

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! December 2, 2020

Greetings!

My name is Linda Messia. My husband Len Tiemann and I joined Mission Peak about 10 years ago and I have been actively involved ever since: choir, mental health committee, children's RE classes, Small Group Ministry, the Caring Circle and the Leadership Development Committee. However, my passion has always been the Adult Education program and I am in my seventh year as Chair. Fellow committee members are Eric Dittmar and Len Tiemann.



We offer a variety of classes, workshops and seminars which we hope will nurture and stimulate the spiritual and personal growth of our adult church community. Classes are held in the fall, winter and spring. Members and their friends and family are welcome to attend. We also welcome those who have ideas and/or would like to teach or join our committee. Our winter brochure is coming out next week, and we will take signups after that. Hope to see many of you in our classes!

Linda Messia

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.



Gratitude-It Can Help Heal What Ails You

Practicing gratitude is like exercising. You know you should do it, but sometimes it can feel more like something you should do instead of something you want to do. Let's review why gratitude is good for us and explore ways to practice gratitude. We will also investigate what type of gratitude may be more beneficial than other types of gratitude.

Kathy Wallcave will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. 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%.

Winter Solstice Zoom Social – Monday, December 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

"From out of the darkness and cold, light and hope return." The Winter Solstice this year marks not only the start of our planet's journey towards the longer, 'lighter' days of Spring and Summer, but also our moving ever closer to what we hope will be a brighter future for the United States, and the hope of a vaccination and an end to COVID quarantine. Please join us on Monday, December 21 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom for a Winter Solstice Social Gathering lead by Colleen Arnold & Jen King. The event will include time for reflecting on 2020, sharing our hopes for 2021, and having some good old fashioned fun.

Please click on the link below to register for this event. Once you've registered you will receive an email with instructions for accessing the Zoom session for the event.

[Click here](#)

Jen King

JUSTICE CORNER

In a World Divided, Who Sides with Love?

In February we'll present an award to a local individual or group who courageously shows up to challenge oppression and violence. We'll also share the plate with them. Send nominations to Allysson McDonald by

Dec. 11 with an explanation of why you are nominating them. The Justice Council will choose a recipient Dec. 12. For more information click [here](#). For a video on Side with Love click [here](#).



UU The Vote

On Saturday, November 21, 2020, our "How We Win: UU the Vote Election Debrief " gave us the opportunity to unpack our 2020 elections from the perspective of folks who have been building the groundwork for thriving and democratic communities. I hope this rich discussion supports us all as we continue our commitments to building thriving, safe, just communities and multi-racial democracy. Watch the recording [here](#).

Here are current efforts with partners for GOTV activities in the Georgia January run-off election.

If you want to participate in phonebanking to voters in Georgia, UU the Vote is organizing phonebanks on Sundays and Thursdays, if you are interested please contact- <https://www.uuthevote.org/phone-banking/>

Vote Forward

Please click the link below if you would like to send letters encouraging registration and voter turnout in the Georgia election January 5, 2021. <https://votefwd.org/>

Crediting Our Activities helps get us funding and support of our work

PLEASE, If you have not already done so, contact Kathi to let us know how many letters, postcards, phone calls or texts you have completed this year.

Thank you,
Kathi

Asylum Seeker Accompaniment Team

if you are interested in joining or finding out more about the Asylum Seeker Accompaniment and Immigrant Support Team, please email Meredith at annmeredithmiller@hotmail.com, or send a text message (510) 301-6382..

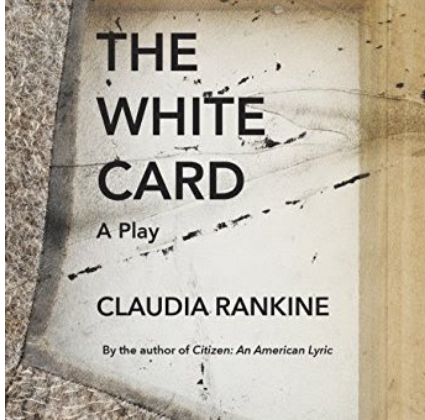
Meredith Miller

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

Education: Sunday, December 6 • 2:00 – 5:00 pm

[Virtual Play-Reading of Claudia Rankine's play, The White Card](#)

After an encounter with a white audience member at a reading, African American poet and playwright Claudia Rankine was



inspired to write *The White Card*, a play that poses the essential question: Can American society progress if whiteness remains invisible? The play explores, in Rankine's own words, "what happens if one is willing to stay in the room when it is painful to bear the pressure to listen and the obligation to respond." A virtual reading of this powerful play is being produced locally by the Social Justice Council's Literature, Film and Drama Contingent. [Get details and the zoom link here.](#)



Action: December 8 • 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
[Ella Baker Center Prison Mail Night - Holiday Edition](#)

Join this virtual mail night to send out the [Ella Baker Center for Human Rights'](#) (EBC) annual holiday card to people currently incarcerated across the country. Their mailing list has grown to over 7,000 incarcerated people and this may be the only holiday card many will get this season. With the rise of COVID-19, a bit of hope and light is always welcome. [Sign up here](#) to coordinate pick up of a bundle that includes around 30 cards, envelopes, stamps, labels, and a 2-page end-of-year update from EBC. You can send them on your own or at the virtual mail night.

Hello Wonderful Congregation!

Although Maria Luisa is not taking phone calls right now, she enjoys mail. If you would like to send her a card to let her know you're thinking of her, please go to the Congregational Directory in the Members Only section of our web site to get her mailing address. Let's see if we can decorate her place with loving, supportive cards!



Please contact me if you have any questions.
Kathy Wallcave

Board Briefs

The board met on November 11 at 7 p.m and:

Finalized and approved the Board Covenant
Agreed to and started use of a Process Observation model
Set up a RACI task force for tracking task responsibilities
Approved a budget of up to \$3100 for A/V replacement equipment
Approved change of Internet provider & budget increase of \$500
Discussed Canvass
Discussed additions to Board Agreements



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Kamala Harris (202) 224 - 3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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