

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 8, 2022

Greetings!

For me, Juneteenth (Freedom Day, Jubilee) is the celebration of love, family, and liberty. I would like to personally invite you, those you love, and those you care about to our first ever Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation picnic celebration of Juneteenth.



Safety first.

This is an in-person event, but it is outdoors. People are welcome to wear masks and maintain whatever social distance makes them comfortable. We have purchased colored name tags. If you put your name on a **GREEN** name tag it indicates that you're comfortable with people getting close and possibly giving you a hug. If you put your name on a **YELLOW** name tag it will suggest no direct contact but it's OK to get as close as 6 feet. A **RED** name tag tells others to maintain a distance over 6 feet if they are not in your cohort. Hopefully, this will allow us to enjoy each other but keep each other safe as well.

Father's Day

Also, this year, Juneteenth is on Father's Day. What better way to appreciate our fathers than with good food, friends, family, and the celebration of freedom? Please take family and fathers to the picnic.

Music

Bekah, Shauna, and others kindly agreed to share music and song with us.

Food

There will be food provided but please consider bringing items to share. If you are more adventurous, you can try preparing some typical southern recipes

[Here is a link for some traditional side dishes.](#)

Please sign up for the picnic on the Evite Barbara Meyers sent below

<http://evite.me/KAJAqPER2N>

In addition, kindly let us know if you have questions, ideas, if you can help, or if you have needs to be considered.

Thank you for being willing to celebrate with me!

Happy Juneteenth!!

Kathi Bayne

This Sunday's Service:

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



Flower Communion

Our annual Flower Communion service asks us to remember the courage and vision of Norbert Capek who presided over one of the largest Unitarian Congregations in Prague, Czechoslovakia in the years when the Nazi regime terrorized political dissidents for criticizing the Third Reich. Capek asked people to imagine the beautiful diversity in everything - from skin color to language to cuisine. He asked people to bring flowers to represent all the difference that was possible. In this service we will be radical dissidents for diversity.

Rev. Greg Ward and special guests will lead the service. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

EVERYONE BRING FLOWERS ON SUNDAY!

This Sunday is our annual Flower Communion Sunday. Whether you are joining us in Cole Hall or from your home, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS. If you can, make it an occasion and buy simple bouquet from the store or go out to your garden and pick a few different varieties of things in bloom. Lay them out and have a vase to put them in. In the service, we will remember the ritual as it was developed by Dr. Capek and explore ways that flowers have been part of powerful expressions of our heart. We will recall times of celebration and times of mourning... times of starting and times of ending and the ways the metaphor of flowers reminded us of our beauty, resilience, purpose and power.

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%.

Special note of condolence and Love

Dear friends,

I'm sad to report the heartbreaking news that former MPUUC member, Kevin Campbell, after a difficult recurrence of depression, took his own life on Friday. This is painful news to hear, and to share. We're asking for everyone to hold Natalie and Milo with sensitivity and tenderness. They are not up to speaking with folks, but if you would like to send a note of love and encouragement, ask the Encouragement Committee (ecteam@mpuuc.org) and we will pass on their address or email. MPUUC will be working with their current congregation (UU Berkeley), to offer as much care and comfort as we possibly can. Because these losses are incredibly complicated, if you would like to talk to me or Rev. Barbara or someone on the Encouragement Committee, please reach out. These are hard moments and we need one another. – Rev. Greg



Congratulations to this year's Volunteer of the Year, Valerie Stewart!

The Board offers tremendous gratitude for all the work Valerie did with the Canvass team, making this one of our most successful fundraising years ever! She also spearheaded Guest at Your Table, providing content for four different services, several Week on the Peak articles and one full service dedicated to UUSC. She did this while also heading up the Sunday Support Services team, serving on Leadership Development, helping out with setup and takedown, and just in general stepping up whenever she saw a need.



Some of Valerie's attributes that make her such a precious member of this community are: her sense of history, ability to maintain strong relationships, a keen sense of inclusivity, incredible and reliable follow through. She is someone who is fiercely loyal to the things she takes on and the people she works with. She is a great source of institutional history and she maintains connections throughout the large community. She understands tradition and many of the ways we've done it in the past, but is also game to try something new. The Board, Rev. Greg, Rev. Barbara, and all of MPUUC are grateful for all she does!

Share the Plate

Last month's Share the Plate was for NAMI and collection ended on May 29. We collected \$992.02. Thank you to all who contributed.

Share the Plate will pause for the Summer and will resume in September.





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 June 5 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 about the most meaningful exchanges we've had that included flowers. For some, this might be the ritual of leaving flowers at a gravesite. For some, it may be the bouquet that is your beloved's favorite. Maybe it's the annual ritual of deciding what you plant in your yard. Maybe it's the flower left on your desk by a coworker or given to you on your retirement. How have you ritualized something with flowers? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week's discussion will be about how we have celebrated independence day. And whether we have ever felt hesitant or excluded from the celebration for any reason. Do we know anyone who didn't feel like it applied to them? What does freedom and independence mean and how can those who are free help recognize the needs of those who aren't.

Annual Congregational Meeting Results

The congregation met on Sunday, June 5, 2022 and approved all of the following:

- Changes to the bylaws

Click [HERE](#) to view summary of bylaw changes

Click [HERE](#) to view Red-lined copy of bylaws

- 2022/23 Leadership slate:

President - Suzette Takei

Treasurer - Terri King

Secretary - Gayle Tupper

Trustees at Large - DeAnna Alm, Michelle Wallace, Colleen Arnold

Leadership Development Committee - Kathi Bayne, Valerie Stewart

Committee on Ministry - Alan Davis, Eric Dittmar, John Porter

- The 2022/23 budget

Click [HERE](#) to view 2022/23 budget

- Statement to Support the 8th Principle Project

Click [HERE](#) to view Statement for 8th Principle

For more details or questions email president@mpuuc.org

JUSTICE CORNER

Saturday, June 18 • 4:30 pm

[Poor People's Campaign: Moral March on Washington, D.C.](#)



Any nation that ignores nearly half of its citizens is in a moral, economic, and political crisis. There were 140 million people who were poor or one emergency away from economic ruin *before* the pandemic. Since March 2020, while hundreds of thousands of people have died, millions are on the edge of hunger and eviction and still without health care or living wages, while billionaire wealth has grown by over \$2 trillion. Join the [Poor People's Campaign](#) for a Moral March on Washington and to the Polls. [RSVP here.](#)

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Thursday, June 16 • 5:00 pm

[Champions of Literacy: Nikole Hannah-Jones & The New York Times Magazine 1619 Project](#)

Join Literacy Partners as they present their Champion of Literacy Award to Nikole Hannah-Jones and the New York Times Magazine for their extraordinary work of journalism, *The 1619 Project*. Recovering and telling this critical history has created an extended dialogue that is moving our society forward, despite the defenders of white supremacy and their best efforts to discredit the work. [Register for free or donate](#) to advance racial and social justice through adult literacy education.



8th Principle Learning

Article: [“The White Savior Industrial Complex”](#) by Teju Cole



Please join us! All are welcome.
(Please click [here](#) for Flyer)

WE ARE ONE



Vigil / Rally Love is Love

We stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community for an inclusive society where diversity is welcomed and respected. We stand against the hate, racism, and prejudice displayed in homophobic policies, rhetoric, and actions. We commit to working for a world where LGBTQ+ people are accepted as full members of society - in our community and everywhere.

Thursday, June 23, 2022
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Paseo Padre & Walnut, Fremont



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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](#)

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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](#)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841





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