

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 29, 2020

Greetings!

Hello Everyone!

My name is Jen King and I bring you greetings from the MPUUC Fellowship Committee. The Fellowship Committee's charter is two-fold - 1) To plan and carry out congregational events that bring members and friends together and 2) To facilitate the planning and execution of events sponsored by other MPUUC committees/groups. This means we're in charge of or help with things like: potlucks, Canvass events, the Talent Showcase, the annual campout, and the Black & White Gala. During this time of 'social distancing' we've set up weekly Zoom meetings which are open to any and all of you who would like to participate. I know that many of us have Zoom meetings for work and other volunteer organizations, but I personally find that social Zoom gatherings offer a sense of connection and a lifting of my spirits that other meetings do not. We have three 'general' gatherings a week - 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays, and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays - these offer a chance to gather with other MPUUC members and friends and chat about 'what's on your mind'. We are also adding a 4th gathering on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during which Paul K. Davis and will lead a discussion of current science-related topics from the week's news. The Zoom links for all of these gatherings can be found on the [Zoom page](#) (under the 'News' heading) on the MPUUC Website. If you need Zoom technical help or you'd like to participate, but these dates/times do not work for you, please contact me and we will work with you to accommodate your needs.



See you on Zoom!

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.

Integrity in a New Normal

There are times when we long to return to normal. If we are smart, we realize it will not be the old normal but a new normal. So, what will change and what will be the same? We cannot always know what will change, but there are things we can hang on to. This month our worship theme is "integrity". Our integrity is one thing we need to hold fast. In this service we will explore how to maintain integrity during changing times. This exploration will be on three levels: our society at large, ourselves as individuals, and our Congregation.



Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Virtual Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers 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%.

Sarah Rahman's Celebration of Life
Saturday May 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Slide show with music starting at 1:45 p.m.

Link to join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95792762254?pwd=Z2pTZXVIUHU4My9vYVhZeXZkSHVudz09>

Meeting ID: 957 9276 2254

Password: 322470

One tap mobile

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322470# US (San Jose)

Dial in number

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

or on congregation's Zoom web page at mpuuc.org/zoom:

How I First Met Rev. Greg Ward

I met Rev. Greg Ward when he became the settled minister at the UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula in 2007. I saw him at retreats that the Pacific Central District UU Minister's Association holds twice a year. I remember talking to him about my mental health community ministry which was quite young at that point. He had a way of being very present and interested when I was describing what I would like to do in my ministry, and mentioned a couple of people he thought might be interested in talking to me about my ministry. Ministerial presence is a very precious and sacred gift, and he showed that to me, and I was impressed with him and grateful for the experience.

Rev. Barbara Meyers



Getting Acquainted with our Ministerial Candidate: Don't Miss the Video!

Candidating week is fast approaching! It will take place between May 10 and May 17. Our ministerial candidate, Rev. Greg Ward, will lead the service on those two Sundays, and during the week in between he will be meeting via Zoom with members and friends of our congregation. Meeting dates and times will be announced soon.



But you don't have to wait until candidating week to start getting acquainted with Rev. Greg. We encourage you to browse his website: <https://sites.google.com/view/revgsward/Home>

And **this coming Sunday, May 3**, we will be showing a four-minute video in which Rev. Greg introduces himself to the congregation. Do not miss it!

Your Search Committee,

DeAnna
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Annette
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Ilze
Duarte

Stephen
Longfield

Tiffany
Longfield

Don
Ramie

Rev Jo is always available during this time of Shelter in Place

As we continue to Shelter in Place and are unable to be together physically, we are under a constant state of anxiety. Please know that I am available to talk with if need be. You can call me, text me, or send me an email during this time if you need to reach out in any way. Even though I am Zoom Candidating this week and next, I am still available to you all.

You can email me at minister@mpuuc.org or call or text me at 510-972-3890.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy and know that you have me and all of these congregants here in this community to rely on to find comfort or friendship. We will get through this time and be the stronger for it.

Blessings to you all,

Rev Jo



REV JO GREEN DID NOT SEND OUT THIS EMAIL. PLEASE NOTICE THE ADDRESS IS NOT HERS.

From: Rev. Jo Green
<revjogreen.mpuuc@gmail.com>

Note - Rev. Jo does not use gmail. Her email is minister@mpuuc.org.

Hi, how are you doing?

I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message .

**Blessings and Peace, Rev. Jo Green
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation 2950
Washington Blvd Fremont, CA 94539**

In an effort to stop the scammers from acquiring our congregation's email addresses, would you please email Rev. Jo Green at minister@mpuuc.org and let her know that you have received one of these email scams in the past? We will work with our tech team and see if there is a way to prevent them from acquiring these addresses. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Rev. Jo

JUSTICE CORNER

How to Support Immigrant Families in East

Oakland

Mission Peak UU member Ingrid O'Brien is raising money to help cover rent for low-income, recent-immigrant families at her school in East Oakland. Most have lost jobs and aren't eligible for government support. While some in our own community are struggling, others are receiving stimulus payments we may not need. If you are able, and would like to contribute to Ingrid's fund, use PayPal to her email address, Venmo @IngridOBrien, or mail a check made out to her (email and address in the members directory on the MPUUC website). She will put cash directly into their hands. Those who prefer to use formal channels may contribute at [StimulusPledge.org](https://www.stimuluspledge.org); if they select "East Oakland Pride Elementary," it will go to families from her school. Just know that Oakland Ed Fund takes a cut for administration and they don't provide cash, but checks or electronic deposits, which are tricky for families without bank accounts. For more information, and for volunteer opportunities, click [here](#).



Board Briefs

The Mission Peak UU board met for a special meeting on April 22 to help finish the agendas from previous meetings, that were mainly spent on how to continue church operations during the pandemic. Below are some highlights of the meeting:

- Called Special Congregational Meeting on May 17th to vote on calling Rev. Greg Ward
- Announced Annual Congregational meeting on May 31st after service
- Announced successful application for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan
- Passed updated Board Policy [April 22, 2020 Board Policy](#)
- Passed new Stewardship Committee Charter

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

For more information email president@mpuuc.org

Humor Corner

My new social distancing outfit just arrived in the mail from amazon.



If you have contributions to the Humor Corner, please send them to Sandra before 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

ACT NOW!

WE ARE ONE
"APPLAUD FOR OUR HEROES"
EVERY THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday evening, step outside and APPLAUD FOR OUR HEROES for a few minutes!

Let's clap, cheer, and make joyful noises for our Healthcare workers, First Responders, and Essential Workers who are doing so much to keep the rest of us going. Be creative! Make signs, sing or play a song, dance for joy, or just clap and smile at your neighbors! PLEASE SHARE - Spread the word for our heroes! If there was ever a time that showed us that WE ARE ONE, it's surely now. (Flyer attached - [PDF](#))



**APPLAUD
FOR OUR HEROES!**



Join our community to thank our heroes:

Healthcare Workers

First Responders

Essential Workers

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

starting April 23, 2020.

Continuing every Thursday while we shelter-in-place.

We invite you to step outside your front door and clap, cheer, and make joyful noises for a few minutes to thank our front line and essential workers who risk their own health everyday so we can be safe. Be creative! Make signs, make music, or just clap and smile at your neighbors. We appreciate all who are keeping things going during these trying times.



WE ARE ONE

#WeApplaud #ClapBecauseWeCare #ThanksHealthCareHeroes

#ThankYouEssentialWorkers #StayHomeSaveLives

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Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

Congressperson Eric Swalwell 510-247-1388 or go to [house.gov](https://www.house.gov)

Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Kamala Harris (202) 224 - 3553

Senator Diane Feinstein (202) 224-3841

STAY CONNECTED:



