

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 7, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Greetings, members and friends of Mission Peak UU Congregation!

As our congregational year enters its final month, I want to take this time to express a tremendous amount of gratitude for every single person who walks through our real and virtual doors. There are a number of people I want to recognize specifically.

Thank you to all of you who showed up in person and on line for our annual meeting. You were patient, you were attentive, you were prepared, and you overwhelmingly accepted all the people who stepped up to serve in leadership positions for the coming year. Please continue to stand behind them and support them, participating with enthusiasm in all that you can in the coming year – both the fun stuff and the maybe-not-as-fun-but-still-necessary stuff!



Thank you to all my fellow Board members of the 2022-2023 year – working with all of you was a true pleasure. We built and strengthened relationships, supported each other when we stumbled, and...led Mission Peak UU through an overall successful year!

Special thanks to our Congregational Administrator Sandra Lange and former Treasurers Melissa Holmes and Terri King. You are SUPERWOMEN who all put in an unbelievable amount of work toward making the Treasurer job one a mere mortal could consider taking on.

Thank you to our incoming Board, Leadership Development Team and Committee on Ministry. Your willingness to spend your time, energy and devotion to help keep Mission Peak UU running is a precious gift.

Finally, thanks to our minister Rev. Greg Ward! Your leadership, humor, and excellent Sunday services will be missed while you are on vacation and on sabbatical, but I know you will return with renewed vitality, excitement and ideas to

help move us into our future.

Happy summer, everyone!

DeAnna Alm

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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.**



### **Wisdom of Sages**

Certain cultures, following ancient wisdom, suggest that there is a special wisdom that comes with time and experience. Many cultures put elders at the center of the community so that their insights and stories might help illuminate and prepare those paying attention how to cultivate more meaning from life. In this service we will hear from a number of our MPUUC Sages as they pass on some of their secrets of a good life.

Celeste King, Jo Ann Schriener, Gary/Geddy Glaze, Rev. Dr. Chris Schriener will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Rev. Greg Ward and Kathy Wallcave. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

There is a potluck after the service. We would appreciate help in setting up and cleaning up afterwards. (more details in Fellowship Corner)

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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:

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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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Thank you to everyone who donated to Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association. We collected \$615.26. Please see more information below regarding the Juneteenth event.

Share the Plate



Thank you so much to Mission Peak UU members and friends for your generous donations! The organizers hope you will also be able to attend our Celebration on June 17. The program will begin around 11:30 (more info. in next week's Week on the Peak). 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). I hope to see you there!

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 SF**

**CHUCK GARY**  
Featured Guest Speaker

**CHICK N' BROS**  
FOOD TRUCK

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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)

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### 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](#)

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### UU Ups and Downs: Lessons from the Past

Former UUA President, Rev. Dr. John Buehrens Six-part UU History Course with emphasis on the bay area. Sundays this summer online via Zoom Webinar. Each class will run 4:00-5:30 pm PT. July 9, 16, 23 August 13, 20, 27 Pay what you can \$25-90 [Register Here](#)

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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](#)

[Flier #3](#)

[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)



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## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Boba tea and smoothie making get together. This Saturday from 1-4 pm anyone from Mission Peak is invited to come learn how to make boba tea. If boba isn't your beverage of choice but you feel like connecting with your Mission Peak community then come for a smoothie. We'll also be working together on one more mosaic stepping stone for the garden out front of Cole Hall. No rsvp necessary but if you know you are coming please let Ariel know!



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## Mark Your Calendars! June 11th BYOTS (Bring Your Own Table Setting) Potluck

On June 11th Sunday service will honor our new sages, those in the congregation who have turned 80 since our last Sages Sunday in 2021. After the service there will be a BYOTS potluck. In addition to a dish to share, please bring your own plate and silverware. It's a small thing we can do to help the environment. If you forget though, we will have some available.

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

Please join ARO, Rev. Greg, and Mission Peak Congregation members after the service **Sunday, June 11, 2023** to visit **Fremont's Washington Township Museum of Local History located at 190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539** (about 5 minutes drive from the Church).

We will meet at the **museum at 1:00 PM** following the Sages pot luck at Cole Hall

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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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## 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.



## 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](#)

## Denominational Affairs

Lucienne Bouvier and Kathi Bayne are participating in the **Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (UUAGA) June 22-25, 2023** and have been asked to represent MPUUC as delegates. Michelle Wallace and Valerie Stewart have kindly agreed to be alternates.

Please let us know if you have any comments or opinions you would like represented at UUAGA.

[Click here for more information](#)



## 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.

## Board Briefs

Board briefs from both May 2023 MPUUC Board meetings.

The board met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, and on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

- Approved spending the \$500 currently in Fellowship Budget by rolling it into the restricted Fellowship Fund.
- Approved accepting delegation of authority to approve operating expenses and reimbursements. The purpose of this is to increase clarity, speed, and efficiency of reimbursements while maintaining necessary oversight.
- Discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting, which will be on Sunday, June 4, 2023.
- Voted for Volunteer of the Year. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on June 4.
- Discussed potential candidates for the 2023-24 Board of Trustees, assigned board members to reach out to those members, and discussed the results. Additional outreach is to be conducted this month to fill leadership positions.
- Scheduled an additional Board meeting for May 16, 2023 to further discuss leadership positions and the 2023-24 budget.
- Approved special summer collections for June (Sandwich Squad), July (Esthetics),



and August (Fellowship).

- Discussed Widening the Circle to reach out to our own congregation to enable growth, and to light a fire under people to get them to say yes to leadership roles. Noted that establishing diversity is real work, and that we are a real voice, an antidote to those who are trying to submerge diversity.
- Approved a budget to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on June 4.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, June 13 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)

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## 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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