

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! January 12, 2022

Greetings!

I am feeling a lot of love and tenderness for all of us in MPUUC right now, especially in this anxious time. There is so much to occupy our concerns about the future of our democracy and the threats of climate change, not to mention just the immediate concerns of Covid. If you're like me, you've secretly hoped for a hero to emerge – the kind that seeks the truth, makes good decisions and works for the common good.

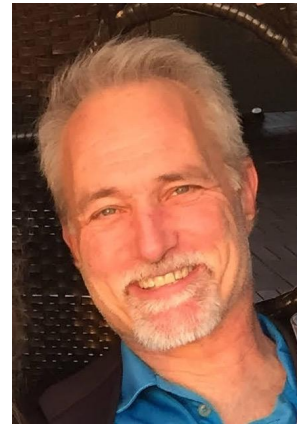
It's like we're late in the game of that show, 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' And we're already past the easy questions. Now it's getting tricky. And the stakes are high.

But there's a difference in game shows and real life. One of the reasons that MPUUC exists is to ground us and prepare us to function well in difficult moments. To help us lead when the moment matters. And they're different than the lifelines we fantasize will get us through.

We could ask the audience what they think we need. But truthfully, I feel more empowered by asking the audience what it needs. Being helpful is one of the best antidotes I've found to feeling helpless. I enjoy learning about things I think would make a difference for others. That's why I recommend the workshop on January 23 with Paula Cole Jones that will help us figure out how to use UUism to be more anti-racist.

We could use our '50:50' which will reduce half our options. But, instead, I think I'd like to learn to increase my understanding of the issues and resourcefulness of dealing with them. In that case you may want to be part of the conversation with the Board on January 30.

And finally, there is a phone-a-friend. This one I like. Being willing to ask for help is a strength. But it gets even better when we learn to be the friend who will pick up when the phone rings. You might think of joining the encouragement team, being part of the midweek discussion group or helping me start the grief group that can offer support at this time.



I hope we're all safe and strong in these challenging times. But even more, I hope we are part of an ongoing process to become difference makers. I think we are here not to keep the world from changing us, but to work together to change the world.

Rev Greg Ward (he, him, his)
minister@mpuuc.org

This Sunday's Service:

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



A Shared Vision of Racial Justice

In this service commemorating the liberational work of Dr. Martin Luther King, we will explore the vision of Beloved Community - originally espoused by James Royce in the 1930s but which became the cornerstone of the non-violent civil rights movement of the 50s and 60s. Unitarian Universalists responded to King's call to go to Selma and we invited him to preach for our denomination the following year. But our time with King has only served to emphasize the question of whether - and how - to make his 'Dream' come true in our lifetime.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Michelle Wallace. 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.

Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall

Because of the large surge from Omicron, attending in-person services at Cole Hall is an inherently risky activity, both for the attendees and for the people they have contact with

throughout the week. If you are OK with that risk we welcome you. We are blessed to be able to offer an excellent virtual worship experience, and encourage anyone concerned about COVID-19 risk to take advantage of that.

We 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. **We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) or surgical masks which are more effective than cloth masks. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if recently vaccinated or boosted.** Because it is apparent that vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people to attend services outside or via Zoom.

Where to get Masks:

Cloth masks offer significantly less protection than surgical, N95, and KN95 masks. Now that these masks are widely available, the Covid-19 response team strongly recommends acquiring and using masks with higher levels of protection. Below are two sources of quality masks:

<https://bonafidemasks.com/powecom-kn95/> - KN95 has ear loops, from US distributor
<https://shop.projectn95.org/> - Many different choices of N95 and KN95 masks

Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about our [Covid-19 safety policies](#).

OK, I'm ready for Sunday services at Cole Hall!



Why Is Cole Hall So Cold??

Because it is 4 times harder for Covid-19 to spread when there is good air circulation, we are currently keeping all doors open during Sunday services. We may close 1 or 2 if there is a lot of wind or rain. We are providing what heat we can, but please dress warmly. We are sorry for the necessity! -- MPUUC Covid-19 Task Force.

We want to hear your voices! There is a congregational conversation scheduled for immediately after the service on **January 30th** (about congregational leadership). These will be in hybrid format, so you can participate in person or via Zoom. Please plan to stay, to listen, and to add to the conversation.

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's discussion will be about the Beloved Community. What comes to mind when you hear that phrase? If the Beloved Community was taking shape in our midst, how would we

recognize it? How do we help initiate and feed its emergence? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) Next week's discussion will be on anti-racism in our U & U and UU history.



The 8th Principle of UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Sunday Service
January 23rd
10:30am
by ZOOM

with
Paula Cole Jones,
an originator of the
8th Principle

To enter this worship, go to:
<https://mpuuc.org>

POST-SERVICE
opportunity:

Save the date
for for a
workshop on
the 8th
principle from
1-4pm

A collaborative worship
service sponsored by:

Mission Peak Unitarian
Universalist Congregation,
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Davis,
and the Unitarian
Universalists of Petaluma

HELP US MAKE OWL SEX EDUCATION HAPPEN

Our CaYRE committee is working hard to offer Our Whole Lives Comprehensive Sex Education a priority this Spring but we are in desperate need of participants to make that happen! Please help us outreach to other communities and families who may be interested in having their 7th-9th grade youth participate in our program on Sunday afternoons this Spring. Please share the following website with anyone who may be interested <https://mpuuc.org/owl/> You can also direct anyone with questions to our DRE by email at dre@mpuuc.org

Fremont Climate Solutions Ambassadors

Many of us at MPUUC joined their local Climate Challenge last year at werenew.net/, which included MPUUC as a group participating in the Fremont Green Challenge. There is a new opportunity to further that commitment in helping our community to be more resilient, sustainable, healthy, and prepared for disasters. You can now join Fremont's Climate Solutions Ambassador Program to do just that! All you need is passion for a greener and better world. The program provides the support and coaching needed to reduce emissions, save water and money, and make our community more resilient. This would take about one hour a week from February through June to make a



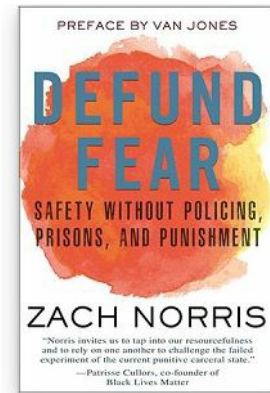
significant impact on climate change.

Learn more and register [HERE](#) to become a Climate Solutions Ambassador. Patrick Journey is the Community Organizer who helped us at MPUUC promote the Fremont Green Challenge, and is helping introduce people to the Climate Solutions Ambassador Program.

Want to hear more before signing up? Attend a 30-minute virtual information session to get more details and see if this opportunity is right for you. Sign up for any of the information sessions [here!](#)

UUA Common Read 2022

The book chosen by the UUA for the 2022 Common Read is *Defund Fear* by Zach Norris. Group discussion of the book will start in February. You can buy the book from the UUA Online Bookstore, Books on B (a local independently owned bookstore in Hayward), The Collective Oakland or Marcus Books (independent black owned bookstores in Oakland), or Amazon. More details about our group discussions of the book will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Jen King.



JUSTICE CORNER

[UUSJ- Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice](#)

MPUUC Members

If you haven't heard of the efforts and activities of the [UUSJ- Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice](#)- you might be uplifted and invigorated to see their eNews and read about the 7 Principals-based actions that are being taken, to affect the public policies that will shape our nation for years to come- especially in this month of January.



PPC's National Interfaith Prayer Service and Procession

[Promo Video June 2022](#)

3-4:30pmET (Service) - 4:30- 5:30pmET (Procession)

Location: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC

The Poor People's Campaign: National Call For Moral Revival invites UUs to join a 90-minute **National Interfaith Prayer Service in D.C.** The Service will end with a procession down 14th Street to Freedom Plaza where we will consecrate the plaza for June 18, 2022, Mass Poor People's and Low Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington with a Litany of Declaration and prayers.
SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 18, 2022

Moral March On Washington

RSVP Now & Find a Bus: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/rally-map/>

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

In Remembrance of MLK: No Celebration Without Legislation - D.C. Peace Walk, by Deliver for Voting Rights

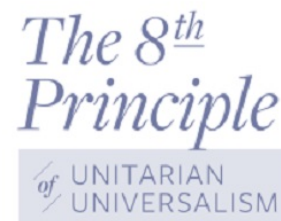
January 17, 2022
9:00-11:00 a.m. ET
Location: 1st SE & Potomac Ave SE, Washington, DC
Details: <https://deliverforvotingrights.com/>



Deliver for Voting Rights is calling on President Biden and Congress to end the filibuster and deliver on voting rights now. This year for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, members of the King family along with faith and civil rights leaders, and voting rights advocates will join together to demand voting rights legislation now.

8th Principle Learning

What's CODE SWITCH? It's the fearless conversations about race that you've been waiting for! Hosted by journalists of color, our podcast tackles the subject of race head-on. We explore how it impacts every part of society — from politics and pop culture to history, sports and everything in between. This podcast makes ALL OF US part of the conversation — because we're all part of the story.



[CodeSwitch Podcast](#)

Board Briefs

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, January 12 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

Afghan Refugee Help Fund

The City of Fremont's Human Services Department continues to raise funds to provide assistance to newly-arriving Afghan refugees or those still in Afghanistan in unsafe conditions.

You can make a donation to the **Afghan Refugee Help Fund** by visiting their website at www.fremont.gov/ARHelp.



Need Help with Rent or Utilities Due to COVID?

Our **Keep Fremont Housed** rental assistance program has already helped hundreds of Fremont families affected by COVID-19.



Funds are still available to help more families! If you or someone you know is having trouble paying rent or utilities due to COVID-19, or if you are a landlord who is owed rent, visit <https://www.fremont.gov/keepfremonthoused>.

Please Join Us For General Assembly 2022!



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists for conducting business of the Association, exploring the theological underpinnings of our faith, and leaning fully into our mission and principles.

In 2022, we will have the option of meeting online or in-person! For those who enjoyed the convenience and accessibility of remote participation, General Assembly will continue to offer a virtual experience with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. For those who miss the in-person experience, GA 2022 offers opportunities to reconnect with friends old and new, local site attractions, and more! **Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon.**

View the [2022 Summary Schedule!](#)

Register Now for In-Person GA 2022!

Registration is now open for in-person attendance. Full-time registration is \$475 for adults, and \$250 for high school youth and retired and candidate ministers. [Financial support](#) for registration, lodging credit within the [GA room block](#), as well as a payment plan are available. In-person registration rates will increase on March 1 and again on May 1. **Registration for virtual participation will open March 1. Click [here](#) to register.**

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](https://www.house.gov)
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553
Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841





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