

## Our History

Mission Peak is a living, changing congregation, responsive to the spiritual needs of its members. We are an autonomous religious corporation governed by its members, who determine its policies, choose its minister, and support it financially. Our congregation began in May 1994 and is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association, headquartered in Boston MA.

We proudly support the Principles and Purposes of the UUA ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)). With the help of our minister, we search for ways to fulfill ourselves as individuals and as a community. Our involvement in the community includes our endorsement of the Mental Health Community Ministry of the Rev. Barbara Meyers.

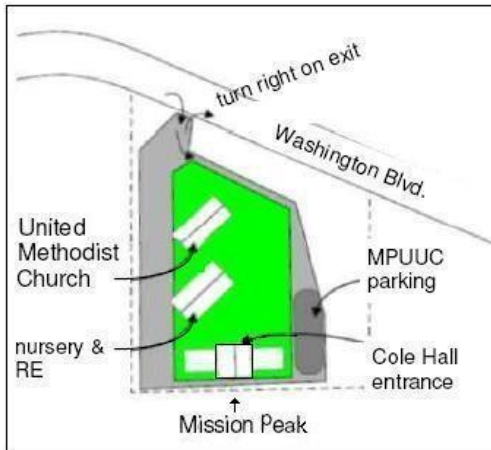
Our congregation is part of a 450-year old religious movement which has roots in Europe and the U.S. With historical roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions, Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion - that is, a religion that keeps an open mind to the religious and philosophical questions people struggle with in all times and places. We encourage exploration of many religions and philosophies, without requiring adherence to any particular dogma. Based on our belief that religion at its best seeks to improve the world, we encourage and support the involvement of our members in social activism.



### Our Chalice Lighting Words

We light this chalice to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly,  
because we are all one family;  
To take good care of the Earth,  
because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love,  
Because that is how we will become  
the best people we can be.

**Our Sunday service is at 10:00 am at  
Cole Hall, at the back of the property of  
First United Methodist Church  
2856 Washington Blvd. in Fremont**



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## About Us



## Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

*A Spiritual Community of  
Caring Hearts and Open Minds*

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Rev. Barbara Meyers 510-796-5722  
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## All Are Welcome

Mission Peak is an official Welcoming Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

We welcome all who share our values, regardless of race, age, gender or sexual orientation, ethnicity or physical ability. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each person. We encourage one another, in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, to make up our own minds about those beliefs that give meaning and strength to our lives.

We impose no creed. We believe that religious faith is personal and evolves as we engage in an inner search during our life journey. Everyone who becomes a member affirms his or her personal responsibility for the shape and direction of our community.

We encourage you to join our quest and to share your gifts, your talents, and your time in building a progressive religious community.

## Mission Statement

The foundation of Mission Peak is love. We are a spiritual community of open minds, nurturing growth and healing in ourselves and all people. Together we strive to live compassionately and courageously as we work for a nonviolent, just and sustainable world.

We embrace and give life to these ideas:

- Offering each other love, trust, respect, and support in time of joy and need;
- Creating worship services and encouraging spiritual explorations and personal growth;
- Providing educational experiences for all ages that encourage a free and responsible search for truth and meaning and an acceptance of religious and social diversity;
- And serving the community in accordance with our social conscience and our Unitarian Universalist principles.

We welcome for membership every person who shares these values.

## Religious Education

Our religious education program for children offers classes for children from pre-school through grade 5. In addition, we have a youth group for junior and senior high students (grades 6 through 12).

We follow a three-year curriculum: one year of instruction in the principles of Judaism and Christianity, one year of Unitarian Universalism, and one year on World Religions. This rotation is repeated every three years, providing a broad educational experience for students as they move through the program.

Nursery care is provided for all worship services and many other events.

## About Our Finances

Our congregation is totally self-supporting. Everything that you see when you visit us – programs and services, community outreach, religious education, staff, and supplies – is possible because of support of members and friends.

The amount we pledge depends upon a personal determination of resources and commitment. Sharing gifts of time and talent are also encouraged.

## How to Become a Member

### Participate

Get involved in our programs; contribute your unique talents to our congregation.

### Join a Small Group (optional)

Meet others who also seek a caring spiritual community.

### Attend the New to UU Classes

Learn about Unitarian Universalism, its purposes and principles.

### Sign our membership book

Participate in an Ingathering ceremony on Sunday morning.

### Make a pledge of support

Support the programs and operations of this congregation.