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*diverse beliefs,
common purpose.*

Today At Your Fellowship

Tuesday
June 1, 2021



Let us arrive as
children to this
huge playground
– the universe.

Roger Bourland

This Week @ AUUF on Zoom

Tuesday 6/1/21

4:30 pm Forum Planning Meeting

Wednesday 6/2/21

7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting

Thursday 6/3/21

10 am HR Committee Meeting

Friday 6/4/21

11:30 am Freethinkers In person

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Saturday 6/5/21

Sunday 6/6/21

9 am Virtual Forum

RAIS Project Manager Issa Spatrisano

*Refugee Resettlement: The New Way We
Welcome*

10:30 am Chalice Circle in-person at
AUUF

11 am Virtual Worship

Flower Communion

with Rev. Lise

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

Freethinkers

12 pm Friday, June 5

AUUF Social Room and Zoom

Gene Editing, “Lifting,” May Be Problematic by Marie Lundstrom

We will meet IN PERSON in the Social Room at AUUF next Friday, June 4. It will be a hybrid meeting because we will also connect by Zoom for the Far-Aways and the Can't-Make-Its. It will be great to actually **SEE** folks smile and **HEAR** their views, and not just in a two-inch rectangle on a screen. To connect via Zoom, go to the AUUF website and click on the Calendar for the Freethinkers link.

There will be much to talk about next week, maybe even more than we did on Friday, especially when those of us who are behind in our reading catch up in the book. For example, how do we interpret the term “lifted,” as used by Klara—the genetic enhancement or a trade-off of a disability for “smart” genes? How does Artificial Friend Klara learn? Read through Part 4 in *Klara and the Sun* for June 4. For the following week, June 11, we will finish up by reading Parts 5 and 6.

Four books have so far been suggested for our next read: Michael Ondaatje’s novel *Warlight* (c2018, 304pp). *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in WWII* (c2021, 560pp) by Daniel James Brown. Isabel Wilkerson’s *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* (c2020, 496pp). *God’s Shadow: Sultan Selim, His Ottoman Empire, and the Making of the Modern World* (c2020, hb+pb ca. 500pp) by Alan Mikhail.

Joy & Sorrows

From Sunday, May 30

AUUF
JOY & SORROWS

From David & Irene O'Brien: Joy for our son Thomas who will be moving into his very first home, a townhouse about 1.5 miles from our house, next week.

From Alix McKee to Everyone: Joy for classes being offered at annual teacher professional development that delve into anti-racism, decolonization, and embracing of identity as a multi-faceted and intersectional experience.

From Denise Martin to Everyone: I'm undergoing a serious eye operation this coming week. Thoughts and prayers as the treatment following it will make it impossible to read anything for some time. I'll be well taken care of, and hopeful that in the long run, I'll have good vision again. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers.

From silverhjellen to Everyone: My joy today is being privileged to watch the Forum this morning and now the Fellowship service—a very meaningful way to acknowledge Memorial Day—thank you all who made this possible

From George - Anchorage to Everyone: The joy of getting to spend time with my nephew & new niece, Ryan & Jasmine, during their honeymoon. Concern for our city and the forward strides we've been privileged to make as a community over the last few years.

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)

Catholic Social Services Refugee Assistance & Immigration

Services (RAIS) provides a bridge for refugees (individuals who have had to flee their countries of origin due to the tragedies of persecution and war) from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. Through a focus on economic self-sufficiency, community integration, and respect for unique cultures, history, and traditions, RAIS creates an environment of compassion and encouragement for refugees to flourish. RAIS accomplishes this through multiple programs, Reception & Placement which welcomes new refugee arrivals, comprehensive and intensive case management, education & employment services, health programming, and an agricultural program.

Currently, RAIS is serving over 450 clients from 29 different countries. Our caseload includes refugees, asylees, Cuban entrants, and Victims of Trafficking. Around 80% of the RAIS clients live in Anchorage, and 20% of clients live in Wasilla, Delta Junction, and Juneau. RAIS has built innovative ways to serve clients statewide including providing Chromebooks to clients living outside of Anchorage to participate in classes. In FY 2020, RAIS clients that gained employment had an average starting wage of \$14.72 and 94% of clients maintained their employment for at least 90 days.

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](#).



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