

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! November 3, 2021

Greetings!

Hello Everyone! It's me, Jen King, the Black & White Gala Queen!! This is it! The online Boutique has been live for over a week now, the online Auction went live today, and the live Zoom event & Raffle is on Saturday at 7:00 pm. Time to Get Excited and Start Bidding!! Remember, it's for a good cause!! Below is, hopefully, everything you need to know to successfully participate in all aspects of the Black & White Gala. I know it's a lot, but please, please, please take the time to read through it all. If, after you have carefully read (and re-read) all of the information here, you still have questions, please feel free to call, email, or text me.



Event Tickets: Yes, even though, it's a Zoom event we're selling tickets. It is a FUNdraiser after all. Event Tickets can be purchased via the online Boutique. Everyone who purchases an event ticket will receive, via email on Friday, the Zoom link for Saturday's Live Party & Raffle.

Boutique: The online Boutique has been open for over a week now and many of you have placed orders. However, I have added over 100 new items this week alone so even if you have already done some shopping it's worth taking another look. In the Boutique you can also make donations and/or purchase event tickets for the Zoom Event. You can also purchase Raffle tickets. The boutique will remain open until December 15th so feel free to do some Holiday shopping (no shipping delays here!).

[Note: Many of you received your Boutique orders this week. MANY many thanks to my delivery elves – Gayle Tupper, Eric Dittmar, and Jo Ann Schriener!! If you ordered Angel Ornaments they will be delivered separately in a week or so.]

Online Auction: The online auction went live today which means you can bid NOW! You all really came through and there are A LOT of great items to bid on. You should have received an email today outlining what you need to know to participate in the online auction. You will be able to bid on items until 9:00 pm on Saturday, November 6. IMPORTANT: When you go to the Auction site you will see what appear to be duplicates of many items in the Auction. This is because in order to sell multiple 'seats' for an event such as a dinner or brunch or game night, we have to auction each 'seat' off

separately. You will see that each duplicate item actually has a unique number (Game Night – 1, Game Night – 2, etc.) If you want two 'seats' for an event you need to bid on two separate items for that event. Be smart...if you're getting outbid for a specific 'seat', check and see what the bids are for the other seats...there might be a cheaper option available.

Raffle Tickets: We will be having a raffle this year, but it will be a little different. Instead of being able to put your Raffle tickets in for specific Raffle items we'll be pulling all the tickets from the same 'pot' and each winner will choose their prize from the remaining Raffle prizes. A Raffle Tracker sheet will be sent out on Saturday morning detailing all of the Raffle Prizes. The Raffle page on the MPUUC website will also be updated. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the Boutique and we will be selling them during the Live Zoom Event on Saturday. If you are not local you can still purchase Raffle Tickets and we'll just email you the #'s. Everyone can participate.

Zoom Event: The Live Zoom Event will be Saturday, November 6 from 7:00-9:00. We'll be visiting, playing some games, holding the Raffle, and we have at least one special Auction item you can only bid on during the Live Event. If you haven't yet, make sure you buy your Event Tickets in the Boutique.

I hope to see you all on Zoom Saturday evening!

Jen King

This Sunday's Service:

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

Power Vs. Force



David Hawkins, M.D., Ph.D. wrote a trilogy of books beginning in 1994 which explored the energy associated with consciousness. Employing techniques of measuring energy to definitive levels of consciousness, he revealed how different levels of consciousness - such as 'shame,' or 'anger,' or 'courage,' or 'love,' all possess inherent levels of energy. He proposed that when we bring a specific consciousness into any engagement, we also bring its commensurate energy (which is always felt by others). This service is designed to help us become more aware and intentional about the consciousness and the energy we bring into any interaction.

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



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.

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 Energetic Responsibility. We will explore the degree to which we believe we can / should be responsible for the energy we share. Everyone exudes some sort of energetic signal. Sometimes we may not even be aware of it. There is a theory that all states of consciousness have a specific energy associated with it. Are we responsible for our energy – especially if it is negative? If so, what do we do? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week’s topic will be about hurts and woundings. We’ve all experienced them. But rather than compare scars for what we lost, we will explore what we’ve learned from the healing process – and how we chose to use what we had left.

The importance of spiritual support in recovery— something I know well

Rev Barbara Meyers' story has just been added to the Destructing Stigma campaign. This is a series of larger-than-life photographs and interviews with people from across the United States and beyond who have been affected by mental health problems. They are posted online and in airports and public places around the world Here's a link to the story: https://deconstructingstigma.org/stories?mgi_35=2576/barbara

JUSTICE CORNER

Present For Voting Rights

During October, the Democracy Action Team (DAT) made an appearance at the Commission on Social Witness Forum on the topic of its Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) that members of the team authored in June to [Stop Voter Suppression and Partner for Voting Rights and a Multiracial Democracy](#). You can view [video and other materials](#).

Later in the month, UUSJ’s Executive Director appeared for UUA’s Side With Love (SWL) Pop-Up for Democracy after the Freedom to Vote Act was filibustered (10/19). [Video](#) and [PDF presentation](#).

UUSJ participation at these events built off a *Write Here! Write Now!* campaign in support of both bills conducted by the DAT. This WHWN action was a logical follow-up to the approved AIW. As of October 31, 426 messages have been sent.

Voice your support now: you can send a [message](#) with UUSJ or [call](#) with SWL.

As part of the WHWN effort in late September the DAT arranged meetings with 2 House and 11 Senate offices to advocate for the two bills and learn more about their expected paths through the Senate. Nine of these meetings included constituents from the senators' states. It remains clear that filibuster reforms will very likely be necessary in order to pass the two bills.

During the meetings, team members heard how difficult it has been to get these very popular bills to pass, even in the House. They require a lot of discussion and negotiation, even within members of the same political party, particularly with a small majority. Our collective advocacy for these bills is urgently needed.

ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS

Friday, November 12 • 5:00 – 7:00 pm
No One Gets Free Alone: 25+ Years of CCWP

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.](#)

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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Making A Home Together

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



Tri-City Interfaith Council

A COOPERATION ORACLE OF
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RSVP for Zoom link at
Sponsored by
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tcicouncil.weebly.com



Save the date!

**United Nations Official Commemoration of the
International Day for the Elimination of Violence
against Women**

24 November 2021



UN Women is pleased to invite you to the upcoming official commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The event will take place virtually on Wednesday, 24 November 2021 from 10 am – 11.30 am (EST), kicking off the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence.

The 2021 **UNITE** campaign under its theme “Orange the World: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN NOW!” will highlight the universal nature of violence against women and girls and acknowledge the particular challenges related to COVID-19, humanitarian and conflict situations. It will also amplify successes to demonstrate that violence against women and girls is preventable and mobilize greater investment in the proven solutions.

The event will involve the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Director of UN Women, the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences, Leaders of the Action Coalition on Gender-based Violence, civil society and women's rights organizations, including **UN Trust Fund** grantees and more champions from across the world.

Register [Here](#)

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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