



ANCHORAGE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

*diverse beliefs,
common purpose.*

Today At Your Fellowship

Monday
June 14, 2021

You can discover more
about a person in
an hour of play
than in a year of
conversation.

anonymous



This Week @ AUUF on Zoom

Monday 6/14/21

Tuesday 6/15/21

6:30 pm Board Meeting
Social Room & Zoom

Wednesday 6/16/21

8-9 am Audio Visual Training on Zoom
7-8 pm Audio Visual Training on Zoom

Thursday 6/17/21

Friday 6/18/21

11:30 am Freethinkers Live at AUUF
12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Sunday 6/20/21

9 am Virtual Forum

*Seeking Environmental Justice—Clean
Air, Clean Water, and Toxic-Free Food*
Vi Waghiyi, Alaska Community Action on
Toxics

11 am Chalice Circle at AUUF

11 am Sunday Worship Live at AUUF

Stories of Fatherhood
With Worship Associates Joyce Laine and
Cady Lynn O'Brien

Saturday 6/19/21

9 am Audio Visual Training on Zoom

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

Rev. Lise on vacation

Rev. Lise is on vacation from June 14 to 21 to visit family in Oregon. Please contact Stephanie Koonz if you have any pastoral needs.

A/V volunteers needed for Sunday Worship

If you're interested in learning or sharing your AV skills please contact Alix McKee at alix@alaskan.com

AUUF Board of Directors will meet on 6:30 pm Tuesday, June 15th

Out of consideration for our Whale Coast Hosts, our Board will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Social Room and on Zoom. You may attend in person or [join us on Zoom](#). You may view the [Agenda here](#). This is a one-time change. In July our meeting will return to our customary Third Wednesday schedule.

Freethinkers

12 pm, June 18

AUUF Social Room and Zoom

Freethinker Foodies Rejoice at In-Person Sessions

by Marie Lundstrom

Rhubarb pecan pie, chocolate chip cookies, and carrot cupcakes! Now that's the kind of Freethinkers accompaniments I remember fondly pre-pandemic, and I'm happy to see them again. Zoom doesn't satisfy sweet-toothed foodies, and I noticed that there were lots of us around the tables chomping on the goodies Friday. Plus, when we get a tale from Wray Kinard about three grizzlies in his yard, he can send around pictures, and we can ooh and aah while chewing. It's great to be back to in-person meetings! And hybridizing with Zoom, we still get Far-Aways in Western Washington rain or sweating in Arizona and a Can't-Make-It-Today driving to Homer. In time, we may get a bigger monitor and better sound, but for now, we have participating voices we would not have had pre-pandemic. It's a good change.

Discussion, as usual, got us down bunny trails, but Klara's story, in Kazuo Ishiguro's ***Klara and the Sun*** appeared to touch us all with sad thoughts of her in the Yard, like an old, tossed-out vacuum cleaner. And yet, we as a species not only throw away perfectly good and working hardware, we also have neglected or thrown away elderlies, disabled persons, physically and mentally ill people, and the homeless. If tales like Klara's, who is clearly an "other," are to mirror us and thus raise our awareness, what have we learned? I identified with Klara, but only up to a point, and that point was her worship of the sun. My understanding of the sun is much different from hers. Does this, then, put me in a different "caste"?

We talked about the societal castes in Klara's world—it will be interesting to learn Isabel Wilkerson's identification of the castes we have in the U.S and elsewhere.

Related to that is a piece in *The Atlantic*, “The Four Americas,” by George Packer. It’s long, and I am still reading it. But the brief teaser note intrigued me enough to suggest it to Freethinkers. Meanwhile, in Isabel Wilkerson’s ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***, read Part 1, which in the hardcover copy is about 35 pages. It doesn’t look like a sleigh ride—much thinking required! Join us Friday in the

Social Room or via Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar, the Freethinkers link will come up.

PILOT presentation 2021



Have a look at our draft Covenant of Right Relations

How can we bring our best selves to our relationships with one another in the fellowship? What has happened in the past when there has been a conflict, and how would we like to handle a conflict in the future?

The Healthy Congregation Team has been discussing these questions, and we look forward to fellowship-wide discussions of these topics in small groups in the fall. We drafted a document with some of our ideas. [Take a look at it at this link.](#)

Do you have feedback or ideas, or are you interested in learning more? Email the team care of Ann Larabee at amhlar@yahoo.com.

Summer Worship Info

Our big news is that the sanctuary will be officially open for in-person worship on Sunday, June 20, 2021. But please don’t plan on automatically coming to worship at AUUF every Sunday after that, because it’s complicated . . . like most things these days.

Once again we will be sharing worship services with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks (UUFF). On those Sundays, when UUFF is hosting, worship will be via Zoom only; there won't be an in-person component.

June 20: AUUF in-person and Zoom

June 27: AUUF in-person and Zoom

Starting at 10:30 am

July 3: UUFF Zoom

July 11: AUUF in-person and Zoom

July 18: UUFF Zoom

July 25: UUFF Zoom

August 1: UUFF Zoom

August 8: AUUF in-person and Zoom

August 15: AUUF in-person and Zoom

August 22: AUUF in-person and Zoom

August 29: AUUF in-person and Zoom

September 5: AUUF in-person and Zoom

[Click here to download the Summer Sunday Worship Schedule.](#)

When you arrive for worship, please wear a mask so we can continue to protect our unvaccinated children who might be present. Rosene will be leading children's RE outside beginning at the same time as worship. We're asking that folks continue to distance at least 3 feet from those not in their home, or otherwise, intentional COVID bubble, while inside. Also, plan to have a coffee hour outside under a tent.

Our Forum services are going to continue to meet on Sundays at 9 am via Zoom only, through Labor Day weekend. If you'd like to see the Forum service and come to worship on days we're in-person, one idea is to listen to the last part of Forum on your phone while driving to AUUF.

Folks are also welcome to come to AUUF a little early, with their laptops or phones, hook up to the guest wifi at the fellowship, and attend Forum that way.

AUUF is otherwise open for small groups (members or rentals), committee, and team meetings. Just call the office or email admin@anchorageuuf.org to reserve a space.

While we are, thankfully, coming out of the worst of our pandemic, we still have a ways to go to settle into our new ways of being. Lots of things continue to be in flux and I hope you're all remembering to give yourself and others grace as we continue to journey through this unprecedented time. A little more care is such a gift, and so appreciated!

Blessings and love, Rev. Lise

Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday, June 13



Shannon Conway:

joy for my first week as a day camp coordinator being a successful one!

From Amerika (Fiji): Sorrow - cases continue to rise here in Fiji, still experiencing supply chain disruptions, i.e. no sugar in local stores on Saturday, now 459 days away from my husband. Joy - I'm safe and all my needs are met and we have enough sugar in our pantry that I can share.

AUUF Anti-Racism Team Corner: Events of Interest

Summer Anti-Racism Choose-Your-Own-Learning-Experience Circles

Read, watch, or listen to anything you want! Our summer circles will be a chance to share what we're reading, listening to, and/or viewing independently on our anti-racism journeys. Want suggestions? [Click here](#) for a list of titles AUUF members have appreciated recently and links to even more options.

June 22 6:30pm - 8pm

July 14 6:30pm - 8pm

August 24 6:30pm - 8pm

Location to be announced (Zoom and/or in-person)

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

On view April 30 — Nov 30, 2021

The museum has 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.



June's Half Portion for Social Action goes to Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS)

Every year, World Refugee Day is celebrated on June 20th across the globe. We also will be celebrating here in Alaska and welcome you to join us at one of our Zoom Conversations or our in-person "Global Table" event. Information on World Refugee Day events can be found [here](#).

Virtual Refugee Voices Panel

Wednesday, June 16, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Livestreamed on CSS Facebook

Hosted by: Mahdi Akal, Refugee Congress Delegate of Alaska

Join us to hear directly from refugees resettled to Alaska about their experience of making Alaska home. Former refugee arrivals from Somalia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ukraine, and Russia will share their resettlement experience and provide insight into the journey a refugee takes towards safety here in the United States.

Global Table Pop-Up

Thursday, June 17, 4 – 7 p.m.

Grow North Farm at 3601 Mountain View Drive

Cost: \$30 per ticket

Come to Grow North Farm and celebrate World Refugee Day! Learn about some of the refugee populations in Alaska and fill your belly with a spread of signature dishes from Alaska's refugee community. There will be stations set up from countries around the globe where you'll stop to pick up your dish while also learning about the home countries of refugee arrivals.

Due to the structure of this event, we cannot accommodate vegetarian, gluten-free, and other dietary restrictions. We ask that you wear a mask whenever you're not actively eating. 100% of ticket sales go to refugee entrepreneurs. Tickets can be purchased at: [Grow North Farm](#) under the "Shop Now" button.



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