

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!
April 28, 2021

Greetings!

Everything's Coming up Roses!

Walking around my neighborhood lately, I've been struck by the generous and flamboyant beauty of the roses! Spring starts early and has many phases in the Bay Area, and this is definitely rose season. Reds, yellows, fuschias, pinks, and so many variegated varieties. I inevitably stop to take a picture. I don't have roses in my yard - I am not a gardener, but I know that they require planning and work (right soil, right amount of water, right amount of sunlight...).



Mission Peak has been "coming up roses" too! So much work of the past few years is coming to fruition. We have a new settled minister, who started in September but only last week was officially and ceremoniously installed. We have a covenant between the members of our congregation that provides aspirational goals for our relationships and how we go about the business of the congregation. Our facilities committee and our Covid-19 Response Task Force have been figuring out what it will look like when we are able to be together again in person while still being able to include those who can't be with us. But like roses, it won't be easy - the blooming is the exciting part, but growing them is a year-round task.

Our congregational leaders (board members and chairs of the various committees and other groups) have been taking a hard look at what we try to do and how we do it. We've come to the conclusion that what worked for a congregation of 130+ a few years ago isn't sustainable for a congregation of 86. We've been trying to discern what is "essential" (both in the sense of "important" and the sense of related to the "essence"). We have been asking ourselves what can we set down for a time in order to focus on the essential. As we learned from our covenanting process and the installation, it is relationship that matters. This "right sizing" is a difficult task, but we all know moments in our lives when we've had to step back and find a more sustainable way.

For now, enjoy the roses! But also think of what needs to be done to sustain them. We

look forward to being able to be in community (in person) soon, and to living into our covenant and our mission. Let's make sure we are taking care of the essentials in order to guarantee that we can be here for the long run.

Allysson McDonald

This Sunday's Service:

WHAT WILL YOU
LEAVE BEHIND?

We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to connect.

From Aging To Saging

Invite those who are 80+ if they would like to share testimonies about their most meaningful moments and the wisdom that they have drawn from these experiences that they feel needs to be passed on to the community.

Rev. Greg Ward and the Membership Committee will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Gayle Tupper. Worship Host will be Drew Wilson. 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%.

Rev Greg Installation – Follow Up

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us in the rain on Sunday for the “Drive By Hurrah” after Rev Greg’s Installation service. It was wonderful for him to meet people face-to-face. For those of you who were unable to join us, Rev Greg would still like to hear from you. Please print out the card found [HERE](#), fill it in and mail it to Rev Greg at P.O. Box 545, Fremont, CA 94537-0545. You can also fill it out, scan it in, and email it to him. Thank

you!

It's Canvass Time of Year!

We are finishing up our yearly pledge drive, or Canvass, where we make a pledge for our upcoming fiscal year which starts July 1, 2021, and ends June 30, 2022. Most people should have been contacted by their Connector to schedule a 1-on-1 "Connection" meeting.



I know that some of our Connectors have not been able to reach out to all their connectees yet, and that some connectors and connectees have not been able to find a time for their 1 on 1 discussions. If your Connector has reached out to you to set up a time to talk with you but you haven't been able to get back to them yet, please take a few minutes today to see if there's a time that will work for you and let your connector know. If your Connector has not reached out to you yet, please know that we are working to help make that connection with you, and we really appreciate your patience.

I really encourage you to schedule your Connection meeting if you haven't; these conversations are a great way to connect with someone you may not have talked with recently, and to share your hopes for how we can make Mission Peak a bigger and better force for positive change in the world!

So far we have seen amazing generosity from the Mission Peak community! We have currently received 52 out of the 66 pledges (79%) and we are at just over \$188K - that's 86% of our \$220K pledge goal! But the best news of all is that of the 52 pledges turned in, 33 increased their pledge by 10% or more to qualify for our generous matching grant. That is truly amazing!! We also know that different families have different circumstances. Some are not able to increase and there is no shame in that. But those who can increase make sure that we, collectively, are providing resiliency and resourcefulness for our community. We are so grateful and fortunate - AND we really need to continue making those connections and get the remaining 14 pledges. Our goal is to have all pledges made as soon as possible so that we can start setting our budget for next year.

If you have any questions about anything Canvass-related please contact me, Melissa Holmes at treasurer@mpuuc.org.

A big Thank You to all our connectors, all those who pledged and all those who will pledge sometime in the next week!

Daytimer's Discussion Group

The Minister's Daytimer Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's topic 'The role of the Elderly in Society – How did we go from depending on wise elders to be indispensable sages to becoming dependent and disposable?' 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, "Who's Your Mother?" Mothers and mothering is an incredibly complicated topic. Some got the mother we needed. Some didn't. But we all end up inheriting some of the mothering we got and learning some of the mothering we didn't.

We are Ordaining one of our own!

The Mission Peak UU board voted in January to jointly ordain Robert Alex Jensen on June 6th, along with the congregation where he is serving as an intern, First Parish in Wayland, MA.

For more information contact Steve Wallcave or go to ordainalex.com.



Vaccine Help

If you are having difficulty finding or signing up for a Covid-19 vaccine appointment, please email vax@mpuuc.org and we will help you sign up. All Covid vaccines are free of charge.



Eric Ryan

JUSTICE CORNER

April JUUstice Collectives

Get connected with UUs and UU-aligned justice makers in California who are working to manifest justice! Join this month's California JUUstice Collective Calls, where justice makers can join online spaces to share updates, resources, & events, as well as ask questions of others working on similar justice issues.

[Learn More & Sign Up for a Call](#)

Kathi Bayne

Register Today!

UU JUSTICE MINISTRY OF CALIFORNIA'S
Regional Justice Convenings

MAY 14 & 15
NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA

MAY 21 & 22
CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA

JUNE 11 & 12
SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA



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ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS



**Education: Multiple Dates • May 14
– May 24**

**Bystander Intervention to Stop
Anti-Asian/American and
Xenophobic Harassment**

Anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment are on the rise across the U.S. and the world. In these one-hour interactive workshops, co-sponsored by [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#) (AAJC) and [Hollaback!](#), you'll learn how you can intervene effectively as a bystander without

Board Briefs

The Super Council met on Saturday, April 10 and brainstormed and discussed right-sizing for the congregation. The minutes are on the website.



The board met on Wednesday, April 14 and:
Approved the Program Council charter
Approved our delegates to General Assembly
Set the Annual meeting for Sunday, June 13 following the service
Approved our lease from Fremont United Methodist Church
Approved the Congregational Covenant and the Covenant between the Minister and Members and planned for the Congregational meeting
Discussed follow-up to the ideas on right-sizing from the Super Council meeting
Set up a Budget Task Force

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.

There was a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 18 and the congregation approved the Congregational Covenant and the Covenant between the Minister and Members. The approved documents are on the website.

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

Doctor: Protect the ones you love most
from Coronavirus

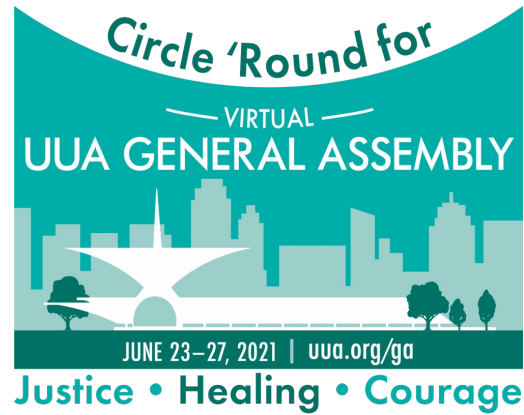
Me:



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

Virtual General Assembly 2021: Register Now!

Circle 'Round for Justice • Healing • Courage is the theme for General Assembly 2021. General Assembly is a time to circle 'round in community. We circle 'round in care and healing; for liberation and justice; and for love and courage. We share stories of the work happening at our Association and in our congregations. We study ways to implement and live into our mission. UUA GA 2021 will incorporate recommendations from the Commission on Institution Change report, "Widening the Circle of Concern" and dialogue with the Article II Commission about our Principles and Purposes.



- Registration is open! Registration for virtual GA 2021 is \$200 per person. [Learn about registration details.](#)
- [Volunteer Applications](#) are open for those who want to volunteer to lower their costs to attend. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

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

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