

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 22, 2020

### Greetings!

Hello everyone!

My name is Melissa Holmes and I am starting my second term as Treasurer on the Board of Trustees. I've also been involved in Canvass, our annual pledge drive, for the past few years and I'm the Chair of the Stewardship Committee. As you might have guessed, I'm comfortable talking about money and finances; to me these topics are just part of the life of our Congregation. The more we understand how finances work within the Congregation, the better able we are to fund what is important to us, and ensure we have enough money in our budget to actively support our values.



Most people don't know very much about the Stewardship Committee although it has been required by our By-Laws for close to 10 years. We are the strategic part of financial planning for Mission Peak. We look for different and creative ways people can contribute financially to Mission Peak, we oversee fundraising activities, we work to develop long-term financial strategies for Mission Peak, and we work with other Committees to help prioritize how Mission Peak should spend our money. We are also looking for more members, specifically people who are creative, or strategic, or both! You don't need to know anything about budgets or church finances, we want people who can help us look for new and creative ways to give money to Mission Peak, and people who can help us figure out some longer term financial plans for Mission Peak.

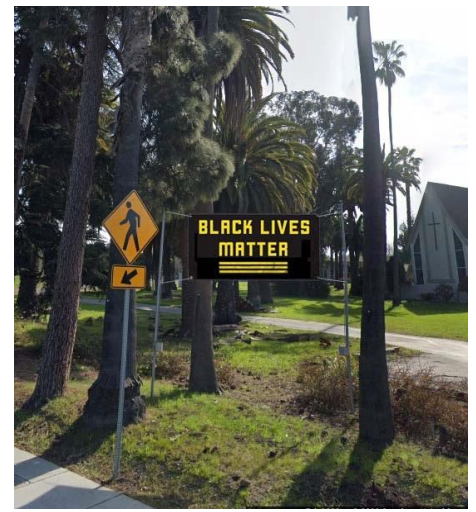
One of my goals is to make finances at Mission Peak accessible to everyone, so that we all understand how the money we give to Mission Peak supports the Congregation. If you have questions about our congregational finances, if you are curious about how Canvass works, or if you would like to help plan Mission Peak's financial future please contact me! Even if you just want to practice talking about money, we can help you with that! Please text or call me at 510-299-2822, or email me at [Treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:Treasurer@mpuuc.org).

Thank you for all the ways you support Mission Peak!

**Black Lives Matter Banner on it's Way**

Mission Peak UU Congregation voted overwhelmingly to display a Black Lives Matter banner and to educate ourselves about racism and oppression.

Your task force on the Black Lives Matter banner and web page has arrived at the design shown to the right, approved and co-sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The banner will be 4 × 8 feet, mounted on the poles currently used for a math class banner. The math class is not in session.



Our BLM banner is due to arrive and be installed at the entryway to the FUMC/MPUUC parking lot in approximately 2 weeks! We will be announcing when the unveiling ceremony is to be held.

For any questions, please contact the BLM banner task force. (Terri King, Don Ramie, Ingrid Avery-O'Brien, Bekah Troxler D'hand, Kathi Bayne, or John Porter)

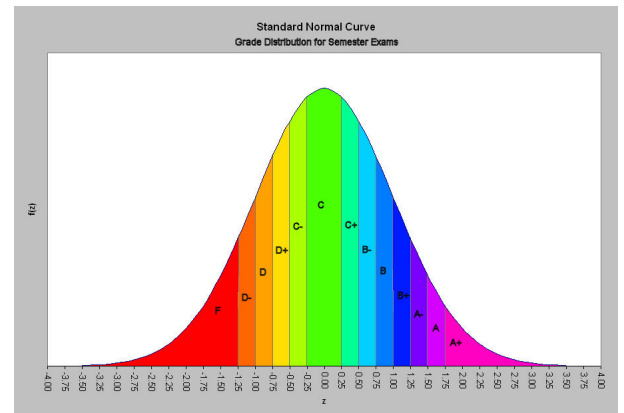
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## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to connect.**

### What is Normal?

Human beings spend a lot of time worrying about presenting as normal and passing judgment when others are not presenting as normal. But is this a reality or a fiction that is perpetrated for the purposes of social cohesion? How do we operate as normal and what other ways are there to consider the concept? We can think of our fellow human beings differently if we reconsider how to use the idea of normal.



Mark Rahman will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathy Wallcave. Worship Virtual Host will be Drew Wilson. 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:**

Mail check to

1. 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%.**
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## Managing Mission Peak UU's Response to Covid-19

First of all, the Board wishes to reassure everyone that Mission Peak UU will not be rushing into any kind of in-person services. We will heed the UUA recommendation to be guided by science and our deepest values, not politics, and to not resume full in-person operations until concrete public health criteria are met. At our July 9 meeting the Board formed a Task Force, currently titled Partial Re-Opening Task Force, made up of Steve Wallcave, Eric Ryan, and DeAnna Alm. After doing research and gathering your input they plan to provide informed recommendations to the Board by Oct. 1.

At the moment, indoor religious services are still forbidden in Alameda County. The Board definitively voted that we will not be holding in-person services at least until after the Task Force has presented its recommendations. We know some of you were concerned, thinking that we were already considering at least partial reopening - I hope this allays your fears. Please reach out to the task force members with your concerns, hopes, and thoughts about what this process might entail.

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## Request for Class Proposals - Adult Education - Fall 2020

The Adult Education Committee is seeking class proposals for the 2020 Fall quarter - Sept through Nov. This is an opportunity for you to share what you know with others. We especially welcome our new members to consider teaching a class as it provides a unique opportunity to get to know others in a different setting. Past topics have included meditation, healthy eating, art and spirituality, the Enneagram, and Poems. Classes can vary from one-time events to meeting every week. Generally, they can be held at Mission Peak or at your home. However, due to the coronavirus, it is recommended that you plan on hosting your class online using the Zoom platform for safety. Let me know if you have any questions. Committee members are Eric Dittmar, Len Tiemann and Linda Messia. How can you submit a proposal? Email Linda Messia at [lmessia@yahoo.com](mailto:lmessia@yahoo.com) with your course information. Please submit your proposal no later than July 24th. Thank you!



## JUSTICE CORNER

### INTRO TO SURJ

**Wednesday July 29, 2020**

6:45 PM - 9:00 PM \* Online

Are you feeling angry by the continued killings of Black people by the police and vigilantes and want to do something about it? Come learn about SURJ Bay Area at a virtual introductory meeting and find out how SURJ moves white people to act for justice, with passion and accountability, as part of a multi-racial majority. Click [here](#) for the details.

### GOTV (get out to vote) letters

For those who are willing and able to supply their own stamps, envelopes, paper, and a printer, you can use the Vote Forward website to print and complete GOTV (get out to vote) letters.

<https://votefwd.org>.

Please email Kathi Bayne with how many letters you have completed so we can include you in our tally.

Thank you,

Kathi

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## Board Briefs

At the meeting on July 9th the board:

- Created a task force to recommend when and how to start services in Cole Hall
- Approved the Operations and Personnel Council Charter
- Created a anti-racism & anti-oppression task force and appointed Ingrid Avery O'Brien to be the chair
- Decided which board members would serve on each council.
- Scheduled dates for next 2 board meetings and board retreat.



Our next board meeting is on Aug. 12th at 7 p.m.

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](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

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## Humor Corner

**WHAT PETS THINK  
ABOUT QUARANTINE**



**FAMILY DEVASTATED**







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

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## ACT NOW!

### Call your Elected Officials!

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 Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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