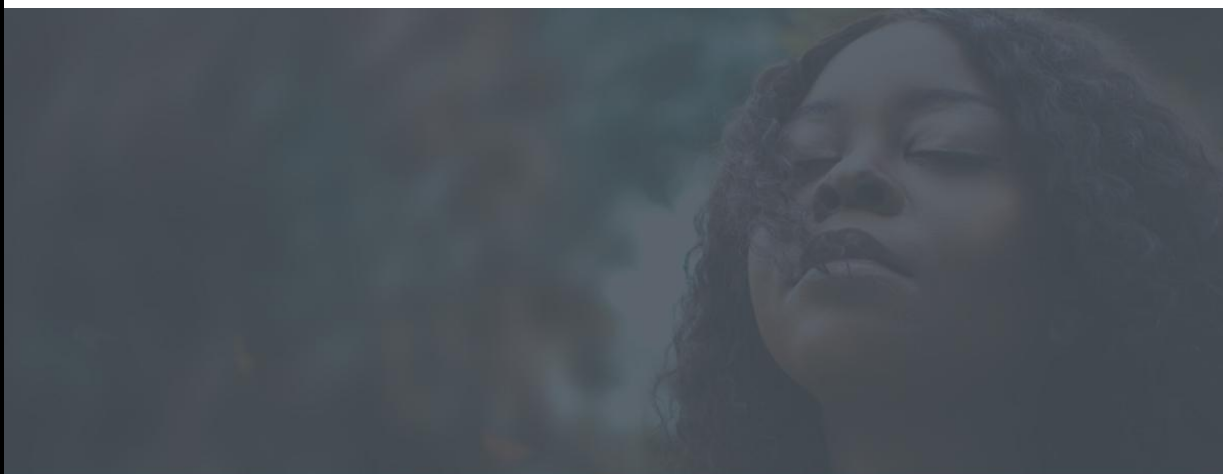
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By David O'Brien, Team Co-Chair

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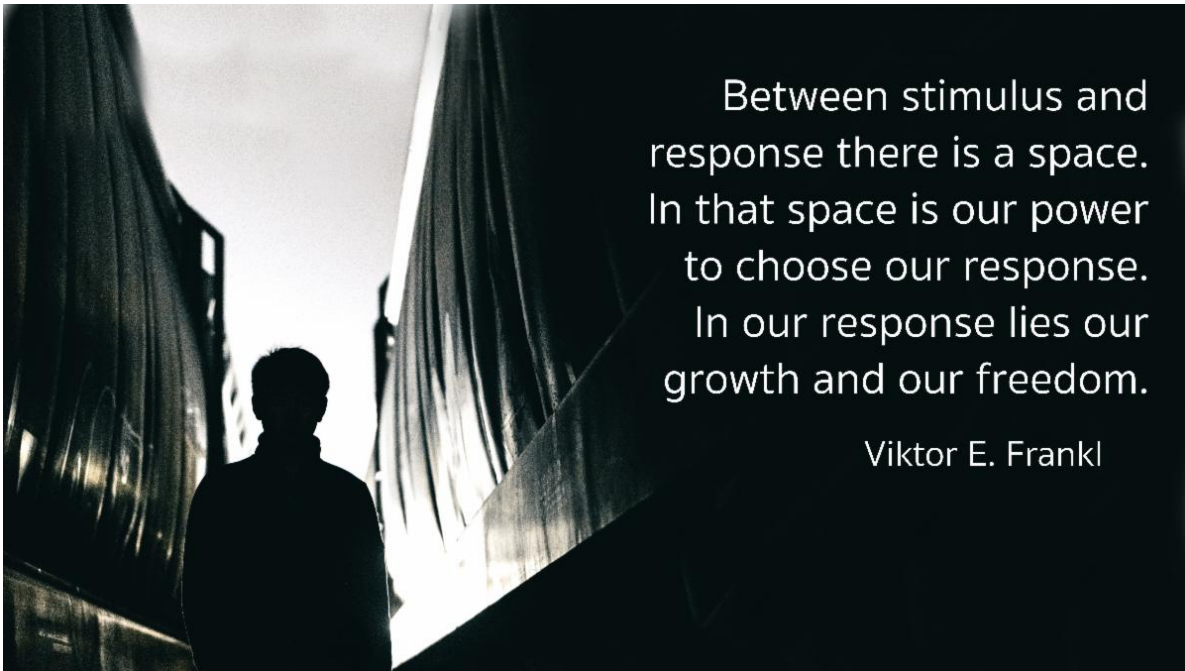
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This Week @ AUUF
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Monday 1/24/22

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This story isn't meant to imply that all we have to do is reframe our situation and everything will work out magically; it's simply an example of one way to cope that works for some people. Others of us ramp up our exercise routine, binge-watch Netflix, talk more to our friends, dance in our kitchen. Hopefully, many of us have found ways to continue to make ourselves feel good during this very, very challenging time.

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[National Alliance for Mental Illness](#) (NAMI)

Please remember You. Are. Loved.
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by Cari Sayre

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Tsumani Relief info from Amerika Garcia Grewal

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News from Religious Exploration

From Rosene Beachy

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This has been a busier year! From Peace Camp until this winter, we have had **over 70 children and youth** participating in RE programming. Besides the RE Elementary Chalice Circles, both Zoom and live, we have Coming of Age happening for 8-9th graders. We have had a High School OWL and are about to start a Jr High and Intermediate OWL as soon as we get back to in-person events. The Jr High youth are meeting once a month for activities either indoors or out. We look forward to seeing you all – hopefully soon.



-Calling all youth - Junior and Senior - Ready for a fun outdoor adventure with your UU friends - 2-4 pm Saturday, February 12

Join in the fun on Saturday, February 12 at Kincaid Chalet. Bring hot drinks or snacks to share if you wish!



-And another sledding event for the younger set or any age!!

1-3:00 pm Saturday, February 19

At Sunset Park (600 Vine Ave in Government Hill)

This is a wide, gentle, sledding hill with easy and steeper grades.



Register now! –AUUF Summer Camp – July 18 –22, 2022 !!

As you start making summer plans – Carve out a week of UU fun for your child who has completed K – 7th grade. Mark your calendar for our 7th annual "Peace Camp"!

Our UU summer Peace camp will be full of fun with friends. There will be new activities and workshops as well as some golden oldies! Yes, the bicycle rides will be on again, that seems to be a favorite with kids of all ages. Join us for a very fun week.

We will be outdoors again because that was so much fun! We will need several teen Camp Counselors, and also Parent volunteers for in-person camp. Check your mailbox, registration forms were mailed. If you did not receive one, they will be available on the RE Facebook page and AUUF website.



Ready . . . Set . . . Go!

by Marie Lundstrom
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Anti-Racism Corner

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: Racism Is a Public Health Crisis, January 30, 2022, 7:00-8:00PM

Join the Alaska Black Caucus for a conversation focused on the role racism has played in exacerbating the impact of COVID-19 in the BIPOC community.

[Register here](#)

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: Indigenous Identity and Popular Narratives
February 2, 2022, 12:00-1:30PM

Do narratives about Alaska properly recognize Indigenous histories, cultures, and epistemologies? What is missing from mainstream portrayals of Alaska and what processes of colonization create this absence? Join YWCA Alaska in discussing Alaska's presence in the popular imagination and its consequences.

[Register here.](#)

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Adult RE Opportunity: Spirit in Practice-

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks
Adult Religious Exploration Offering

Spirit in Practice-
An Exploration of Spiritual Practices
With Becca Bernard, Ministerial Intern

7 Wednesdays in Winter/Spring 2022, 7-8:30 pm
, February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 13, 27, May 11
Via Zoom and (possibly) in-person at AUUF ♦ 15 participants maximum

Spirit in Practice was created to help Unitarian Universalists develop regular disciplines, or practices, of the spirit—practices that help us connect with the sacred ground of our being, however, we understand it. Spirit in Practice affirms religious diversity while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness. Drawing on a model developed by the Zen Mountain Monastery in Mount Tremper, New York, for the training of its students, Spirit in Practice focuses on eight spheres of holistic and wholehearted spiritual practices: personal, communal, mind, body, soul, life, and justice practices, as well as spiritual partnerships.

This program will:

- Nurture a deepening spiritual life and spiritual centeredness
- Consider the value of spiritual practice, in any variety of forms, as a means to

deepen faith and enhance the quality of everyday living

- Cultivate individual and communal spiritual practices
- Develop participants' alertness to the wonder and mystery of existence
- Encourage experiences of the sacred through worship, ritual, the wisdom of faith traditions, and spiritual disciplines
- Explore possibilities for deepening experiences of spirituality in the context of a Unitarian Universalist congregation

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Today At Your Fellowship
Monday
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we belong to the grand communion...
we are the dust, the dust that hopes...
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with all other dust...
that makes the world.

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer



This Week @ AUUF

[Find Zoom links here.](#)

Monday 1/31/22

Tuesday 2/1/22

4:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom

6:30 pm Anti-Racism Book Club on Zoom

Wednesday 2/2/22

5:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting on Zoom

6 pm Connections Team Meeting

7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting

Saturday 2/5/2022

Sunday 2/6/2022

9 am Virtual Forum on Zoom

10:15 am RE Chalice Circle
(Online all the time)

11 am Sunday Worship on Zoom
This I Believe

Thursday 2/3/22

6 pm Choir Rehearsal on Zoom
7 pm Healthy Congregation Team Meeting

Friday 2/4/22

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

An exploration of our diverse beliefs
With a panel of AUUF members.

12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Meeting

1 pm COA M& M Meeting

4-7 pm Sunday Small Group Chalice Circle

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Rev. Lise Away

Rev. Lise will be out of town attending a minister's meeting from January 30-Feb. 6, at which time she will be periodically available via email. After that, she's taking a week of vacation and will not be available except for major emergencies until Feb. 13. In her absence, please contact our ministerial intern, Rebecca Bernard, with any questions or pastoral situations at 907.244.3988.

AUUF will conduct Virtual Forum & Sunday Worship on Zoom through February.

Please stay safe everyone! We'll keep you posted when things change.

Pacific Western Region of UUA

By Peggy Robinson, Board Chair

A question was asked after Rev. Summer Albayati's sermon on Sunday about the status of our Pacific Northwest District (PNWD). The Pacific Western Region's board and the 4 district boards have been discussing dissolving the districts and merging all the functions into the Pacific Western Region. The meeting today was the vote by the Board members of PNWD to go forward with this, which passed unanimously. Two Board members from PNWD will have seats on the PWR Board.

[Update from Your PNWD Board: Intention to Dissolve | Pacific Northwest District of the UUA \(pnwduua.org\)](https://pnwduua.org)

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



News from Religious Exploration

From Rosene Beachy

We are thrilled that many of you have participated in events at the Fellowship this year. We had been rejoicing about our first Sunday in-person services only to have our joy muted for a time! Zoom continues! The Children's Chalice Circle is live most Sundays at 10:15 am. Joint service Sundays (3 coming up) will be pre-recorded. And all are posted on the RE Facebook group page. If you are a family with registered kids and you want to join the page contact Rosene or find us online!

This has been a busier year! From Peace Camp until this winter, we have had **over 70 children and youth** participating in RE programming. Besides the RE

Elementary Chalice Circles, both Zoom and live, we have Coming of Age happening for 8-9th graders. We have had a High School OWL and are about to start a Jr High and Intermediate OWL as soon as we get back to in-person events. The Jr High youth are meeting once a month for activities either indoors or out. We look forward to seeing you all – hopefully soon.



Sledding event for the younger set or any age!!

1-3:00 pm Saturday, February 19

At Sunset Park (600 Vine Ave in Government Hill)

This is a wide, gentle, sledding hill with easy and steeper grades.



Register now! –AUUF Summer Camp – July 18 –22, 2022 !!

As you start making summer plans – Carve out a week of UU fun for your child who has completed K – 7th grade. Mark your calendar for our 7th annual “Peace Camp”!

Our UU summer Peace camp will be full of fun with friends. There will be new activities and workshops as well as some golden oldies! Yes, the bicycle rides will be on again, that seems to be a favorite with kids of all ages. Join us for a very fun week.

We will be outdoors again because that was so much fun! We will need several teen Camp Counselors, and also Parent volunteers for in-person camp. Check your mailbox, registration forms were mailed. If you did not receive one, they will be available on the RE Facebook page and AUUF website.

Junior and Senior Youth Sledding Party

2:00-4:00 pm Saturday, February 12

Calling all Junior Youth and Senior Youth!

AUUF has put a pause on all indoor gatherings for now, but the snow is glorious! We hope you'll join us for a sledding party at the Kincaid Chalet, on Saturday, February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm. Bring your sleds and helmets, and we'll provide the hot cocoa!

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Freethinkers

12 Noon, Friday, February 4, 2022

Owning Our Actions

by Cari Sayre

On Tyranny provided for a rich discussion of current affairs once again, as we delved into chapters about awareness, responsibility, and ethics. We talked about Citizens United, ranked-choice voting, the Koch Brothers, the filibuster, and tossed around ideas on how to make Congress a functioning institution again.

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