

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 5, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Mission Peak UU and Outreach Efforts

As you may recall from our Pledge Drive and Canvass Meetings, our focus for this year will be ensuring that we have “stuff” in place when people walk in through our doors.

Our newly formed Outreach Group (Valerie, Kathi B., Drew, Allysson) is actively working to advertise MPUUC, our Sunday service topics, and our core principals to the local community. Our newly elected LDC (Paul D., Erik R., Julie) are working to establish programming for our own congregation's benefit as well as be interesting to potential new members and friends. Additionally, our RE

coordinator, Ariel is coordinating various multigenerational events and activities for our congregation and the larger community.

First and foremost — these groups need your help! It will take the whole village to grow the programming and learning opportunities AND to share the information with the local community who may be interested in attending. Each congregant needs to support events through advertising efforts, attendance, and prep work! We can not let these 9 people do all the heavy lifting. Please read WoTP, check the Fellowship lists, and offer your physical help (emailing, posting, purchasing, set up, clean up, attendance....or other as asked).

Mission Peak UU uses social media as a communications and publicity tool. Our Outreach Group is focusing on our FaceBook (FB) Page and Instagram (IG). If you are a regular FB user, our Page is for the public - it shares our programs, principals, and values with the world. You can help our publicity efforts if you "like" our page and follow it - that helps get it wider viewership. We try to share our Sunday Services there, our special events that are open to the public, messages from the UUA, and we also re-share local events we think would be of interest to like-minded

What needs to be behind the door when people walk in:

- Welcoming
- Outreach Systems
- Programs for Growth in
 - Personal realms
 - Spiritual realms
 - Activities that promote & encourage friendships & connectedness

When someone walks into MPUUC, we have to have “stuff” in place to

- 1) Attract people
- 2) Retain people



people (especially from the Tri-City Interfaith Coalition and the Youth Voter Movement). Some of us try to remember to "check in" on Sunday morning with a photo or comment about the service or other activity. Try sharing posts from our page in your own feed or in groups that you belong to, if you think your friends might find something of interest and maybe take a look.

Additionally, we need general membership to post to their own FB or IG! The Outreach Group has created several fliers and we encourage you to post at least once every other week. Please feel free to use flyers we have created and when you need a new one, just email and ask!

[Flyer #1](#)
[Flyer #2](#)
[Flyer #3](#)
[Flyer #4](#)

MPUUC Talking Points

Not an FB or IG user? No problem! Print a flyer and hang at your local coffee shop or community bulletin board. OR, drop to a few neighbors doorsteps every so often. Anything you can do to spread the word is helpful!

Lastly, we are actively looking for people to create flyers for events and activities. If this is something you'd like to try, please contact Suzette or Beth (president@mpuuc.org) and we can answer questions, then connect you to the Outreach Group.

Dr. Suzette Takei

This Sunday's Service:

Service can be attended in-person at Cole Hall or online. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.



Love's Longing to be Known

For almost 7 years a group of people from MPUUC have met twice a month (for the last three years there have been two groups) to read poetry. Reading poetry, as one poet once said, is like 'opening your soul to 9 centimeters'. Longings, lament, wonder, wisdom, joy and sorrow spill out and are held by the group to see what meaning can be made. But, really, more than the words, we hold one another with our best attention. This service will have members of the poetry groups sharing the poems they think of when they think of Mission Peak.

Poetry Group will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jay Steele 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:

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%.



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

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](#)

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

There is a new Park in Fremont!!

JULY 7 - 4 pm GRAND OPENING celebration

MPUUCers, come out in your MPUUC t-shirt and join the celebration of a new **PARK** in Fremont. The park is located at Dusterberry and Peralta - the Dusterberry Neighborhood Park! Great playgrounds for children! (limited parking) This is the Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening celebration. This is a great opportunity for us to show up in our community, join in a celebration and invite others to join our community of Open Minds and Caring Hearts. See you there!

Men's Fellowship Coffee Time on Friday, July 7

The next joint Mission Peak UU and First United Methodist men's fellowship coffee time will be this Friday, July 7, at 10 a.m. at Suju's Coffee on Stevenson Blvd at Blacow in Fremont. Parking



is in the parking lot adjacent. There is a range of coffees and teas and juices, plus breakfast pastries and a variety of breakfast egg sandwich dishes are available. We set up in an area of the tables on the side toward Sundale Ave

where there seems to be less noise from other groups, which facilitates conversation.

Please let me know if you're coming so that enough tables can be arranged. Thanks. --
E-mail Holmesfam@comcast.net. Hope to see you there, John

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.

Summer Picnic - Sunday August 13

Click [here](#) for flyer.



MISSON PEAK UU CONGREGATION

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SUMMER Picnic

SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH FROM 12-4PM

WE'LL BE IN CENTRAL PARK AT D2 PICNIC SPOT, FREMONT

IT'S A BBQ AND POTLUCK
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A DISH THAT REFLECTS THEIR
CULTURE OR HERITAGE

FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS
ARE WELCOME

→ RSVP REQUESTED
SCAN THE QR CODE
OR EMAIL ARIEL DRE@MPUUC.ORG



JUSTICE CORNER

Are you familiar with the UU Minister Association's Berry Street Essay? Offered annually during Professional Days before General Assembly, this event began in 1820 when the "Rev. William Ellery Channing, Minister of the Federal Street Church of Boston, invited all Massachusetts ministers known to be liberal to meet in the vestry of his church (whose entrance was on Berry Street)."

Since then, the Berry Street Conference has convened every year since 1820 (save for one, during World War II), making the Berry Street Essay the oldest lecture series in the US.

The 2023 Berry Street Essay was offered by the Rev. Cecilia Kingman, titled "[My Little Pony Was Right](#)": [Reflections of Fascisms Without and Within](#). In it, Rev. Kingman reflects upon the rise of authoritarianism, right-wing ideology, and fascism both within

Unitarian Universalism and in the wider world.

Side With Love joins Rev. Kingman in a two-session interactive opportunity for UUs to engage with this essay and the kinds of faithful responses it demands on behalf of our UU faith.

Join us!

- [Session 1: July 17](#) at 8pm ET / 7pm CT / 6pm MT / 5pm PT
- [Session 2: August 14](#) at 8pm ET / 7pm CT / 6pm MT / 5pm PT

PRE-REQUISITE: Watch or read the 2023 Berry Street essay, "[My Little Pony Was Right: Reflections on Fascism Without & Within](#)" by the Rev. Cecilia Kingman

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Sundays, July 9 & July 16 • 10:00 am – 12:00
pm

[2-Part Virtual Divestment Training](#)



Community Ready Corps (CRC), a SURJ partner organization, defines wealth as access to money above need. CRC Allies & Accomplices is hosting a virtual 2-part training for white folks with wealth and/or wealthy networks. The training will be participatory with a presentation, big and small group discussion, and solo journaling. You'll develop skills, tools, and goals to effectively practice divestment and organize white wealthy people in your life to join you! **RSVP asap.**

8th Principle Learning

5 more UU congregations adopt the 8th Principle (MPUUC 6/2/22 is number 197)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8thprinciplelearningcommunity/permalink/1235950263956156/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8thprinciplelearningcommunity/permalink/1218962052321644/>

Denominational Affairs

RESULTS:

Sophia Betancourt was elected UUA

president by over 95% of the delegate vote

All **other candidates for elected positions** were elected with the exception of Dick Burkhart

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/volunteer-nominations-ga-2023>



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Preliminary approval the Article 11 Commission passed to allow work to continue
by

[Preliminarily Article II Proposal](#)

There were 5 approved amendments

30 by Viola Abbitt

[Amendment 30 to Article II - Proposed by Viola Abbitt](#)

26 by David Schwartz

<https://discuss.uua.org/t/amendment-26-to-article-ii-proposed-by-david-schwartz/1076>

52 by John Millspaugh

<https://discuss.uua.org/t/amendment-52-to-article-ii-proposed-by-john-millspaugh/1102>

5 by Matthew Johnson

<https://discuss.uua.org/t/amendment-5-to-article-ii-proposed-by-matthew-johnson/1049>

13 by Kathi Bayne (MPUUC, Thank you so much for your help!)

<https://discuss.uua.org/t/341-kathi-bayne-within-our-congregations-and-in-society-at-large/544>

The following **Acts Of Immediate Witness** were passed:

- **Affirmed: [AIW: Rise Up to Stop Cop City \(PDF\)](#)**
- **Affirmed: [AIW: Organizing for Health Equity \(PDF\)](#)**
- **Affirmed: [AIW: Protect the Dreamers, the Recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival \(DACA\) with a Pathway to Permanent Residence \(PDF\)](#)**

The following **business resolution** was **NOT** passed

[“Complete Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry and Subsequent Reparations” \(PDF\)](#)

Board statement on the business resolution

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/board/announcements/statement-against-2023-business-resolution-complete-divestment>

Board Briefs

Board briefs from the May 23-25, 2023 email Vote, the Annual Congregational Meeting, and the June 13, 2023 MPUUC Board meeting.



Electronic Vote regarding Sabbatical Minister May 23-25, 2023

President Suzette Takei requested an email vote about the Sabbatical Minister nomination for Reverend Jim McKinley, as recommended by the Committee on Ministry. The board unanimously approved COM's recommendation. Information about Reverend McKinley was given at the Annual Congregational meeting on June 4. Week on the Peak, June 21, 2023 has additional information about Reverend Greg's upcoming sabbatical.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on June 4, 2023, at Cole Hall for those present in person, and via Zoom for those attending online.

- The coveted Volunteer of the Year Award was given to our Zoom hosts, who make our hybrid services possible. These hosts are Erik Alm, Graham Bell, David Gibbons, and Steve Wallcave.
- The recommended slate of candidates was approved unanimously:
 - BOARD
 - President: Beth Schaefer
 - Treasurer: Jay Steele
 - Secretary: Michelle Wallace
 - Trustee-at-Large: Kathi Bayne
 - Trustee-at-Large: Stephen Longfield
 - Trustee-at-Large: Valerie Stewart
 - COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM): Reverend Barbara Meyers, Alan Davis, Paul Clifford
 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Paul K. Davis, Julie Ganzlin, Eric Ryan
- The proposed budget was approved unanimously.
- Rev. Greg spoke about Rev. Jim McKinley, who will be the Sabbatical Minister while Rev. Greg is on sabbatical.

The current (outgoing) board met on June 13, 2023, with all members of the incoming board also in attendance.

- The current and incoming board discussed the upcoming board transition, and the transition for new officers and trustees, with training/mentoring for new board members.
- Approved adding \$45 for Congregational Administrator Professional Expenses. This fits within the board's authorization to increase up to 10% of budget.
- Payment for August picnic at Fremont's Central Park (details to come) will be made

- in the current fiscal year because of the payment due date.
- Discussed coffee charter for purchasing supplies for coffee hour after Sunday services.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, July 18 at 7 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

For more details about meetings or questions email president@mpuuc.org

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) and our treasurer, Jay Steele. (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 and treasurer@mpuuc.org.
 - Please send any questions to both the treasurer email (treasurer@mpuuc.org), which is being monitored by Jay Steele and also to Sandra (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 and treasurer@mpuuc.org immediately.
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SCAM EMAILS AGAIN

If you have received an email that says "odd request" or something similar, **IT IS NOT FROM REV. GREG!**

Please don't respond as they are phishing for those who will. Please just delete.



The only emails that you will receive from me will come from minister@mpuuc.org or revgsward@gmail.com.

Thank you all who have been vigilant and notified me.

Rev. Greg Ward

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
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553
Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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