

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! May 12, 2021

Greetings!

My name is Katherine Rubie. I began attending MPUUC in 2008. I had recently moved from another state in which social justice was, for lack of a better term, "untolerated." I had been actively involved in trying to get legislation around gay rights and hate crimes passed, but Governor Mike Pence was disinterested in seeing such legislation. When my partner, Michelle Wallace, and I arrived in California, we were very excited to belong to a Welcoming Congregation and to live in an area where we could FINALLY be ourselves instead of hiding our relationship from virtually everyone.



We found MPUUC very welcoming indeed. We felt we had found a home and developed many positive relationships with the members here. We have actively participated in many social justice activities since we became members. I even co-ran the Sandwich Squad for a year or more with Maria Luisa. I still co-chair there since this is a very important cause to me.

More recently, I have become very actively involved in Housing Justice matters, which includes homeowners, renters, and unhoused folks. I belong to several organizations that work on housing issues. I not only attend the various meetings these organizations have, but I am actively attending meetings with local, state, and federal representatives. Formally, my committee is about housing, and my involvement is in the RISE Coalition. However, I must say that RISE also partners with other organizations, and membership in RISE also overlaps into other organizations. This is very true of my involvement as well. Following is a list of the organizations in which I have been actively involved and what I have been doing in each: (click [here](#) for entire article)

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## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to connect.**



## **Sustainability 101**

Guest speaker Rev. Michael Dowd is an American Progressive Christian minister, author, and eco-theologian known as an advocate of Big History, religious naturalism, sustainability, climate activism, and the epic of evolution.

Rev. Michael Dowd will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara F. Meyers. Worship Host will be Drew Wilson. Peak Rocks 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

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 check or cash 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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## **Daytimer's Discussion Group**

The Minister's Daytimer Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's topic "The Theology of Global Warming". Are you aware of a theology or a particular ethos that informs your relationship with the earth? How has the knowledge that human waste is throwing our planet's interdependent alignment into toxic imbalance, affected your choices about how to live? The link to the conversation can be found if you **Press here** (Or you can find the link on the MPUUC website and events calendar) Next week's Topic, "Region, Culture, Travel and Transformation – How has your enculturation influenced the way you are in relationship with other cultures?"

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## **Spiritual Autobiography for Fun and Prophet (Sermon Writing Class)**

**Two Session Class: Tuesday May 18 and Tuesday June 8 (7:00 p.m.)**

There is a theory in linguistics that postulates that before we can fully know or understand

an experience we have to put into words. The act of articulating our experiences or ideas into speech is part of what clarifies or edifies the truth and meaning within it. The first session will ask people to select and write about a milestone moment and write it out in a way that clearly conveys the emotion, meaning and gravitas of the moment. The second session will explore ways to tie that experience to the universal experience of being human. These are some of the core elements of sermon writing. It is not a requirement of the class to deliver a sermon. But it will teach you how your experience might be part of a larger, more universal pursuit of meaning. Click [HERE](#) to sign up or email Rev. Greg at [minister@mpuuc.org](mailto:minister@mpuuc.org) with questions.

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## Michael Dowd Discussion

On May 18 from 6:30-8:30pm Rev. Michael Dowd will engage in a 90-minute discussion of his video presentation, "[The Big Picture: Clarity, Compassion, and Love-in-Action](#)," which you are invited to watch between now and then. That program builds on content in his two TEDx talks and his book, *Thank God for Evolution*, which was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and by religious leaders across the spectrum. The Zoom link for this 90-minute discussion is:

Topic: Michael Dowd's Discussion

Time: May 18, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 947 1023 6690

Passcode: 506412

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## Ordination of Alex Jensen to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Sunday, June 6th, 2021

12:00 PM Pacific / 3:00 PM Eastern

All are invited to join us for a virtual event and celebration for this joint ordination of Alex Jensen by Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation and First Parish in Wayland.



RSVP here: <http://www.ordainalex.com/>

Religious professionals, clergy, and seminarians are invited to gather at 11:15 AM Pacific / 2:15 PM Eastern on the Zoom link for centering prayers before the service. This will be followed by a tech runthrough before the start of the service.

We will display a virtual procession of religious professionals. Please send your picture, name, and professional title(s) to [info@ordainalex.com](mailto:info@ordainalex.com) by May 31st, 2021 to be included.

The Ordination service will start at 12:00 PM Pacific / 3:00 PM Eastern and will last about an hour in duration.

Additional information will be posted to the website closer to the date. The Facebook Event can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [info@ordainalex.com](mailto:info@ordainalex.com).



## Vaccine Help

If you are having difficulty finding or signing up for a Covid-19 vaccine appointment, please email [vax@mpuuc.org](mailto:vax@mpuuc.org) and we will help you sign up. All Covid vaccines are free of charge.



## JUSTICE CORNER

### UUJEC Webinar: Cindy Piester on Climate Disruption and US Militarism



Thursday, May 13 at 5pm PT / 6 MT / 7 CT / 8 ET

Join UUs for a Just Economic Community for their monthly webinar, featuring guest speaker Cindy Piester on Climate Disruption and US Militarism. Bringing years of anti-war organizing experience, Cindy will discuss the hidden environmental and economic costs of war, and how the Green New Deal can offer a more just path forward. The US Military is the world's largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, and climate disruption is bound to make the world more prone to conflicts. Watch the livestream from UUJEC's Facebook page, or get the Zoom link by joining the UUJEC email list through the link below. [MORE INFO](#)

Kathi Bayne

### ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS



Education: Multiple Dates • May 14 – May 24

[Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment](#)

Anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment are on the rise across the U.S. and the world. In these one-hour interactive workshops, co-sponsored by [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#) (AAJC) and [Hollaback!](#), you'll learn how you can intervene effectively as a bystander without ever compromising your safety. Workshops are available on multiple days and times. [Sign up for this free training here.](#)

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## Board Briefs

The Super Council met on Saturday, April 10 and brainstormed and discussed right-sizing for the congregation. The minutes are on the website.



The board met on Wednesday, April 14 and:  
Approved the Program Council charter  
Approved our delegates to General Assembly  
Set the Annual meeting for Sunday, June 13 following the service  
Approved our lease from Fremont United Methodist Church  
Approved the Congregational Covenant and the Covenant between the Minister and Members and planned for the Congregational meeting  
Discussed follow-up to the ideas on right-sizing from the Super Council meeting  
Set up a Budget Task Force

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.

There was a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 18 and the congregation approved the Congregational Covenant and the Covenant between the Minister and Members. The approved documents are on the website.

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)

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## 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](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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