

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! September 29, 2021

Greetings!

Hello All – It's me AGAIN! You will be hearing from me A LOT between now and November 6th. Unfortunately I have heard very little from all of you over the last week. We only have 5 weeks before the Black & White Gala so we need to shift our planning into high gear. Please, please, please – even if you have chatted with me about a donation – use the forms I've created (links below) to officially let me know about items you are offering to donate. If you need help coming up with ideas for items you might want to offer or if you have an idea, but want help hammering out the details, I will be holding two Zoom B&W Brainstorming sessions. The first one of these will be today (September 29th)



@ 7:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84321753643?pwd=TmtQekxxQ2FvYjNmM0Frb3Y4Qk9YUT09>).

The second one will be Tuesday, October 5 @ 7:00 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381685710?pwd=aDFxUTRubHRIWFR1UzltQ1NiZUG2UT09>).

We are also looking for cooks willing to make fudge for our Second Annual Fudge Off. Please sign up [HERE](#)

Here are some upcoming dates to be aware of:

- October 13 - Online Boutique goes LIVE
- October 24 – Fudge Off Entries due to Jen
- October 29 – Deadline for Auction items
- November 3 – Online Auction goes LIVE
- November 6 – Black & White Gala Zoom Event / Basket Raffle / Auction Ends

[Auction Donation Form](#)

[Boutique Donation Form](#)

[Basket Raffle Donation Form](#)

This Sunday's Service:

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



Dragged Kicking and Screaming

On the 250th anniversary of John Murray washing up on the shore close to New Jersey. Thomas Potter believe that a prophet would arrive. He built a church and waited. What arrived was a weary man who wound up bringing the blessing and burden of Universalism

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. 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.

Sunday Services – Need Volunteers to do Aesthetics

We need volunteers to do Aesthetics for the In Person services in Cole Hall on the Third and Fourth Sundays of the month. Doing Aesthetics involves arriving early for the service and decorating the pulpit area in Cole Hall. No heavy lifting or furniture moving is involved. This job enables you to let your creative side out as you use fabrics (provided), flowers (you would need to provide these, but they're entirely optional), and other decorative items to decorate the area around the pulpit in Cole Hall. The job also entails setting out a chalice, the chime, the stones for the sand table, etc. Training will be provided. If you are willing to volunteer for this job, please contact Jen King ASAP. Thanks!

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

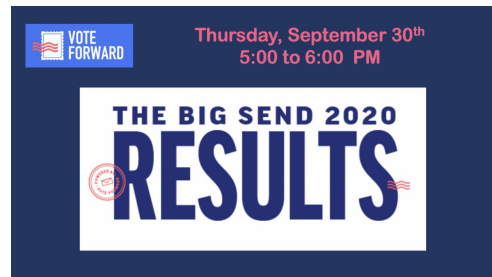
The Minister’s Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week’s topic will be about our own personal ‘Gospel of Inclusion.’ How inclusive (curious, honoring, accepting) are we about people who are different than us? In other words, ‘who is my neighbor?’ The link to the conversation has changed and can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week’s topic will be about ‘Columbus Day – Revisited’. We will remember what we were taught about Columbus and the ‘discovery’ of America as well as the social / political turmoil that has surfaced since ‘discovering’ more about Columbus’ motives and methods. Is honor due? To whom? For what? And what’s our responsibility as citizens?

RE-WIRE ANTI-RACISM CLASS

Rev. Greg will lead a once / month 8-month course (3rd Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.) beginning October 19. The key objective of the class is learning how to be a white ally. This class is based on the popular course to come out of All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa OK called RE-WIRE. Participants will take a close look at how ‘whiteness’ has been historically and systemically developed over time to establish and maintain dominance in the socio-cultural hierarchy, extending a set of privileges or disadvantages to people depending on their racial, ethnic or cultural identity. The readings, assignments and exercises in this class will be perspective changing and prepare participants to better understand what is required to be white allies. There is some required reading and a small donation requested. If you are interested, here’s the link: [SIGN UP FOR RE-WIRE](#)

We know so many of you worked really hard to send millions of letters, and we wanted to make sure you are among the first to hear what was accomplished! The gist is - the Vote Forward turnout letters you sent were impactful. Like, really impactful. We can't wait to hear from the Vote Forward team on how all the hard work paid off.

Register [HERE](#)



This is the letter writing effort that many of us at MPUU participated in before that last election.

If you are able, please register and tune in.

ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

Thursday, October 14 • All Day
[National #TeachTruth Day of Action](#)

On George Floyd's Birthday—October 14th—educators across the country have pledged to teach the truth about structural racism and other forms of oppression, especially in the face of bills at the state level that attack anti-racist education. This national day of action is co-sponsored by [Black Lives Matter at School](#) and the [African American Policy Forum](#), and is supported and endorsed by the Zinn Education Project, the National Education Association, SURJ chapters, and other organizations nationwide. [Learn how you can get involved here.](#)

8th Principle Learning

<https://www.uua.org/pressroom/stories/black-history-unitarian-universalism-we-shape-our-faith-together>

<http://www.uuabookstore.org/Assets/PDFs/3075.pdf>

Several resources linked at: <https://www.kuuf.org/blm-at-uu>

<https://blacklivesuu.medium.com/black-lives-of-unitarian-universalism-survey-assessment-8bff43a0462a>

<https://www.uufcm.org/uploads/1/4/9/0/14901058/200209egbertebrown-af.pdf>

https://www.loc.gov/folklife/civilrights/survey/view_collection.php?coll_id=2284

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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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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