

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 2, 2021

Greetings!

Summer is here (it was in the 90s where most of us live on Monday)! The majority of us have been vaccinated and want to make up for the loss of last summer, and more due to Covid-19. I look forward to travel and family reunions in the next weeks and months, as you must also. But your presence - online - is still very important to us. I hope you will try to stay connected when you can. In June we have many wonderful things happening!



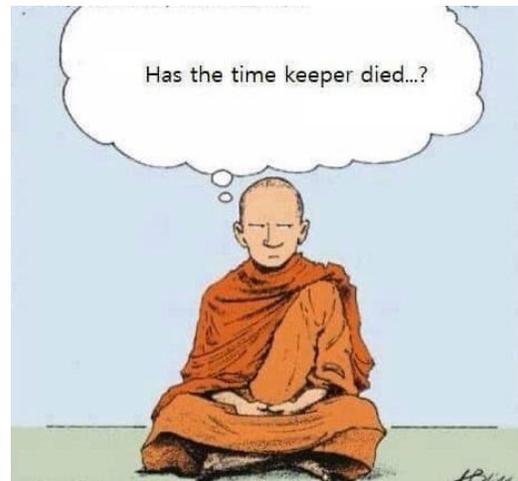
- This Sunday, Alex Jensen's ordination will be streamed on Zoom in the afternoon.
- On the 13th we have our Flower Communion followed by the Annual Meeting (we need you for quorum) and the announcement of our Volunteer of the Year Award! This year the coveted parking space nearest Cole Hall might be worth something!
- We will celebrate the life of our dear departed member John Landers in the morning of the 19th.
- There's a Program Council meeting for all our leaders in the afternoon of the 19th (to get a head start on planning next year).
- Sunday, the 20th, we anticipate a live, in person reception for Alex, on the patio at noon. Wow! In person!
- And Sunday, the 27th, we will be streaming the worship service from our UUA General Assembly, which is always a powerful experience. I'm looking forward to fabulous music and preaching!

So I wish you many happy vaccinated adventures, but I also encourage you to stay connected with us as we celebrate, mourn, and plan through the month of June.

Allysson McDonald

## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to connect.**



### Perrrrr-fect Equanimity

In my 15 plus years of trying to be a Buddhist, I have learned a few things about the Buddha, a good deal more about others on the path and a whole lot about myself. But I have only managed one or two undeniable truths about Enlightenment.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. 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%.

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Dear Friends and Family,

Please gather with us to celebrate our dear John Landers  
- his rich life and what he means to each of us - with  
memories, pictures, and songs.

**Celebration of John Landers**  
Saturday, June 19, 10:30 am  
Ceremony and Sharing of Memories

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont

Light refreshments will follow

Donations in John's memory are welcome and may be made by check to Tri-City Ecology Center, PO Box 674, Fremont, CA 94537 or at [tricityecology.org/donate](http://tricityecology.org/donate).

Due to local Covid guidelines please bring a mask and be prepared for the possibility that the ceremony will be outside.

We are working on the possibility of remote attendance via the internet.

Contact or questions: Russ 510-919-4391, Paula 510-693-9122, Joanne 510-656-8877.



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**Flower Communion Exchange** will be held on Saturday June 12 from 2-4 pm. Please drive in through the Methodist's paved parking lot and around the back of Cole Hall. The Flower Exchange will be held near the MPUUC Office. If you'd like to stay to socialize, please park in the MPUUC parking lot (gravel side). Cold drinks will be provided for those who stay to socialize.



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## We have started to use Cole Hall again!

Our Worship Hosting Team has been working extraordinarily hard to facilitate the return to Cole Hall. Because Covid has taught us to 'stream' and extend ourselves outward to the larger world, we have reconnected with those who moved away. We have committed ourselves to remaining connected by practicing a 'hybrid' approach to simultaneously presenting service for a live audience AND streaming all over the globe.

Over the summer we plan on having 3 types of services:

1. The worship team will be streaming from Cole Hall on Sunday, June 6th and June 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. On June 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having a service with congregants in Cole Hall. Currently we will be limiting the number of people in Cole Hall to 25. There will be overflow seating on the patio, where people can watch the service through the windows and listen to it over the outdoor speakers. (The rules about the number of people allowed in Cole Hall may change before then.)
3. If enough people volunteer to help in Cole Hall (see Sunday Service Team article for details) we will be having live services or watching the Zoom service in Cole Hall after June 20<sup>th</sup>. (If we do not have enough volunteers, we will be having Zoom only services many weeks)

Each week This Week on the Peak will inform us what type of service is planned for the upcoming service. We will also give details on

[mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom).

**All service types will be streamed over Zoom as well as any components in Cole Hall.**

For more information on how we currently plan to safely go back to Cole Hall see

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y4CMRY3mnnLnZciKTZ7GISmOy5iZgiatJccvGfX\\_X9M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y4CMRY3mnnLnZciKTZ7GISmOy5iZgiatJccvGfX_X9M/edit?usp=sharing). Note that this is the safety plan. The Worship Team and the Sunday Service Team are deciding how and when to meet in Cole Hall.

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## The Sunday Service Team is starting up again!

This is your chance to volunteer to help us meet in Cole Hall every Sunday starting June 20<sup>th</sup>. We plan on a self-serve approach to chairs, hymnals and cushions when we start. We will not be serving food or drinks at “coffee hour”. The following functions are needed to support a service in Cole Hall:

- Pulpit Set-Up/Take Down
- Aesthetics
- Greeters
- Safety Monitor
- Zoom and A/V host
- Key Holder

For Job descriptions for these see <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yAiBBTLvYaiVZW33Dj1jutFR2j0Szi42WTBZ11cl5Fk/edit?usp=sharing>. Training will be provided.

To volunteer or find out more information please contact Jen King - [jenking@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](mailto:jenking@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu).

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## Daytimer's Discussion Group

The Minister's Daytimer Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's topic “Spiritual Practices – What are they? How do they Work? And how can we find one that works for us?” 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 will be about “The Blessings of Diversity – Specifically,” what are you aware of others sacrificing for diversity? What have you sacrificed for diversity?

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## Ordination of Alex Jensen to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Sunday, June 6th, 2021  
12:00 PM Pacific / 3:00 PM Eastern

All are invited to join us for a virtual event and celebration for this joint ordination of Alex Jensen by Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation and First Parish in Wayland.



RSVP here: <http://www.ordainalex.com/>

Religious professionals, clergy, and seminarians are invited to gather at 11:15 AM Pacific /

2:15 PM Eastern on the Zoom link for centering prayers before the service. This will be followed by a tech runthrough before the start of the service.

We will display a virtual procession of religious professionals. Please send your picture, name, and professional title(s) to [info@ordainalex.com](mailto:info@ordainalex.com) by May 31st, 2021 to be included.

The Ordination service will start at 12:00 PM Pacific / 3:00 PM Eastern and will last about an hour in duration.

Additional information will be posted to the website closer to the date. The Facebook Event can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [info@ordainalex.com](mailto:info@ordainalex.com).

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## Outdoor Celebration of Alex Jensen's Ordination

When Alex is back in Fremont (2 weeks after his ordination) we will celebrate his ordination with him outside of Cole Hall, on June 20th at Noon. **For those who RSVP by June 14th we will serve a light lunch**, including carrot cake, a favorite of Alex. RSVP to Steve Wallcave – [wallcave@mpuuc.org](mailto:wallcave@mpuuc.org).

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## Vaccine Help

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



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# JUSTICE CORNER

**CreateClimateJustice.Net** Intro  
Tour and Q&A - Wednesday, June 2 at  
4pm PT / 5 MT / 6 CT / 7 ET -  
[REGISTER](#)

*Save the Date & Reminders*

Green Sanctuary 2030: Mobilizing for Climate Justice Monthly Call - Wednesday, June 2 at 4 PT / 5 MT / 6 CT / 7 ET (Every first Wednesday at this time) - [ZOOM LINK](#)  
Strengthening Local Climate Commitments: Happy 1st Birthday Celebration - Wednesday, June 2 at 5pm PT / 6 MT / 7 CT / 8 ET (Every first Wednesday at this time) [RSVP](#)  
UUA General Assembly - June 23-27 - [LEARN MORE](#)

*Create a free account on CreateClimateJustice.Net, the platform dedicated to UU climate and environmental justice work! From there, you can add your own group's events and connect with other UUs. Need tech support? Reach out to Diane Brooks, [diane@createclimatejustice.net](mailto:diane@createclimatejustice.net).*

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## ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

I am delighted to invite you to UUSC's 10th Annual Human Rights Award, a virtual celebration featuring a conversation with U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.



We have great respect and appreciation for Congresswoman Pressley's strong support for human rights and progressive change, including her co-sponsorship of the **BREATHE Act**, which UUSC strongly endorses. The event will be an evening of hope and inspiration, to take place in advance of the UUA's General Assembly, on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM ET / 4:00 PM PT.

If you would like to join us, we ask that you please [register here](#). While donations are not required to attend, we ask that you please consider a special gift in support of UUSC's work to advance social justice around the world.

For additional details, please contact Elizabeth Auwood at [eauwood@uusoc.org](mailto:eauwood@uusoc.org).

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## Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, May 12:

- **Approved the Path to Services proposal from the reopening task force**
- Approved adding a Reparative Justice line item to the 2021/22 budget
- **Approved the updated Outdoor Events and Office Use policy, See section 18 of board policies.**
- Corrected the GA delegates and added an alternate
- Approved the planned special summer collections
- Approved the proposed 2021/22 budget to be presented at the annual meeting
- Approved the covenant between Rev. Greg Ward and Rev. Chris Schriener
- Approved the right-sizing task force charter



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

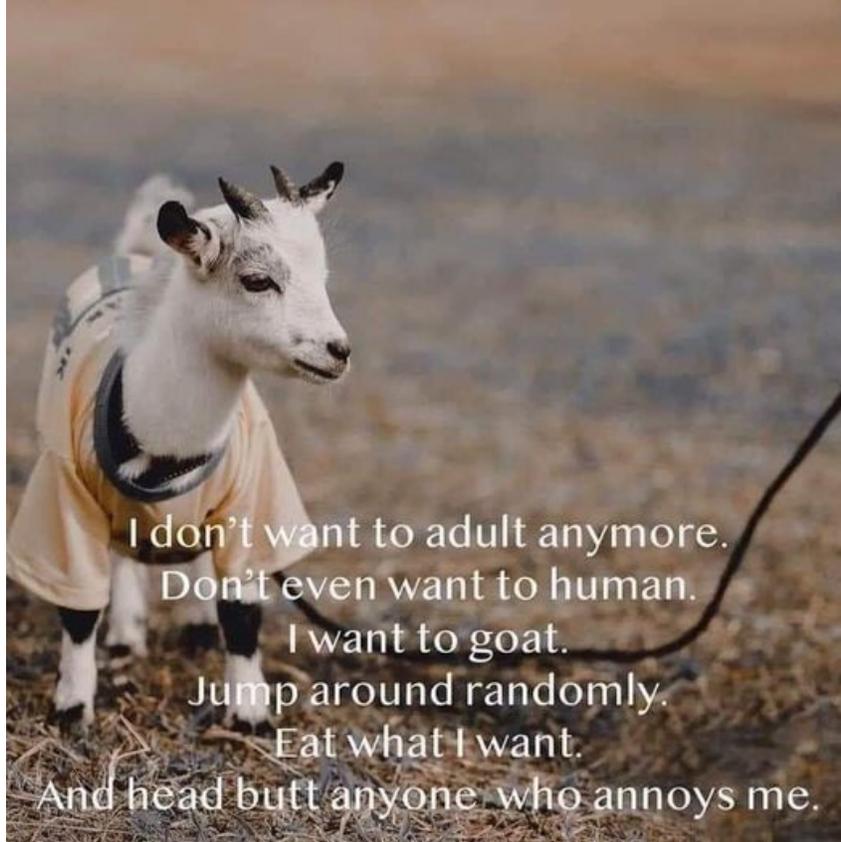
**The annual meeting is on Sunday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m.** We will elect next years board members and approve our annual budget at this meeting.

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](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

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## HUMOR CORNER



I don't want to adult anymore.  
Don't even want to human.  
I want to goat.  
Jump around randomly.  
Eat what I want.  
And head butt anyone who annoys me.

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

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