

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 6, 2022

Greetings!

Hello! I'm Rev. Barbara Meyers, the affiliated community minister at Mission Peak since 2004. My ministry is focused on mental health issues and it has involved a number of activities:

- I have a part time job at the Life Reaching Across to Life peer support center in Fremont where we are excited to be opening our doors for in-person groups on April 12, for the first time in over 2 years!
- I am the board president of the UU Mental Health Network, a non-profit organization that works in the denomination in support of each person's unique journey towards wellness.
- I work in the leadership circle of the EqUUal Access non-profit organization that is an umbrella UU disability organization
- I have written a book on mental health in congregations, published by Skinner House Books, and give workshops and worship services around the country and in Canada. And, I have a few other book projects on the back burner.
- Aside from mental health, one of my main priorities is anti-racism, and I am part of the ARO team at Mission Peak, and have done extensive reading and have taken anti-racism trainings in church and beyond.



As one of the founding members of Mission Peak, and as an active member since then, I can say that this church is very important in my life.

I look forward to seeing you in church or on Zoom!

Rev. Barbara F. Meyers (pronouns she/her)

This Sunday's Service:

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



Preparing to Encounter Divinity

Judaism, Christianity and Islam all have sacred periods of intentional preparation during this time. There are stories and rituals. Prayer and fasting. Each of these faith traditions knows that encountering a sacred, transformative time is not happenstance. It depends as much on practicing ways that tell us how to show up as much as relying on God to show up for us. In this service, we will explore ways that teach us how to be ready for the sacred when it comes.

Shawn Snavley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Alexa Sarten. 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.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Each week, we post the previous Sunday's Joys and Concerns that we were given permission to share. We encourage you to make room in your heart for the hopes and fears of your fellow members. Reach out to celebrate and console those you care about. Here's the [Joys and Concerns](#) for April 3 as well as the prior 3 weeks. If you would like your joy or concern to appear in the Wheel of Life, contact the Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org

Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall - Updated March 30th

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical 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.

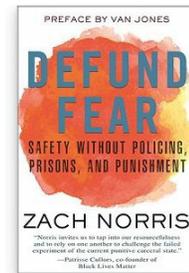
The [board Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall](#) is in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the [mpuuc.org](#) web site. If you wonder how we are trying to keep us all safe as we gather together again, please read it. We expect to continue to monitor what is safe and 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.

UUA Common Read 2022 – Defund Fear

The book chosen for the UUA Common Read this year is Defund Fear by Zach Norris. We will be discussing the book over the course of 3 Zoom meetings – April 10 @ 7:00 pm, April 24 @ 7:00 pm, and May 1 @ 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us for the discussions, please sign up via the website:

<https://mpuuc.org/learning-overview/uua-common-read-2022/>



Baseball Sunday Returns – May 15

Rev Greg is reviving Baseball Sunday at MPUUC. This year it will be Sunday, May 15. What is Baseball Sunday you ask? Well, it means you can wear your favorite sports team gear to Sunday service and enjoy a sports themed sermon from Rev Greg (and perhaps some sports-themed snacks). After the service those who are interested will gather at the Oakland Coliseum to watch the Oakland A's play the LA Angels. Tickets are \$27 each and can be purchased here: <https://mpuuc.square.site/>



Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's discussion will be about Preparing. Christians have Lent. Jewish communities prepare during the High Holy days between Rosh Hoshana and Yom Kippur. Muslim communities prepare during Ramadan. Hindu communities set aside time to fast and pray each month and periods at the beginning of the year and often in summer. What do you – or UUs – do? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week's discussion will be about memories – and questions – of Easter.

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](#).



Climate Change and Voting

[Did you know that people who list climate change as one of their highest priorities often skip midterm elections?](#)

As the climate crisis becomes increasingly urgent, Create Climate Justice is partnering with [UU the Vote](#) to get climate voters to the polls and push climate action to the forefront of public discussion in election races at every level of government this year. People of faith can advance our issues through a range of non-partisan activities that spotlight the most important issues while growing our base of power.

[Please join us](#) for the **2022 launch party for UU the Vote on Sunday, April 10 at 4PM ET/1PM PT**. This inspiring event will include analysis of the electoral landscape, information about key ballot issues and state races. You'll get stories from the field, meet fellow activists from around the country, and enjoy some fun and laughter, too!

Of course, defending democracy from attacks by authoritarian forces also is fundamental in 2022, so along with ending reliance on fossil fuels, we'll discuss crucial work to protect voting rights, defend groups under attack and get advocates of multiracial democracy back on the offensive. In 2020, UU the Vote reached three million(!) likely voters through the outreach efforts of concerned folks like you.

Spread the word! See [this collection](#) of quick social media posts and newsletter blurbs you can cut and paste.

Please [register now \(free\)](#) to join us on **April 10!** (90 minute event)

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Thursday, April 7 • 1:00 – 2:00 pm
[To Be Brown and Gay in the US](#)

Immigration, race, and LGBTQ+ rights have been headline issues, yet the experiences of those whose identities include all three are often invisible. In this [SpeakOut](#) virtual event, scholar and author Dr. Anthony Ocampo discusses the struggles of LGBTQ+ people of color to be seen, not just by the public, but also by their immigrant families, ethnic communities, and the mainstream gay community. Dr. Ocampo zeros in on Latinx and Asian gay men and looks at how schools in particular are racialized, gendered, and heteronormative and the implications intersectional identities hold for understanding educational inequalities. Tickets sliding scale \$5-\$30. ASL interpreted. English captioning provided. [Learn more](#)



[and get tickets.](#)

8th Principle Learning

Essay: [“Racist or Anti-Racist” by Ibram X Kendi](#)

Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, March 9 and:

- Discussed board restructuring ideas
- Discussed proposed bylaw changes
- Received and discussed proposal from financial consultant on streamlining the Treasurer’s position.
- Approved process for receiving financial consultant’s proposal on implementation of ideas
- Discussed elimination of “cash through mail slot” donation option
- Received information on canvass results so far



The next board meeting is on Wednesday, April 13 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

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2022!**



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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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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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