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Today At Your Fellowship

Monday
April 19, 2021

This Week @ AUUF on Zoom

Monday 4/19/21

Tuesday 4/20/21

4:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
5:30 pm FY22 Budget Discussion
7 pm Adult RE with Rev. Lise

Wednesday 4/21/21

4-6 pm Board Meeting

Thursday 4/22/21

6:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting
7:30 pm Music with Megan

Friday 4/23/21

12 pm Freethinkers

Saturday 4/24/21

Sunday 4/25/21

9 am Virtual Forum

What You Have Heard Is True
Poet and Human Rights Advocate
Carolyn Forché

10:15 am RE Chalice Circle

11 am Virtual Worship

Celebrating Poetry
Cady Lynn O'Brien, Ken Winterberger
and Koala Vandruff

12:30 pm FY22 Budget Discussion

1 pm Coming of Age M & M Meeting

6:30 pm Virtual Jr. Youth Meet-up

Zoom links for public meetings always
available on the calendar on the [AUUF
homepage.](#)

To learn how to participate in
Religious Exploration youth
programming contact
Rosene Beachy
rbeachy@alaskalife.net

FY22 Budget Discussion

5:30-6:30 pm Tuesday, April 20

Stay on the same Zoom meeting as the Finance Committee (Find the link on the calendar.) and we will begin after.

12:30-1:30 pm Sunday, April 25

Stay on the same Zoom meeting as the Worship Service, (Find the link on the calendar.) and we will begin after.

Join us for a discussion of the proposed budget for next year. All three meetings will be the same. This is a time for you to ask your questions as well as have a brief overview of the summary budget that was provided in the Annual Meeting materials. The detailed version of the budget will also be available for discussion. If you would like a copy of it, you may [download a copy of it here](#).

The meeting will also be attended by some Board members and Finance Committee members. We welcome your comments both at the meeting and by email. president@anchorageuuf.org

Music with Megan

7:30 pm Thursday, April 22

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

Freethinkers

12 pm, Friday April 23

Women CAN Do Science!

By Marie Lundstrom

One of the great things about reading The Code Breaker is all the related material—"Women in Science," Jennifer Doudna's Nobel lecture, TED talk by Doudna, TED talk by James Watson, interviews, articles. There's a lot of stuff out there, and it's current! Sharing what we find adds spice to our reading.

We talked a lot about women in science now and in the past—I love Silver Hjellen's story about nailing the bozo who came into her lab asking about the "cheesecake in here?" And the problems of acceptance, not only on scientific teams, but in the scientific work women do. The whole notion that if women do it, it can't be as important or as well done as what men would do. I've found that old mindset in myself, a holdover from young years when men were deferred to as "the bosses." I continually check my own attitudes to make sure that old mindset is not operating.

I cheer Doudna's aggressiveness as well as her support of self-starters and her efforts to have a congenial, collegial lab team. This reading is such good fun! For next week, April 23, read Part 3 Gene Editing, through ch 31 Patents—for print books, that's through page 241. To join Freethinkers on Zoom Friday at noon, go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar, and the link will come up.

Catch the Rising Tide ... of charitable deductions!

Charitable Giving in 2020

How does it go again? The 2020 CARES Act added an option for up to \$300 in deductions from your income for a charitable gift of cash, even if you don't itemize your deductions. FYI that's \$300 per tax return, not per taxpayer, if you file jointly. The IRS has a website where you can search for qualifying organizations (we checked to make sure AUUF is a "yes" and it is!). Find this and other tips here: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-the-cares-act-changes-deducting-charitable-contributions>



Tax-wise, there are other ways to benefit from your annual pledge to AUUF, even if your deductions don't reach the standard deduction. While a tax professional is your best resource, some common examples are:

- 1) Taxpayers age 70 ½ or older can make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA – up to \$100,000 – directly to an eligible charity.
- 2) Rather than cash, give stocks or bonds that you have held for over a year. When stocks are up, this is most certainly a better financial deal for you than giving cash, whether you itemize your deductions or not.
- 3) Another strategy is to combine multi-year deductions into one year. Many taxpayers won't qualify for the necessary deductions to surpass the 2020 standard deduction threshold (\$12,400 for individuals, \$24,800 for joint filers). However, you can still receive a tax benefit by "bunching" multiple years' worth of charitable giving in one calendar year to surpass the itemization threshold. In off-years, you take the standard deduction.

These strategies could save you thousands of dollars, not to mention supporting the charitable organizations that mean something to you. We hope AUUF is one of those!

Questions? Contact the stewardship committee at stewardship@anchorageuuf.org



WhaleCoast Update

We now have a roster of 31 guests for the June tour, and host match-ups are underway. We'll likely be calling for some driving help once the matches are finalized. Some reminders about the June tour: arrival times vary among all the guests (and we're still missing some of that information). But the general idea is that most hosts will contact and arrange to pick up their guests on Saturday, June 12th. A few guests arrive a day or 2 early, and if hosts are willing to house them, AUUF will earn extra for those nights (otherwise, it's Motel 6). After 2 nights in Anchorage with hosts, the guests take a train to Seward and come back to Anchorage on the 16th for a 3rd (and final) night's stay with hosts. Tentative tour schedule and driving details are on our website:

[Fund-raisers](#)

July schedule is shaping up, and while we don't have a guest roster yet, word has it that private bedrooms are in demand, so we'll be calling on anyone with more than one bedroom to offer, including folks who also hosted in June. Unlike the June tour, guests arrive in Anchorage all at once at the train depot on a Wednesday night and stay with hosts for only 2 nights.

What we still need:

1. Vaccinated volunteer hosts, especially any who can offer more than 1 bedroom!
2. Vaccinated volunteers who can help do some driving during the Anchorage tour dates. If you have a van, this would be especially useful.
3. Help with the banquets (June 13th and July 8).

Thanks again to everyone volunteering! If you want to help out, email Denise Martin: dulcimer.diva@gmail.com. If you're intrigued about the tours, go to [WhaleCoast AK](#) to view the entire statewide itinerary. To inquire about joining up with the UU tourists coming in July, please email tour director Dave Frey: dfrey@whalecoastak.org

Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday, April 18, 2021

From Ruth Greenwood: Such joy to be able to get together with 2 other fully vaccinated friends and share a meal and watch a movie together. After more than a year of living alone and having no one in my bubble. And HUGS!

From David & Irene: Sorrow for my dad whom I just visited in Arizona for the last few days who is suffering from dementia. So sad to see someone decline like this, my dad, and someone who was once the leading expert on radiation physics in the country and participated in the nuclear bomb tests in the Pacific in the 1950s.

Calling all painters!

We are in the process of organizing one or more volunteer workdays to paint the sanctuary. Much of the required painting is directly associated with our sanctuary remodel project. While we have the paint cans open, we would like to completely repaint the sanctuary, including all walls and window trim.

We would like to complete the painting over the next 10 – 14 days in order to keep the rest of the construction on schedule. The specific dates have yet to be determined and will be set based on the availability of interested volunteers. If you are interested and available, please contact Don Antrobus directly via email at dtantro@gci.net or by phone at (907) 980-2077. Come see the progress that has been made on the sanctuary remodel project and help us move it to completion!



2021 Annual Business Meeting

May 2nd on Zoom

Check out our [Annual Meeting](#) webpage
in the *What's Happening* menu on AUUF website &

[REGISTER NOW](#)

and find links to important documents and websites

Members will be voting on the

Adoption of our FY 2022 Operating Budget (7/1/21-6/30/22)

Election of two members to the Board of Directors

Election of three members to the Endowment Committee

Pre-Registration is Required, so do so early

Doors will open at 9:00 am, Meeting will convene at 10:00 am

AUUF Anti-Racism Team corner:

This 5-minute video was shared at a national UU-the-Vote event as well as our own local education session on Voter suppression. The link is listed below if you are interested in seeing this.

[Suppressed 2021: The War On Democracy • Voter Suppression Documentary • BRAVE NEW FILMS \(BNF\)](#)

Contact Michele Champion if you would like to take easy action to help get Senate Bill 1 (The For the People Act) passed. akmichelechamp@yahoo.com or 907-341-9249

Group Book Read - May 12 and 16th -

Anti-Racism Book Circle: So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

Wednesday, May 12th, 6:30 pm and/or Sunday, May 16th at 6:30 pm

(Michele Champion has 7 copies of this book checked out from the library. Please call or e-mail her to let her know you are interested in borrowing one. akmichelechamp@yahoo.com 907-341-9249)

Join fellow AUUF members for a listening circle to share reactions to So You Want to Talk About Race, a short (256-page) book by Ijeoma Oluo who shares her perspectives and experiences as a Black woman in the Pacific Northwest and coaches readers to engage in constructive, equitable dialogue on race and racism. Chapters include "What if I talk about race wrong?", "What is intersectionality and why do I need it?", "But what if I hate Al Sharpton?", "I Just got called racist, what do I do now?" and more. We are offering two sessions to accommodate differing schedules.

Find a copy at the Anchorage Public Library

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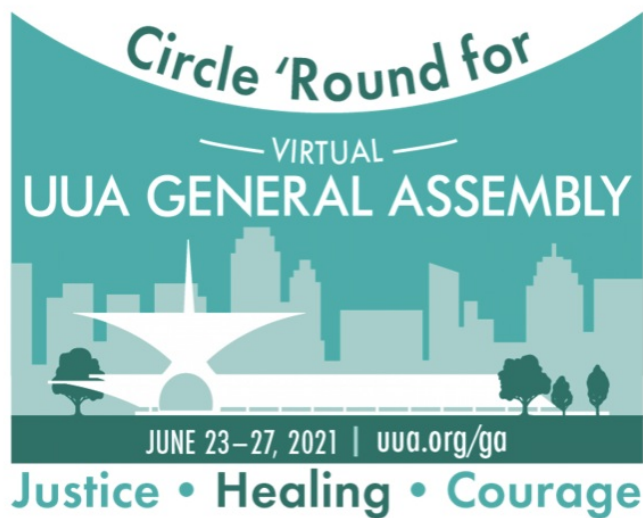
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No time for the whole book? Watch Author Ijeoma Oluo speak on YouTube or read a short summary of the book.

Black Lives in Alaska: Journey, Justice, Joy
at The Anchorage Museum

On view April 30 — Nov 30, 2021

In April 2021, the museum will open a new exhibition about Black history and culture in Alaska. Informed by conversations with community advisors, including activist and community archivist Cal Williams, and through the research of UAA's Ian Hartman, the exhibition will include photographs and documents from the Anchorage Museum archives that help tell the stories of the lives and experiences of members of Alaska's Black community.



General Assembly

UU's from across the nation and beyond will gather virtually for our annual General Assembly June 23th-27th. The sessions will include UUA business, exploration of the theological underpinnings of our faith, and opportunities to lean fully into our mission and principles.

Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. While we've had to give up our face-to-face interactions and hugs, we have retained our dedication to the community and made our experience more accessible and environmentally sustainable. Those of us from AUUF who attended last year found it to be a rich, rewarding, and educational experience.

If you are interested in learning more follow this link: [UUA GA2021](https://uua.org/ga2021).

If you are interested in becoming an AUUF Delegate to the GA, contact Sid: president@anchorageuuf.org.

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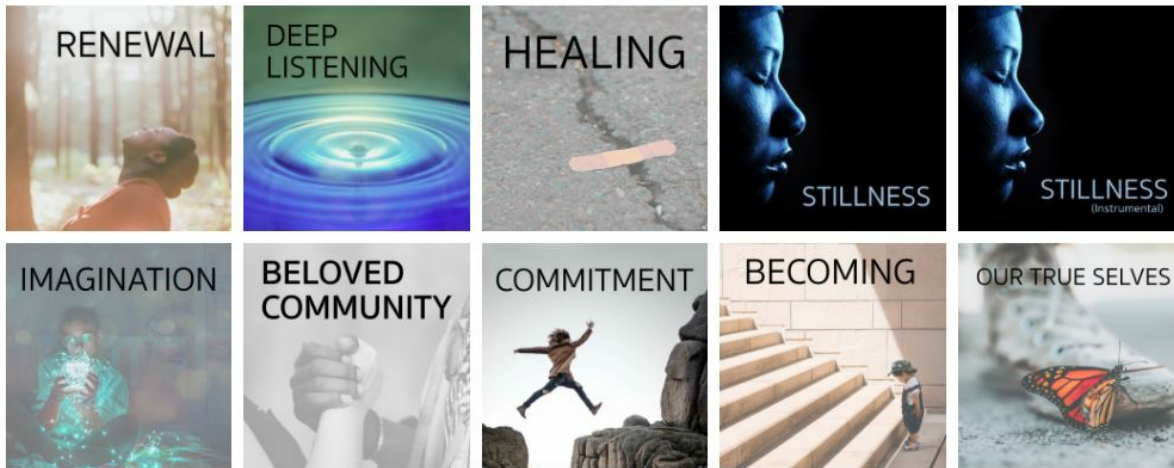
April Half-Portion for Social Action Citizens' Climate Lobby

This month's recipient of the half portion goes to Citizens' Climate Education (CCE)/Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a volunteer-driven, non-partisan, non-political, non-profit that works to educate citizens on how to advocate effectively for climate legislation with their elected officials. Since its inception in 2008, CCE/CCL has championed bi-partisan solutions to mitigate climate change. Efforts by CCL groups were behind last year's launch of the bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus of which Senator Murkowski is an active member.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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If you would like to learn more about CCE & CCL, please contact George Donart



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