

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 5, 2020

Greetings!

I miss traveling and especially getting together with my children, grandchildren and parents like I used to. I appreciate the remote Sunday Services and other remote gatherings Mission Peak UU has offered us, though I miss seeing everyone in the same room.

Speaking of seeing people in the same room, I am on a team to help manage Mission Peak UU's Response to Covid-19 along with DeAnna Alm and Eric Ryan.

Our first order of business was to ask to be re-named the 'Covid 19 Response Task Force' which we think describes us better than "The Partial Re-Opening Task Force"



Since we had an outdoor event already and expect to have a small number of them in the future, we have come up with an outdoor event procedure and checklist. Since we currently use the Mission Peak UU office we have also come up with a procedure and checklist for office use. We will request board approval for these.

We are in the process of creating a survey that we will send out to get input from you on how you feel about various in-person gatherings and the metrics used to decide when they will become safe. We expect to send this out before the end of August.

Based in part on the input we receive, we will give recommendations to the board before our Oct. 1st deadline on what metrics to use to decide if, how and when to allow various forms of in-person gatherings. We also expect to periodically give updated recommendations to the board as the danger presented by Covid-19 changes.

At the moment, indoor religious services are not currently allowed in Alameda County and the task force would recommend not having indoor services currently, even if it was allowed. Our recommendations will give a plan on how to decide on when it is safe to meet in person again.

Please feel free to reach out to the task force members with questions or concerns.

Steve Wallcave

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.

The Science of Generosity

What makes for a generous person and why is generosity good for us? Noreen Cooper Heavlin from the Unitarian Universalist Coastside Community explores the roots, statistics and science behind Generosity at MPUUC on Sunday, August 9th.



Noreen Cooper Heavlin will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Allysson McDonald. Worship Host will be Drew Wilson. Jo Ann Schriener and Bekah Troxler D'hand 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%.

Support the Sandwich Squad - Feed the Hungry

In pre-pandemic times an intergenerational group of folks gathered monthly in the kitchen at Cole Hall in plastic gloves spreading mayo or pb, or dealing out ham and cheese. This was our Sandwich Squad taking on hunger in the most direct way! Co-chair Don Ramie would deliver the sandwiches to various organizations who support people in need in our community. While the Squad has been unable to make sandwiches during SIP, they will begin again once it is safe and anticipate an even greater need due to the economy. Our collection this coming Sunday, August 9, 2020, will help the Sandwich Squad fulfill their mission in the 2020-21 year and help us to put love into action. Please give generously.



August 8th, 2020- 10am-12pm- GOTV Webinar

MPUUC RE Program is partnering with our Get out the Vote team to present a webinar for folks to learn more about this incredibly important project. This is a multigenerational event that will include multiple

learning styles, breakout groups, and maybe even a little dancing music! Please use the following [link to register](#) for the zoom event.





August 15th and 29th 10am-11:30am- Physically Distanced Youth Gathering



We are going to take another shot at giving our youth some physically distanced social time. Youth will be gathering with their youth advisors to play a few games designed by our very own Eric

Dittmar. Eric has managed to come up with four game options for physically distanced fun! Teens will compete in teams and the winner will receive notoriety in our WOTP. Youth need to wear masks and closed toed shoes for these events. We will be abiding by all of the guidelines established by Alameda County. Please use the following [link to register](#) your youth and give permission for them to attend these events. This meeting will take place on the lawn in front of Cole Hall.



August 16th, 2020- 1pm-2pm- Parents' Meeting

As we prepare for our fall semester we would like to take the time to present our plans to our parents and guardians in order to get your feedback about our intended curriculum. After you register you will be sent information about our current educational plan and how we hope to implement it so that you can review it before attending the meeting. Please use the following [link to register](#) for this event.

Ministerial Support for August

Our interim minister, Rev. Jo Green, is on vacation and study leave until her final day of employment, August 18th. In the meantime, if you are in need of emergency pastoral care between now and August 31st, please contact Rev. Barbara Meyers. Her email and phone number are listed in the directory, which is in the members-only section of our website.

Our new settled minister, Rev. Greg Ward, begins with us on September 1st. At that point you will be able to reach him at the same Mission Peak UU phone number and email that Rev. Jo used. Rev. Greg's first day in the pulpit will be Sunday, September 13th.

JUSTICE CORNER

August Justice Council Meeting

The MPUUC Justice Council will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, August 11, at 7:30pm. Please contact

Allysson McDonald

Our **BLACK LIVES MATTER (BLM)** Banner is Here!

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

Our BLM banner has been installed at the entryway to the FUMC/MPUUC parking lot.

THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL DEDICATION OF OUR BANNER AUGUST 16, 2020 AT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.



If you are willing and able, PLEASE MAKE a SIGN that says "BLACK LIVES MATTER", which you will hold up during the responsive reading of the BLM dedication service, August 16.

You can print a sign at the link below, if you prefer.

<https://www.stencil1.com/black-lives-matter/> (print page 2)

Please see our new Anti-Racism Work web page!

<https://mpuuc.org/anti-racism-work/>

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

"Safe Place" People of Color (POC) Affinity Group

Please join us in "Safe Place" People of Color (POC) Affinity Group - for POC congregants and loved ones! UUA General Assembly highlighted the importance of such groups. I am so excited, as Momma to mixed children of color, that "Safe Space" will strengthen our POC and enrich the congregation by providing community from which POC and their loved ones can bring even more to the table, finding deeper pride and voice together. Contact Kathi Bayne and Bekah Troxler D'hand.

Stay tuned for additional Affinity Groups dedicated



to LGBTQ+ and mental health! Contact Ingrid O'Brien Avery.



ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2020

The Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce its course offerings for the 2020 Fall Quarter. All classes will be offered on Zoom, and links will be sent to registered students prior to the beginning of the class. To sign up for a class, please email Linda Messia at lmessia@yahoo.com.

To view class brochure, click [here](#).

Linda Messia, Len Tiemann, and Eric Dittmar

Adult Education Classes Fall Quarter 2020



Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

From the Adult Education Committee
The Committee offers these programs for the fall quarter, with many thanks to each presenter.
The Committee includes Linda Messia, Len Tiemann, and Eric Dittmar.
You may register for classes by emailing Linda at lmessia@yahoo.com.

Poems

John & Jackie Porter
via Zoom 6 places
Mondays: September 14 & 28,
October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23,
7 - 9 pm

Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive, and widely effective mode of saying things, and hence its importance.

Basho

Twice a month we gather, via Zoom, to read, listen to, and discuss poems. Bring what you would like to read and discuss. Light up your life by sharing poems with friends.

Held (Book Study)

Barbara Meyers

Four meetings: Wednesdays
October 7, 14, 21, & 28
7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom

Held - Showing Up for Each Other's Mental Health - A Guide for Every Member of the Congregation by Rev. Barbara Meyers.

This book illustrates how members of liberal religious congregations can be supportive to those living with mental health problems, and their loved ones, in our congregations and society at large. It addresses the fundamental elements of spiritual support—truth, hope, presence, acceptance, encouragement, authenticity, public witness, and pastoral care—with stories from real life situations and suggestions for how parishioners can provide and advocate for support in their congregations.

We will use the study guide in the book for this book-read.

People can order their own books from the UU Book Store at <https://bit.ly/2BUR4UK>, or from Amazon

The Righteous Mind (Book Study)

Steve Wallace
Three meetings: Tuesdays:
September 8 & 22;
October 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
10 participants

The Righteous Mind - Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion
By Jonathan Haidt

In his book, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt challenges conventional thinking about morality, politics, and religion in a way that speaks to conservatives and liberals alike.

This will be a book discussion.

Board Briefs

Our next board meetings are on
Aug. 12th at 7 p.m.
Sept. 9th 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

For more details about meetings or questions email president@mpuuc.org



Humor Corner





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

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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