

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! May 11, 2022

Greetings!

I am Kathi Bayne. Omar and I have been attending MPUUC for about 4 years. I am a member of MPUUC's ARO (Anti-racism Anti-oppression) group that was formed after our congregation voted to educate ourselves about racism, oppression, and the best ways to dismantle them.

Being a member has been richly rewarding for me. I have re-learned so many things that I thought I already knew. I have a far greater perception of why things are the way they are and how they can be better. It has given me the opportunity to work with others toward equity and healing through sharing information and understanding.



I feel very optimistic about our future, our ability to widen the circle of concern, and our capacity to be our best selves.

We understand that education is critical to our ability to learn and grow. Therefore, our ARO group has asked me to present our proposal to offer scholarships to our congregation. Have you been meaning to read or listen to a book, highlighted in a sermon or discussion of anti-racism/anti-oppression, but just haven't gotten around to it? Maybe you wanted to take a course or workshop but thought it was too expensive?

We would like to help our Congregation members read, listen, and attend. ARO is offering reimbursements to Congregation members to engage in these activities and present ARO with the receipts.

Below is a link to some recommended books. The list is not exhaustive or exclusive. Please let us know, in advance, if there are other items that should be added to the list.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11XE6AzMEe5VOx75hzDcqUqcc4JSKjEmIM-Ssw3Q9zjA/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have already bought books or participated in antiracist/anti-oppression training and have receipts, please forward them to Barbara Meyers. You might still be eligible for reimbursement.

Please contact us with your thoughts.

Kathi Bayne

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to hybrid services. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.

When Angels Meet Giants

Baseball is full of heroes. The amazing catch. The game-changing home run. The play no one can never forget. And, of course, baseball is a game spotlighting the specific player who performs these unforgettable feats of grandeur. We all want such players on our team. Indeed, some say the game today is actually the game behind the game, played in the front office. It's about how teams lure heroes to play for them. But what if championships weren't really about signing giants of the game? But fielding the team that plays together with heart?

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Raymond Holmes-King and Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Rocks 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%.

If you are attending services in Cole Hall we will provide envelopes so you can donate money by placing checks or cash in the office mail slot.

Share the Plate

Last month's Share the Plate was for LEAF and we collected \$520.00 Thank you to all who contributed.



This month's Share the Plate will go to NAMI and we will be collecting until May 29. Please either drop a check in the mail or leave a check in MPUUC's mail slot. Please indicate in the memo line that it is for "NAMI".



CIRCLE OF LIFE

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 May 8 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

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 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.

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's discussion will be lay led and will be about baseball and teamwork. How has your life had any meaningful intersection with baseball? Either by playing or being a fan? Has any famous player inspired you? What lessons can you think of coming from the game? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week's discussion will be about active exploration of anti-racism and anti-oppression. Could it be that some dedication to learning about racism could be seen as a spiritual practice? Why do so many religions participate in racial justice work?

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 5th immediately after the service. We will have a number of items to vote on (details and agenda to follow later this

month), and we will need a quorum of voting members, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. As a reminder, while all are welcome to attend, only active members will be allowed to vote.



JUSTICE CORNER

Webinar: 2022 Action of Immediate Witness Proposal

Protect What You Love, Reduce Militarism To Create a Livable Climate

Thursday, May 12

8pm ET | 7pm CT | 6pm MT | 5pm PT

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Advocating for UU Values in the Nation's Capital

In light of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Reports released earlier this year, Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community is holding an urgent webinar on their 2022 Action of Immediate Witness (AIW), ***Protect What You Love, Reduce Militarism To Create a Livable Climate***. It will offer much-needed solutions that UU's can take to address our dire climate situation.

This AIW is calling on Unitarian Universalists and others to protect the future of life on this planet by acting with unprecedented urgency to use diplomacy and peace, not militarism and war, to meet climate goals.

Presented by Cindy Piester, the AIW's author, she will cover the current devastating state of the climate, failed efforts by world leaders, and the need to acknowledge that the US Department of Defense is the world's largest institutional producer of greenhouse gas emissions.

Two ways to watch: [Facebook Live](#) or sign up for [UUJEC's email list](#) to a Zoom link.

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Sunday, May 15 • 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
[CRCAA Canvass](#)

How can white folks take action that supports visionary work for Black self-determination? Join [Community Ready Corps Allies & Accomplices \(CRCAA\)](#) to canvass our white neighbors in Oakland's gentrified (whitest) neighborhoods, and to learn and practice the 5 Methods of Divesting of White Power and Weaponizing White Privilege. In the morning, we'll learn and practice skills together to hold sensitive conversations with strangers honestly and non-judgmentally. Then, we'll knock on doors to connect with white residents who are already doing solidarity work or who could use support to get more engaged in Oakland anti-racism efforts. After canvassing, we'll regroup to share insights. No prior canvassing experience required! We'll send you preparatory materials prior to the date. Registration welcomed up until the morning of the canvass. [Register here.](#)



Sundays: May 15, May 22, & June 5 •

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Unbreakable Solidarity: Online Course

Join [White Awake](#) for an online course that focuses on how we build collective power on the bedrock of interdependence and use this power to get free. While White Awake usually focuses on anti-racist education for white people, they designed this course as a political primer for anyone seeking a deeper analysis of the roots of today's problems and effective strategies for social and political change. Sessions will be recorded; live attendance is not mandatory. Suggested registration fee: \$80–\$280. No one turned away for lack of funds. [Learn more and register](#).



8th Principle Learning

Audre Lorde, Barbara Smith, and other members of the Combahee River Collective used their experience as Black Lesbians to develop the concept of intersectionality in the 1970s, years before Kimberle Crenshaw gave it the name we use now. In this very readable article, Keeanga-Yamahatta Taylor situates their work in the context of her own biography and political development.



Speech: [Audre Lorde, "The Uses of Anger: Women Responding to Racism"](#)

Proposed Actions of Immediate Witness for 2022

The UUA makes two types of social witness statements which are voted on at General Assembly (GA): Statements of Conscience (SOCs), which arise from Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs), and Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs). There are 6 proposed AIW's and no new CSAI's this year. An AIW is a statement about a significant action, event, or development in the world that necessitates immediate engagement and action among UU member congregations and groups. They express the conscience and carry the authority of the GA delegates. For more information about the Unitarian Universalist Social Witness process in general, or about this year's proposed Actions of Immediate Witness specifically, click [here](https://www.uua.org/action/process) <https://www.uua.org/action/process> You may contact our GA delegates, Kathi Bayne or Lucienne Bouvier if you'd like to provide input.



UU Women Action Hour

May 22 6:30-8:00 p.m. (CT)

The UU Women's Federation is teaming up with the Texas UU Justice Ministry for a virtual Action Hour focusing on leaving Texas to have access to abortion. See the flier to sign up. (Click [here](#) for flier)

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation is pleased to present

UU Women ACTION HOUR
a special Zoom event

LEAVING TEXAS TO HAVE AN ABORTION: A CONVERSATION WITH
REV. ERIN WALTER, TEXAS UU JUSTICE MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 8:30-9PM CT

Join us as we hear from Rev. Erin Walter, Executive Director of the Texas UU Justice Ministry – and hear what's happening on the ground in the fight for reproductive justice, with reflections and actions that will be relevant to living your UU values, wherever you live.

Rev. Erin will share reflections from her work in the fight for abortion rights, reproductive justice, LGBTQIA+ rights, and more, including her recent flight from Texas to have Mexico to accompany 20 people seeking safe and legal abortions.

You'll also hear from UUWFF Director Ann Weisner about UUWFF's new vision, and how we can fight for gender, racial, and economic justice together.

Please join the conversation! You don't want to miss this time to connect and get inspired to act!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

SUICIDES AT SANTA RITA JAIL – PLEASE HELP

Leonard Brown, a young man suffering from psychosis, died of suicide while in custody last month at Santa Rita Jail. And he is not the first. This is yet another painful event for families and community members who have lost imprisoned loved ones or fear for the safety of those denied the dignity of appropriate treatment for painful brain disorders.

The Interfaith Coalition for Justice in our Jails (ICJJ), is planning to **PROTEST** the needlessly brutal treatment of prisoners at Santa Rita Jail. Please join ICJJ, along with the Families Advocating for the Seriously Mentally Ill (FASMI) and members of the Care First Jails Last coalition, NAMIs in Alameda County and more.

Where: Alameda County Board of Supervisors office, 1221 Oak ST (near the Lake Merritt BART station).

When: Tuesday May 24, 11:30,

We will keep you informed as the exact logistics of this protest emerge.

Rev. Barbara Meyers, Mental Health Ministry MPUUC, ICJJ
Peggy Rahman, FASMI

Board Briefs

The next board meeting is via Zoom on Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 5, after the service.

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



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The General Assembly Housing Reservation System is Now Open!

The GA Housing Reservation System offers premium amenities, discounted rates, and the best networking opportunities for in-person GA attendees. By booking in our hotel block, you assist the UUA in effectively controlling meeting space, attrition and penalty fees; all of which directly benefit you and the future of General Assembly. Additionally, the UUA is able to negotiate on behalf of our block of attendees for [sustainability](#) and [accessibilities](#) requirements. Get a head start on your travel plans and book your housing today on the [GA Housing Reservation Page](#).

Dormitory housing at Portland State University and information about home hospitality, if available, will be published in March 2022. [Reserve Now!](#)

Safety and Wellness in Portland

In compliance with UUA and Oregon Convention Center guidelines, entry to General Assembly 2022 in Portland, OR is open to people who are fully vaccinated. Additionally, the OCC's requirement of vaccination extends to all contracted service providers working in the facility.

[Oregon Convention Center COVID-19 Safety Measures](#)

In addition, masking is required and physically distanced seating options will be reserved in our meeting spaces.

Register Now for In-Person GA 2022!

[Registration is now open](#) for in-person attendance.

UUA General Assembly 2022: Virtual Registration Opened March 1

June 22-26, 2022

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Virtual Registration for General Assembly Opens March 1.

Do you enjoy the convenience and accessibility of remote General Assembly participation? GA 2022 again offers virtual attendance with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. [Virtual Registration](#) opens March 1st.

Multi-Platform General Assembly: Choose Your Platform

In-person Registration is required for all live GA events and programming taking place in Portland, Oregon. In-person registration includes access to virtual content available on the GA app, powered by Whova. In-person registration is the same process for delegates and non-delegates; delegates may register before or after determining their delegate status. General Assembly registration is required for all in-person participants, including in-person delegates. [Register now!](#)

Full Virtual Registration is required for access to virtual GA programming, including workshops, worship services, the Ware Lecture, featured speakers, Opening and Closing celebrations, exhibits, entertainment, and networking. Virtual GA programming will be streamed on the GA app, powered by Whova. Delegates will use the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. Virtual registration is the same process for delegates and non-delegates; delegates may register before or after determining their delegate status. [Register starting March 1](#)

Business-only Virtual Registration provides access to the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. Payment is not required but a donation to offset production and platform costs is suggested. Business-only registrants will access to delegate chat rooms but will not have access to GA programming, the GA app, networking opportunities, or the exhibit hall. GA delegates are strongly encouraged to register as Full Virtual Registrants. [Register starting March 1](#)

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