

# This Week on the Peak



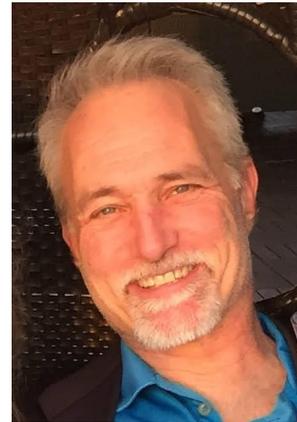
## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 9, 2022

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Greetings!

A young anthropologist, newly out of school, was sent to discover the secret of why a particular tribe in a remote region of Africa had survived for so many hundreds of years. After some months he came up with some theories and was headed to the airport to write them down at his University. He was surrounded by the children of the tribe while he waited, so to help pass the time, he proposed a game.

He'd brought candy and sweets from home he hadn't finished. So he put them all in a basket and placed it under a tree. He then called the children together, drew a line on the ground explaining they should all stand behind it. "When I say 'go!' everyone runs to the tree. The first to arrive there would win all the candies."



When he said "Go!" they all unexpectedly held each other's hands and ran off towards the tree together. Once there, they simply shared the candy with each other and happily ate it.

The anthropologist was very surprised. He asked them why they had all ran together, instead of trying to 'win.'

One child simply replied: "How can one of us be happy unless all of us are happy?"

The anthropologist was humbled, for he had come up with several theories that couldn't explain success nearly as well as this one.

Friends, we have some interesting challenges before us. But none are as great as the opportunities we discover when we do things together.

Rev Greg Ward (he, him, his)  
[minister@mpuuc.org](mailto:minister@mpuuc.org)

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## 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.



### What Women Really Want

The pathway to present day world power has been built from the labor and dreams of women. But unlike most dynasties that work hard to build their kingdom and legacy, the world reveals shockingly few signs of the spoils of victory. During Women's History Month, we will explore the slow and painful march of women to finally gain what they have always wanted.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Beth Schaefer. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jay and Jessica Steele 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 a check 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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### Share the Plate for Hope for the Unhoused in March

Founded in the midst of the pandemic in 2020, Hope for the Unhoused (H4U), a Milpitas based 501(c)(3) charitable organization, has been working hard with the help of volunteers and partners to help the unhoused and families in need in Milpitas. Their work is dedicated to:



- Providing Outreach to the Unhoused - including meals and other essentials

- Providing "Street Level Client Management"
- Educating the community on the challenges of homelessness
- Preventing homelessness through food and education programs.

For more information please see the website <https://hope-for-the-unhoused.square.site/>

or ask MPUUC member Allysson McDonald, who is a co-founder and Vice President of H4U.

*Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:*

Write a check to MPUUC with "H4U" in the memo line and mail 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 an envelope with a check (with "H4U" on the memo line) (with a note stating "For H4U") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "For "H4U" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

THANK YOU!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)

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## 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.

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## Men's Breakfast is Coming Back!

The Mission Peak UU and First United Methodist joint Men's Breakfast is coming back in April. We need interested men to help us pick which day is better for them, Wed or Friday at 10AM. We will meet at Suju's coffee at 4949 Stevenson Blvd. in Fremont once each month. If you are interested please let Steve Wallcave [wallcave@mpuuc.org](mailto:wallcave@mpuuc.org) or John Holmes know your day preference and we will let you know which day we are meeting.

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## 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 women in our lives and the ways that we discovered the inequality they experienced and what we did about it. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) Next week's discussion will be about our familiarity with housing ordinances and redlining.

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Dear Members and Friends of Mission Peak,

Our Canvass effort has launched! Thanks to everyone on the Canvass Team for ALL your time and talents that have gone into the organization and execution of this year's Canvass. The Canvass Team includes Rev. Greg, Steve Wallcave, Graham Bell, Kathy Wallcave, Gayle Tupper, Melissa Holmes, Sandra

Lange, all the Honorary Hosts and Facilitators for the Pledge Parties, and me.



Thanks to everyone for signing up for the Pledge Parties! We had a great first Pledge Party at Cole Hall on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to be in community together and talk about our hopes for our future here at Mission Peak and how, as a community, we will create and support that future. The next Pledge Parties are Zoom meetings, **please sign-up at least 48 hours BEFORE a Pledge Party date to ensure that we can get all the necessary folks notified-including you.**

If anyone did NOT receive the initial Canvass email on March 3, please let me know by writing to me at [canvass@mpuuc.org](mailto:canvass@mpuuc.org). We thought we had double-checked all the names on our list, but there may be some corrections to make. Here is the link to the Pledge Party Sign-up form if you haven't signed up yet.

[Click Here to sign up](#)

Hosts will email you before your meeting. The Canvass brochure is available at [Canvass 2022-2023 Brochure](#).

As a community we share this Moment that Matters for Mission Peak and we will go Forward Together !

With gratitude,

Valerie Stewart  
Canvass Coordinator [canvass@mpuuc.org](mailto:canvass@mpuuc.org)

## JUSTICE CORNER

### Intergenerational Spring Seminar

"Displacement & Human Rights: All in for Climate Justice"  
April 22 – May 1

The Intergenerational Spring Seminar, hosted by the UU Office at the United Nations (UU@UN), UU Ministry for Earth, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and Side With Love is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, panel discussions, community building activities, and worship, you will undergo a process of learning, reflection, and growth while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today. [Learn more and register here.](#)



### Take Action to ensure that our Supreme Court represents ALL citizens

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's nomination to the Supreme Court should be celebrated, she is an exceptional choice and more than qualified as a lawyer and a jurist. As a former public defender, Judge Jackson will bring an invaluable perspective to the Supreme Court. This nomination is a long-overdue step towards a Supreme Court that better reflects the country it serves. When judges and justices come from diverse backgrounds, their decisions and rulings are more likely to reflect a variety of outlooks and perspectives. What's more, public trust in our judiciary increases when people see jurists who look like them, understand their issues and care about their needs. Her confirmation would be the first time in the Supreme Court's 233-year history that four women are serving simultaneously, achieving near gender equity on the nine-person bench.

How can you help?

## Tell the Senate: Confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson – the hearings start March 21st

Both of California's Senators have expressed support for Judge Brown and it is a good idea to tell your Senator what YOU think.

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553 <https://www.padilla.senate.gov/contact/contact-form/>

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841 <https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me>

IMPORTANTLY, tell your family and Friends in OTHER States to contact their Senators, please.

**As we honor this International Women's Day**, many of us have images imprinted in our mind of women and activists on the frontlines resisting the unfolding war in Ukraine: women organizing to defend their homes; women traveling across borders and continents due to imperial wars of aggression and conquest; women with agency doing all in their power to protect themselves and their loved ones even while bombs and rockets rain from the sky.



The terror and heartbreak of this moment remind us how centuries of patriarchy and exploitation have failed us. **International Women's Day is a powerful call to rethink the social systems that have led us into crisis.**

Economic and political systems that attempt to suppress women's leadership and agency not only fail to advance our collective wellbeing; they are an active threat to the safety and survival of us all. Perpetuating inequitable systems has served only to enrich the few at the expense of our larger human collective.

UUSC partners with grassroots women's groups across the globe advancing justice and offering an alternative vision for our shared future. Today and every day, our work together centers women's leadership and feminist principles. **It depends on regeneration, rather than extraction; collaboration, rather than conquest.**

[Click here to learn more about how we are helping to fund feminist power-building and continuing to fuel women's movements over the long term.](#)

On this International Women's Day, we can look to women of color, gender non-conforming, and LGBTQI activists for the transformative vision we need. It is not only possible to change course from the ideologies and systems that have led to the present crisis; it is necessary to do so for humanity to survive and flourish in the centuries ahead.

Greetings!

Sending care and concern to wherever you find yourself today.

To build the connected community needed to resist the ravages of the climate crisis - emphasized in the UN's latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [report](#)- and create relationships for justice, equity and compassion in the world we live, we invite you to the following events this month:

**Spring Equinox Dinner Church:** March 20 @ 5pm PT / 6 MT / 7 CT / 8 ET

**Gather together!** UU Ministry for Earth is excited to partner with [Nourish UU](#). Together, we offer a plant-based dinner church experience for all those working for justice to gather, restore and prepare for the work now and ahead!

Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth  
Respect Life. Restore Earth. Renew Spirit

 **SIDE WITH LOVE**

## CONGREGATIONAL CLIMATE CONVERGENCE

WITH SIDE WITH LOVE & GREEN SANCTUARY 2030

**March 22**  
10am - 1:30 pm PT /  
11am - 2:30 pm MT /  
12 pm - 3:30 pm CT  
1 pm - 4:30 pm ET

Community Nourishment  
and Skill Building for  
Green Teams,  
Eco- & Social Justice  
Lay Leaders & Religious  
Professionals



[Register here.](#)

**Congregational Climate Convergence:** March 22 @ 10am-1:30 pm PT /11am-2:30 pm MT / 12-3:30 pm CT / 1-4:30pm ET

**Calling all congregational lay leaders and religious professionals passionate about climate justice!** Join Side With Love, Green Sanctuary 2030, and UU Ministry for Earth for a day of community nourishment, resource sharing and skill-building to support your local eco ministries! [Register here.](#)

## Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

### JUBILEE 3 anti-racist anti-oppression training.

Hello UU Communities in the western part of the country,

I am inviting you to consider participating in the Jubilee Three Workshop on the weekend of March 25-27, 2022. Jubilee Three is an antiracism workshop that we have been providing since our congregations shifted to virtual programming. Since September 2020, over 500 UUs have gone through the training.

**We are offering Jubilee Three for people who live in or near the Pacific Time Zone to make the schedule more convenient. This training does not require prior courses.**

You can register here <https://www.paulacolejones.com>

What the Jubilee Three training offers people, of course, depends on where they are in their own life and in their relationships. In the amount of time we have, we cannot cover everything.

We will address:

- how racism was constructed in the U.S.
- how it works systemically in this country.
- the intersection of racism and classism
- the intersection of racism and gender
- how we have all been socialized into systems and a culture historically built from white supremacy, a theme that runs through the training

Register at <https://www.paulacolejones.com>

Please note all times are for the Pacific Time Zone. This is an online training, and all UUs are welcome.

- Friday, March 25th - 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Saturday, March 26th - 9:00am to 8:30pm
- Sunday, March 27th - 12:00pm to 6:30

The trainers are Paula Cole Jones, Dr. Leon Spencer and Lutricia Callair.

Enrollment is limited so sign up today! Registration fee: \$170 per participant, \$85 for second or third person in the same household. The first person must register at \$170 for subsequent family members to receive the discount. Deadline is March 20, 2022.

[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 [\[LINK\]](#).

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## 8th Principle Learning

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



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## Board Briefs

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](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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## **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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# 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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