

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! May 5, 2021

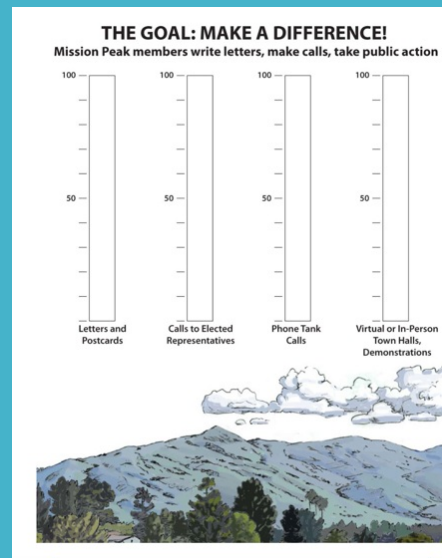
Greetings!

Hi

I am Kathi Bayne. I have had the privilege of working on behalf of our Civic Engagement Committee of the MPUUC Justice Council. It has energized me and given me purpose, especially in the last year.

2020 was a challenging year but also an amazing year! MPUUs helped make history by working for our values and encouraging others to vote. We wrote over 7100 letters and postcards, sent 12000 texts, and made over 750 phone calls.

After some well-deserved recovery time, MPUUCs have continued to work diligently and quietly for causes that motivate them and make a difference, including our planet, voting, housing, immigration, and social justice. We would like to recognize these activities and share our impact with each other and with our community.



Therefore, we are piloting a trial of Goal Graphs on our Mission Peak UU website. They were designed by Don Ramie and programed by Graham Bell. These graphs are on our MPUUC website at <https://mpuuc.org/social-justice-and-outreach-campaign>. Alternatively, you can sign onto <https://mpuuc.org>, click on the carrousel until you reach the goal graph, and click on the yellow banner link. Either way, you will reach the graphs displayed above.

At the bottom of the page, there are fun, easy to complete document forms (Outreach Campaign Activity Logs) to record your phone calls, letters, post cards, virtual meetings with officials, or demonstrations. You can fill in the documentation sheets all at once or fill them in after any activity that you complete.

Due to Graham's magic, the documents upload to the website. Then, one of us will update the goal graphs. We can all watch the graphs rise. It is a fun and rewarding way to see the

work we do. You can enter everything you have done since January 1, 2021. We have already started, so please, click on the link and look at the graphs! (<https://mpuuc.org/social-justice-and-outreach-campaign/>)

Of course, this is strictly voluntary. The goal is to enjoy the process. We welcome your feedback.

Thank you for all you do!

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.



UU Superheroes

Children, Youth, Parents, Teachers join us to call our attention to the many 'superheroes' who lifted faith and people from challenge to liberation. How well do we know these figures and what can our RE program teach us?

Rev. Greg Ward and Director of Religious Education Shawn Snavley will co-lead the service. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay and Jessica 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

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%.

SHARE THE PLATE with Life Eldercare

Under the direction of our fabulous MPUUC member Patricia Osage, Life ElderCare is truly a local "Super Hero". In case you are not familiar, here is a brief summary of their services,



Life ElderCare.

We are here to help you thrive independently in the place you call home. We know that many of you might just need a little extra help to do so, and that is why we exist. **We can help alleviate hunger, lack of transportation, loneliness, and fall risk.** How does it work?

- Services are based on need, not income.
- If you can donate for your services, we gladly accept it. If you cannot, this won't affect your eligibility at all.
- Choose which services you want and use them as long as you need them. Meals on Wheels serves Fremont, Newark and Union City. Friendly Visitors, our Transportation Program, and Fall Prevention can serve anyone in Alameda County when services are needed and not otherwise available

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

Write a check to MPUUC with "Life ElderCare" in the memo line and mail to:
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Drop an envelope with a check (with "Life ElderCare" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "For "Life ElderCare") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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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 "Who's Your Mother?" Mothers and mothering is an incredibly complicated topic. Some got the mother we needed. Some didn't. But we all end up inheriting some of the mothering we got and learning some of the mothering we didn't. 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, "The Theology of Global Warming".How has the knowledge that human waste is throwing our planet's interdependent alignment into toxic imbalance, changed your relationship with life?

Spiritual Autobiography for Fun and Prophet (Sermon Writing Class)

Two Session Class: Tuesday May 18 and Tuesday June 8.

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

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 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.



Vaccine Help

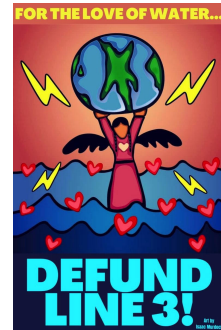
If you are having difficulty finding or signing up for a Covid-19 vaccine appointment, please email vax@mpuuc.org and we will help you sign up. All Covid vaccines are free of charge.



Defund Line 3 Global Day of Action

Friday, May 7

One of the strategies to stop the Line 3 tar sands pipeline is to call for banks to **defund the project**. Activists around the world will organize actions and protests at the branches, offices and headquarters of the banks funding the Line 3 tar sands pipeline, and target them remotely. Sign up below with Stop the Money Pipeline, and check out the **Defund Line 3 art kit** and the **organizing toolkit**.



SIGN UP

- Red, Black and Green New Deal Climate Summit - May 11 at 3-5pm PT / 6-8 ET - **MORE INFO**
- UUJEC Webinar with Cindy Piester on Climate Disruption and US Militarism - May 13 at 5pm PT / 8 ET - **MORE INFO**
- BIPOC Caucus on Climate Justice *BIPOC Only* - May 13 - **MORE INFO**
- Time for Art! Painting Party with Side with Love and UUMFE - May 14 at 3-5pm PT / 6-8 ET - **MORE INFO** *Event is Full*
- Drawdown Teach-In: Designing and Remodeling Greener Homes - May 16 at 12 PT / 4 ET - **REGISTER** - See **FULL SCHEDULE** of Drawdown Teach-Ins
- BIPOC Caucus on Climate Justice Session 4 - May 27 at 5pm PT/8 ET - **REGISTER**

SIGN UP

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.**

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

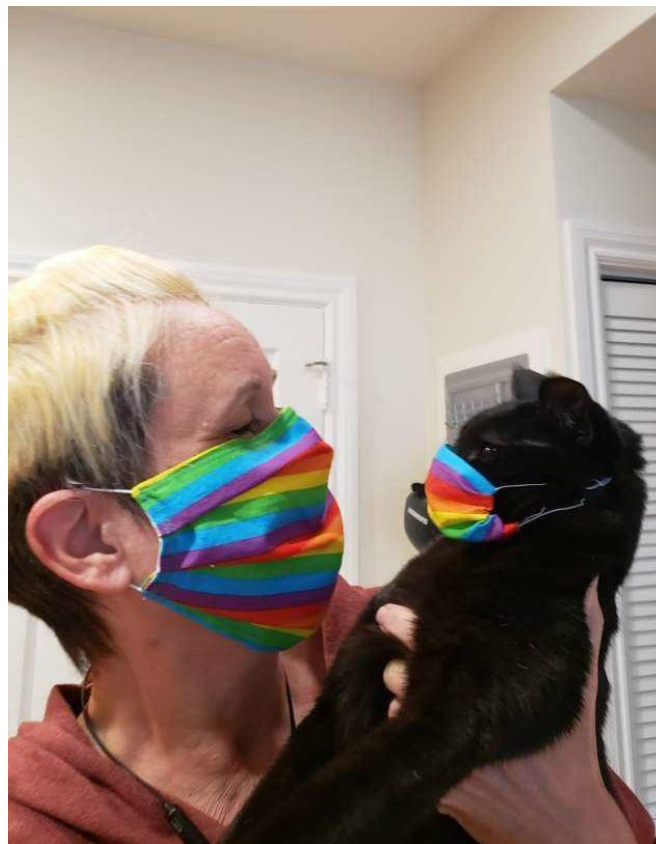
The next board meeting is on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

For more details about meetings or questions email president@mpuuc.org

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 Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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