

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 19, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Hello from your Community Minister Rev. Barbara Meyers.

One of the things in my ministry that I am currently working on with co-author Shelly McFadyen Rohe is a book on Disability in UU Congregations. Our proposal has been accepted by Skinner House Books, a UU publisher. We will be including stories from UUs about their lived experiences of disability in their congregations. We are seeking authors, named or anonymous, who would be willing to share their authentic story. If chosen, these candidates will receive an honorarium. We want the book to have a strong intersectional framework, so we are looking for stories in which authors bring their whole selves. We welcome you to reflect on how your other identities are part of your experience as a disabled person in a UU community. This book is meant to give insight into how disabled people worship and experience life in their congregations; how disability impacts a person's faith, spiritual identity, and showing up with your authentic self. It will show the gifts that disabled people can bring to their congregations. It is also a book on moving from the Disability Rights Movement to the Disability Justice Movement. Please let me know if you would be able to write your story or be interviewed.



The average contribution for books like this one is around 3,000 words, and the typical range is 1,500-5,000 words.

A rough draft of your submission is due on May 15, 2023.

Please think it over. I'd be happy to talk to any of you who might want to consider writing a story.

Barbara

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## This Sunday's Service:

Service can be attended in-

person at Cole Hall or online.  
See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.



### THIS is Jeopardy!!

Rev. Greg went out and recruited some exciting surprise guests from MPUUC's past to play Jeopardy!. All three contestants are ministers and have made incredibly important contributions to MPUUC in the past. Because the service is celebrating Earth Day, all of the Jeopardy! categories will have something to do with Earth Day, climate change or environmental justice. If you love MPUUC's past and care about the environment, you won't want to miss this compelling call for us all to know what's happening and what's needed.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Guest Worship Associate Erik Alm. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

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### Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely, you can donate 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%.

### Share the Plate for CHDC in April

Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) is a well rated 501(c) group working for a more equitable future by helping Bay Area black families purchase and keep their homes through down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and financial management education. Please help support CHDC by sharing our plate



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

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**Please note we will be collecting for CHDC until May 14.**



## 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 are the [Joys and Concerns](#) for the past 4 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)

## Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's conversation will be on the Better Angels of our Nature. Have you have been visited by a 'better angel?' Someone who had an uncanny ability to convey to you how you can get in touch with your best intentions – and the world's best interests? We welcome all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

## Children's Chapel during service Sunday, April 30th!

Following the Time for all Ages, children are invited to join Children's Chapel in one of the RE classrooms, location tbd. Depending on the ages of those who come we plan to sing a little song and read a book, then enjoy some free-play. Parents/grandparents/caregivers are welcome to join the program or remain in service.



Are you longing for more young people in attendance at services on Sunday mornings? Join us on April 30th for Children's Chapel during service and help build the momentum! 1-2 volunteers are needed. Our safety policy requires two adults in attendance when there are children present. This event will repeat monthly, dates tbd through the spring and summer, settling on a recurring monthly Sunday by the fall. If you can help out please let Ariel know and if you can't help out on April 30th but would like to help in future Children's Chapel events you can also let Ariel know ([dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org)).

## ARO workshops on Microaggressions and Religious Wounding

Rev. Barbara Meyers and Rev. Greg Ward

**Wednesday April 26 7:00 – 8:00 pm: Religious Wounds .**

Many people have been wounded by religious communities they've been a part of. This has been particularly true of people identifying as LGBT. Come and learn about how this

happens and how we can be a compassionate and welcoming home at MPUUC.

[Sign Up](#) for Religious Wounds workshop. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Welcome to MPUUC's outing to Fremont's Museum of Local History:

Please join ARO, Rev. Greg, Religious Education's Ariel, and Mission Peak Congregation members after the service **Sunday, April 23**, to visit **Fremont's Washington Township Museum of Local History located at 190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539** (about 5 minutes from the Church).

We will meet for lunch at **Mission Coffee Roasting Company** (151 Washington Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539) at **12 noon**. Then, we will head to the Museum a couple blocks away.

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## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

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**Wednesday April 26: All ages potluck dinner and game night** Cole Hall from 6-8pm (in-person)

This week we meet in Cole Hall to come together over shared food- either homemade or store bought, all food contributions are welcome! We'll light a chalice to kick things off and then tuck in to our stone-soup-style dinner. If you're not sure about eating indoors with others you're more than welcome to come for the second hour when we'll likely be done eating and playing some games. If you plan to come for dinner it would be helpful to RSVP so we know how many chairs and tables to put out, simply send an email to [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org) and let us know how many in your party or fill out [this super short rsvp](#). It would be so great to have you there! And if this week isn't possible we'll be glad to see you at future potluck & game night events rolling out all spring.

RSVP preferred but not required.

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## JUSTICE CORNER

### SPIRITUAL GROUNDING & NOURISHMENT

**UU Ministry for Earth Earth Day service: April 20 at 5PT - 6MT - 7CT - 8ET**

Our faith calls us into relationship with the sacred elements of Earth and to put power in the hands of the many and not the few. This Earth Day, [join the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth](#) in meditation, song, and stories to honor nature's elements and become *Active for Earthcare* – a call to engage in the face of the climate crisis. This worship structure may be a bit different from what you are used to — lean into it and enjoy the journey!

**—CREATE—  
CLIMATE JUSTICE**

You can join the service live on April 20th, 8pm EST/7pm CST/6pm MT/5pm PST or use the resources on whatever Sunday works best for your congregation's worship calendar. Once your congregation is registered, the videos will be sent to you on April 7, 2023. [Register today!](#)

### SKILL BUILDING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**Facing the Apocalypse with a Smile: April 23 at 1PT - 2MT - 3CT - 4ET**

Everywhere you look the world is on fire! Sometimes you just want to scream at the top of your lungs, "Everything is bad! Do something! AAUGH!!!!" That urgency is real, and also

maybe not the best way to communicate about the issues - or to take care of yourself!  
[Register today.](#)

## GET INVOLVED WITH SURJ BAY AREA

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!

Interested in learning more about how you can get involved with [SURJ Bay Area](#)? We are now offering intro one-to-one meetings with a SURJ committee member where you can learn more about what we do, ask questions, and figure out the best way for you to get engaged in the racial justice work of our local chapter. An intro one-to-one is the first step to organizing with SURJ. [Please fill out this form](#) so we can arrange a one-to-one for you!



**Join a SURJ Action Pod!** Action Pods are a great fit if you: want to build a socially and racially-just future in a supportive environment; want to get to know people who are also committed to justice; and want to be an active member of SURJ, but a committee isn't the right fit for you. [Learn more here](#) and [sign up here!](#)

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

Friday, May 5 • 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
[Critical Resistance 25th Anniversary](#)



[Critical Resistance](#) (CR) will mark its 25th anniversary with a conversation between Angela Davis, Andrea Ritchie, and others, moderated by CR's Kamau Walton. The event will take stock of the gains made building a movement to abolish the prison industrial complex (PIC) over the past 25 years, assess the current conditions of struggle, and envision the next two decades of PIC abolitionist organizing. Tickets sliding scale \$0-\$30.  
**Location:** S.F. State University McKenna Theatre or online

Sunday, May 7 • 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
[Do the Work! How You Can Take Action Against Racism](#)

In their *Do the Work!: An Antiracist Activity Book*, comedian W. Kamau Bell and activist Kate Schatz deliver a guide to "dismantling white supremacy in America" that humorously implores you to get involved. This colorfully illustrated, informative workbook gives you a hands-on understanding of systemic racism. Chock full of engaging games, vibrant comics, and surprisingly deep conversation starters, the innovative volume challenges you to think critically and act effectively. A Bay Area Book Festival event, Bell and Schatz will be in conversation to commiserate on how to best *do the work*.  
**Location:** Freight & Salvage, 2020 Addison, Berkeley

## 8th Principle Learning

Recent experiences at a UU congregation

[Click here](#)



There's a difference between assimilation, limited inclusion, and belonging.

Assimilation says, "be like us and leave parts of you behind."

Limited inclusion says, "be a part of us and bring some uniqueness, but not too much."

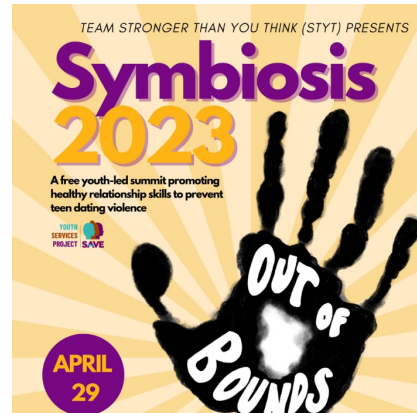
Belonging says, "you belong here; this place is better because you are here, and you are free to take up space."

*Leif Jett*  
@interencelester

## Team Stronger Than You Think (STYT) Presents Symbiosis 2023: Out of Bounds April 29

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Ohlone College

Symbiosis is a free summit created by and for youth that aims to uplift queer and trans youth, provide education about healthy relationships, and empower youth activists in their home communities. At Symbiosis, junior high and high school-aged folks will learn from breakout session workshops, hear from keynote speakers, create art, enjoy performances, and build community. 2023 marks the 6th annual Symbiosis co-hosted by Team STYT and SAVE. Visit the SAVE [website](#) for complete information.



## Denominational Affairs

Please find updated information on the UUAGA conference June 22-25, 2023 in the link below.

[Click here to view this email as a webpage](#)



## Tri-City Interfaith Council and Temple Beth Torah invite you to

Telling Lost Stories  
an Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service & Program

**Sunday, April 23rd**

Yom HaShoah Service 6:30pm  
Documentary Screening & Panel 7pm  
Holocaust Torah Tour & Refreshments 8pm

Temple Beth Torah  
42000 Paseo Padre Pkwy  
Fremont, CA

Click [here](#) for Flyer

## Mission Peak Money Matters: Contact Info



Responsibilities for Mission Peak UU's financial process are shared between our Congregational Administrator, Sandra Lange ([office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org)) and our temporary treasurer, DeAnna Alm. ([treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org)).

- Sandra handles most ongoing operational tasks, such as pledge tracking, reimbursement requests/status, contribution statements, stock donations, and the like. If you are submitting a reimbursement request, please send to both [office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org) and [treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org).
- Please send any questions to both the treasurer email ([treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org)), which is being monitored by DeAnna Alm and also to Sandra ([office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org)). This will ensure that any financial questions are answered promptly.
- **Important note** - if you are making a stock donation/pledge, please notify Sandra at [office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org) and [treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org) immediately.

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## Board Briefs

Board briefs from April 2023 MPUUC Board meeting.

The board met on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

- Approved Lucienne Bouvier as a potential General Assembly delegate or alternative. Rev. Ward will coordinate with potential GA delegates for MPUUC representation.
- Continued transition to new financial software. Noted that the Treasurer position is much easier than it used to be.
- Discussed summertime Share the Plate collections.
- Discussed recruitment for Board positions for 2023-24 and coordination with Leadership Development Committee.
- Approved the updated Membership Committee charter.



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm.

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](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

**ACT NOW!**

## Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

Assembly Member Alex Lee 408-262-2501  
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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