

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! September 15, 2021

Greetings!

Hello Everyone – It's me again – your friendly Black & White Gala Coordinator. You'll be hearing a lot from me between now and the first Saturday in November. However, before we get really going with the planning for the big event I need to know what format you all are most comfortable with and how you want to participate. To that end I'm asking you all to PLEASE click on the link below and take the survey by 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 19. It will only take 5 minutes or less – I promise – and it will help us make the best decisions we can regarding what format will engender the greatest participation from all of you. We NEED this event to be successful. To add a little incentive for you all to take the survey we will draw a name from the participants and **the winner will get 25 free tickets for the Basket Raffle!!** Please click [here](#) to take the survey.



Here's your Black & White To Do List for this week:

#1 – TAKE THE SURVEY!!

#2 - Put the date of the Black & White Gala on your calendar and, if possible, make it a priority to attend/participate – Saturday, November 6th @ 6:00 pm

#3 – 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!)

#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

This Sunday's Service:

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



Water Communion

This morning we will reflect on the role of water in our lives. We will explore how it is that the indispensable source and byproduct of life-giving processes is in such a precarious shortage. We will look at how water wields power and influence, as well as how it reveals graft and greed and moral corruption. We will consider how, historically, it has served as a barrier between nations and cultures. And we'll explore how, in the future, it can serve as a bridge.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Shawn Snavley. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. 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.

Water Communion

We invite you, if you are planning to join us in Cole Hall for worship, to remember to bring some water with you. Think about where you draw water from – especially if it is a source of your ‘truth’ or your ‘core’ or your ‘heart.’ When we pour our water together into our common ‘communion’ bowl, we will share ONE WORD that speaks to the characteristic or virtue or value that we feel is needed in community and that we commit to adding. If you are participating from home, think about the wells you have drawn from that have taught you and the character or value you feel is most needed.

They're Here!

Our new name tags are ready to be worn this Sunday! Thank you to all who filled out the form electronically. Your tag should be hanging up on the wall to the left of the Welcome Table. If you are coming to the service in person, we ask you to come a few minutes early

to give yourself time to find and put on your name tag. Also, because our purpose at the Welcome Table is to greet visitors, we ask that you refrain from congregating in front of the table, so that visitors can easily be directed to us. We greatly appreciate that! Here is the link if you did not fill our electronic form to get the new name tag (though it will not be ready for this Sunday): <https://forms.gle/9MF5MNwibhEqkdZJA> There will also be a paper sign-up sheet on Sunday OR you can email membership@mpuuc.org and we can help you.

Enjoy!

Membership Committee

(Sample tag)



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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.](#)

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister’s Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week’s topic will be about “Promises”. As we prepare to celebrate our Water Communion, we

recognize 'Communion' isn't something that everyone practices. But we've all made promises. What were the most important promises made to us? And what have been the most important promises we made to others? To ourselves? For this week only, the link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week's topic will be about 'keeping it 100.' 'Keeping it 100' is a phrase that is being used, particularly around racial justice, when we successfully live up to our fullest integrity, instead of excusing, equivocating, explaining or defending. When have you struggled to 'keep it 100'?

UUA's Disaster Relief Fund

If you've been looking for a way to help out with all the disasters hitting our country, consider donating to the [UUA's Disaster Relief Fund](#). Grants from the Disaster Relief Fund support Unitarian Universalists experiencing hardship, congregations damaged by disaster, and the broader communities with which our congregations are in relationship. The majority of Disaster Relief Funds are deployed in the larger community through grassroots organizing networks.

Your support makes it possible for people who may not be able to access FEMA, Red Cross, or other institutional resources to find help through their local UU congregation or partner. It's a special way that Unitarian Universalism can be a bedrock in these times.

JUSTICE CORNER

UUs Remain Committed to Reproductive Justice

As Unitarian Universalists, we believe that all bodies are sacred. Every person has the right to determine what happens to their own body at all phases of life—including if, when, and how they want to have children. Our faith tradition has a long legacy of advocating for safe, legal, accessible abortion care for anyone who needs it. Unitarian Universalists were among the plaintiffs suing the state of Texas over SB8 in *Whole Woman's Health v. Jackson*. Unitarian Universalist ministers and congregations were part of the Clergy Consultation Service, which supported people in accessing abortion care before *Roe v. Wade*. And from developing the most comprehensive sexuality education program in North America through *Our Whole Lives*, to regularly affirming our support for abortion access and care in resolutions from our General Assembly, dating back to 1962, we have been steadfast in showing up for reproductive justice. (Read the full statement [here](#))



ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

Tuesday, September 21 • 5:00 pm

[National SURJ Webinar: New Sheriffs in Town](#)

Why are sheriff races important in our racial justice work? Sheriffs are elected officials who hold immense power over their county, enforcing racist immigration and drug policies, as well as controlling local jails. Join National SURJ, Working Families Party, Political Research Associates, and other movement leaders as we discuss why sheriff races matter in our work for racial justice and abolition, and how you can get involved. [Register here](#).

8th Principle Learning

The Cha show

Cha Sears-Bearfield interviews Marcie Alvis-Walker, who has been taking about race and gender intersectionality.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CKg-Vmhp1q6/>

Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, September 8:

- Discussed reports from the minister and executive team.
- Reviewed committee reports to their board liaisons.



The program council will meet on Saturday, October 2 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, October 13 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

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:

Links to videos of three sessions sponsored by Tri-City Interfaith Council and the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County

- o Defusing Hatred <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPULJub12Eg>
 - o Everyday Peacemaking <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlyDmLizTmo>
 - o Courageous Conversations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9fN960C-4M>
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**Tuesday,
September 21,
2021 -TCIC 2021
International Day
of Peace**

Please click [here](#) for flyer.



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

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

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)

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
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553
Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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