

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 22, 2022

Greetings!

### Top Ten Rules in place at MPUUC while Rev. Greg is away...

10. First, a general rule is in place throughout the summer that any illness beyond the sniffles or a hangnail is not allowed. If this rule is broken, see rule #6 and rule #1.

9. Everyone in the congregation is required to show up as often as possible for the expressed purpose of being kind and helpful for those in need.

8. Everyone in the congregation is required to learn at least one thing about someone they didn't know well; one thing they didn't previously know about how the community works; and one thing that they could do that is considered 'leadership.'

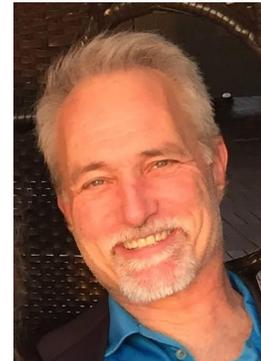
7. Everyone is required to think nice thoughts about Rev. Greg and hope he is safe and well. He will be thinking the same things about you (extra credit for nice thoughts about Lucy and Molly).

6. For questions about pastoral care, contact the Encouragement team ([ecteam@mpuuc.org](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)). This will go to a team of people who, over the summer, are led by Rev. Barbara Meyers. You can contact Rev. Barbara at [bfkmeyers@gmail.com](mailto:bfkmeyers@gmail.com).

5. For questions about worship, go to the [Worship Hub](#). This will provide answers to most questions. If you still have questions, you can contact the Worship Leader or the Worship Associate for the week.

4. For questions about communications, contact our Executive Team of the Board. This will go to our President (Suzette Takei), our Secretary (Gayle Tupper) and Board Member-at-large (DeAnna Alm). They will consult when necessary and contact our administrator (Sandra Lange) when necessary.

3. Override all general impulses built in to the DNA of most UUs to be heretical with respect to rules. Try following these rules as an experiment, or a spiritual practice... or as



an ironic act of defiance against the general UU status quo.

2. When in doubt, employ a hearty and humble sense of humor. Laugh at the world. Laugh at yourself. Appreciate others.

1. Love one another. This is the paramount rule. Whatever other rules go awry, this one is non-negotiable. Follow it. And let others follow it with you. Remarkably, you will find that, when employed faithfully, it has an amazing ability to take care of almost every issue and make all other rules superfluous.

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.**



## Music for a Change

This is a service based on the music that has moved us. It is a great blessing to have music that moves us. It's an even greater blessing to be able to make music that moves us. This is a service from our music makers about the particular songs that they have brought into our worship services that meant something special. We will hear the music as well as the stories about making it that rendered that music as memorable or special.

MPUUC Musicians will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Drew Wilson and Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. MPUUC Musicians 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%.

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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 June 19 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](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) 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](http://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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## Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Discussion topics over the summer will be lay-led and vary in focus according to the topics that are pressing on our hearts or the ethics calling us to respond. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

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## JUSTICE CORNER

Write your senators:



<https://uusj.salsalabs.org/reformeca/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5b8b1c2d-d267-452f-8453-103aa24922c6>

The January 6 hearings have portrayed the political, legal, and violent attacks on our democracy. As we saw in 2020, a bipartisan group of senators is working to correct flaws in the Electoral Count Act (ECA) to thwart future legal attacks. This revised act would update, tighten and clarify the ECA of 1887, which guides the casting and counting of electoral votes for the presidency, including the role of Congress and the vice president. The revised act must move

forward quickly. Please join with Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice in underscoring for the Senate that the right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and we need to be confident in our election results. Please fix the Electoral Count Act now!

With poor prospects for major legislation after the [devastating dereliction of duty](#) earlier in January, the DAT has been working on the [Electoral Count Act](#). Yet these public hearings would seem to represent the best chance to apply public pressure, reset the landscape of expectations on [voting rights](#) and free elections, and motivate Congress towards action.

**Please fix the Electoral Count Act now!**

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

**Friday, June 24 • 6:00 pm – 2:00 am**

**Bustin' Out: Official Trans March Afterparty and Fundraiser**

Join [TGI Justice Project](#) and [T4T Worldwide](#) at El Rio for a night of partying against the prison industrial complex through raising money for TGI Justice Project, an organization dedicated to ending human rights abuses against Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex people, especially Black and Brown trans women that are incarcerated in California prisons and beyond. Tickets are \$25 presale and \$30 at the door, find out more and register [here](#).



**Sunday, June 26 • 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

**Racial Justice Book Discussion: *We Are Not Like Them***

Join SURJ Marin facilitators to discuss *We Are Not Like Them*, a novel by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza. Told from alternating perspectives, this is an evocative and riveting novel about the lifelong bond between two women, one Black and one white, whose friendship is indelibly altered by a tragic event—a powerful and poignant exploration of race in America today and its devastating impact on ordinary lives. Like Tayari Jones's *An American Marriage* and Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, *We Are Not Like Them* explores complex questions of race and how they pervade and shape our most intimate spaces in a deeply divided world. But at its heart, it's a story of enduring friendship—a love that defies the odds even as it faces its most difficult challenges. [Register here](#).

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## 8th Principle Learning

Article: [“The White Savior Industrial Complex”](#) by Teju Cole



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**Please join us! All are welcome.**  
(Please click [here](#) for Flyer)

# WE ARE ONE



## Vigil / Rally

# Love is Love

We stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community for an inclusive society where diversity is welcomed and respected. We stand against the hate, racism, and prejudice displayed in homophobic policies, rhetoric, and actions. We commit to working for a world where LGBTQ+ people are accepted as full members of society - in our community and everywhere.

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**  
**5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Paseo Padre & Walnut, Fremont**



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## Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, June 8:

- Voted and approved 2 special collections for the summer
- Discussed transition to the new board
- Reviewed and voted on streamlining some of the restricted funds to simplify financial accounting
- Issued thanks all around to the old board



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday, July 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](https://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

**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](http://house.gov)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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