

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! February 10, 2021

Greetings!

I tried listening to a few minutes of the impeachment trials today. I don't recommend them. At least not if you're looking for more love in your life. And right now, who isn't?



I think we are entering a new time. Vaccines are now a reality and we are trying to heal not harm. February is known for Love (Valentine's Day) and Leadership (Presidents Day). I think it is time for us all to put those two aspirations together and all be about the work of leading with love.

As toxic and harmful as the last few years of leadership has been – so many examples of leading with hate instead of love – I believe future generations would be poorly served if we failed to be accountable and clean up the mess that occurred on our watch.

We rallied, organized and prevailed because we wanted a leadership of love. Our work does not 'Make America Great Again' by railing against what we don't like. We've had enough of that already. Our work is about a shared, collective greatness. We elected a new leader not because he's great. But because we believe, working together, we can all be great. And as Churchill once said, 'the price of greatness, is responsibility.'

The function of all great leaders is that they produce more leaders – not followers. What the next president does in Washington is only as telling as what we do in our homes and communities. As we used to say in my Chemistry days, 'if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.' And frankly we've all had enough of hanging out at the bottom.

There is a new wave of leadership in the air and I urge you to be part of it. The

healing of what ails us will not come from afar but from within. Get involved. Get proximate with one another. Learn the stories and dreams that are worth building upon.

I hope you will consider becoming a Connector for our One-on-One Canvass. If you think it's about asking for money, that's the smallest part of it. It's about reaching out and connecting with this community that has been starved for connection during this time of separation. It's about listening to the hopes and dreams and values that we believe will rebuild what is worthy around us. It is about committing to what is life giving instead of turning away from something life denying. If you like to be part of what's possible, I urge you to call me. And say yes to the future of this community.

As John Naisbitt says, "Leadership involves finding a parade and getting in front of it."

Rev. Greg
(he, him, his)

minister@mpuuc.org
(510) 972-3890

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.



Heart Communion

Many of us, in your younger years, celebrated Valentines Day in school. And so we were rushed into the dizzyingly fraught and frightening world of exchanging valentines - knowing not what to say or how it will be received. How can we give our hearts away and what is the criteria necessary for us to give our hearts away.

Shawn Snavley will lead the service and assisting will be Rev. Greg Ward.. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay and Jessica 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

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%.

As part of our Heart Communion Service this Sunday February 14th, we invite you to send a Valentine to MPUUC. Tell us what you love about being a part of this community. What part of your heart do you want to put into our shared ministry together? What keeps you coming back to zoom worship no matter the zoom fatigue? What makes you want to rejoin us when we go back to in-person worship? To add your heart message please add a [slide to our presentation](#). There are instructions on the first slide and you can post anonymously if you would like :)

Shawn Snavley

Covenant Building

The Committee on Ministry met with a small group of people who got together on February 6 to explore covenant – what does an MPUUC covenant need to have in order to effectively position us to extend safety, love and offer repair when needed. We discussed feedback that came from the survey and listened to people’s ideas regarding specific statements that were important (and why).

You can see all the progress – including upcoming meetings – by viewing the [Building Covenant Page](#) on the website.

Daytimer’s Discussion Group

The Minister’s Daytimer Group meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 am. This week’s (February 11) topic is “Love – What is it? Where we found it? How we give it? – this is a chance to explore how and where we found love (and what we did when we couldn’t find it). The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) (Or you can find the link on the MPUUC website and events calendar). Next week’s topic (Feb 18) is “Reconciliation - How do we go about the work of repair?” Come explore ways love has come to you and where you’ve carried it.

JUSTICE CORNER

An invitation to join us for:

A Side With Love Watch Party: The Black Church

February 16 & 17 @ 8:45pm-10:15pm EST

Co-Hosted by Revs. Duncan Teague & Michael [Crumpler](#)

[Register Now](#)

Side With Love invites you to join as we livestream the premiere of PBS’s [The Black Church](#), an epic production about the impacts of the Black church movement on American

society, culture, and politics. As Unitarian Universalists with our own unique history of engaging abolition and civil rights, it is important for us to know how our history has supported and has been in conflict with the Black church. *The Black Church* can also help us understand the rich tradition out of which our Black UU religious professionals and laypersons came to be and all that we bring to Unitarian Universalism.

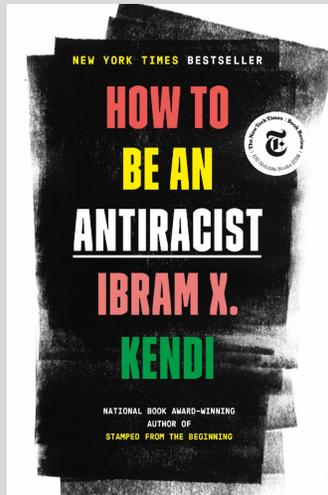
SURJ Bay Area Study & Action 11 Week Series

February 16 - April 29 - choice of days

Are you looking for a learning community to challenge racism? Would you like to find out how to take action locally and be accountable? Join us as we examine white supremacy and resistance movements to build skills to challenge racism and take action in our communities. Through weekly reading and facilitated groups, we study the histories and systems of that which we resist, we deepen our understanding of injustice, and we learn to take strategic, effective action to dismantle white supremacy and support Black and people of color-led organizations fighting for racial justice. Study & Action is free, but you must RSVP for your choice of 1 of 3 days. Space is limited.

[Study and Action Series - SURJ Bay Area](#)

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



Special Opportunity: Reading & Discussion of How to Be An Anti-Racist

Colleen Arnold will facilitate a study group of Ibram X. Kendi's book **How to Be An Antiracist**. Come discuss this #1 New York Times bestseller with us and discover what the New York Times calls "The most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind." This is a must-read for anyone who wants to go beyond awareness to the formation of a just and equal society.

Dates: Sundays, **April 11, April 18, May 2, May 16**, all 11:30-12:30)

[Please register by clicking here.](#)



Education/Action: "New Day Rising" Conference

Saturday, February 27, 2021, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm PST (with breaks)

Is your congregation ready to take a new step in changing white supremacy culture? Want to learn what your fellow congregations are working on, and how you might apply it at home? Join a continent of UUs as we explore next steps in creating Beloved UU Communities. [Get more information and register here.](#)

"Small actions can make a huge impact."

PATRICK JURNEY

The League of Women Voters Fremont, Newark, Union City and the American Association of University Women invite you to a presentation by environmentalist Patrick Jurney Thursday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jurney will explain how the Fremont Green Challenge provides concrete, actionable, affordable, small endeavors we can undertake to alleviate some environmental concerns. To register go to [this link](#) More info. [here](#)



Board Briefs

The board met on January 13 at 7 p.m.and:

Agreed to apply for a second PPP loan if fiscal requirements are met

Appointed delegates to the February 13th Pacific Western Regional Meeting

Voted to increase the Worship budget by \$1684

Voted to ordain Alex Robert Jensen jointly with the Wayland UU congregation

Approved a combined board policies document

Approved the Music Committee charter and chair Drew Wilson and increased the Music budget to \$1000

Approved creation of a Minister Evaluation Task force, chaired by DeAnna Alm

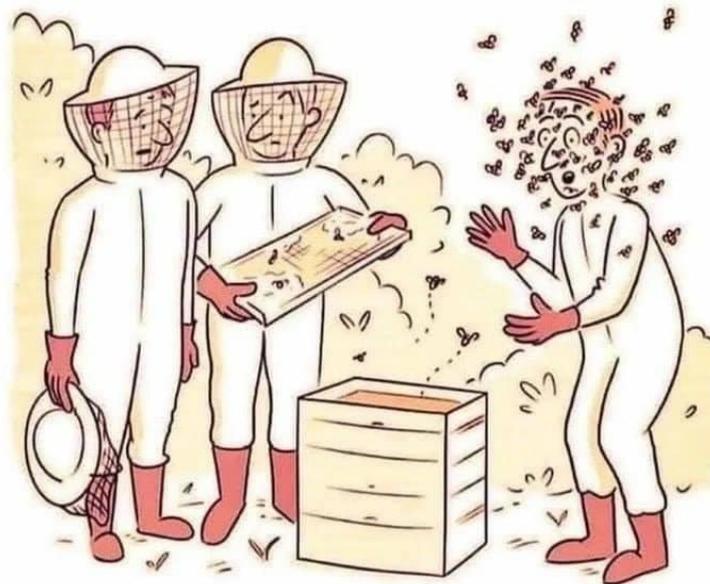


The next board meeting is on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

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

HUMOR CORNER



"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights'."

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 Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841

Stay Connected



Mission Peak UU | 2950 Washington Blvd Fremont CA | 510.252.1477 | missionpeakuu.org



Share



Share



Tweet