



ANCHORAGE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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Today At Your Fellowship

Friday
July 2, 2021

This Sunday @ AUUF

Sunday 7/4/21

9 am Virtual Forum on Zoom

10:30 am RE Chalice Circle Life at
AUUF

10:30 am UUFF Virtual Worship on
Zoom

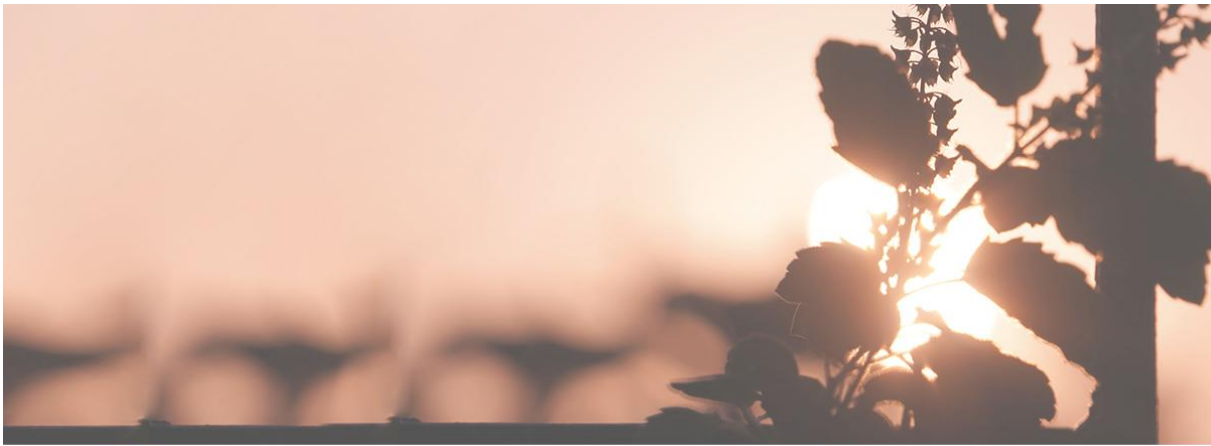
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Audrey & Bruce Kelly, Linda Benson and Dick Reichman
Anchorage's Cemetery Tours—Theatre People Are Dying to See

Virtual Forum
9 am Sunday, July 4

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



Calm Soul of All Things

UUFF Minister: Rev. Leslie Ahuvah Fails & Music: Marsha

UUFF Virtual Worship 10:30 am -NEW TIME Sunday, July 4

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

Summer Service time change and schedule

In July and August, we will be sharing our services with our friends in the UU Fellowship of Fairbanks (UUFF). We look forward to rekindling friendships with the Fairbanks UUs. From July 4 through Labor Day, both fellowships will present worship services at 10:30 a.m.

UUFF will lead the services on July 4, 18, and 25 and August 1. AUUF will have the lead on July 11, and August 8 through 29. As always, you can find the zoom link for worship services on the [AUUF website](#). You are also welcome to attend the services hosted by AUUF in person – just remember your mask to help protect our unvaccinated kids!

[Click here for schedule.](#)

Rev. Lise's stepfather has died.

We extend AUUF's love and comfort to Rev. Lise as she and her blended family commemorate the death of her stepfather on July 2nd. Orvis Otho Tilby was born in Idaho on April 28, 1936; grew up in Nevada; and spent his last 50 years in Oregon (except for the 4 years he spent in Massachusetts with Lise). The last of Rev. Lise's parents to die, she says he was a good dad, having assumed that role in her life in 1973. He is survived by two sons, Aaron and Roy; three step-daughters, Mona, Lise and Suzzi; a "passel" of grandkids and greats; and several dear friends. His health had been in decline for some time.

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WHITE SUPREMACY VS. TRUE PATRIOTISM A FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

Dennis Arashiro

Example One: During World War II the African American singer and actress, Lena Horne went to entertain troops at Ft. Riley, Kansas. She found out that German prisoners of war were placed in the front rows while African American soldiers guarding them were seated in the back. At first, she tried to turn her back to the POWs and sing to the Black soldiers. When that failed, she stormed off in fury.

Example Two: Also during World War II American citizens of Aleut descent were forcibly removed from their homelands and deposited in abandoned canneries in Southeast Alaska without adequate food, heating, and sanitation. More than one out of eight died as a result. Nearby was a German prisoner of war camp with all the necessities of life that the Aleuts lacked. There were no deaths there to match what happened to the Aleuts.

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



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More than 4,200 UUs 'Circle 'Round' virtually for 2021 General Assembly

UUA's second online-only General Assembly focuses on dismantling white supremacy and systemic racism.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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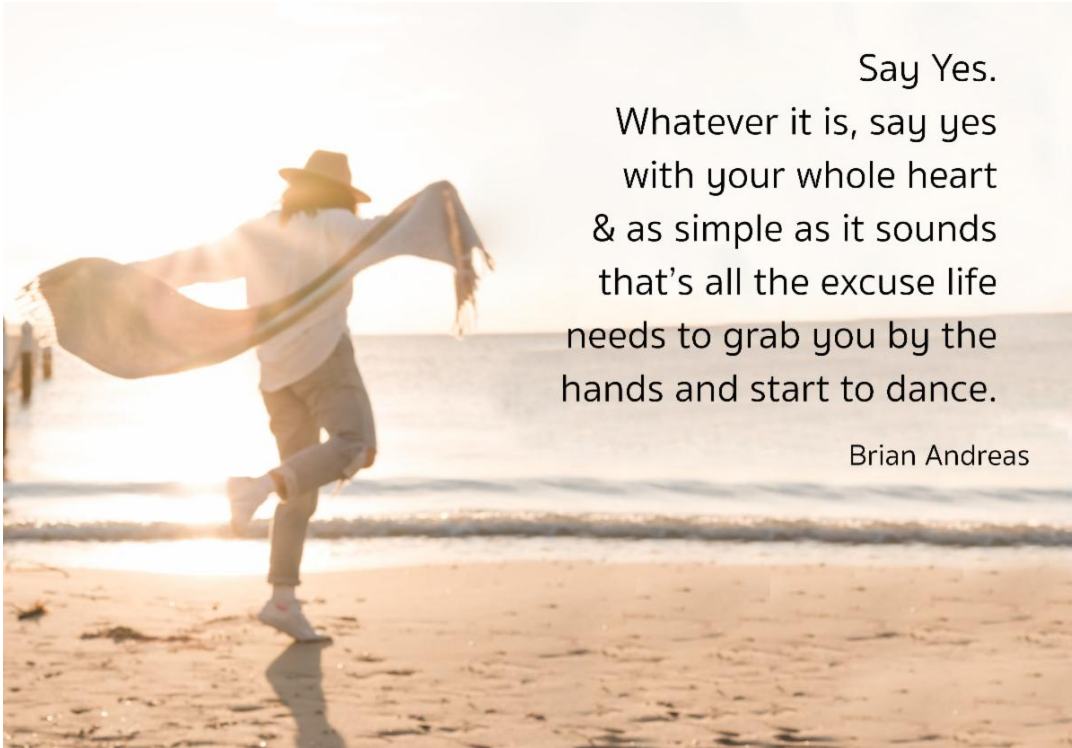


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Monday
July 5, 2021



Say Yes.
Whatever it is, say yes
with your whole heart
& as simple as it sounds
that's all the excuse life
needs to grab you by the
hands and start to dance.

Brian Andreas

This Week @ AUUF

Monday 7/5/21

Tuesday 7/6/21

4:30 pm Forum Planning Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday 7/7/21

4:15 pm Set-up for Whalecoast Banquet
7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting on Zoom

Thursday 7/8/21

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Freethinkers

12 pm July 9
AUUF Social Room and Zoom

How Castes Keep Going

by Marie Lundstrom

It's dispiriting to learn the many ways a caste system can be justified, established and reinforced. Isabel Wilkerson in *Caste* calls them the Eight Pillars of Caste, ranging from divine law, heritability, and control of mating, to contamination of purity, occupational limits, and dehumanizing, to terror and cruelty, and inborn superiority/inferiority, all of which have been used in the U.S. over the centuries as ways of keeping nonwhites in a lower place. In our discussions, our own stories of experience with the caste system we live in now show how these elements may still operate. Sobering.

Keep going in *Caste*—read Part 4, “The Tentacles of Caste,” for next week—that’s about 90 pages in the hardcover book. The chapter titles include such terms as “scapegoat,” “underdog,” and “bottom rung,” so you know what direction she’s going in—keeping people down, blaming, maintaining a hierarchy. Join us Friday at noon in person or via Zoom—on the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the Freethinkers link.



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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 conflict, and how would we like to handle 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 in 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.

[Click here to see read the draft Covenant of Right Relations](#)



PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT
of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

PNWD Chalice Lighters Fall 2021 Call Now Open!

Please make your Fall Call contribution **now!**

- Make a one-time gift of \$20, \$50, or \$100 online at the [PNWD giving page](#).
- Mail your check, payable to "PNWD Chalice Lighters" to: PNWD Chalice Lighters, P.O. Box 567, Brighton CO 80601. Please include the PNWD-CL designation and

- the name of your congregation on your check.
- Choose to have your gift deducted monthly from your credit card or bank account using the [PNWD automatic giving page](#).
- Donate to all three of this year's calls now to save time later.
- Consider becoming a Chalice Lighter "Angel" by contributing an amount in excess of \$1000.

Sincerely yours,

David P. Cauffman, PNWD Chalice Lighter program coordinator
pnwdchalicelighters@pwr.ua.edu

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The Arc of Joy

Riding the Arc of History from Theodore Parker, thru Josiah Royce to This Moment in 12 minutes flat with Sid as our guide.

Joy: "...a sense of well-being...exaltation of spirit..."

(Oxford English Dictionary, pg 612)

Sid McCausland, Joyce Laine,

&

Megan Webb

AMITUOFO by Kim Dembrasky. kimdembrasky.com

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

Chalice Circles for kids

Sunday at 10:30 am - Live at the Fellowship

- July 11 - Walk to the farm - join us to visit Koala and Susan's bees and chickens!
- July 18 - Join Stephenie Wheeler for some fun activities
- July 25 - Join Renee Frost for some fun activities

Religious Exploration Peace Camp starts on Monday

From Rosene Beachy

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A Note from Rev. Lise

Rev. Lise is going on vacation July 13 through the 27th. She will be overseas but the Pastoral

Care Team (Stephanie Koonz, chair) is available to help and Rev. Ruth Greenwood is available for emergencies. Enjoy July!

Thanks to all the folks who volunteered to host, entertain, and make/serve dinner to our Whale Coast crew. It was a wonderful evening! Rev. Lise

Anchorage Cemetery Tours Event

6 pm Sunday, July 11

For those of you who enjoyed last Sunday's Forum program on the Anchorage Cemetery Tours, or in case you missed it, here is the info for the tour they talked about:

Join the Cemetery Players at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery on July 11 for a self-guided walking tour featuring costumed actors telling the story of ten pioneer Alaskans at their gravesites. The Stories begin at 6 PM and are told at each gravesite continuously until 8 PM. Admission is free but donations for the actors are appreciated. The best entry is the John Bagoy Gate at the corner of 7th and Cordova Streets. Please use street parking outside the cemetery grounds. Bring the family for a fun evening and learn some history about the people who helped make Anchorage the wonderful city it is today.

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Presenter: Nancy Burke, United Way Special Assistant for Housing and COVID-19 Response
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Let us arrive as
children to this
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Roger Bourland

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5:30 pm Peace Camp Jr. BBQ at AUUF

6 pm Safer Congregation Team Meeting

6:30 pm Anti-Racism Team Learning
Circle

Thursday 7/15/21

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What Happens Because of a Caste Structure? by Marie Lundstrom

After reading Part 4, "The Tentacles of Caste," it's all too clear how our American hierarchy works, both openly and subtly, always to keep some group at the bottom, so that next-to-the-bottom folks can feel relief at not being the lowest. To try to get out of that lowest spot is hard, hard, hard because too many above want to keep the comfortable status quo. Keep going in Isabel Wilkerson's ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***. Read Part 5, "The Consequences of Caste," for next Friday, July 16. Join us Friday at noon in person or via Zoom to talk about those consequences. For Zoom participants—on the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the Freethinkers link.

Lise's Minister's Message or Meanderings?

Dear Ones,

I just finished my Board report, which usually is two pages long. This time it consisted of a half-page of bullet points due to being on vacation for a week, taking a reading week, and as most of you know, being in the grieving process over my step-dad's death on July 2. As you can probably imagine, the last month has been a bit of a blur. Now I'm headed off to Romania to meet my son's future in-laws and celebrate his engagement according to Romanian traditions. It's definitely an example of the circle of life, isn't it? Death, new beginnings, and in a few more years we may even have a new addition to our family!

My step-dad, Orvis, would have loved all this. He was quite the agnostic, nature guy. He believed that all animals (including humans) are here on earth to reproduce. Sure we can make meaning with symphonies, plays, helping others, and the myriad other things we do to keep ourselves busy, but at our essence, we're all about recreating ourselves so the "species can continue." (If this sounds weird, please know that I'm smiling as I write this.)

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

Rummage Sale

9 am - 3 pm July 31st, 2021

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The sale of these items will be held on Saturday, July 31st from 9 am-3 pm. All proceeds will go to The Alliance which in turn will use the funds to sponsor Fellowship activities.

Come and join in the fun! Donate/Purchase or both. People who have not been vaccinated will be required to wear a mask. Social distancing will be in place inside the Fellowship building.



Book Sale

This week, all of these past UUA Common read books are \$10 each. Their list prices range from \$15- \$20. If you buy 3, they are \$25, and 4 books are \$30. 5 or more books are \$7 each. What a deal!"

The office is open this week from 10 am to 2 pm. Stop by with your check, cash, or credit card, and we'll send you home with some thoughtful summer reading. An added bonus is seeing

Peace Camp in full swing, with the kids (and adults) having a great time! "

Peggy

AUUF Joy & Sorrows from Sunday, July 11

AUUF
JOY & SORROWS

Amerika Garcia Grewal :

Joy: I'm in one of the most beautiful places on earth, every day is another gift. Sorrow: Fiji is currently being devastated by Covid infections, many people are leaving if they can, businesses are closing and may not reopen, healthcare is virtually inaccessible. I'm double jabbed and safe on the farm, doing my best to avoid accidents or injury as we wait this storm out.

Rev. Lise:

Thank you to everyone for your support since my dad's death. Thank you to Megan for incorporating Ode to Joy--my dad's favorite, into the service in so many ways today.

From Diane Smith:

Joy - hearing the voices from AUUF who are there live!



Introducing our new Administrator Gina Molletti

Hello Everyone! My name is Gina and I am very happy to be the new Congregational Administrator at AUUF! I was born and raised here in Anchorage, AK. I am married to my husband Travis and we have 2 kiddos – my daughter is 13 and my son is 12. We love to get outdoors in the summer; my husband loves to fish and we all enjoy camping and being out in the wilderness. I am really looking forward to meeting and working with everyone involved in the Fellowship!

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How Planned Parenthood is Surviving the Pandemic and Politics
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Virtual Forum on Zoom

9 am Sunday, July 18, 2021

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

[Click here for Speaker's bio.](#)



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10:30 am Sunday, July 18, 2021

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Thank you for your donations to our chosen non-profits and AUUF!

Thanks to the generous donations of our members and friends, we were able to support our chosen non-profits with \$2887.50 in donations these last 4 months! Specifically, we gave:

- Our March designee, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, \$623.50
- Our April designee, Citizens Climate Education, \$874
- Our May designee, Alaska Seeds of Change (Alaska Behavioral Health), \$658.50
- Our June designee, Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (Catholic Social Services), \$731.50

The other half of these Half Portion donations went to the operating income of AUUF to support our on-going programs and 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!

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29, 9am-3am. There really isn't any place to store items. The construction is still going on, Peace Camp is happening this week and other groups are using the building for meetings.

There will be volunteers working at the Fellowship on July 29th and 30th from 9am-3pm who will be receiving and organizing your donations.

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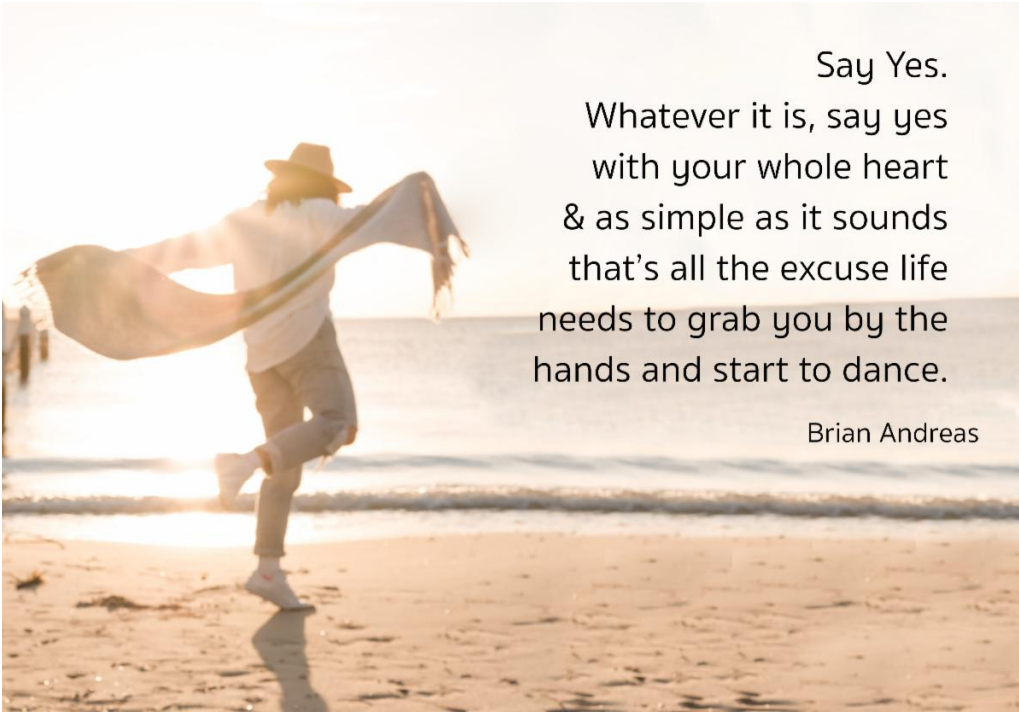


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Today At Your Fellowship

Monday
July 19, 2021



Say Yes.
Whatever it is, say yes
with your whole heart
& as simple as it sounds
that's all the excuse life
needs to grab you by the
hands and start to dance.

Brian Andreas

This Week @ AUUF

Monday 7/19/21

Tuesday 7/20/21

Wednesday 7/21/21

6:30 pm Board Meeting at AUUF & on
Zoom

Thursday 7/22/21

6:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Friday 7/23/21

11:30 am- 2 pm Freethinkers at AUUF
12:00-1:30 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Saturday 7/24/21

Sunday 7/25/21

9 am Virtual Forum on Zoom

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*Celebrating those lost during the COVID -
19 Pandemic*

[Click here for the summer Sunday service schedule.](#)

UUFF via Zoom Rev. Leslie Fails

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Board Meeting

6:30 pm Wednesday, July 21

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Awareness of Caste Makes Us Question Our Own Behavior

by Marie Lundstrom

Isabel Wilkerson's anecdotes showing the consequences of caste really hit home. We wonder how we would have behaved. Would we have had the courage to intervene or protest rude, disdainful, and diminishing behavior in like circumstances? Would we have stood quietly and let it happen? In our Friday discussion of ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***, we wondered and sometimes agonized about how we might not have acted bravely. Social pressure is powerful. Keep reading in ***Caste***—go through Part 6, "Backlash," for next Friday, about 45 pages in hard copy. Join our discussion in person or via Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the Freethinkers Zoom link.

We're almost done! AUUF Construction Updates





Book Sale \$5

This week, all of these past UUA Common read books are \$5 each.

Their list prices range from \$15- \$20.

The office is open this week from 10 am to 1 pm. Stop by with your check, cash, or credit card, and we'll send you home with some thoughtful summer reading. If those times don't work for you, call or email the office to make other arrangements.

Peggy



Wendy's Animal Project

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Thanks!

Thank you for your donations to our chosen non-profits and AUUF!

Thanks to the generous donations of our members and friends, we were able to support our chosen non-profits with \$2887.50 in donations these last 4 months! Specifically, we gave:

- Our March designee, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, \$623.50
- Our April designee, Citizens Climate Education, \$874
- Our May designee, Alaska Seeds of Change (Alaska Behavioral Health), \$658.50
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This Sunday @ AUUF

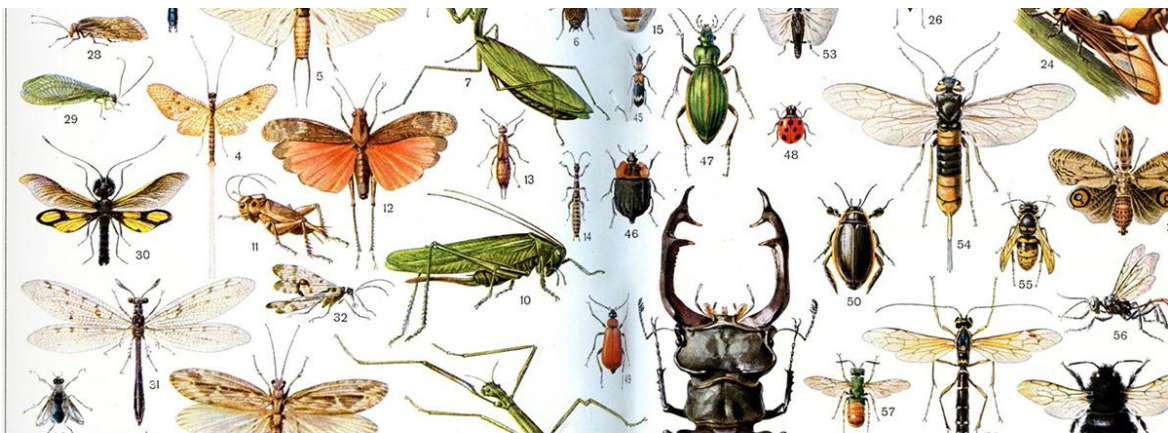
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9 am Sunday, July 25

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UUUF Virtual Worship

10:30 am Sunday, July 25

A Time of Remembrance for Members Taken by COVID-19

We are invited to join Rev. Leslie Fails and the Fairbanks UU's on Zoom this Sunday at 10:30. The service of remembrance will include two rituals for which you may wish to prepare:

During the children's story ("The Invisible String" by Patrice Karst) we will be invited to tie a piece of string around our wrist as a reminder of the ways we are connected even when separated by difficult circumstances, geographic distance, or death. Please come prepared with a piece of string at least 10" long.

We will bless stones as a group for the five folks (including Chris Low from AUUF) our two congregations lost during the pandemic. There will also be an opportunity for us to honor someone we personally lost. Please have a small stone handy if you wish to honor someone special in your life.

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

Thank you, Rosene and Volunteers of all Ages for providing our Young People with one fine AUUF Peace Camp!



No RE Chalice Circle this week

This Sunday 7/25- No RE Chalice Circle at the Fellowship. The building is closed - Zoom service with Fairbanks. See you next week

Wendy's Animal Project

Please help us with some input on Wendy's Animal Project!

Hello, my name is Veronika, and I have been working on Wendy's Animal Project as my Girl Scout Gold Award project. I have just finished working with the kids at Peace Camp and I'd love to get more input! Look for a survey about Wendy's Animal Project below, or stop by AUUF before August 1 to fill out the survey.



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27	JUL, TUE	6 – 8pm	Program Council via Zoom
29	JUL, THU	9am – 3pm	Rummage Sale Item Drop-off Social Room
		6 – 7pm	Community Connection Room 7
30	JUL, FRI	9am – 3pm	Rummage Sale Item Drop off Social Room
		11:30am – 2pm	Freethinkers in Person Sanctuary
		12 – 1:30pm	Freethinkers on Zoom
		3 – 6pm	Alliance Rummage Sale set-up Social Room & outside
31	JUL, SAT	8:30 – 10:30am	AA-Slap Happy Group Social Room
		9am – 3pm	Alliance Rummage Sale Social Room and Outside
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Monday
July 26, 2021



I am doing something
I learned early to do,
I am paying attention
to small beauties,
whatever I have—
as if it were our duty
to find things to love,
to bind ourselves
to this world.

Sharon Olds

This Week @ AUUF

Monday 7/26/21

Tuesday 7/27/21
6-8 pm Program Council

Wednesday 7/28/21

Thursday 7/29/21

Friday 7/30/21
12 pm Freethinkers at AUUF and on
Zoom

Saturday 7/31/21

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*Guardianship Abuses, from Bill Bigley
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Are You Looking, or Are You Just Seeing
With Guest Speaker Charla Kouadio

Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, July 30
AUUF Social Room
and Zoom

What is the Price of Having a Caste System?

by Marie Lundstrom

One of the issues in Friday's reading about Backlash was what a caste system costs us. What would it mean to live in a caste-less society? Isabel Wilkerson touches on that in her Epilogue to ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***. For next Friday, read Part 7, "Awakening," and the Epilogue, just under 30 pages, to finish the book. Join our discussion in person or via Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the Calendar for the Freethinkers Zoom link.

Our next book will deal with ethical issues and how they change: Right/Wrong: How Technology Transforms Our Ethics by Juan Enriquez (c2020, 345pp). We will likely begin discussion of the first 50 pages August 6.

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Stock Donations are Welcome!

Some of our members donate to AUUF by giving us stock or mutual funds directly from their investment broker or company. We have an account at Charles Schwab to receive them. We greatly appreciate donations in this manner. Please inform the office at admin@anchorageuuf.org or 907-248-3737 x1 if you are donating this way, as Charles Schwab does not receive your name along with the stock/mutual funds. Also, contact us if you need our account name and number to make a donation. Thanks!

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Friday
July 30, 2021

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Sunday 8/1/21

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A Message from Religious Exploration

Sunday RE Chalice Circle

8/1- join Joclyn Reilly at 10:30 am for some Sunday fun.

8/8 - leader needed

8/15- water fun with Rosene

8/22- science exploration with Carissa

Jr High OWL 201 for 9th/10th graders begins this month. Space is still available.

Wednesday, 7-9 pm, Aug 4 -Parent orientation at AUUF, rm 7

Saturday, August 21, 1-4 pm Parent and youth Kick off.

Vaccination and masking is required for Participants and adult family members involved.

Wear a Mask - Save a Child

A message from Sid McCausland, AUUF Board President

Delta is the real deal – please do your part to protect our unvaccinated children and our immunocompromised neighbors. COVID was killing children roughly twice as often as the typical flu even before Delta showed up, and the CDC says Delta can spread as easily as chickenpox.

Visualize Delta as being like a swarm of mosquitoes trying to sink its beak into you...your

child...your neighbor. Nasal swabs are detecting the Delta mutation of COVID at densities 1,000 times greater than the earlier mutations. Fully vaccinated individuals are “safe” but not totally exempt. Fully vaccinated individuals can carry the virus in their nasal cavities and throats and may be spreading the disease when they exhale indoors.

Delta considers Anchorage and the MatSu a veritable all-you-can-eat buffet, and it plans to be with us for the foreseeable future since our vaccination levels are well below the threshold for community immunity. Nationwide, Delta accounts for roughly 83% of new COVID cases, while roughly 95% of new COVID-related hospitalizations are for unvaccinated patients.

Before Delta, roughly 1 out of 1,000 fully vaccinated individuals wound up hospitalized with a “breakthrough” case. And some of them did not even know they had it (1 “asymptomatic” “breakthrough” case among roughly 2,000 fully vaccinated individuals). [We do not know how widespread asymptomatic breakthrough cases have been because those individuals were unlikely to be tested. Consequently, we have no data sets on asymptomatic breakthrough transmission to unvaccinated individuals.]

It is probable that the high concentration of the Delta virus in nasal cavities and throats will result in community spread by individuals who are fully vaccinated and unvaccinated but unmasked. As this is being written the CDC is evaluating all available recent data tracking “breakthrough” cases since the emergence of Delta. The CDC anticipates that we will experience an increase in the rate of breakthrough cases and the possibility that fully vaccinated individuals can transmit the disease to others.

[Click here](#) for additional information. AUUF’s [website](#) will be updated weekly as additional CDC guidance becomes available.

Chalice Lighter Grants Assist AUUF’s Building

The Chalice Lighter Program assists the growth and vitality of new and existing UU congregations in the Pacific Northwest with grants to provide vital capabilities. Grants are funded exclusively through contributions from individuals who participate as Chalice Lighters.

Anchorage has been fortunate to receive two Chalice Lighter grants – one for replacing our boiler shortly after buying our building, and the second to help fund our remodeled stage and add the ramp. This most recent grant was for \$28,830!

As part of our agreement in applying for the grant, we committed that at least 30% of our current members will contribute to the Chalice Lighter Program for three years. That is at least 60 AUUF members to assist other UU congregations in improving their facilities or programs. When you become a Chalice Lighter, each year you will receive no more than three call emails or letters. They will ask for your donation of at least \$20. If you prefer to fulfill your annual pledge in one sitting, you may contribute to the Winter and Spring calls in advance when you make your Fall donation.

Please contribute to this year’s call, which began July 1. It is easiest to pay the yearly minimum of \$60 per person electronically at PWR-UUA · PNWD Chalice Lighters Giving Page ([Iglforms.com](https://www.givingpage.com/pnwduua)). However, other payment schedules are available. For more information: Chalice Lighters | Pacific Northwest District of the UUA (pnwduua.org)

[Read the current call letter here.](#)

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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 conflict, and how would we like to handle 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 in 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.

[Click here to see read the draft Covenant of Right Relations](#)

AUUF Safer Congregation Team

The AUUF Safer Congregation Team (SCT) meets every month; we are 7 members focused on the physical, mental and emotional health and safety of our congregation. After two years of active revision, we have an updated Policy Guidebook. The SCT wants to educate our congregation about our policies and are sharing “snippets” from the Guidebook.

Building Management and Grounds Safety

The SCT and the Buildings and Grounds Team and the Board have some overlap when it comes to the safety of the grounds and the building. As a rule, hazardous conditions, indoors and out, will be addressed between the Board and the Buildings and Grounds Team. This can include snow and ice removal and remediating any hazardous materials such as lead paint and asbestos. The SCT may bring forward concerns to the Board or the Building and Grounds Teams regarding the building safety as it relates to our congregants.

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

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4	AUG, WED	<div>7 – 9pm</div> <div>7 – 8:30pm</div>	<div>OWL 201 Parent Meeting AUUF rm 7</div> <div>Building & Grounds Meeting</div>
5	AUG, THU	<div>3:30 – 4:30pm</div> <div>6 – 7pm</div>	<div>Staff Meeting</div> <div>Community Connection Room 7</div>
6	AUG, FRI	<div>11:30am – 2pm</div> <div>12 – 1:30pm</div>	<div>Freethinkers in Person Social Room</div> <div>Freethinkers on Zoom</div>
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