

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 2, 2022

Greetings!

Greetings MPUUC Members and Friends,

My name is Valerie Stewart and I have the honor of being the Canvass Chair this year. Like Kathy Wallcave said in her pulpitorial Sunday, one of the great values at Mission Peak is that we have the opportunity to challenge ourselves, think beyond what we have done before and learn, in our beloved community, surrounded by caring, supportive people. There are so many people on the Canvass Team who are making this happen and everyone of them has helped me to learn the steps to take and new skills, since I have never done this before. While our community finds itself in a **Moment that Matters** for its future, what we know is that **TOGETHER** Mission Peak has been able to evolve through its 25+ years.



Two years into a pandemic, we may find ourselves tired, and our community feeling burned-out, but when I see faces of Mission Peak members each Sunday, I see people who are happy to be together. Canvass gives us an opportunity to revisit the values we hold in common and the way we want to be in the larger community and within our beloved community. And, besides our time and energy, supporting this community takes our financial commitment as well.

This year Canvass will happen in small groups, mostly on Zoom throughout March and in-person at Cole Hall on Sunday, March 6th. You'll be receiving an email with all the details about pledging on Thursday. Look for it. Sign up for a Pledge Party. We believe in this beloved community- members are offering matching funds to support the Canvass process. Let's talk about why we are THIS community and why it is important to us and how we will go **FORWARD TOGETHER!**

Valerie Stewart

This Sunday's Service:

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



Five Dollars is Five Dollars

Whether we realize it or not, we have all been taught many messages about money. And whether we know it or not, many of those messages have been reinforced in important ways. So, it would behoove us to get around to asking ourselves the question of whether these reinforced teachings actually have anything to do with our fundamental core values. In this award winning sermon, I highlight an epiphany that came to me early in life and how I have been trying to live up to it ever since.

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 SERVICE TEAM NEEDS HELP

Our Sunday Services come from Cole Hall and most of our members attend Services online. We are all grateful to our members make that this possible, as the Zoom Hosts, and others who have been so resourceful and learned all sorts of new tech skills to create programming and music, and Rev. Greg who has helped bring the wider UU world into our Services.

And, there is a small crew of folks who come together at Cole Hall each week to set up the chairs for in-person attendees, aesthetically set up the pulpit, and greet folks at the door.

We need more folks on the crew, please. Elke and Rodd Gunn who have been Greeters

one week each month will be moving to Chicago in March. Currently some folks are doubling up on duties or coming more than once a month; and sometimes they need a break, or to have someone cover in case they have a to be away from Cole Hall on a Sunday.

If you could take one week in March, April, May or June – as a Greeter, Set-up/Take-down, or Aesthetics, please contact Valerie Stewart about the schedule at ValerieS4kids@aol.com or 510/673-4287.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

This is a new section of Week on the Peak from your Encouragement Committee. Each week, we will post those sharings during Sunday's Joys and Concerns that we were given permission to share. We encourage you to follow what is on the hearts of your fellow members and reach out on occasion to celebrate and console those you care about. Here are the [Joys and Concerns](#) from this week. If you would like your joy or concern to

appear in the Circle of Life, contact the Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org

Safety Policy for Hybrid Services 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 have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if fully vaccinated and boosted. Because 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.

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.

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's discussion will focus on how money has encouraged or reinforced personal, ethical and spiritual connection and how it has gotten in the way. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week's discussion will be in honor of Women's History Month and will provide opportunities to explore a deeper understanding – historically and systemically - of 'what women really want', what have we done to bring it about and what are we prepared to do going forward.

JUSTICE CORNER

We Share The Joy Of Judge Jackson's Consideration

The Nomination Of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson To The United States Supreme Court Is Historic And To Be Celebrated

Washington, D.C.—The nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court is historic and to be celebrated. Her experience is significant and relevant. Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice share in the joy of Judge Jackson's consideration.

"The noblest calling of our highest court is to uphold equal justice, freedom, and dignity for all. And we believe Judge Jackson can deliver on that commitment. Our faith tradition teaches we have a moral interest to ensure Justices on the high court are committed to equality under the law and will defend the inherent worth and dignity of all people. (Continue Reading by clicking [here](#))

UU Ministry for Earth

Feed your spirit, and get galvanized!" - Emma's Revolution

Spring is coming! "Get Rooted, and Get Ready!" is UU Ministry for Earth's theme and call to action for our [2022 Spring for Change: A Season of Sacred Activism](#).



Spring for Change: A Season of Sacred Activism is an invitation to embody the time from the Spring Equinox (March 20) through Biodiversity Sunday (May 22) as one of educational power, spiritual grounding and accountable action for climate justice.

From our Climate Convergence on World Water Day (March 22), to a course on Ecology as Scripture, from our Caucus forums to our Earth Day worship celebration (April 22), we are excited to journey with you in the months ahead!

Please click [here](#) to read the full spectrum of programming for **Spring for Change**:

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

- [Defending Our Democracy](#)
- [Immigration Justice](#)
- [Environmental and Climate Justice](#)
- [Economic Justice](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)

[We Demand An End to the Bloodshed](#): The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Responds to Vladimir Putin's Invasion of Ukraine Putin's aggression will certainly lead to human rights violations. Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, UUSC President and CEO.



[“From Texas to Ukraine: Interdependence Over Imperialism”](#) Rev. Ashley Horan, Organizing Strategy Director, Side With Love - Unitarian Universalist Association.

[“UU United Nations: Ukraine and Our Commitment to Peace”](#) Bruce Knotts, Director, Unitarian Universalist Office at the United Nations.

Write Here! Write Now!
Restoring Asylum and Ending Misuse of Title 42

This month’s *Write Here! Write Now!* (WHWN) issue is **Immigration Justice**. UUSJ will be collaborating with the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee** on a joint action - ***Restore Asylum and End Misuse of Title 42***.

The Biden Administration is using the Title 42 expulsion policy and other policies created under the Trump Administration to expel people arriving at our borders without providing a chance to request humanitarian protection. This violates U.S. refugee law and international treaties. It forces asylum seekers into crowded, dangerous, camps in Mexico or returning to the unsafe conditions they fled. Our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition has a powerful legacy of journeying alongside those who flee their homes from danger, and we strongly oppose the U.S. government’s efforts to limit immigration and constrain refugee programs.

Ways you can support this joint campaign:

- [Review](#) and [join](#) the sign-on letter urging the Biden Administration to take swift action
- Spread the word about the letter! Use our [mini media toolkit](#)
- You can also help us do this work by using our WHWN online letter-writing platform [\[LINK\]](#) or by using the related *Write Here! Write Now!* handout [\[LINK\]](#).

8th Principle Learning

How To! With Charles Duhigg: [“How To Fight Racism in Your Town”](#)



Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, February 9:

- Heard a presentation from DRE Shawn on possibilities for configuring the Children’s RE program going forward and discussed this.
- Received an update from Canvass chair Valerie on this year’s Canvass plans.
- Discussed responses to the Congregational Conversation survey and possible steps to move forward.
- Identified potential General Assembly delegates from MPUUC and approved some funds to offset their expenses if desired.



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, March 9 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



The General Assembly Housing Reservation System is Now Open!

The GA Housing Reservation System offers premium amenities, discounted rates, and the best networking opportunities for in-person GA attendees. By booking in our hotel block, you assist the UUA in effectively controlling meeting space, attrition and penalty fees; all of which directly benefit you and the future of General Assembly. Additionally, the UUA is able to negotiate on behalf of our block of attendees for [sustainability](#) and [accessibilities](#) requirements. Get a head start on your travel plans and book your housing today on the [GA Housing Reservation Page](#).

Dormitory housing at Portland State University and information about home hospitality, if available, will be published in March 2022. [Reserve Now!](#)

Safety and Wellness in Portland

In compliance with UUA and Oregon Convention Center guidelines, entry to General Assembly 2022 in Portland, OR is open to people who are fully vaccinated. Additionally, the OCC's requirement of vaccination extends to all contracted service providers working in the facility.

[Oregon Convention Center COVID-19 Safety Measures](#)

In addition, masking is required and physically distanced seating options will be reserved in our meeting spaces.

Register Now for In-Person GA 2022!

[Registration is now open](#) for in-person attendance.

UUA General Assembly 2022: Virtual Registration Opened March 1

June 22-26, 2022

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Virtual Registration for General Assembly Opens March 1.

Do you enjoy the convenience and accessibility of remote General Assembly participation? GA 2022 again offers virtual attendance with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. [Virtual Registration](#) opens March 1st.

Multi-Platform General Assembly: Choose Your Platform

In-person Registration is required for all live GA events and programming taking place in Portland, Oregon. In-person registration includes access to virtual content available on the GA app, powered by Whova. In-person registration is the same process for delegates and non-delegates; delegates may register before or after determining their delegate status. General Assembly registration is required for all in-person participants, including in-person delegates. [Register now!](#)

Full Virtual Registration is required for access to virtual GA programming, including workshops, worship services, the Ware Lecture, featured speakers, Opening and Closing celebrations, exhibits, entertainment, and networking. Virtual GA programming will be streamed on the GA app, powered by Whova. Delegates will use the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. Virtual registration is the same process for delegates and non-delegates; delegates may register before or after determining their delegate status. [Register starting March 1](#)

Business-only Virtual Registration provides access to the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. Payment is not required but a donation to

offset production and platform costs is suggested. Business-only registrants will access to delegate chat rooms but will not have access to GA programming, the GA app, networking opportunities, or the exhibit hall. GA delegates are strongly encouraged to register as Full Virtual Registrants. [Register starting March 1](#)

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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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