

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 27, 2021

Greetings!

Hi MPUUC friends!

My name is Corby, and I'm checking in from the CaYRE committee to let you know that even though life is not quite following all our normal rhythms yet, the MPUUC children's religious exploration program is here for our young people! We are grateful to have a core set of CaYRE committee members/teachers, and an enthusiastic DRE, as we transition back to our regular activities. I stepped into the chair position when our previous chair (Summer L.) moved in early 2020. Since then, our DRE (Shawn S.) and the committee has continued to pivot and adjust to the changing environment. It's been a wild ride! If you are interested in helping to guide the RE program, we meet 2nd Sundays at 2pm via Zoom – let us know at cayre@mpuuc.org if you'd like an invite!



"What does 'regular activities' mean in this environment?" you might ask. During the distance learning year(s), our middle and high school youth zoomed twice a month on Sunday afternoons for discussion and games, hosted by our DRE and led by Paul C., Eric D., and Alexa S. With school resuming in person, these youth are meeting for small group discussions or gaming sessions on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month under our classroom canopy, outside the Ockermann building (as weather permits). Safety is the first concern: with the continuing EUA status/age level restrictions on vaccinations, classes remain masked. Elementary- and nursery-level Sunday attendees remain "in the service" (or, in some cases, "outside at the service") with age-appropriate seat activities and following Sunday Service safety protocols. We do not plan to open the nursery or elementary classroom yet but will survey parents of our youngest MPUUC-ers this Spring about comfort levels with indoor supervision and cleaning schedules. A special re-imagining of the CaYRE holiday pageant is in the works for our December 5th Sunday service, directed by Lisa N. and produced by Alexa S.

"Regular activities" also means that we plan to hold Our Whole Lives (OWL) this Winter/Spring for 7th to 9th grade youth – following the normal OWL-COA cycle (2020's

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.

RON HUGHES MEMORIAL – November 20 at 1:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m. we will gather to celebrate the life and living of Ron Hughes. Those who knew and loved Ron know enough that this won't be a somber event as much as a appreciative sharing of stories and a joyful tribute to his love of life and love of people. This will be Hybrid Service (at Cole Hall AND live streamed). Some Safe-gathering protocol will be in place for Cole Hall and the off-site reception to follow the service. Stay tuned for details.

Countdown to the Black & White Gala - 10 DAYS TO GO!!!

A HUGE thank you to those of you who heard my plea and have bought event tickets and other items in the Boutique! We are also up to around 35 items for the Service Auction so we are getting there!! Keep those ideas and donations coming! If you really can't think of anything to offer in the auction but you'd like to participate you can make a donation to the Basket Raffle (we'll do the shopping for you!) For those of you who are not local – if you'd like to order items from the Boutique, please feel free to use my address (the online system requires a local address). I'll ship the items to you (after Nov 6) and you can reimburse me for the shipping.

[Boutique](#)

[Auction Item Donation Form](#)

[Basket Raffle Donation Form](#)

Sunday Services – Need Volunteers to do Aesthetics

We need volunteers to do Aesthetics for the In Person services in Cole Hall on the Third Sunday of each 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

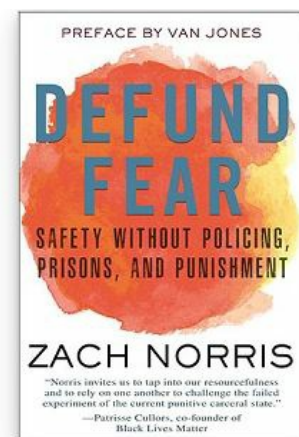
The Minister’s Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week’s topic is Liminal spaces. The time around All Hallows Eve and All Souls Day is revered in Mexican, Pagan and Celtic communities as times when the veil between worlds is particularly thin. It is time we feel the presence of our ancestors. How do we invite ancestors into our lives in ways that are honoring rather than haunting? The link to the conversation has changed and can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week’s topic will be about Energy and States of Consciousness. We will explore how consciousness is associated with different energy levels. We may intuitively know that a consciousness of joy may energize others and a consciousness of grief or anger may de-energize others. But are we responsible for the energy impact of our consciousness?

Covid-19 Booster Shots Available

Covid-19 booster (Pfizer and Moderna only so far) shots are now available for people who are over 65 and for those who have pre-existing conditions putting them at increased risk. Boosters are also available for persons 18 and over who work or live in high risk settings. Safeway and CVS pharmacies, among other places, allow you to make appointments online. If you are using Medicare, the pharmacy can charge it directly, even if you have assigned your benefits to a Medicare advantage plan. There is zero cost to the recipient.

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 the book they’ve selected is [Defund Fear](#) by Zack Norris. Jen King will be leading the discussion of this book over several Zoom sessions in January/February 2022. Sign-ups will start in December. This is just a ‘heads up’ in case you want to get a jump on the reading. [If getting a copy of the book is a financial hardship for you, please contact Jen.



JUSTICE CORNER

Friday, November 12 • 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Join **California Coalition for Women Prisoners** (CCWP) for a special virtual anniversary event celebrating two and a half decades of inside/outside organizing and the consistent publication of The Fire Inside newsletter, now the longest published newsletter by and for people in US women's prisons. We are honored to announce Mariame Kaba as our keynote speaker and musical performances by Indigo Mateo and Thao & The Get Down Stay Down! Tickets are sliding scale from \$0-\$50 with no one turned away for lack of funds. [Sign up here.](#)

ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

Tuesday, November 2 • 5:00 pm

[Sharing my Indigeneity ...Native ...American Indianness in the America](#)

Join UC Berkeley's Native & Indigenous Council in an online discussion on Native and Indigenous identity in celebration of Native American Heritage Month (November). Panelists include professors and directors from UC Berkeley and SF State who will share their personal identity since childhood, individual self-determination, and what it means to be Indian, Indigenous, or Native American. A free event via Zoom: <https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/98679339148>

8th Principle Learning

“[The Black Wealth Gap](#)” from The Week “Decades after the civil rights movement, African Americans still hold a fraction of the wealth of white Americans. Why? Here's everything you need to know.”

Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, October 13:

- Approved hiring a consultant to review our financial systems and the Treasurer's job and make recommendations for streamlining.
- Approved Worship Hosts charter.
- Approved special assignment of Past-President Allysson McDonald to reduce her board activities and work on reviving Small Group Ministry.



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, November 10 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

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

“Making a Home Together” is the theme for the 60th annual program which will be hosted on Zoom on Monday, November 22, at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Tri-City Interfaith Council (tcicouncil.weebly.com), the Thanksgiving service is a time for our community to come

together to share the joys and challenges of a diverse community. You must register in advance to receive the Zoom link:

<https://bit.ly/interfaiththanksgiving2021>

The program includes prayers, music and dance from many local faith communities: Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, Sikh, Baha'i, Buddhist and Christian.

An offering to support the work of The City of Fremont's Afghani Refugee fund and the Muslim Community Center in San Ramon which is also supporting refugees from Afghanistan will be requested.

For more information click [here](#).

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Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 7:30pm via Zoom meeting



Tri-City Interfaith Council

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Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

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