

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 23, 2021

Greetings!

I am excited that we had our first hybrid service last Sunday. We were together at Cole Hall, both inside and outside on the patio, and on Zoom. I appreciate all of the people who helped make it a success! It was fun working with people in Cole Hall! I expect we will continue to learn how to make improvements and I welcome your feedback on what worked well and what could use some improvement.



We plan to continue to have hybrid services to make our services more accessible to everyone. I am excited that our service leaders, musicians, and congregants can attend at Cole Hall or remotely. This coming Sunday where most of the content will come from the UUA General Assembly Morning Service we will still be together as a congregation to experience it together.

I am grateful that my wife Kathy and I are fully vaccinated. Because of this we were able to see our 3 grandchildren and my father this spring. I am also aware that there are medical reasons that not everyone can be vaccinated and that the vaccine does not work for everyone and some fully vaccinated people are not ready to be together with groups of people in person. That is why I am grateful we have many safe ways to be together.

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## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to hybrid services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See**

[mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.

## General Assembly Morning Service

Recognizing the importance of shared ministry and the many innovative approaches to worship created by congregations during the pandemic, UUA President, Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick Gray, selected the **First Universalist Church of Minneapolis** to serve as worship leaders for this year's GA Sunday Morning Service.



First Universalist has been a model of shared ministry and what it means to put the work of dismantling white supremacy and building anti-racist, anti-oppressive practices at the center of their ministry. They have been on the front lines in support of the Movement for Black Lives in Minneapolis, bringing spiritual care and moral leadership in the wake of George Floyd's murder by police and the important uprisings for justice that followed. Children and families are a vital part of their ministry, and they have been using creative approaches to engage all ages in worship during the pandemic. Their leadership exemplifies some of the best practices for the creativity, spiritual depth, and moral leadership that is possible when we embrace the work of shared ministry rooted in love and justice.

## UUA General Assembly June 23-27

Mission Peak UU delegates: Kat Rubie and Kathi Bayne  
Alternate: Holly Ito

Please contact Kathi Bayne or Holly Ito if you have questions or concerns you would like addressed at the UUAGA.

## Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely you can donate money and/or fulfill your pledge in the 3 ways shown below:

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%.

**If you are attending services in Cole Hall we will provide envelopes so you can donate money by placing checks or cash in the office mail slot.**

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## Rev. Greg away until August 17

Rev. Greg will be on leave (a much earned vacation as well as study leave) until August 17. There is a fabulous line up of lay leaders and guest ministers throughout the summer. Rev. Barbara Meyers is available for Pastoral Emergencies. You can contact her at [bfkmeyers@gmail.com](mailto:bfkmeyers@gmail.com). If you have a Joy or Concern you want to share with the congregation, but can't be at a service to share it yourself, you can send a note to the Encouragement Committee at [ECteam@mpuuc.org](mailto:ECteam@mpuuc.org).

Questions about Rev. Greg's vacation and study leave time? email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org).

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## Services in Cole Hall Began June 20th

We are now having services in Cole Hall with worship leaders and congregants. We will provide three ways to attend the service — via [Zoom](#), sitting inside Cole Hall, or sitting on the patio outside Cole Hall. Our sound system works well inside, outside and over Zoom. Our worship leaders will either be inside Cole Hall or use Zoom to connect to the service in Cole Hall in future weeks.

**[Please volunteer to help in Cole Hall, if you are able, so we can CONTINUE TO have services in Cole Hall after June 20th](#)**

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We allow worship leaders, associates, and other service participants to be unmasked while speaking if they voluntarily disclose they are vaccinated and are 10ft apart from others who are not fully vaccinated.

The board passed a [New Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall](#). You can also find it in the "[About->Congregational Documents](#)" section of the [mpuuc.org](http://mpuuc.org) web site. If you wonder how we are trying to keep us all safe as we gather together again, please read it. We expect to continue to monitor what is safe and make changes as needed.

We also have other board policies related to Covid-19 in section 18 of the [board policies document](#), which is also in the "[About->Congregational Documents](#)" section of the website. The outdoor event guidelines in section 18.2 will control how we would be able to have food or drinks outside after the service, or for special events. Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about either safety policy.

**[Please volunteer to help us meet in Cole Hall every Sunday starting June 20th. Contact Jen King to volunteer.](#)**

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## The Sunday Service Team needs your help so we can have services in Cole Hall each week!

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. While we would love to offer our traditional coffee hour after the service, we must prioritize getting volunteers to have the service in Cole Hall first so we will not be serving food or drinks at "coffee hour" until we have volunteers to fill all of the positions below. 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 see <https://mpuuc.org/services-in-cole-hall-starting-june->

[20th#volunteer](#). 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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## Midweek Discussion Group

The midweek Zoom discussion group established by Rev. Greg will be continuing over the summer, at 10:00 AM each Thursday. All are invited. To participate click on [this link](#) at 10:00. Tomorrow will be a general discussion, but, going forward, we will choose each week's topic at the end of the previous week's session, until Rev. Greg returns from vacation. For further information you may also contact Paul Davis at [paulkdavis@earthlink.net](mailto:paulkdavis@earthlink.net).

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## Save The Date!! – The 2021 Black & White Gala will be held Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>!!

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## JUSTICE CORNER

**The *For the People Act* is finally coming up for a historic vote in the Senate this week.**



Your voice is crucial to ensuring that the Senate passes this bill. Our nation is facing a plague of anti-voter laws that attack the inherent right to vote. The *For the People Act* represents the best defense by:

- Cleaning up our political system;
- Getting big money out of politics;
- Protecting voting rights;
- Holding elected officials accountable for corruption, and;
- Creating a democracy that is representative of all Americans.

The *For the People Act* embodies much of the voting rights and democracy work the League of Women Voters has fought for over 100 years.

**The *For the People Act* represents a real chance for Americans to have a say in key decisions that impact their lives.**

**Stand up and make your voice heard; tell your senators\* that the *For the People Act* must pass, that they must vote YES!! Contact Your Senators\* IMMEDIATELY**

**This year's Public Witness event for virtual General Assembly 2021** is open to all! And we need you to [join us](#), Saturday, June 26 at 11am - 12:30pm ET / 10am - 11:30am CT / 8am-9:30am PDT



### PHONEBANK FOR A MORAL BUDGET

Hosted by Side With Love, Wisconsin UUs, and Milwaukee's African-American Round Table



Liberate MKE campaign is to divest from policing and invest in community safety. "Over the last five years, the police budget has grown by over \$70 million and every other

department has seen little to no growth. We know that instead of police, we could invest in programs that address the root causes of poverty and violence, like jobs, public health, and housing." -**Liberate MKE Campaign**

[On Saturday, June 26, 11am ET/10am CT/8am-9:30am PDT](#), let's join the African-American Round Table's Liberate MKE campaign and Wisconsin UUs, for a phonebank to reimagine community safety and fight for a moral budget in Milwaukee, WI.

**SIGN UP**

## DEADLINE FOR DEMOCRACY

Every day, we're getting closer to a very real deadline to take action to pass the For the People Act: a Deadline for Democracy.

We have been showing up to demand our elected representatives to pass the For the People Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, and D.C. statehood, urgently without letting the filibuster get in the way. click on the link below for more information on what you can do.

<https://indivisible.org/resource/deadline-democracy-event-toolkit>

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



### Juneteenth - Fallen Heroes, Rising Stars Saturday, June 26, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

In celebration of Juneteenth 2021 the Grown Women's Dance Collective will perform "Fallen Heroes, Rising Stars" on June 26th, at 6pm PST. The GWDC is a group of semi-retired professional dancers who come together annually to artistically commemorate Juneteenth. This year the GWDC is offering a series of health and movement classes for people of all ages. Although events are free, all donations in June will be matched to fund the Joyful Movement Whole Life Scholarship Program. Be part of these awesome and empowering experiences! <https://www.facebook.com/events/528247415008883/>

**A Matter of Faith**  
Housing and Racial Justice

Hear from The Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, and Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition, along with Consultant and Housing advocate, Rodney Nickens Jr, of R&N Strategies, about Housing Justice and Racial Equity.

June 29th, 12 - 1:15 pm  
<http://bit.ly/A-Matter-Of-Faith>

### A Matter of Faith: Housing and Racial Justice Tuesday, June 29, 12:00 noon - 1:15 pm

Join the Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy (FAME) and the Multi-Faith Action Coalition (MFAC) on Tuesday, 6/29, for an extraordinary discussion in challenging times: police killings of Black men and women; global pandemic disproportionately

harming and killing people of color; Depression-era unemployment levels disproportionately harming people of color. And, if we don't act immediately, millions of Black and Brown people may be evicted from their homes in the coming months. Find out more and register at <https://bit.ly/A-Matter-Of-Faith>

## Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, June 9:

- [Approved a board policy on in-person services at Cole Hall](#)
- Approved an exception for the memorial service on June 19
- Approved beginning in-person services at Cole Hall on June 20
- Reviewed the logistics for in-person services
- Received a progress report from the Right-Sizing Task force
- Discussed possible reduction in the size of the board
- Reviewed the Ministry Assessment
- Approved a policy on the Minister's Discretionary Fund



The Program Council met on June 19 from 2-5 pm.

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, July 14, 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](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

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

## Into the Light - East Bay Interfaith Community Gathering

As California reopens, everyday life will feel a lot like before COVID-19.

As people of faith, we invite you to join us at MCC in solidarity and support so that together we can remember those lives lost to COVID-19 and celebrate our collective rebirth and renewal.

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. | Sunday, June 27



Sponsored by the [Eden Area Interfaith Council](#), [Tri-Valley Interfaith Interconnect](#) & [Tri-City Interfaith Council](#)

Click [here](#) for more information

## HUMOR CORNER

**Years from now we're  
gonna be like  
2018, 2019, 2021, 2022  
"Hey you missed..."  
"NOPE! We don't talk  
about that one"**

**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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