

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA **The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!** **July 8, 2020**

Greetings!

Hi

I'm Kathi Bayne. It has been over 2 years since you welcomed Omar and me into our congregation. I have been grateful for the opportunity to work with our MPUUCs on justice projects including sidewalk talks, sandwich squad, asylum, and Youth Voter Movement (YVM). These activities have been fun and spiritually rewarding for me.

In early February, we started writing GOTV (get out to vote) letters for Vote Forward, a non-partisan 501C organization targeting low turnout voters in strategic areas. MPUUCs have written over 2,300 letters!

Also, we are succeeding at aiding and encouraging non-MPUUC individuals to participate in GOTV letter writing.

This supports our UU the Vote efforts and the stamps purchased help support our post office.

Studies show those who receive letters are significantly more likely to vote by up to 3-4%. Vote Forward volunteers have written 2.3 million letters, which would equal a 78,200 increase in voter turnout. We are a small but significant part of an effort to reach 10 million people before November. There is a lot to do!

The writing is easy and short (part of a template). Most people say it takes less than 5 minutes per letter and envelope. If half our congregation writes just 20 letters, we will have completed another 1000! Family participation is appreciated, and students can earn community service hours for their school or college applications.

Postage and materials are about \$0.60 per letter and have been supplied mostly by someone outside our congregation but, we should contribute.

Please join us by writing letters and by making a donation to our special summer collection this



Sunday. You can contact me if you'd like to help. It will nourish your soul.

Kathi

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to connect.

Saying Goodbye

Saying goodbye is an ending to a new beginning, one that brings sadness and excitement. In this last service, Rev Jo will offer her heartfelt thanks and guidance for her final worship service here. As we get closer to the date, we will know more about in-person or Zoom attendance or a combination thereof.



Rev. Jo Green will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Shawn Snavley. Worship Virtual Host will be Drew Wilson. Rev. Jo and Jay Steele will provide our music.

Because we will not have services in Cole Hall where you can donate money, below are 3 ways you can donate and/or fulfill your pledge:

Mail check to

1. 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)
2. 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.
3. 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%.

Summer Special Collections

From September through May or June we "share the plate" once a month, typically on the second Sunday of the month, with a local group doing good in our community, as a way of expressing our values and acting on them in the world. In the summer months

our second Sunday offerings are special collections for things we want to do at MPUUC but are beyond our operating budget. These also express our values. This summer we will have two special collections. This week, please support our Civic Engagement Committee's Get Out the Vote (GOTV) project with a donation. Your contributions will help offset the costs of stationary and stamps as we try to write thousands of letters to voters to ensure they are registered and plan to vote in the coming November elections. Next month we'll have a special collection for our Sandwich Squad. Here's how to donate to the GOTV project:



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

- Write a check to MPUUC with "GOTV" 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 GOTV on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "For GOTV") in our mailslot 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 GOTV" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

Together, we make a difference!

"DRIVE-BYE" CELEBRATION for REV. JO - July 12, 2020 after MPUUC Service

Greetings from the Transition Team!

This coming Sunday, July 12, following her last service, MPUUC will join together on Zoom for a celebration, and after that, for those that [sign up](#), a Drive-Bye Farewell outside of Cole Hall for a Celebration of the two-years of Rev. Jo's time with Mission Peak.

The Service will be held on Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Following the Service, there will be a Congregational "Coffee Hour - Celebration". There will NOT be individual "Chat Rooms", rather there will be a "Congregational Chat"

immediately after Service for 30 minutes with presentations from Congregational leaders to Rev. Jo. DRE Shawn Snavelly will be the Moderator and you can contact him if you have a contribution.

If you wish to come to Cole Hall there will be a Drive-Bye Farewell from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Each visitor will have a 5-minute, personal farewell with Rev. Jo.

The Drive-Bye Farewell location will be in the WEST Parking lot (the Methodist side). The driveway will be chalked/marked for drivers to follow to the "line-up" location. Exiting will happen behind Cole Hall and out the gravel driveway on the East side, normally used by MPUUC.

Rev. Jo will be under a pop-up tent and MPUUC folks will stay in cars to say their farewells.

Please go to the sign-up link below and choose the time you will be coming to Cole Hall to say Farewell.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E48ADAD29A57-drivebye>

Rev. Jo will be scheduling individual Zoom meeting "Goodbyes" on Saturday, July 18, 2020, for MPUUC members/friends who cannot attend the in-person Drive-Bye. More information and a sign-up link will be in the next Week on the Peak.



A Huge Thank You to MPUUC Transition Team!



In the two years I have served you as Interim Minister I could not have done much of my service without the help, guidance and motivation from the Transition Team. Many of you may not know how valuable they are to this congregation. When I first appeared as a stranger here, this Transition Team had already been in contact with me in aiding in moving, in finding an apartment and in scheduling meetings to be able to meet many of you individually. It began with a team of 5, DeAnna Alm as Chair, Valerie Stewart, Alan Davis, Holly Ito and Annette Breingan in the first year. When DeAnna and Annette moved over to the Search Team to find a settled minister, Valerie took up the reins and she and Holly and Alan shepherded me through this second year. They listened, they offered ideas, they applauded me, and they supported me every minute of every week. I want to offer my gratefulness to them and my love for their total acceptance of me in this role of Interim Minister.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! This congregation is so lucky to have members like you.

Blessings and all my love to you all,

Rev Jo

Attention MPUUC Jr. and Sr. High Youth!!

We are planning to have two in-person, socially distanced, events on July 11th and July 25th for our Jr. and Sr. high youth. We will meet at 10 a.m. to 12pm on the lawn in front of Cole Hall. In order to make sure we are abiding by Alameda County Policies, please make sure to register your teen for this event by going to the following link:

<https://forms.gle/4drkNFfuj54jeg2LA> We will have pre-designated distanced spots for teens, extra masks for those who need them, and extra hand sanitizer. This is an opportunity for youth to be outside so please make sure you come with something to do (book, coloring materials, video game, etc). If you have any questions please contact Shawn at dre@mpuuc.org



Request for Class Proposals - Adult Education - Fall 2020

The Adult Education Committee is seeking class proposals for the 2020 Fall quarter - Sept through Nov. This is an opportunity for you to share what you know with others. We especially welcome our new members to consider teaching a class as it provides a unique opportunity to get to know others in a different setting. Past topics have included meditation, healthy eating, art and spirituality, the Enneagram, and Poems. Classes can vary from one-time events to meeting

every week. Generally, they can be held at Mission Peak or at your home. However, due to the coronavirus, it is recommended that you plan on hosting your class online using the Zoom platform for safety. Let me know if you have any



questions. Committee members are Eric Dittmar, Len Tiemann and Linda Messia. How can you submit a proposal? Email Linda Messia at lmessia@yahoo.com with your course information. Please submit your proposal no later than July 24th. Thank you!



Congregational Meeting Results

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation voted on June 28th to "make Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression education and action a priority for the coming year. As part of that effort we will fly a BLM banner and put BLM information on our website." The vote needed a 2/3 majority to pass because it is a public position. The vote was 36 yes and 1 abstention so it passed.

In addition to helping pass the resolution 16 members also volunteered to help work on fulfilling the resolution.

For more details about the meeting president@mpuuc.org



JUSTICE CORNER

BIPOC: Why don't we just say POC?

Please click on the [link](#) for more information. The Zoom meeting has passed, but you can still sign up for the website and view their information.

Rev. Jo Green



Board Briefs

Mission Peak UU's annual report is ready to download. Thanks to all of the committee chairs and staff for giving inputs for their section. Thanks to Sandra for putting it all together. It is



available in the members only section at mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only/committee-charters-and-end-of-year-reports/



Our next regular board meeting is on July 9th at 7 p.m. The new board will start once the meeting starts. Thanks to Paul K. Davis who will become past past president (not an official board position) once this meeting starts.

For complete board minutes of this and previous meetings or text of committee charters 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

"Are We Free?" by Jessica Steele, Copyright 2020 Jessica Lauren Steele. All rights reserved

I hear about the 'promised land'
And I'm tired of seeing otherwise
I don't want to fear for my life
Or someone else's
I won't deny my rights
Or someone else's

I asked the god of love above
To give me a world where no one has to beg for kindness

Am I still the last one standing
And I'm here for all that's living
Are we free
From the truth
Are we free
From the past
Are we free

We all deserve what we've worked for
We don't deserve to lose our rights
No one wants to see their children cry
Or someone else's

I asked the god of love above
To give me a world where no one has to beg for kindness

Am I still the last one standing
And I'm here for all that's living
Are we free
From the truth
Are we free
From the lies
Where are we

Am I still the last one standing
And I'm here for all that's living
Are we free
From the truth
Are we free
Are we still
Suffering

Will we ever be free?

Sleep Number King-size bed available

Holly Ito is seriously down-sizing. She has a king-size Sleep Number bed she has to part with.

Sleep Number beds have a fame (no footboard/headboard). They have mechanical sections inside the mattress that essentially blow-up internal sections to create different levels of "soft" and "hard"

the mattress that essentially blew up internal sections to create different levels of soft and hard on the two sides of the bed.

If anyone is interested, please call Holly at 510/303-2048.

Humor Corner



If you have contributions to the Humor Corner, please send them to Sandra before 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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 Kamala Harris (202) 224 - 3553

Senator Diane Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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