

# This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA  
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!  
May 4, 2022

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Greetings!

Hello from your Anti Racism and Oppression (ARO) team. This June we will have a service on Sunday, June 19th that focuses on Juneteenth which is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary of the June 19, 1865 announcement by Union Army general Gordon Granger proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas. After the service we will have a picnic in Fremont's central park to mark the celebration with traditional foods. We will distribute recipes before the event for those who wish to engage in that way. It should be educational and a lot of fun. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Rev. Barbara F. Meyers (pronouns she/her)

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## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to hybrid services. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.**

**The Presence of a Protector, the Promise of Peace**



Unitarian Julia Ward Howe was one of the first people who conceived of a Mother's Day. But she did not envision what we currently have today - a Mother's Day celebrated as a sentimental and gift-giving day honoring

mothers. Ward, was a 19th century social reformer (and author of the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,”) who was distressed over ‘sons killing the sons of other mothers’ and called on women’s groups to promote a universal peace. The holiday has strayed from its origins more than 140 years ago. In this service, we will explore the complicated messiness in a mother’s hope for peace for her children.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jay and Jessica Steele 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.**

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## Share the Plate

Last month's Share the Plate was for LEAF and we will be collecting until May 8. 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 "LEAF".



## Share the Plate for NAMI in May

The second Sunday offering this month will go to the Alameda County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The leader of this organization is our MPUUC member Peggy Rahman.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Alameda County has been providing support, education and advocacy for Mental Health and Families Since 1977. When an individual suffers from Serious Mental Illness, their loved ones are also affected. Most of our work is done by volunteers.



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

Write a check to MPUUC with “NAMI” 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 "NAMI" on the memo line) in our mail slot 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 "NAMI" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

**Please note we will be collecting for NAMI until May 29.**

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## 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 1 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](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)

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## 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.

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## Men's Breakfast on Friday, May 6th

The Mission Peak UU and First United Methodist joint Men's Breakfast is on Friday, May 6th. We will meet at 10AM at Suju's coffee at 4949 Stevenson Blvd. in Fremont. If you plan on coming this month please let Steve Wallcave [wallcave@mpuuc.org](mailto:wallcave@mpuuc.org) or John Holmes know.

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## 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 mothers. Who were the exemplars of mothering for you? What did lessons in mothering include? How did the mothers in your life offer safety? Protection? Belonging? How did they pick you up and reset you on a good

path? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) Next week's discussion will be about Teamwork. What were the places that taught you about being part of a team. How did you learn how to set aside your self-reliance and personal control for a more cooperative / collaborative approach?

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## 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

### Expert Opinion Briefing May 5

**Joe Thwaites, World Resources Institute, on the Green Climate Fund**

In support of advocacy for the **Green Climate Fund**, the "Expert Opinion Briefing" is hosting Joe Thwaites, Associate, Sustainable Finance Center, at the World Resources Institute, for our Expert Opinion Briefing on the matter. Joe's work focuses on enhancing the climate finance ambition of developed countries, supporting climate-vulnerable countries in their engagement in international financial policy making, and ensuring a just transition in the shift from fossil to clean financing.

Topic: **Green Climate Fund**

Guest: **Joe Thwaites, World Resources Institute**

Date: **Thursday, May 5, 2022**

Time: **8pm ET | 7pm CT | 6pm MT | 5pm PT**

RSVP: [Expert Opinion Briefing-GCF](#)

**Please take action as a UU on this matter! Prepare a letter by May 13, 2022!**

[Informational Handout \(PDF\)](#)

[Write Online WHWN Letter](#)

Demand nature-based solutions in the upcoming 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

[WRDA Write Legislators](#)

[Click to Call](#)

[I would Like to Help](#)

If you will be in DC on June 18 and plan on participating with the PPC, let us know by filling out the form (click button above).

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**Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO)  
Recommendations**

The numbers show that a fusion coalition of Black, White, Latino, Asian, and Native poor people and their allies can shift the outcome of elections and public policy. The PPC gives us a way to live out our Unitarian Universalist values while working to build the Beloved Community where everyone is supported in living healthy, safe, and sustainable lives. Working with others gives us HOPE and STRENGTH to continue until true equity is achieved. Together, we become friends and resist the lies of scarcity and difference that seek to keep us divided.



I invite you to join me in Washington, DC, June 18.

**UUSJ is an avid supporter and partner of the Poor People's Campaign (PPC). UUs around the country also work closely with PPC and support its mission. Mobilizing UUs For June 18, 2022, With PPC**

If you intend to participate on June 18th in DC, with The Poor People's Campaign please let us know by filling out this [form](#). You can also use the form to volunteer to help plan UU involvement for June 18 with the UUA's PPC Council. For nuanced questions contact Pablo DeJesus, UUSJ Executive Director ([pdejesus@uusj.org](mailto:pdejesus@uusj.org)).

### **Official UU RSVP Via The Poor People's Campaign**

Join poor people and moral witnesses from across the country on June 18, for the **Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington!**  
*Use the official [UU RSVP](#) - all UUs are asked to use this to register for June 18th.*

[UU June 18 RSVP](#)

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## **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-Yamahtta 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"](#)

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## **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.

## Board Briefs



The board met on Wednesday, April 13:

- Voted and accepted the proposal from the financial consultant to revamp and streamline MPUUC's financial process, including installing a new web-based financial and membership database.
- Agreed on the proposed update to our bylaws and set up a process for informing the congregation of the proposed changes and getting feedback.
- Discussed the canvass results, which are above the goal with some pledges still not received.
- Created a budget subcommittee.
- Approved a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award
- Set an additional meeting to complete agenda.

The board met on Sunday, April 24:

- Discussed the CAYRE proposal on hiring a Coordinator of Lifespan Learning.
- Heard about the Program Council meeting.
- Discussed the updated offering collection process.
- Reviewed and assigned jobs that need to be done before the next board meeting and the annual meeting.

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](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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**Please Join Us For  
General Assembly  
2022!**



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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](#)

**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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