

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 14, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Dearest Members & Friends,

I want to thank you for an extraordinary year. You welcomed me into your congregation, placed your trust in me to be your board president, and supported my leadership with encouragement. As the 22-23 fiscal year ends, we have much to celebrate and more to look forward to. The annual congregational meeting passed a fiscally sound budget and welcomed new faces into positions of leadership. I trust that you will continue to support your new board, LDC, and CoM just as you have done this past year. Our 2023 Volunteers of the Year were our Zoom Hosts; Erik Alm, Graham Bell, David Gibbons, and Steve Wallcave. While they must share that coveted parking space, I know there is plenty of joy and gratitude to go around.

Congratulations Zoom Hosts and thank you for keeping MPUUC running smoothly with all the work that you do each week.

As we embark on a new fiscal year, I do want to ask you to lean in and help where you can. This is a key year for MPUUC to embrace our beliefs and back them with action in order to grow and strengthen our congregation. As we shared during Canvass, our mission and vision for 23-24 is Fellowship & Growth. The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) will be challenged to help develop programming and learning opportunities for our members and the Outreach Committee will be challenged to spread the word to the public. Each of us must take responsibility in supporting these actions by showing up, sharing information, and leaning in to help MPUUC with events, classes, and activities.

In Loving Community,

Suzette Takei



# 2023-24 Vision for MPUUC

## Fellowship & Growth

- a. Focus on developing programming and learning that helps our members feel connected, respected, and empowered
- b. Offer activities such as classes & events that support spiritual growth & learning, self growth and learning, and participation in the community
- c. Advertise our classes & events to attract families and individuals

We believe that ARO, our Covenant, and our UUA principles are embedded in all that we do.

Thus, they continue forward in our offerings & programming, but do not need to remain officially on the list.

**“We Are Better Together”**

## 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.

## Our Living Tradition is Changing... Again?!?

One of the big changes that Unitarian Universalism has been considering at this week's General Assembly is the process of changing Article II of our UUA bylaws. This is the section where our 7 Principles and Purposes are listed. MPUUC and nearly 300 other congregations have adopted an 8th Principle (which emphasizes the need to see everything through a lens of anti-racism and anti-oppression). Changing our Principles is significant. But not unprecedented. This service explores some different perspectives on how we got to this place in our Principles and how we might move forward.

Rev. Sally Fritsche will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.



**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:  
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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%.

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## Summer Special Collection for June: Aesthetics

This month we will be collecting for Aesthetics, for more beauty both inside and outside Cole Hall

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

Write a check to MPUUC with "Aesthetics" in the memo line and mail to:  
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
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(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)

Drop an envelope with a check (with "Aesthetics" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Aesthetics") 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 Aesthetics" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

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Thank you so much to Mission Peak UU members and friends for your generous donations! The organizers hope you will bring or meet up with friends and family to enjoy Sunnyhills- Milpitas Juneteeth Celebration with live music, DJ, a food truck, a resource fair, and more as we celebrate Black culture and the importance of Juneteenth and of Milpitas/Sunnyhills Black history. Program begins at 11:00am. I hope to see you there!

Mr. Chuck Gary, long time resident and former Milpitas High School Principal, will keynote, and Donnie Eiland, long time resident and maker of the movie '54, will also speak. Performances will include praise dancers and gospel singers, live band Pride and Joy (pop/soul music), long time resident Ron Scott (singer), and Bill Austin (DJ). Assembly Member Alex Lee, Supervisor Otto Lee, and Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano are expected to make an appearance.

Sunnyhills Augustine Park is located on Coelho Street, at the intersection of Roger Street. in Milpitas <https://goo.gl/maps/rAcBXTj635ogHDh5A> There is no parking lot, but parking is available on the neighborhood streets as well as nearby at the San Jose City College Milpitas Extension <https://goo.gl/maps/KisYUfyNau2sPbSe6> (if you park at the college, walk north along Escuela Parkway to the corner of Washington Drive, cross Escuela and Washington and take the Hetch Hetchy trail north one block to the park).

This event was made possible in part by a City of Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant and by our sponsors: Red Level Sponsors (\$1500+) Alex Lee for State Assembly; Black Level Sponsors (\$500+) The Milpitas Historical Society, Sophisticated Gents, The Milpitas Police Officers Association, Loopworks, County of Santa Clara (Sup. Otto Lee), Merriwest Credit Union, Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Milpitas Electric, and Gary Correa; Green Level Sponsors (\$250+) Teri Lane, Sophisticated Gents, West Coast Institute of Tae Kwon Do, Henry Nichols, and Bay Area Tutoring Association, and others!

For background information, please see this [article](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS · LIVE MUSIC · FOOD VENDOR

# Milpitas JUNETEENTH

Saturday June 17th 11:00 am - 4 pm  
Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Park

Music By  
PRIDE & JOY  
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CHUCK GARY  
Featured Guest Speaker

CHICK N' BROS  
FOOD TRUCK



This event made possible in part by a Milpitas Arts & Culture Grant



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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 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)

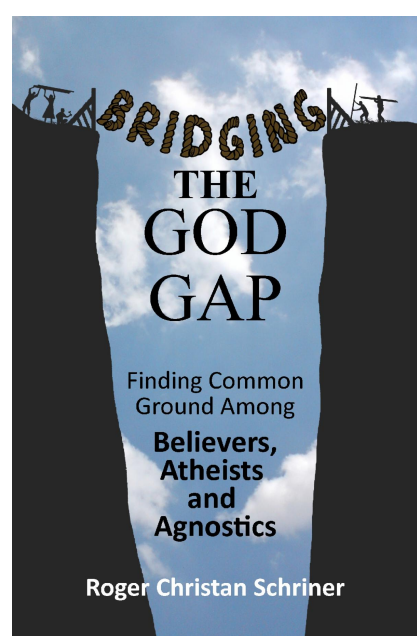
## Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. 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](#)

## A New E-Book from Rev. Chris Schriner

Our Minister Emeritus has published an e-book version of his Amazon paperback, *Bridging the God Gap: Finding Common Ground Among Believers, Atheists and Agnostics*. The new edition can be read on tablets, phones, or computers. For more information go to: [Amazon](#)

To read the first pages, click "Read Sample" or "send a free sample".



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Members & Friends!

Help with Outreach efforts. It's easy!!

1) Join our MPUUC facebook page  
When you see something interesting OR see the flier go up about services --- simply "share" with your own feed.

2) Grab one of these fliers and print a few  
Then you can post at local coffee shops or public bulletin boards in your area

[Flier #1](#)

[Flier #2](#)

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[Flier #4](#)

A little effort by each of us will make a big outreach movement!

Thank you,  
Your Outreach Committee  
Valerie, Beth, Kathi, Allysson, and Suzette

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## Service project collaboration with FUMC

Our neighbors at First United Methodist Church have invited us to join them in a service project. If you are interested in this collaboration and want to join the discussion please let Ariel know, she's making a plan to meet with them over zoom in order to talk about the possibilities. The projects they have been involved with in the past have focused on collecting donations for both the local food pantry and shelter for unhoused people, as well as backpacks for kids who need them. We can share the service projects MPUUC has found fulfilling and in our collaboration together make a larger impact in our community. For more info: [DRE@mpuuc.org](mailto:DRE@mpuuc.org)



## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

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### Parent's Night Out Saturday June 24th from 4:30-8pm.

Parents, bring your children for an evening of free childcare. Doors open at 4:30, parents circle up for a short time of connection and reflection with other parents from 4:40-5pm then get to take off for a little well-deserved time off. Ariel and Gayle will be there to supervise the kids during free play and dinner. If you'd like to share the cost of pizza please bring cash or venmo, otherwise pack your child a dinner. [RSVP](#) required.

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Youth Group (middle and high schoolers) Meet Up, Saturday July 1st 7-9pm  
We'll be lighting a small bonfire in the parking lot so we can roast s'mores, trying out all the different ways we can dream of to put melted chocolate and roasted marshmallow between 2 graham crackers. We're inviting youth and their advisors from neighboring UU congregations to join us for an evening of fun and relaxation.

RSVP required - please click [here](#)

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### Spit and Polish Party, Friday, July 7th \*and\* Saturday, August 5th, 9:30-11:30 AM both days.

Come lend a hand to help tend to the care and keeping of our physical home in Cole Hall. Various projects have been identified and the tools will be supplied. All you need to do is pick a day to come and follow [this link](#) to sign up for a task or two. Many hands make work light! Help us spruce up the space in anticipation of the new congregational year that begins July 1st. Questions? Reach out to Graham or Ariel who are collaborating on these work parties.

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## JUSTICE CORNER

### Two Steps For Immigration Justice: For Asylum, For Afghans & Vets You Are Needed Now By Our Immigrant Neighbors



Immigrant communities, both those who have arrived in the U.S. and those that are arriving at our borders are being let down by our federal legislators.

- On one hand, proposals are being circulated that would virtually eliminate pathways to humanitarian protection or extend Title 42-style expulsions for two years – except with even fewer protections and no exemption for unaccompanied children. Together these render an asylum system out of alignment with our Unitarian Universalists values
- On the other hand, negotiations for bi-partisan, bi-cameral legislation are languishing despite urgency as Afghan parole status will expire during the Summer of 2023.

But we can help our legislators meet the moment, and overcome the challenge.

Click [here](#) to continue reading

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

Join SURJ and our partners this summer at the [22nd Century Conference: Forging a People-Powered Democracy](#). This conference will gather the pro-democracy movement to weave relationships, sharpen strategies, and equip people with skills and resources to effectively block the rise of the authoritarian right while advancing pro-democracy strategies and campaigns. We'll convene onsite in Minneapolis, MN on July 6-9, 2023 with limited online access.



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## 8th Principle Learning

*Omar*, by Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels

Share:

Premiered on May 27, 2022 at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, S.C., an innovative and compelling opera about enslaved people brought to North America from Muslim countries, a musical work that respectfully represents African as well as African American traditions, expanding the language of the operatic form while conveying the humanity of those condemned to bondage.

[Click here to read](#)

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## Denominational Affairs

UUAGA

**This is time sensitive!** Please let your **UUAGA representatives** (Lucienne Bouvier or Kathi Bayne) (Alternates Michelle Wallace and Valerie Stewart) know **ASAP** if you would like to have your thought considered for voting on Acts of Immediate Witness (AIW) or UUA election candidates. Thank you!

[UUA General Assembly](#)

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## 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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**Refugia Worship:** You are invited to a special, interfaith “Refugia Worship Service” on June 24 at 2:00 p.m. at United Church of Christ Fremont, 38255 Blacow Rd. This service seeks to create refugia: a space of refuge and hope. We will lament (passionately express our anger and grief), reconnect with the earth, act on an issue in the climate emergency, pray, and sing. Learn more [here](#). RSVP to [freucc@gmail.com](mailto:freucc@gmail.com)

View on Mission Peak website by clicking [here](#).

## Refugia Worship

seeking shelter, wonder, and healing of the earth

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00 pm**  
**at UCCF**

*Refugia (reh-FU-jee-ah) is a biological term describing places of shelter where life endures in times of crisis, such as a volcanic eruption, fire, or stressed climate. Ideally, these refugia endure, expand, and connect so that new life emerges.*

**In this interfaith worship we want to create refugia: a space of refuge and hope. We will lament – passionately express our anger and grief. We will take time to reconnect with the earth. We will provide a way to act on an issue in the climate emergency. We will pray and sing.**

Our worship leaders come from the United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalists, Disciples of Christ, Swedenborgian, Episcopal, and Pagan traditions.

United Church of Christ Fremont | 38255 Blacow Rd | RSVP to [freucc@gmail.com](mailto:freucc@gmail.com)



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