

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! September 1, 2021

Greetings!

Hello Mission Peak Members and Friends – My name is Jen King and I am a member of the board. My wife and I have been members of this congregation for almost 15 years. We live in North Fremont and have 3 teenage boys – Nathan (17), Armando (17), and Raymond (13). Most of you can probably guess what I'm going to talk to you about today...it's that time of the year... time to start thinking about the Black & White Gala!! For those of you who are new to Mission Peak the Black & White Gala is our main fund raising event of the year and a great party. Last year's event was entirely online and you all did an amazing job of participating and making it a fun and successful event. We're not entirely sure what format this year's event will be – in person, online, or a hybrid – so watch for further information here in the Week on the Peak. We do know a few things at this point: #1 – The event, in whatever form it takes, will be held on Saturday, November 6. Please reserve that date on your calendar and consider inviting friends. This event is not open to the public, but is open to all Mission Peak members and their friends and family. While the Black & White Gala is very important to the financial health of our congregation, it's also a lot of fun and a great opportunity to introduce friends to Mission Peak. #2 – The event will consist of: a boutique offering homemade and crafted items from congregation members; a service auction offering dinners, events, and services from congregation members; a basket raffle offering theme baskets created and sponsored by congregation members; yummy goodies bought and baked by congregation members; and much much more.



So - here is what I need you to do RIGHT NOW:

- #1 - Put the date of the Black & White Gala on your calendar and, if possible, make it a priority to attend/participate
- #2 – Start thinking of items you can donate for the boutique, auction, and/or basket raffle - more information on how to do this will be coming soon. (I'm making apple butter and strawberry jam this week!)
- #3 – Please send me reviews/testimonials (think YELP) of items/events you have purchased at past Black & White Galas (or reviews of the Black & White event itself) as well as suggestions for items you'd be interested in purchasing if they were offered at the

Black & White.

#4 – Keep reading each Week on the Peak for updates and more information.

#5 – Participate, Participate, Participate – We can't do this without you!!

Jen King

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## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to hybrid services. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.**



## A Labor Day Faith

The origins of the Labor Day holiday have been all but lost in the 127 years since it was created to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the contributions of laborers to our society. This day we explore both the role of faith as the glue that binds together the notion of the common good and the meaning of the word itself.

Dave Hudson will lead the service and assisting will be Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Bekah D'hand, Shauna Pickett-Gordon and Peak Performers 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.**

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## SHARE THE PLATE with Fremont ARHF

Our September Share the Plate (Sept. 12, 2021) will support the resettlement of Afghan refugees. Fremont is home to one of the largest Afghan communities in the

Country and many residents and businesses have asked how they can help. The City of Fremont's Human Services Department is raising money to provide direct assistance to Afghan Refugees who are arriving to the Tri-City area (Fremont, Newark, and Union City) from Afghanistan. The Afghan Refugee Help fund will be managed by the City's Human Services Department, which will work with local Afghan partner organizations to determine the priorities and needs of those new arrivals to our country. Funds will be used for housing, food, clothing, and other items or services to assist refugees expected to arrive in our area.



*Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:*

Write a check to MPUUC with "Fremont ARHF" in the memo line and mail 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 an envelope with a check (with "Fremont ARHF" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "For "Fremont ARHF") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "For "Fremont ARHF" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

For more information see <https://www.fremont.gov/ARHelp> and share with your social networks.

## Dear Mission Peak friends of Ron and Yvonne Hughes

All of us continue to grieve the loss of Ron Hughes, especially Yvonne and her family. She has asked Rev. Greg to pass on to everyone her incredibly appreciation regarding the waves of love, care and support. They make a difference, every day. Yvonne is in the midst of significant change, including all the logistical and administrative things that need to be done. Many conversations are still necessary before she and the family can choose a specific date for a memorial. Rev. Greg remains in ongoing conversation with Yvonne. Please stay tuned to Week on the Peak. We will let people know of a memorial date as soon as a decision is made. In the meantime, know what a difference you have made – and continue to make. You and your love and shared memories are all part of what offers strength and meaning.

## 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.](#)

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## Daytimer's Discussion Group

The Minister's Daytimer Discussion Group will resume meeting starting this Thursday (September 2) at 10:00 am. This week's topic is “Change, Grief, Loss and Strategies of Resilience” – this is inspired by losses we've suffered – both specific and general – where so many of us are seeking effective ways to understand, accept – or just cope. 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 (September 9) is “Where were you on 9-11-2001? And How did that Moment Change You?”. Come and share in the company and wisdom of others on the spiritual journey to make sense of our lives and make a difference in the world.

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## New Name Tags!

If you haven't yet ordered your new name tag, please read this!

One of the most welcoming things we can do as a congregation is to wear name tags so visitors and new members can get to know our names without having to ask. Another way to be more welcoming is to give people an easier opportunity to share their pronouns.

The Membership Committee is proud to announce that we are ordering new name tags that will feature a lanyard instead of safety pins. No more poking or snagging your clothing! Please click on this link to access the form to order your new name tag: <https://forms.gle/9MF5MNwibhEqkdZJA>. You will also have the option to state the pronouns you use.

Here is a sample:



DeAnna

Alm

She/Her/Hers

*Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

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Please don't delay! If you send in your information by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, it will give Sandra,

our office manager, time to get new tags ready for our September 19<sup>th</sup> water communion service. When you feel ready to come to Cole Hall to attend a Sunday service in person, PLEASE put on your name tag. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

Kathy Wallcave, Membership Chair

P.S. We will keep the old name tags until October 3rd, in case you would like to keep it or have items (pins, ribbons) that you'd like to put on your new name tag. Let me know if you would like me to mail it to you, if you do not anticipate returning to Cole Hall before October 3rd.

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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 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](mailto:jenking@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu).

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## JUSTICE CORNER

Hello Friends,

Like many of you, we are saddened and shocked by the recent events unfolding in Afghanistan and our hearts are with the many people whose lives, liberty, and homes are being threatened. In the coming months, we are expecting what could be the largest refugee migration since Vietnam.



Fremont is home to the largest Afghan diaspora in the US, and a number of those refugee families will soon be calling Fremont home.

**JFCS** has taken the lead on organizing aid and resettlement efforts. They've put out an Amazon wishlist for supplies that families may need upon arrival.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CW3QPCLGZMBC/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1?\\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CW3QPCLGZMBC/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1)



We hope you can join us in contributing a few items to make our neighbors feel more at home.

**Thank you all and stay safe!**

The Fremont for Everyone Team

**We're teaming up with Vote Forward to write 1.5 million letters to Virginians—and we need your help. Will you take one hour and write 20 Vote Forward letters?**

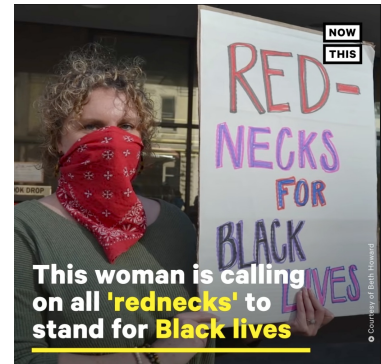
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## ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

### 8th Principle Learning

The video below may be hard for you to listen to. Please listen all the way through with an open mind. It is enlightening and worth listening to.

Video: **“The Game Is Fixed” Against Black People in America**



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### Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, August 11:

- Approved delegating authority to the COVID-19 task force to make changes to the COVID-19 Safety policy. The board will be informed and can confirm the changes.
- Set the next Program Council meeting for Saturday, October 2.
- Discussed plans for the October 16 board retreat.
- Approved a Database Task Force to make a recommendation on moving the Membership database to the cloud.
- Streamlined the Sunday Service jobs to make finding volunteers easier. Agreed to have no coffee/refreshments at in-person services.
- Discussed process for deciding whether or not a service should be in-person or Zoom only. Agreed that the coordinator of Sunday Service volunteers will have authority to make a decision two weeks before a service based on volunteer signups, with input from worship leader/associate.



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, September 8, 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](https://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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**Tuesday,  
September 21,  
2021 -TCIC 2021  
International Day  
of Peace**



**International  
Day of Peace  
was established  
by the  
United Nations  
in 1981.**

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

**Please join us as we unite with millions  
of people of all faiths & traditions  
throughout the world to pray for peace.**



**Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6pm**

**RSVP for Zoom link at [TCIC.WeAreOne@gmail.com](mailto:TCIC.WeAreOne@gmail.com)**

**May peace prevail on earth.**



## **Women & Religion Virtual Retreat: NEW BEGINNINGS**

**Saturday, September 25, 10 am to  
4 pm on Zoom**

Are you interested in making NEW BEGINNINGS with new friends and old? The Pacific Central District Women & Religion group is hosting a fall retreat. We'll have learning sessions, affinity circles, and a keynote speech on the proposed 8th UU Principle by Paula Cole Jones. (See [www.8thprincipleuu.org](http://www.8thprincipleuu.org))

## *Fall 2021 Virtual Retreat*



Regular registration is \$25; for women 18-35 and first timers: \$10. Scholarships are available.

To register before the September 20th deadline, go to <https://www.pcduur.org> and click the link for the Google registration form.

**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](http://house.gov)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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