

# This Week on the Peak



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

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### Greetings!

On July 9th Steve Wallcave called the meeting of the MPUUC Board to order, and metaphorically passed me the gavel. I am now the President of Mission Peak UU for the second time. The first time was exciting as we had just called Rev. Chris Schriener (now our Minister Emeritus). Later that year we decided to push forward and engage in a year-long study program and then vote to become a congregation designated as Welcoming (of GLBTQ people - there were no pluses yet). Now I have the honor to preside while we welcome Rev. Greg Ward as our new settled minister!



I want to start by thanking our past-president Steve Wallcave and past past-president Paul Davis for all the work they've put in over the last two years while I've been on the board. Many transitions and problems have been dealt with and overcome including our transition to Interim Ministry with Rev. Jo and our transition to online ministry and worship due to Covid-19. I am glad that Steve's steady hand will still be here to help guide me this year, and I am very pleased to have DeAnna join us on the Executive team as President Elect, as her experience and organizational skills will be invaluable.

I have big shoes to step into, but this is a team - we are all a team - so I know we are ready to make the next transition to a new settled ministry- and hopefully to in-person activities - over the next months. I am encouraged to see our congregation's willingness to take on the work of becoming more understanding and supportive of Black Lives Matter and racial justice work, and I am excited to be on this journey with you. Thank you all for your engagement and support. Please know that my virtual door is always open - reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in community,

Allysson McDonald

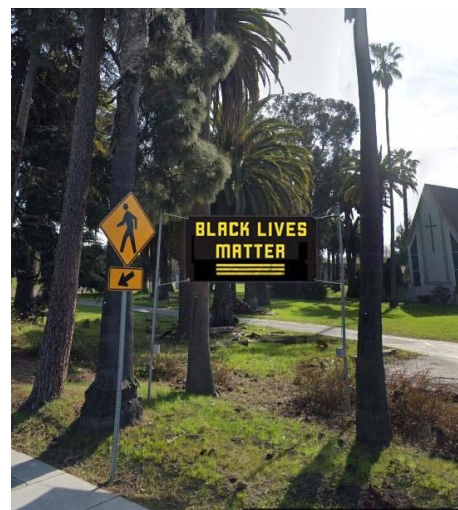
**BLACK LIVES MATTER BANNER**

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.

We will be ordering the banner soon, and will be announcing when the unveiling ceremony is to be held.

For more information, contact Terri King, the leader of our task force, or any of the other members:

John Porter  
Kathi Bayne  
Bekah Dhand  
Ingrid O'Brien Avery  
Don Ramie



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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.**

### Ripples Through Time

In 1847 a young Quaker woman became the first internationally acclaimed American astronomer. Maria Mitchell was the product of ripples through time which I will trace, beginning with her immigrant ancestors. One of them, Peter Folger, even learned Native American languages to properly negotiate and pay for land. She has left her own ripples, which expanded the opportunities for women astronomers, even through the present time. She daringly allowed nonwhite children to attend a school she founded. Later, as a professor at Vassar College, she demanded and got the same pay as male professors. Her personal philosophy, her maxims, and her actions as an educator inspire me, and have contributed to the heritage of the Unitarian faith, to which she was drawn in her adult life.



**"Maria Mitchell, painting by H. Dasell, 1852"**

Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Virtual Host will be Graham Bell. Knuti Van Hoven, Bekah Dhand and Jo Ann Schriener 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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## 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!



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## 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,

## 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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## Sleep Number King-size bed available

Holly Ito is seriously down-sizing. She has a king-size Sleep Number bed she has to part with.

Sleep Number beds have a fame (no footboard/headboard). They have mechanical sections inside the mattress that essentially blow-up internal sections to create different levels of "soft" and "hard" on the two sides of the bed.

If anyone is interested, please call Holly at 510/303-2048.

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## Humor Corner







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 Diane Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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