

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 21, 2020

Greetings!

Hello – It's me again – Your intrepid MPUUC Party Planner – Jen King. Only 3 weeks left until the 2020 Black & White Gala!! This year we've got all the aspects of a great Mission Peak fundraiser that you've come to know and love...we're just doing them all virtually. With that comes a bit of a learning curve, but never fear – the internet is here! All of the information you will need is available (or will be) on the new Black & White Gala pages of MPUUC.org. Click on the link on the home page (or go to the Connections menu and select Black & White Gala) and you'll be instantly connected to all the information you need.



Our Online Boutique is now up and running. Go to <https://mpuuc.square.site> and purchase event tickets, make donations, and shop for all sorts of homemade and hand crafted goodies. You can even buy your way into a judgeship for our first annual Fudge Off (see more info below).

We've got a lot to do and a short time in which to get it done. Here are this week's action items:

- Donate, Donate, Donate – We need auction items, raffle prizes, and items for the boutique. There are many many ways to participate in the Black & White Gala – no one should feel left out! Please email me to officially offer your donations.
- Buy, Buy, Buy – Head to the boutique to buy your event tickets and shop til you drop.
- Party, Party, Party - We had a TON of fun during last Sunday's Black & White Brainstorming session. Sign up to come hang out with us this Sunday (October 25) at noon to brainstorm ideas for donations (from you or from others) and ask any questions you may have. The registration link is:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlf-qqqDsiGN1jxkh8L9c_gxiuVm_EDaWQ

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.



Dragons, Spiders, Webs and Churches

As human beings, we are familiar with things that frighten us. Our original physiological architecture includes a hard-wired system to pay attention to things that threaten our existence or safety. Upgrades to our human operating system have given us overrides to those rudimentary networks, but we are still learning how to use this new operating system. Using FDR and Joseph Campbell, we'll examine fear and see the evolutionary path involves seeing fear and walking toward it.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jo Ann Schriener and 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:

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)

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.

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%.

"After the Service this Sunday"

As you know by now, our Black Lives Matter banner was brutally vandalized last month. As part of our response and continuing commitment, this Sunday, October 25, we are going to take another important step in learning how to be Anti-Racists. After the worship service, in place of our usual Coffee Hour, we will break into racial affinity groups to discuss the import of this attack on our banner and our feelings



about it. <<[Click here to learn more](#)>>

JUSTICE CORNER

Congratulations and thanks to all the MPUUCers who have been registering, writing, texting, phoning to Get Out the Vote for Nov. 3. In the last 60 days folks have prepared about 3300 letters, made nearly 10,000 texts and over a hundred phone calls. You ALL are so inspiring!

MPUUC and the Youth Voter Movement continue to partner in the community with voter registration presentations to over 350 students in the last week. You can join the YVM presentation on Friday, **October 23** with the **Ohlone College United Women of Color** and the **Gay Straight Alliance** at 2:00 pm on Zoom. Go to the Youth Voter Movement Facebook page and sign up.

UUtheVote and the UU Justice Ministry of California are providing tools for UUs to be informed and equipped to take part in the election and to ensure the security of our vote. MPUUC folk can review the ballot choices regarding state propositions using **UJMCAs Ballot Grid & Recommendations**. We can participate in the UUtheVote **"Harvest the Power" Week of Action October 21-27** and join UJMCAs "Vote in California" **October 26 Statewide Call**.

UUtheVote is hosting a rally on Monday, October 26th at 4 pm PT. This will be a night of gratitude and celebration as we head towards **November 3rd. [RSVP here](#)**.

Kathi Bayne and Valerie Stewart (510/673-4287)

MPUUC GOTV letters

MPUUC writers have written over **6240** GOTV letters and have written or inspired approximately 1,200 additional letters for a total of **7440** letters. Our efforts, combined with those of all Vote Forward volunteer letter writers, have produced approximately 14 million letters to our propensity voters in strategic states and generated about 7.5 million dollars for the post office!

If you would still like to help before ELECTION DAY please CONTACT Kathi Bayne for TEXTING and PHONE BANKING assignments

Voting

Get easy to access, non partisan information on all candidates and propositions:
<https://votersedge.org/ca>

Early voting, drop off ballot, same day voting registration enter your count and zip code at
<http://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>

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

Education: ["The Game Is Fixed" Against Black People in America](#)

CONTENT WARNING: Video contains some profanity (especially at the end), but makes a powerful point. Take about 7 minutes to watch author Kimberly Jones'



off-the-cuff “rant” (her words) about how rioting and looting fit within the larger narrative of the economic oppression of Black people in America.

SURJ 2020 ENDORSEMENTS

YES	NO
✓ Prop 15, Schools & Communities First	✗ Prop 20, Erasing Criminal Justice Reforms
✓ Prop 16, Opportunity for All	
✓ Prop 17, Free the Vote	
✓ Prop 21, Keep Families in their Homes	

SURJ Showing Up for Racial Justice

Action: [SURJ Bay Area 2020 Ballot Proposition Voter Guide](#)

Feeling slightly overwhelmed by the number of propositions on this year's ballot? Are your friends and family asking you how they should vote? Showing Up for Racial Justice offers in-depth info on critical racial justice ballot measures and makes specific recommendations.

Request for Class Proposals - Adult Education – Winter 2020

The Adult Education Committee is seeking proposals for classes for the Winter quarter - Jan through March of 2021. This is an opportunity for you to share what you know with others.

During this pandemic, members have been successfully conducting classes via Zoom. This past quarter, we offered a couple of Book discussions and some other classes. Past topics have included Buddhist meditation, art and spirituality, the Enneagram, and celebration of the sacred feminine. Classes can vary from one-time events to meeting every week.



How can you submit a proposal? Contact Linda Messia at 510 792-1539 or email her lmessia@yahoo.com with your course information.

Please submit your proposal no later than Nov 15th. Thank you!

Survey of UUs about Mental Health

The UU Mental Health Network (UUMHN) seeks to promote inclusion of people affected by mental health issues in the life and work of our congregations and in the society at large. We have developed a survey which we will use to determine how to understand the emotional needs of UUs so we can prioritize our work.

Please take the survey using the link below using this link: <https://forms.gle/4wspcsKAXbGx6UQc6>

Feel free to distribute this link widely.

Rev. Barbara F. Meyers

First Annual MPUUC Fudge Off

Every year we try to find new things to add to the Black & White Gala. This year we're "sweetening" things up with the first Annual MPUUC Fudge Off! So what exactly is a Fudge Off and how does it work?

1. We need at least six intrepid cooks to volunteer to make fudge. Fudge entries are due to Jen King by Friday, November 5. Please email Jen King if you'd like to enter your fudge in the Fudge Off.
2. We need at least seven people to pay to serve as judges for the Fudge Off. A judging spot will cost you \$10 and will get you samples of all entries into the Fudge Off. Judgeships can be purchased in the online B&W Boutique (<https://mpuuc.square.site>)
3. The winner of the Fudge Off (as determined by the judges) will win a prize (currently TBD) along with great acclaim and notoriety.
4. The winner of the Fudge Off will offer a pound of fudge to be auctioned off in the Black & White Auction.

So, basically this is just a good excuse to make and eat lots of fudge while raising money for Mission Peak. Sounds pretty good to me!

Zoom Tips Week 3

Hello Everyone!

We hope you're enjoying reading our tips. We have noticed many of you are writing the names of everyone who might be sharing a zoom screen from your home and we thank you for that. It really helps us get a more accurate count of how many people attend the Sunday service each week. Our Week 3 tips are below. Like last week, one tip is from last week and one is new..

TIP #3 Breakout room introduction

If there is someone in your breakout room who has their video off and you're not sure who the person is, don't say (for example) , "Kathy, who is Kathy?" Instead, let them know you're happy they are with you and you would like to meet them. "Welcome Kathy. I'm glad you're here today. Would you feel comfortable turning on your video so we can meet you?" For some people it takes courage to go to a breakout when visiting, and we want to welcome and include them.

TIP #4 Make space/Take space

As excited we can get to chat with people in our breakout room, it's important to make sure each person in the room has a chance to talk. We call that Make space/Take space. If you've been quiet, participate more; if you've been participating a great deal, leave space for others to participate more. Everyone will enjoy getting a chance to speak and we just might learn something new about someone else!

From your dedicated Membership Committee

New Ministry Start Up for all Members and Friends Mark Your Calendars! Saturday October 24 9:00am – 12:00pm

There's a third part that becomes important after the first two parts are in place. The first two parts? 1) Be a great congregation! 2) Find a great minister! The third part is about how we put them together? What does Rev. Greg need to learn about MPUUC to prepare him to support us so we're at our best? What about Rev. Greg will help us know how to support him and forge a strong partnership? This is a workshop with Melissa James, our Regional Staff person who will help us move beyond assumptions, toward commitment and partnership.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91916423994?pwd=eHdoWXA0TW1YakdBdXVGaHJwZGJCUT09>

Meeting ID: 919 1642 3994

Passcode: 918597

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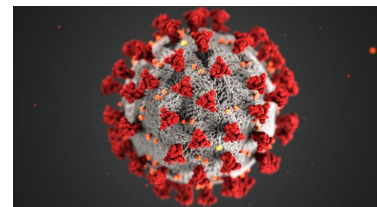
Opportunity to help with Mission Peak UU sound and video in Cole Hall and over Zoom

We need to purchase new audio and visual equipment for Cole Hall since most of our equipment was stolen in the August burglary. We are looking for people interested in helping us specify what to replace it with. We want to be able to continue offering services over Zoom after we are able to return to Cole Hall so we will be looking at what works best for both in Cole Hall and over Zoom. Please contact Steve at wallcave@mpuuc.org if you are interested!



Covid-19 Task Force Report Available

The Covid-19 task force recommendations are now posted in the member's only section of the web site. The task force was formed to help the board decide on how and when to have a partial startup in Cole Hall. If you have trouble finding the report email Steve at wallcave@mpuuc.org to get a copy of it over email.



Board Briefs

The next board meetings are on:
Wednesday, October 21st at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11th 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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service moves online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 59th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is coming online. It will still be held on the Monday before Thanksgiving, on November 23, at 7:30 p.m., only it will be held on the Zoom platform.

To register for the service – advanced registration is required – go to tinyurl.com/tcicTS2020.

The service will include prayers, readings, recorded music, and dance offered by several different faith and spiritual communities in the Tri-Cities. It will also include a brief sermon by TCIC President, the Rev. Jeffrey Spencer, which he has tentatively titled “Chairs and the Table.”

Jeff is the Senior Pastor at [Niles Discovery Church](#). The service is expected to last about one hour. You can download a flyer for the event by clicking [here](#)..

HUMOR CORNER

My vacation this year



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

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Kamala Harris (202) 224 - 3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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