

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 15, 2020

Greetings!

Search Committee Update

A few days ago, we had the pleasure to announce Rev. Greg Ward as our candidate for the position of settled minister at MPUUC. All of us at MPUUC will have an opportunity to get to know Rev. Greg during candidating week in May. In the meantime, we encourage you to start learning about Rev. Greg by visiting his website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/revgsward/Home>.

During candidating week, Rev. Greg will lead two services: one on May 10 and one on May 17. In the days between the services, and possibly a few days before May 10, congregants will be invited to meet with Rev. Greg in small groups via Zoom. We want to provide multiple meeting opportunities so that each person can talk to Rev. Greg at least once. We are working with Rev. Greg on the schedule and will inform you of meeting dates and times as candidating week approaches.

After the service on May 17, a virtual congregational meeting will be held in which MPUUC members will cast their vote on whether to call Rev. Greg Ward as our settled minister. The Board is working on procedures for the remote voting process and will inform the congregation of the details when they have them, at least two weeks before the congregational meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Search Committee.

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This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to connect.

50 Years of Earth Day

On the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Earth Day, we are in a state of uncertainty that has propelled us into isolation. During this time, our Earth is actually healing. Can we sustain a method of caring for the Earth and also create a world that humans will enjoy? We can and we must. Join us this Sunday to celebrate this world we live on and how we can honor it.

Rev. Jo Green will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara K. Meyers. Worship Virtual Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Rocks will provide our music.



Because we will not have services in Cole Hall where you can donate money, below are 3 ways you can donate and/or fulfill your pledge:

1. Mail check to
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
P.O. Box 545
Fremont, CA 94537-0545
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)
2. Drop envelope with check or cash in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
We will be collecting this once per week.
3. Pay on line at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card.
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

Zoom Gatherings hosted by the Fellowship Committee

Hi Everyone! We hope that you all are healthy and as happy as possible under these trying circumstances. I know that we all miss seeing one another in person, but luckily technology gives us the chance to meet up in other ways. Coffee hour on Sundays after our virtual service is one way to do that, and now the Fellowship Committee is offering several more opportunities each week for us to gather together. The following are zoom meetings that will be held every week for the next 4 weeks.

We've set up 'themes' but we're not going to stick to those 100% - the overarching idea is to just connect with each other. There's no need to sign up, just show up to one or all of them - The Zoom link will be provided at mpuuc.org/zoom.

Discuss Poetry & Books with Melody Yamaguchi- Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. (starting April 15)

Share Recipes & Quarantine "hacks" with Michealle Havenhill - Sundays @ 3:00 p.m. (started April 12)

Cocktails (or Mocktails) & Games with Jen King - Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m. (started April 9)

If anyone else would like to Host a weekly session please contact Jen King.

See you on ZOOM!!

Coffee Chat with Rev. Jo

It's time for our monthly Coffee Chat! Let's meet on Zoom on Thursday April 23rd at 6 p.m. to chat for an hour on our theme of Resilience this month. We can even eat on line together if you so choose.

Please go to mpuuc.org/zoom for zoom link. (Link will be available April 23) .

Hope to see you there!

Rev Jo

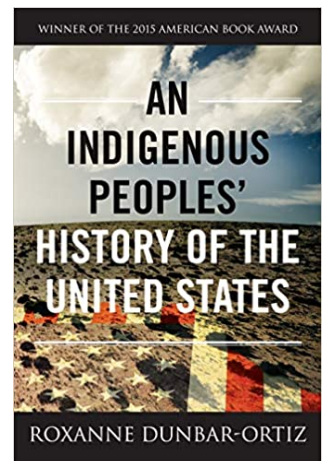


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Indigenous Peoples' History Discussion

The year 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and those native to the land, so it is fitting that the 2019-20 UUA Common Read is An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, by Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz (Beacon Press). Join other UU's across the US in reading this book that challenges us to learn US history through a narrative that centers the story, the experiences, and the perspectives of Indigenous peoples. Upending myths and misinformation that have been promulgated by leaders and media, it asks readers to reconsider the origin story of the United States taught to every US school child. There is a young adult version and an audiobook version for those who prefer not to read the full text of the original book. More information here:

<https://www.uua.org/books/read>



The book discussion will be led by Allysson McDonald, a lay leader at Mission Peak, who has a Master's Degree in Native and Northern Studies.

This discussion will take place via zoom, on Saturday, May 9. Contact Allysson with questions or to sign up. **DEADLINE to register is April 17.**

White Fragility Discussion Part 3

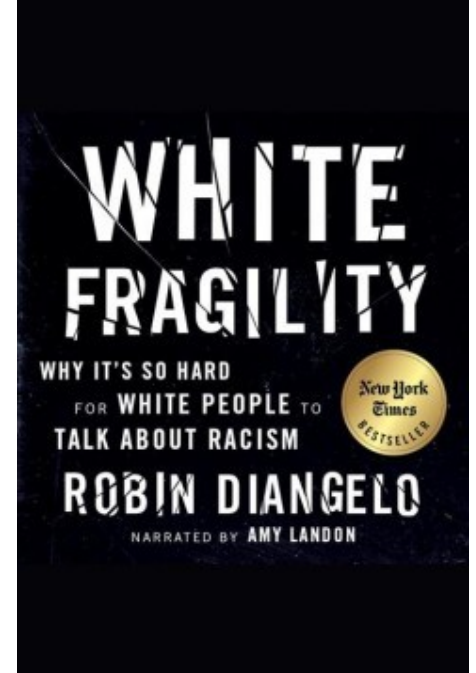
We will complete our last discussion of the book. If you've read all or part of the book you are welcome to attend, even

if you missed the first 2 sessions. We have 8 people signed up so far. In our first meeting we had 28 people signed up with 21 attending. Please check the link below to click on what days we have available to schedule a meeting. I would love to see as many attend as we've had in the past.

Thank you so much for doing this vital work!

Please click on the doodle link by clicking [here](#) to select a day/time that will work for you.

Rev. Jo



Board Briefs

The board will be having a special board meeting on April 21 or 22, email Steve for final date and agenda. We will be voting to have a May 17th congregational meeting and also on its voting procedures. We will also try to catch up on agenda items we did not get to at the last 2 meetings.

For complete board minutes of previous meetings go to <https://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only/board-documents/>

For more information email president@mpuuc.org

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