

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 13, 2021

Greetings!

Hello Everyone – It's me again – Here to talk about the upcoming Black & White Gala. The Online Boutique will go LIVE tomorrow morning!! We have some great stuff, but it's not too late to add more – in fact items can be added anytime over the next couple of weeks. We NEED more items! Baked goods – yes; knitted items – super; jewelry, pottery, masks – yes, yes, YES! Please click the link below and fill out a donation form. We also need at least 2 more people to sign up to make fudge for the Fudge Off to make it worthwhile for people to purchase Judgeships. So far we only have 12 items for the Online Auction. We need at least 40 items. Let's get creative. I'll be holding one final Black & White Brainstorming session via Zoom tomorrow (Thursday, October 14) @ 7:00pm (link below). If you'd like to offer something for the auction, but have absolutely no idea what to offer, join the Zoom and we'll come up with some ideas. If you have a start of an idea, but need help figuring out the details, stop by and I can help you with that. If you need help, but can't make the Zoom, call me. If you have an idea for something you'd like someone else to donate, email me your idea. We can't do this without you!! I know you're all tired and this pandemic thing seems never ending, but Mission Peak has things we want to do and love/kindness/justice we want to bring to the world, and the reality is that we can't do it without funding. The Black & White Gala helps provide that funding and it also provides us with community and events throughout the coming year. You can do it! We can do it! (safely and in your comfort zone). Put on your thinking caps and let the creativity (and the donations) flow!!



-Jen King

[Online Boutique](#)

[B&W Brainstorming Zoom](#)

[Fudge Off Entry Form](#)

[Boutique Donation Form](#)

## **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.**



## **Grief for Beginners**

None of us know how to do it until we have to. We often go for years, giving what seems like good advice to everyone else who comes upon the unthinkable. But, suddenly, when we find ourselves - moments after a screaming match with mortality - needing a deeper wisdom, we forget what we told ourselves would get us through. Or, all that advice falls flat. Either way, we pick up the 'Book for Dummies,' or the pamphlet with the title, "Grief for Beginners."

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. 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.**

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## 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](#)

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### Catching a Glimpse of Your Larger Identity

*“I am not small because I am a part of the universe, and the universe is not small.”*

– Barbara Williams Pemberton

We can *“expand into a more capacious self which has left its previous boundary behind.”*

– Edwin Burt

Our Minister Emeritus, Dr. Chris Schriner, will be teaching an adult RE class at UU Palo Alto via Zoom, October 25, November 1 and 8, 7 to 9 PM. The series is entitled, "Opening the Great Window: Catching a Glimpse of Your Larger Identity", and Mission Peak folks are also invited to attend.

When we were younger we may have felt full of potential, open to many paths and varied experiences. Before long most of us narrowed our vision, limiting ourselves to a few simple story lines. This unique workshop invites you to open the window wide once again, tapping the wisdom of brain science, philosophy, and spiritual traditions for a lively exploration of your larger self. The class will draw upon three chapters of Dr. Schriner’s book, *Do Think Twice: Provocative Reflections on Age-Old Questions*.

To allow interaction, enrollment in the workshop will be limited and pre-registration is required.

Contact Marilyn Austin at [areclasses@uucpa.org](mailto:areclasses@uucpa.org) in order to get the zoom link. MPUUC members who do not already have Chris's book, *Do Think Twice*, \$15.00, can contact him at: [cschriner@uuma.org](mailto:cschriner@uuma.org). He can also provide a fuller list of themes included in the class.

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

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### 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!

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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.](#)

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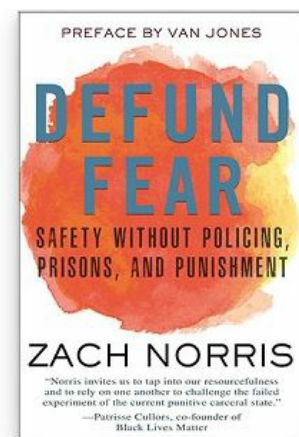
## Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister’s Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week’s topic is Grief – exploring some of the great griefs of our life as something more than uncomfortable feelings. What is the life-giving message that grief has to impart? The link to the conversation has changed and can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week’s topic will be about Lessons we’ve learned by caring for animals. There may be a special pet whose care taught you something important about yourself, or about how to handle challenging situations. You may have spent time on a farm and learned about how animals care for their young or establish a symbiosis for one another.

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## 2021/2022 UUA Common Read

Each year the UUA selects a book that it recommends that we all read. The Common Read brings us together by providing a shared platform for reflection and a shared focus for action. This year they’ve selected [Defund Fear](#) by Zack Norris. Jen King will be leading the discussion of this book over several Zoom sessions in January/February 2022. If getting a copy of the book is a financial hardship for you, please contact Jen.



## JUSTICE CORNER

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

## PWR Regional Assembly

**When:** Friday, February 4 through Sunday, February 6, 2022

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, 1441 Quivira Road, San Diego, CA or participate from home

The [latest details](#) including registration, accommodations, tentative schedule, workshop proposals, and vendor and volunteer information can be found on our website.



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

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

### SURJ (Stand Up for Racial Justice)

#### [History of Policing: Why Reform is Not an Option](#)

Join SURJ Bay Area as we examine the history of policing in the United States—from its roots in slave patrols to today, a \$100 billion dollar industry. In this virtual workshop, we'll look at why a range of popular police reforms are not enough to address policing's root problems and create true community safety. Whether you're brand new to what "Defund the Police" means or looking to increase your involvement, please join us to deepen your understanding of modern day policing so we can all show up more informed in this moment and movement. The same program is offered both dates, so sign up for the one that works best for you: [October 16](#) or [October 19](#).



## 8th Principle Learning

### The black hole in the white UU psyche

What is the consequence of not knowing

Unitarian Universalism's black history? We have embraced a false narrative about who we are.

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/black-hole-white-uu-psyche>



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## Board Briefs

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, October 13 at 7 p.m.

Program Council met on Saturday, October 2

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](http://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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**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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