

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 9, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Hello.

It is my great joy to, once again, welcome you, your family, and friends to our Mission Peak UU Congregation Picnic, Sunday, August 13, after service between 12 and 4 PM.

I am grateful for this opportunity for us to see each other, share ourselves, and renew our spiritual connection to each other by taking part in good food and community.

The theme this year is diversity. We hope you will consider bringing or wearing something special that you believe emphasizes our diversity of age, gender identification, orientation, ability, ethnicity, and search for truth.

We plan to keep some of the highlights of last year's Juneteenth picnic, including safety and music.

Safety

Like last year, people are welcome to wear masks and maintain whatever social distance makes them comfortable.

Again, we use name tags with colored dots. A GREEN dot name tag indicates that you're comfortable with people getting close and possibly giving you a hug. A YELLOW dot will suggest no direct contact but it's OK to get as close as 4-6 feet. A RED dot tells others to maintain a distance of 6 feet or more if they are not in your cohort.

This should allow us to enjoy each other while keeping each other safe.

Music

If you think of a song that I like that highlights your diversity, please send it to me, Barbara, or Michelle. We will try to incorporate it into a soundtrack.

Food

Food will be provided but please consider bringing an item to share

Please consider signing up at the link below.



Also, below is a link to a map of Central Park with our picnic site circled in yellow. (D2 Large Reservation Picnic Area)

We look forward to seeing you, your friends, and loved ones.

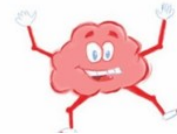
[Link to sign up sheet](#)

[Link to the picnic site map](#)

Kathi Bayne, Ariel, and ARO

This Sunday's Service:

Your brain on **NO**. Your brain on **"Yes!"**



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

Growing 'Yes' Brain Souls

The service this Sunday is really special. MPUUC will have our first Child Dedication service in nearly 4 years. And we'll have not only ONE child dedication, but THREE. Three families will bring their children and their promise to make MPUUC part of their lives. And they will ask for promises in return. Which brings up the question: What, exactly, do we promise when we accept the honor to dedicate ourselves to a child's upbringing? And what is required to make good on such promises? In this service, created by Rev. Greg and Ariel Smith-Iyer, we will explore the work and commitment in creating a positive and loving place for learning.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Ariel Smith-Iyer. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven 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. This week's topic is the need for communities willing to dedicate themselves to raising healthy adults. What does that require? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

Please note the link has changed as we are using a different Zoom account.

New to Unitarian Universalism or to Mission UU Congregation?

Mission Peak UU Congregation (MPUUC) is excited to announce that Rev. Greg Ward and I will be offering a one-day class, New To UU. It is a chance for people who are new to Unitarian Universalism and/or to Mission Peak UU Congregation to learn more about the denomination and about our particular congregation. It will also be a chance for you to share your story and to ask any questions you may have. The class runs about 2 hours and is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 at 11:30, after the Sunday service. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Please let me know if you might be interested and available on that date. As always, let me know if you have any questions about the New to UU class or anything else about our congregation. We hope you can attend!

Take care,
Kathy Wallcave
Chair, Membership Committee

PS-Though I am on the Membership Committee, this is an introductory class for sharing, learning, and exploration. Some people attend the class and then want to explore further. Others are ready to become a member. Each attendee is invited to discern their next step.

Share the Plate Suggestions

8 times per year (once a month, September – May) MPUUC organizes a special collection for a worthy agency that promote our values in the larger world. We try to select some local agencies, some denominational agencies and, occasionally, some global agencies. You can help by suggesting what agencies would be good candidates for this special fund, reaching out to connect with a representative to address the congregation and share it's mission. If you know an agency that would be a good justice partner with MPUUC, [sign up here](#).

Making announcements

If you've ever had an announcement you wanted to share about an upcoming MPUUC event or meeting but didn't know how, you're in luck. This [Announcement Sheet](#) will go directly to Sandra, our Administrator (to put in the OOS); or to a Board Member (to

announce at a Sunday service. Deadline for posting Sunday announcements is Thursday at 5pm.

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

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**



Right now, asylum seekers are forced to comply with unnecessarily long waiting periods before they are able to legally work in the United States. Without the ability to work, people seeking asylum are deprived of the right to earn an income and support themselves and their families.

Please consider writing to your member of Congress and ask them to support the Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2023 (H.R. 1325). If passed, this legislation would shorten the waiting periods and make it easier for asylum seekers to obtain a work permit and contribute to their communities.

You might find this links below helpful

[Draft letter](#)

[Addresses of our local Congressmen](#)

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

From Ministry for Earth Create Climate Justice Final Q&A

Stories and Songs of the People, by INITC

Saturday, August 19th
Starts at 10am HT/ 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET

Join the InterNāional Indigenous Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC) for *Stories and Songs of the People*, a hybrid event taking place at the University of Hawaii, Maui and online.

Join us for a virtual gathering of intercultural, interfaith sharing of experience and knowledge for the profound social, cultural, economic, legal and environmental issues reflecting the impacts to the health and well-being of our collective Nations and our Planet. We invite you to join us individually or create your own in-person gathering and then join us virtually as a group as we gather on the island of Maui.

[Sign-up for this day of learning](#)

8th Principle Learning

Dr. Leslie Picca, professor and Roesch chair in the social sciences at the University of Dayton, explains how we can work toward anti-racism in this video, part of the University of Dayton Anti-Racist Lecture Series.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6J8h65rfg4>

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.

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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