

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 21, 2021

Greetings!

I have been enjoying our services in Cole Hall. I am glad we are update our safety policy as needed to balance being safe and to enjoy being physically together while we have meaningful and spiritual services. We keep all of the doors open for better ventilation and wear masks (except for the speakers in the pulpit). We allow singing. We encourage people to go outdoors after the service for social hour and use our outdoor event guidelines policy for those that do. In outdoor groups that may include unvaccinated people we require masks and prefer social distancing. For outdoor groups where all members have voluntarily stated they are fully vaccinated we allow the the group to make their own decisions about using masks, eating food, and social distancing.



I appreciate all of the people who are making our hybrid worship services happen. The board members who open up Cole Hall, the people who help set up chairs and put them away, the greeter who welcomes everyone, the worship host who operates the Zoom session, cameras and sound system the membership committee members who help welcome new visitors, and of course the musicians, worship associate and worship leader who give content to the service each week.

Steve Wallcave

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to hybrid services. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.

Circle 'Round for Justice - Healing - Courage



Experiences at General Assembly - Especially how the focus of General Assembly has changed in recent years.

Rev. Barbara Meyers will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele will provide our music.

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.

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. 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. Questions about Rev. Greg's vacation and study leave time? email president@mpuuc.org.

New Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall

We provide three ways to attend the service — via [Zoom](#), sitting inside Cole Hall, or sitting on the patio outside Cole Hall. Our worship leaders will either be inside Cole Hall or use Zoom to connect to the service in Cole Hall.

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 modified our [Policy on Services in Cole Hall](#) on July 14th. You can also find it in the "[About->Congregational Documents](#)" section of the 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.](#)

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

This is your chance to help us continue to be able to meet in Cole Hall every Sunday 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.

Midweek Discussion Group (need to update)

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 we will discuss Circle 'Round for Justice - Healing - Courage 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.

JUSTICE CORNER

UUSJ sponsored a successful *Action of Immediate Witness (AIW)* at General Assembly in June, thanks to the quick work of our Democracy Action Team and Executive Director Pablo DeJesus.

This action calls on the Unitarian Universalist Association and its congregations to work in partnership toward theologically-grounded understanding and meaningful action on democracy matters -- eliminating voter suppression, restoring the right to vote to formerly incarcerated returning citizens, ensuring fair districts, protecting the right of protest,

demanding transparency with respect to money in politics, supporting D.C. statehood, and more.

Each year, up to three AIWs can be voted in by the General Assembly delegates. (Read the full [AIW HERE](#)). The other two passed this year were: Defend and Advocate with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Communities and The COVID-19 Pandemic: Justice. Healing. Courage. To learn more about the UUA's 2021 AIWs click [HERE](#).

Unlike a Statement of Conscience, an AIW does not carry the full authority of the UU Association; rather, it expresses the conscience and carries the authority of the delegates at the GA at which it is passed. The AIW process allows UUs to respond quickly to social issues deemed urgent.

The Defusing Hatred Program

Learn nonviolent communication skills in a safe environment and develop tools for responding to uneasy situations and hate speech.
beginning, Wednesday, July 21st at 7 p.m.

Register in advance for these meetings, save the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuuqqDMoHNUToNhYkMFzHx-1gysl3zgZ>

Enjoy an informative, visual presentation followed by conversation and experience through role-play. Our trainer is Rev. Will McGarvey, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, who developed this training

ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

Opportunity to Join ARO (Anti-Racist/ Anti- Oppression group)

This year, the UUA General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a statement of conscience on **Undoing Systemic White Supremacy: A Call to Prophetic Action**
“Seeking universal justice and equity, we call upon the Unitarian Universalist Association and Unitarian Universalist individuals and congregations/groups to actively engage in undoing systemic white supremacy in all of its manifestations.”

Our ARO group is actively working to make this a reality at MPUUC. This past year, we have sponsored congregational book reads, reparative justice, a Safe Space for BIPOC people on our MPUU website, congregational discussion groups, and presented services and homilies on slavery and reparations. This next year, we plan to work on the 8th principal of UU, publicity, and making MPUUC a more welcoming community. It is a chance to really make a difference in our congregation and our community.

If this work is exciting for you, we would like to give you an opportunity to be part of this exciting work, bringing your passion, your energy, and your open heart.
Please contact Barbara Meyers if you would like to join us.

Saturday, July 24 • 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
[Saturday Dialogues: Creating a Call-in Culture](#)

Have you noticed yourself getting defensive when the topic of race comes up? Or getting anxious when conflict arises? You aren't alone. Defensiveness and fear of open conflict are both characteristics of white supremacy culture



that we will be exploring in this workshop. Saturday Dialogues is a space where we explore how white supremacy shows up in our lives and how we can begin to dismantle it within ourselves, our relationships, and our communities. Through small and large group dialogues, we build skills for emotional regulation and interpersonal connection (e.g., active listening, giving feedback). The space is open to any white person interested in honest conversation, reflection, and confrontation with race, racism, and white privilege. [Register here](#).

Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, July 14:

- Said thanks and goodbye to the outgoing board members
- Approved changes to the COVID safety policy to allow masked singing
- Approved Scoping Questions for the Right-Sizing Task force
- Set board liaisons to committees
- Agreed on Core services that should happen every year
- Discussed planning for board retreat
- Discussed use of Ministerial Assessment results



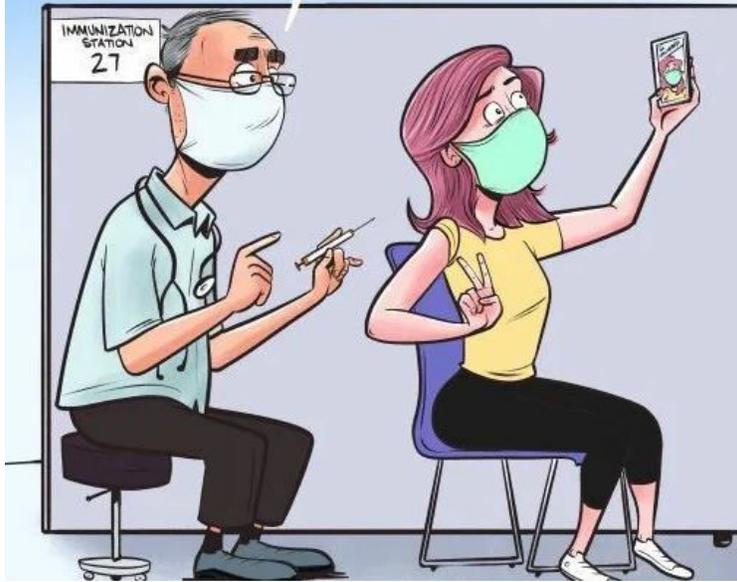
The next board meeting is on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

...SO REMEMBER: THE VACCINE
WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNLESS YOU
POST A SELFIE OF YOU GETTING IT.



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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