

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 7, 2020

Greetings!

Hello Everyone! It is I, your friendly MPUUC party planner. This year has been a difficult one in many ways, but we've managed to make it to October and that means it's time, once again, to start planning and thinking about the Black & White Gala. The Black & White Gala is our one big fundraising event of the year. But it's more than just a fundraiser, it is a chance to come together and celebrate each other and Mission Peak, and it also provides social events and gatherings that bring us together throughout the upcoming year. This year, due to COVID-19, we won't be gathering in person, but that doesn't mean that we can't have fun. In fact one of the benefits of having a 'virtual' event is that those Mission Peak members and friends who have moved away can join us once more - both for the Zoom Party in November and for the virtual events throughout the coming year.



So, first things first...the date! Please reserve Saturday, November 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm on your busy social calendars for the Black & White Zoom Party. Our theme this year is 'Dream Vacation' and although all aspects of the event will be virtual they will still include all that you've come to expect from past events - good food, fun beverages, an auction, a basket raffle, a boutique, a fun party - and more because this year we're adding some extra fun with a little something new called the Mission Peak Challenge. More information will be forthcoming over the next month regarding the event and how it will work. Keep an eye out for weekly updates right here in the Week on the Peak.

For this upcoming week your 'to do' list is as follows:

- Put the Black & White Zoom Party on your calendar - November 14, 7:00-9:00 pm
- Start thinking about where you'd like to go on your 'Dream Vacation'
- Start thinking about virtual events you could host, items you'd be willing to donate, and...things you might be willing to do if people donated enough money...💡💡

Jen King

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.

INTER-GENERATIONAL Animal Blessing

Animals are beautiful. We admire and appreciate them for many things. But one of the biggest things is how they are true to their nature. But they live in different worlds. Pets are a tiny, special segment of the animal kingdom who live in our world. Doing so gives us a deeper understanding of values, like attention, affection, appreciation, acceptance, loyalty, safety, etc. In this world we'll lift up animals and bless the relationships that teach us more about the kind of animal we want to be.



Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Shawn Snavley. Worship Host will be Drew Wilson. Jay Steele 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%.

OCTOBER 11 SHARE THE LOVE ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE

There is still time for you and your furry (feathery, finned, scaly, slippery or otherwise) family to participate in THIS SUNDAY's Animal Blessing Service. Being in a committed relationship with animals - whether they share our home or our planet - adds peace, purpose and great happiness to many. Indeed they bless us. So, in this service, we bless them back. If you would like to participate - CLICK ON THIS [Share the Love link](#) and upload a photo of your pet (or you and your pet) and a share a few words about your pet's personality. Rev. Greg and Shawn will use this to share the love you feel for them so that our love will be multiplied. We will also have a time to share names (and pictures) of pets no longer with us (except in our heart). THANK YOU for taking the time to open your hearts and homes to a greater array of the animal kingdom. We look forward to celebrating with you this Sunday!

Share the Plate for Disaster Relief

Our October Share the Plate goes to the UU Disaster Relief Fund which is part of a covenant between congregations. Through it we embody our faith and values. Grants are used to cover:

- Damage to congregations' buildings, and temporary relocation
- Damage to members/friends homes, and relocation expenses
- Donations to partner organizations that serve the local community

More information on the fund [here](#)



Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

- Write a check to MPUUC with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line and mail 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)

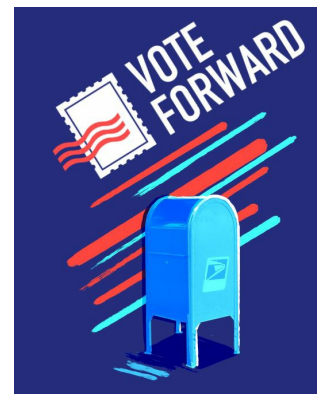
- Drop an envelope with a check (with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "For "Disaster Relief") in our mailslot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "For "Disaster Relief" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

Thank you so much for your generous support of our fellow UUs at this time of great need.

JUSTICE CORNER

MPUUC GOTV letters

MPUUC writers have written over 5,170 GOTV letters and have written or inspired approximately 1,000 additional letters. Our efforts, combined with those of all Vote Forward volunteer letter writers, have produced 9.3 million letters to low propensity voters in strategic states and generated about 5 million dollars for the post office!



DONATIONS Needed!

- Men's medium sized clothes
- An old working car

Please Contact Meredith Miller for more information

ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION TASK FORCE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

As part of our MPUUC mandate to educate ourselves about anti-racism and anti-oppression, each week, the ARO Task Force will bring you specific actions or educational opportunities for MPUUC members and friends to participate in, in order to overcome white supremacy and defend Black lives. Below are this week's opportunities.



Education: [Jordan Casteel, Portrait Artist](#)

Part of our anti-racism self-education should include Black creators. Our very own Don Ramie has written a short essay highlighting the work of the painter Jordan Casteel. Don delivered a live presentation on her work earlier this spring, and here he revisits that work.



Action: [Show your support the BREATHE Act on social media](#)

The Movement for Black Lives and allies nationwide have introduced a visionary bill, the BREATHE Act, which will divest our taxpayer dollars from brutal, discriminatory policing and invest in a new vision of safety and justice—a vision that allows all people to thrive and be represented and free. Publicly support the BREATHE Act today by posting on your social media platforms. [You can find examples and graphics in this toolkit](#). You can start right away by making the attached image the banner or profile pic on your social media account!



Zoom Tips Week 1

Hello Mission Peak Zoomers!

Welcome to our Zoom Tips column! A primary function of our Membership Committee is to see our congregation through the eyes of a wide range of members and visitors. Each week we will offer tips to help make our virtual services more enjoyable for everyone. Since we monitor attendance at our services, we may also give tips to help us know how many are attending.

TIP #1 Adjust your camera

Sometimes it feels good to stand during the service. If you do stand, adjust your camera so that others are not looking at your mid-section, or turn off your video until you're facing the camera again.

TIP #2 Name who's in your party

If you are not on video and there are two or more of you, please change your screen name to list

the people who are watching. For example, Steve and Kathy, or DeAnna, Erik, Marcus. If you do not know how to change your screen name, please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

Thank you for reading and I'll see you next week on Zoom Tips!

Kathy Wallcave
Membership Chair

New services available on website

Two new videos are available on our website! **Ooops!!!**, the 9/27 service, has a video of the full service and **Perfect Strangers**, the 9/13 service, has a video of the sermon. Like the many past services that have videos posted, these have [Video] after the title when you go to the "Service Archive" from the main web page (can also navigate there in the menu at "Worship"-->"Service Archive").

For more information about our web site please email webmaster@mpuuc.org or contact Steve Wallcave,

Board Briefs

The board met on September 9th at 7 p.m. and:

- Agreed to encourage and support members of the Anti-Racism Oppression task force in attending the Beloved Conversations program being put on by the UUA this fall.
- Discussed the Governance Review process. The task force will provide a final report by November.
- Discussed the Congregational Covenant process. Planning is underway.
- Agreed that the Board policies should be combined under one document and the work will begin late this month.(Many of our board policies are available in the (["about-->Congregational Documents" section of our web site](#))
- Discussed the Cole Hall audio system replacement. Further discussion and research will be needed.



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, October 21st at 7 p.m.

Please contact president@mpuuc.org for more information about future board meetings.

For complete board minutes or other board info go to the Members Only section of our web site at mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only

PCD Fall Chalice Lighter Call Now Open!

The Fall 2020 Pacific Central Chalice Lighter call is designed to help congregations further their virtual communications during this unprecedented time of social distancing when we cannot join together in person at our physical churches. Church is not a building even though that is where we meet, when we can. To quote the UUA website "The Church is open. It is the building that is closed." Visit the [PCD website](#) to read the call letter and make a donation.





Humor Corner



**Me: Alexa, what's
the weather going to
be this weekend?**

**Alexa: Why? Where
do you think you're
going?**

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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