

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 3, 2020

Greetings!

Finding Harmony

This last week has been horrific, extremely troubling, anxiety-producing and yet could be revolutionary. I actually have some hope that things will change and be different now. I'm looking at the harmony I'm beginning to see in these protests. Police officers are bending on one knee in solidarity with protestors. Protestors are hugging police officers. A protester in San Jose helped to carry a police officer to safety when he went down. The New York Police Chief stood in solidarity with the protestors and told the world this is how it's done! We've never seen that in the past and I see it as a hopeful sign.

"The place in which I'll fit will not exist until I make it," so said James Baldwin a few decades ago. I believe the people in the United States are beginning to make a place for all people and that didn't exist before. Through this appalling chain of events where People of Color have been killed, we are watching white people for the first time take part with efforts of solidarity and not claiming the space for People of Color, but rather walking beside them as allies. We as white people are not the be all and end all of declaring what is right and we are actually allowing, at least many of us, People of Color to take the lead. This is how it should be to rid ourselves of white supremacy. I was very young during the riots of the late 60's so I didn't pay as much attention, but this time it feels different. I sense a feeling in the air of cohesion, a sense of solidarity and not one of ownership by white people. It is time we take a back seat and only offer to help when help is needed. It is time we take a front seat however on changing legislation to increase the level of equity in our institutions and society for People of Color. It is time.

That's how we can find harmony, by creating a society intent on equity and equality. We can find harmony in the every day, by our everyday actions, by being conscious of the biases held deep within our psyches and by acting on the new knowledge we have on how our systemic biases and institutions have perpetuated white supremacy all these centuries. We really will gain peace



within ourselves when all are equal. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," quoting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We can never truly live in harmony when there are parts of us in disharmony.

Let us move through this time knowing we are on the right path to harmony. Do not waste this moment, but use it to create that world we want to live in, a harmonious, gentle, peaceful place.

May it be so. Blessed be.

Blessings to you all.

Rev. Jo

Please feel free to contact me

By email: minister@mpuuc.org

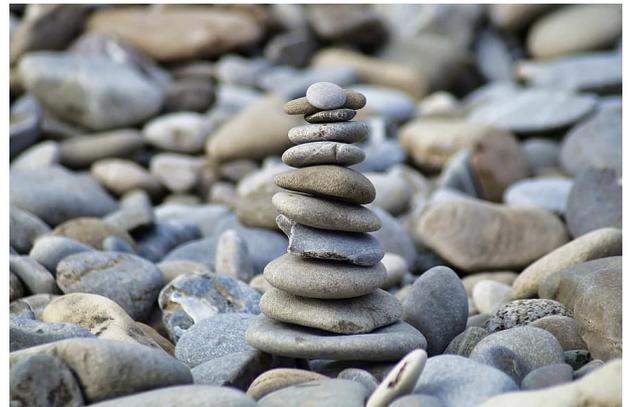
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This Sunday's Service:

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

Harmony Within a Chaotic World

Life feels hard right now. How do we overcome those feelings of powerlessness, fear and anxiety to reach those feelings of harmony? How can we instill in our hearts harmony amongst the chaos of the world? Let's explore this Sunday how to create peace and harmony within.



Rev. Jo Green will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Virtual Host will be Drew Wilson. 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%.

Volunteer of the Year - DeAnna Alm

The Mission Peak UU board is pleased to announce that DeAnna Alm was selected as our volunteer of the year. Below are excerpts from her nomination submitted by the other members of the Search Committee:

DeAnna has done an outstanding job as chair of the Ministerial Search Committee. DeAnna's leadership qualities are well known by most, but as members of the search committee we have witnessed first-hand the breadth and depth of her abilities as she handled a highly demanding long-term endeavor.

Even though each member of the Search Team has been in charge of one or two task areas, DeAnna did the bulk of the work of coordinating our efforts and communicating with the Board of Trustees about our progress. She has maintained regular communication with our search supervising minister, Rev. Kristin Schmidt, and the staff at the UUA Transitions Office. She was in charge of the MPUUC page on the UUA's Application Portal website, and although we had created the documents as a team, she was the one who uploaded the materials onto the site. In addition to completing all these tasks, DeAnna took over the role of negotiation team representative when needed.

The number of hours DeAnna has put into her role as chair of the Search Team and the outstanding quality of her work make her, in our opinion, highly deserving of the MPUUC Volunteer of the Year award.

Coffee Chat with Rev. Jo

It's time for our monthly Coffee Chat! Let's meet on Zoom on Tuesday, June 16th at 7 p.m. to chat for an hour on our theme of Harmony 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 June 16) .

Hope to see you there!

Rev Jo



Upcoming June Events

· PLEASE JOIN US ·

Sat. June 6th @ 10am: Virtual Graduation Party
Sat. June 13th @ 10am: Drive thru Bridging
Sun. June 14th @ 10am: Bridging Service
Sat. June 20th @ 10am: LGBTQ+ 101 Virtual Webinar
Sat. June 21st at 10am: Pride Sunday Service

PLEASE RSVP TO ALL SATURDAY EVENTS BY EMAIL TO [DRE@MPUUC.ORG](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org)

JUSTICE CORNER

Easy Climate Justice Action!

As a commitment to our 7th Principle - "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part" - Mission Peak UU has a newly chartered Climate Justice Committee. Committee member Jeff Goby reminds us that East Bay Clean Energy began offering cleaner, greener electricity at lower rates than PG&E to Alameda County residents back in November 2018. This Bright Choice option delivers electricity that is 87% carbon-free compared to 40% for the PG&E plan, and at a 1.5% discount. Jeff says "This is an impressive achievement, but we can do even better!" To exercise our commitment to mitigating global warming, each of us can opt up to the Brilliant 100 (100% carbon-free) plan offered by EBCE. The Brilliant 100 plan costs the same as what you were paying PG&E before the switch. Please click [here](#) to get more info. on how to opt up! As Unitarian Minister Edward Everett Hale said: "I am only one, But still I am one. I cannot do everything, But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."



EV Workshop Announcements - please distribute widely!

Keep our skies blue - drive electric. We'll show you how.

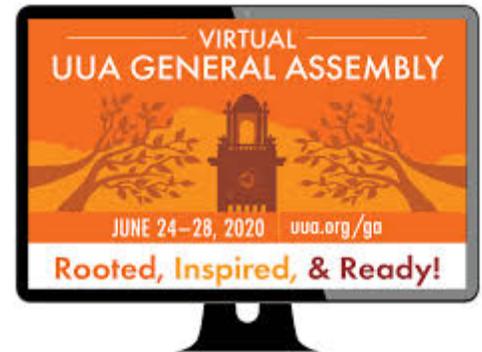
FREE Online Electric Vehicle Workshop
June 9 @ 7 pm. [RSVP](#)

Click [here](#) for more information.



General Assembly 2020, Rooted, Inspired & Ready

The first ever all virtual General Assembly is coming on June 24th to 28th. By registering as an attendee you're able to participate in 5 days of programming including daily morning worship, welcoming celebrations, live workshops, an on-demand library of programming, presentations by featured speakers and special events such as coffee hours, worship reflection time, and evening entertainment. To register go to <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration> Registration fee is \$150.



But, even if you don't register as an attendee you're able to view and participate in the events that are open to the public: Service of the Living Tradition, Synergy Bridging Worship, and Sunday Morning Worship.

The summary schedule for the 5 days is at https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_grid_west.pdf

General Assembly provides an opportunity to gather and deepen our connections with each other, those beyond our congregation and with our faith.

Board Briefs

For complete board minutes of this and previous meetings or text of committee charters go to the members only section of our web site at mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only

The annual Congregational meeting was on May 31st and we passed our budget, and elected board and Leadership Development Committee members and confirmed the Committee on Ministry members. Next years members are listed below.

Board Start July 9th at first board meeting

Past President - Steve Wallcave

President - Allysson McDonald

President Elect - DeAnna Alm

Treasurer - Melissa Holmes

Secretary - Annette Breingan

At-Large (2 yrs) - Eric Ryan

At-Large (finishing 2nd year of 2-yr. term) - Jay Steele

Leadership Development Committee Start July 1st

Jen King (1 yr. left)

Linda Messia (2 yrs. left)

Valerie Stewart (begin 3-yr. term)

Committee on Ministry Start Sept. 1st

The following members were selected by the Leadership Development Committee and approved by the board. The congregation will vote yes/no/abstain to confirm them. The candidates up for confirmation are:

Ilze Duarte (2 year term)

Alan Davis (2 year term)

Colleen Arnold (1 year term)

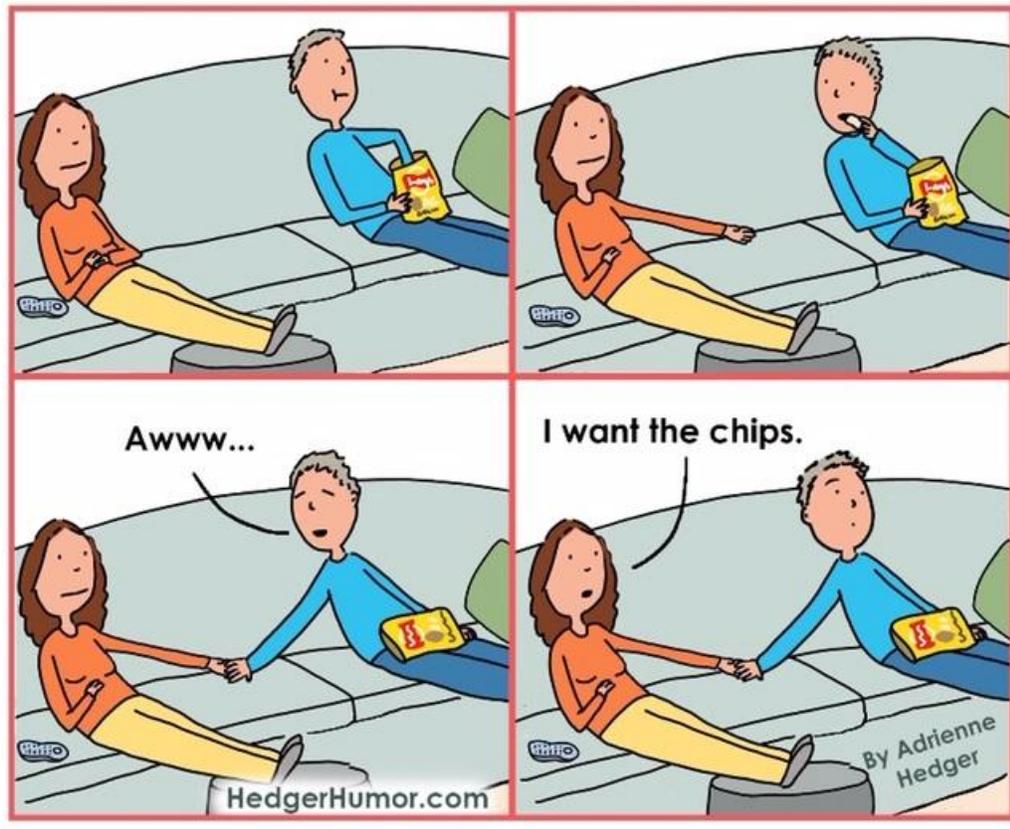
We will be having a special board meeting on June 10th or 11th

Our next regular board meeting is on July 9th at 7PM

For more details or questions email president@mpuuc.org

Humor Corner

Relationships



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

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.



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#WeApplaud #ClapBecauseWeCare #ThanksHealthCareHeroes

#ThankYouEssentialWorkers #StayHomeSaveLives

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**Tri-City Interfaith Council
Compassionate Fremont**

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

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

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Kamala Harris (202) 224 - 3553

Senator Diane Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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