

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 11, 2021

Greetings!

These are challenging times for committed Unitarian Universalists. Often, the arc of the universe seems to continually bend away from justice. Many of us have been exhausted after our efforts in 2020. COVID challenges appear to be unending. Our dedicated congregation has lost members, and those who remain work extremely hard to make us successful.



Still, we continue to make contributions to social justice. Some contributions are small and personal. Others are made as part of larger organizations or efforts we support. All are important.

We are tracking our social justice contributions on our MPUUC website:

1. to celebrate our congregation
2. to publicize our good works
3. to credit our efforts to UU the Vote and other UUA social justice organizations.

We are so proud of what our determined and committed congregation has been able to achieve. Our Goal Graphs are rising slowly but steadily.

We have sent over 4000 texts, written 34 letters and postcards, and made over 120 phone calls to voters! We called elected representatives, demonstrated, attended town halls, and we have helped register 237 people to vote!

We plan to report our numbers to appropriate UUA organizations at the end of this year. This helps us get funding and grants from the UUA.

Please add your achievements, no matter how small, to our web page form below the goal graphs at

<https://mpuuc.org/social-justice-and-outreach-campaign/> or <https://mpuuc.org>
(You can find the goal graphs in the carousel. Then, click on the yellow link).

If you prefer, please call or email me directly.

Thank you for all that you do!

Kathi

This Sunday's Service:

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



Difficult Decisions and Leaps of Faith

Faced with a difficult decision, such as whether to undergo a medical procedure with serious potential side effects, we may go through layers of thoughts and emotions. But if there's still no simple answer, we may need to take a "leap of faith". What does that mean and how do we use it so we are most satisfied with whatever comes?

Beth Schaefer will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks 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.

Pastoral Care August 8-13

Rev. Barbara Meyers will be on retreat from August 8 - August 13. As Rev. Greg Ward will be on study leave, please contact one of these members of the Encouragement Committee if you are in need of pastoral care during this period -- JoAnn Schriener, Don Ramie and/or Julie Ganzlin. Their contact information is available in the Members-only section of the website. For those who do not yet have access to the Members-only section, please email welcome@mpuuc.org and a member of the welcome committee can help you get in touch with them.

Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall

When we have volunteers to support a hybrid service we will 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. **Because it is becoming apparent that vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with children, and unvaccinated or immunocompromised adults to attend services outside or via Zoom.** 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 Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall](#) is 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

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 Difficult Decisions and Leaps of Faith. 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

Take Action for the Indigenous Peoples' Day 5

Starting Monday, August 9

On Indigenous Peoples' Day 2020, a monument to Junipero Serra, a notoriously violent mission system leader known for imprisoning and enslaving Indigenous people, was removed from in front of Mission San Rafael. The city of San Rafael is refusing to recognize the harms perpetrated against Indigenous people and has decided to file felony charges against five of the fifty demonstrators. The Indigenous People's Day 5 will be back in court on September 1, so supporters are calling for a day of action on Monday, August 9, to pressure the DA's office and the Marin County Board of Supervisors to #DROPTHECHARGES. Starting at 8am, on August 9, call Otis Bruce and Lori Frugoli in the Marin County DA's office at (415) 473-6450, and the Marin County Board of Supervisors at (415) 473-7331. You can also tweet at the Marin County DA's office at @MarinCounty_DA, or tag them on Instagram @da_marincounty. [Learn more here.](#)

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

Jubilee III Anti-Racism Training Opportunity Via Zoom

September 4-6, 2021

The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu invites PWR congregations to join them and Jubilee Trainers Paula Cole Jones, Dr. Leon Spencer and Lutricia Callair as they continue learning together about systemic racism. Whether you are beginning the journey or are already actively engaged in undoing systemic white supremacy in its many manifestations, you can be part of this life-changing weekend via Zoom. Church members, church leaders of any faith and community members are all welcome!

[Find details and register here.](#)

SURJ

Sunday, August 15, 22, 29 and September 12, 19 • 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Defecting From Supremacy: Joining the Struggle for Collective Liberation



For centuries, white men have been told lies—lies created to manipulate our most intimate sense of self and mold us into foot-soldiers of empire. Capitalism, white supremacy, and patriarchy fracture our sense of wholeness and keep us disconnected from one another. Standing on the shoulders of a long line of feminist and anti-racist leaders, we believe that personal and collective healing are essential practices to resist these disembodied and divisive forces. We also know that inner work must be accompanied by deep engagement in social movements striving to create a truly egalitarian democracy. Defecting from Supremacy is an online course from White Awake designed to help white men forge healthy racial and gender identities, cultivate emotional resilience, and gain political clarity as we join with people of color and people of all genders in the struggle for collective liberation. Registration runs through August 14. Fee is sliding scale: \$100-\$300. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Board Briefs

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

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



