

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! February 28, 2024

Dear Sandra,

I've been reflecting a bit on what "Community" means to me and why some communities work better than others. I've concluded that one key element for a successful community is that people make and keep promises to others.

At MPUUC we state our promises in many ways including our covenant, which includes these two aspirations and commitments:

- "We aspire to build a community which values celebration and fun."
- "We aspire to be a community where resources, opportunities and responsibilities are shared among all members."

This year I offered to help us all act on these promises by co-leading our annual canvass with Julie Ganzlin.



During the next month we will be asking each of you to evaluate what this community means to you and how you will choose to support it during the next 12 months. To help with this decision we will be celebrating the people and groups that form our community throughout the canvass, starting with a community canvass celebration on March 17. We will also have a chance to share our creative gifts on March 23 with a potluck dinner and gallery walk coordinated by Ariel. Stay tuned for more details.

Our community is growing again and in a position to thrive because of the many contributions we each make. We are once again asking each of you to make a financial promise - a pledge - that will enable our leaders to determine the resources available to support our many activities. Our hope is that as a result of our canvass, everyone recognizes how precious we are to each other and as a result we commit to stretch ourselves a bit more this year to reflect the value that our community brings to us. Thank you for everything you do to build this beloved community.

John Schaefer

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.



What If?

When we prepare for what's ahead we are invariably challenged by the need to surrender to a complex combination of realities and mysteries. And surrender rarely comes easily, or without cost. Today we'll explore how a few well-placed questions can help us gain the clarity needed to know what to (or not to) surrender to, and why.

Rev. Stephanie Etzbach-Dale will lead the service and assisting will be Don Ramie. Erik Alm will be Worship Host and 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%.

February's Share the Plate for our 2024 Love Hero – Patrick Hebbert

Donations for Patrick's legal pursuit of Asylum will be collected until March 3. Please know that your donations to this specific Love Hero collection are not tax deductible.

Write a check to MPUUC with "Asylum" in the memo line and mail 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 an envelope with a check (with "Asylum" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Asylum") 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 "Asylum" in the message. 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. This week, our topic will explore the myriad of little ways our lives could have turned out differently and what we might do to help ensure the best possible future comes to pass for ourselves and others. The Midweek Discussion Group welcomes all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

MICROAGGRESSIONS WORKSHOP

There will be a Microaggressions Workshop on Thursday, February 29, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. This is a simple one-hour chance to get some practice at recognizing microaggressions. We will learn ways we can help provide safer space for those who are looking for welcome and frequently left feeling uncomfortable. We will also learn compassionate and skillful ways of disrupting microaggressions when they occur, and how to restore safety when it has been breached. This session will be led by Rev. Barbara Meyers and Rev. Greg Ward. You can sign up [HERE](#).

GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY at Fremont Library

MARCH 3, 2024

MPUUC- after all the [postcards](#) and [letter-writing](#)— Let's turn out on [March 3](#) at a [GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY](#) at the Fremont Main Library, 1-4 pm, Stevenson and Paseo Padre Parkway, organized by the Youth Voter Movement and community partners.

Join in poster making, postcard writing, talking with elected officials and urging Voting at the Tuesday [March 5 PRIMARY Election](#).

If you would like to help with the activities, Contact Julie Dunkle at mir2646@gmail.com

See the [poster](#) for more details.

GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY!
FREMONT MAIN LIBRARY
SUN MARCH 3
1PM-4PM

Free food, fun prizes, and volunteer hours!!!

Bay Area Youth Are Invited to Celebrate Voting By:

- Writing postcards to encourage voting
- Sharing ideas with local elected officials
- Making posters to raise awareness about voting
- Marching to City Hall to promote Primary voting
- Mailing Primary ballots at City Hall - bring your ballot

Logos: YOUTH VOTER MOVEMENT, LWV, LIBRARY, ANOVA, OILBEE POLICE CLUB

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Men's Fellowship Coffee Time this Friday

The time has come again for our next men's fellowship coffee time. It will be this Friday, March 1st, at 10 a.m. at Suju's Coffee on Stevenson Blvd at Blacow in Fremont.



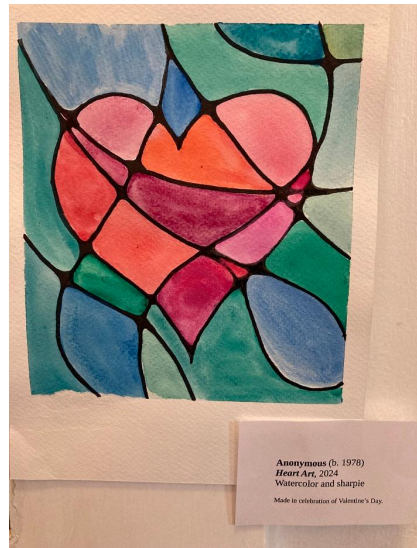
Parking is in the parking lot adjacent. There is a range of coffees, teas, and juices, plus breakfast pastries and a variety of breakfast sandwich dishes are available. If possible our tables will be set up in the area on the east side of the room toward Sundale Ave where there seems to be less noise from other groups which facilitates our conversations. (If that area is occupied look around, the group will be in some other area.) If you know someone who might enjoy the fellowship feel free to bring him along.

Please let John Holmes know if you plan to come so enough tables can be arranged for our group. (holmesfam@comcast.net) Hope to see you there Thanks, John

Pot-luck dinner and gallery walk- featuring *your* art!

Saturday, March 23rd 5:30-8pm in Cole Hall

Let's come together to share a meal and to share our creative endeavors! Maybe your kiddo made a beautiful painting or put together an amazing report for school. Maybe you have a bit of embroidery or a new song you want to share. Whatever it is, you're welcome to bring it this night and lay it out in the "gallery" where we all can admire it, learn a bit more about each other and nurture the growth affirmed in the congregational mission. RSVP requested [here](#). Contact Ariel with questions or if you need help dre@mpuuc.org. If you want a card made to go along with your art, fill out this [form](#) by March 20th.



Anonymous (b. 1978)
Heart Art, 2024
Watercolor and sharpie
Made in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Fremont Earth Day with our partners at Tri-City Interfaith Council

Saturday April 20th



JUSTICE CORNER

Unitarian Universalist Service
Committee (UUSC)

Supporting Burma's Struggle for

Freedom and Safety

February 1 marked the three-year anniversary of Burma's attempted military coup, which our partners and people across the country continue to respond to and resist. [Watch a short new video](#) that reminds us all what's at stake and how we can keep the world's attention focused on securing justice for the people of Burma.



UUSC Response to the ICJ Decision on Genocide

Following the International Court of Justice's recent ruling on the humanitarian crisis happening in Gaza, UUSC calls on the United States and the rest of the international community to provide financial support to relief agencies attempting to save lives on the ground in Palestine.



[Read UUSC's statement here.](#)

Mosaic Virtual Spring Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2024
2pm-3:30pm ET / 1pm CT / 12pm MT / 11am PT

The Mosaic is a hub of connection, resources, and support for Unitarian Universalists dismantling racism and oppression. Through resources, programs, trainings, and gatherings, The Mosaic fosters belonging and liberation in Unitarian Universalist congregations and communities. Our work for collective liberation can be as colorful, multi-faceted, and diverse as the tiles of a mosaic. Together, all of our contributions create something beautiful.

Join us as we worship together and discern our way forward as an association of congregations committed to dismantling racism and oppression in all its forms. We hope you will join us as we recommit to a more inclusive and liberated Unitarian Universalism.

Learn more [about The Mosaic](#).
[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Click [here](#) for more information

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations



Thursday, February 29 • 6:00 – 9:00
pm
[Equity in the Jury Box: A Black Perspective](#)

Join Legal Services for Prisoners with

Children and All of Us or None for a meaningful event and discussion on tackling racial equity in the jury system. The event includes an exclusive documentary screening of *Judging Juries*; a panel discussion with notable voices like Brendon Woods, Pamela Price, and Chesa Boudin; and breakout sessions. This event will be a great opportunity to delve into topics like jury system barriers, community engagement, and policy changes. Check out a clip from *Judging Juries* [here](#). This is a free event but please RSVP.



**EQUITY IN THE JURY BOX
A BLACK PERSPECTIVE**

FEBRUARY 29TH • Movie: *Judging Juries*
6:00-9:00PM • Panel Discussion

NEW PARKWAY THEATER
474 24TH ST
OAKLAND

Location: The New Parkway Theater, 474 24th Street, Oakland

Wednesdays, March 13 – May 8 • 6:30 – 9:00 pm
[Spring 2024 Study & Action Program](#)

There is a lot to be angry, sad, and anxious about in the world right now. So much of what's happening isn't new: violence, genocide, injustice, and hate is deeply rooted in our history. So is the fight for justice and freedom. The wisdom and insights of Black women first formed the path toward collective liberation, and their teachings have kept many of us on that path to this day.

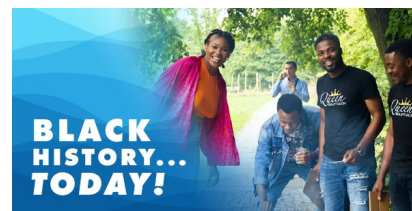


Join us for Study & Action to find purpose, joy, community, and power in learning our history and fighting for collective liberation. Part of this series will focus on the history of Palestine and the many interconnections with the Black liberation movement in the United States

8th Principle Learning

Connect to and Learn from Black History Month

Throughout February, we're lifting up the courageous work of Black-led organizations, such as UUSC partner [Alliance for Black Justice Poland](#). They are a beacon of hope that fills a crucial role in aiding Black and Brown individuals during the Ukraine crisis, providing transportation, legal aid, healthcare, and other support.



Denominational Affairs

General Assembly 2024 June 20-23. GA is a Virtual Program in 2024. For details about scholarships and early bird registration (March 15 deadline)

Click [here](#) for more information



Pacific Western Regional Assembly: Registration Opens January 4! Mark your calendars for April 19-20, 2024!

Elevate your Unitarian Universalist experience by immersing yourself in the 2024 Pacific Western Regional Assembly. This is more about more than geography; it's a community of individuals like you, representing local UU congregations and communities. Your active

involvement is not just valued – it's indispensable. Whether you choose to participate virtually or in-person at the inspiring First Universalist Church in Denver, this gathering promises an enriching and enjoyable experience, fostering connections among individuals and congregations. Friday evening kicks off with a compelling keynote conversation between our UUA president, Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, and the new President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson – both remarkable women of color dedicated to justice work. More details can be found [here](#).

Board Briefs

Board briefs from February 2024 MPUUC Board meeting.

The board met on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

- Community and Canvass Celebration: March 17, 2024. We will have a longer than usual service, and afterwards, we will have computers and paper pledge forms available.
- Canvass Wrap-Up Day is April 7, 2024. Please have your pledges ready to turn in if you haven't done so earlier
- DeAnna Alm gave an update on Breeze, the new software that we will be using for record keeping.
- May 1st is our 30th anniversary here at MPUUC, so be on the lookout for more information about our big celebration coming soon!
- We are working on getting recertification as an official Welcoming Congregation, so if you would like to help with this, please contact Michelle Wallace.



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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

Outside Mission Peak

You are invited to a free program on gun violence prevention, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City.

Please share this invitation with your friends, neighbors, and communities. *Save the Date* and join us! (Details below)

Sponsors a free event

Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Responding to Gun Violence

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA

*Gun Violence is an issue of public health and safety in our nation.
Firearms are now the leading cause of death for U.S. children and teens.
Join us for a program featuring speakers from Brady United Against Gun Violence
to explore what we can do to keep our children and our nation safer.*



Shikha Hamilton
Brady VP of Organizing



Kath Tsakalakis
Brady SF Chapter Co-Leader



Toni Shellen
Founder, Brady Tri-City Chapter



**TAKE ACTION
NOT SIDES**

"Being Good Neighbors": an Interfaith Symposium

Join us on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM for "Being Good Neighbors": an Interfaith Symposium. We will gather together at Washington Hospital West, as we strengthen cross-cultural communal bonds and learn how to better support their Muslim and Jewish neighbors in the Bay Area during this time of increased intolerance and violence. This event will feature interactive "Meet Your Neighbor" conversations, a Panel entitled "How to Be Good Neighbors to Muslims & Jews In Our Community" with distinguished speakers, a community dinner to break the fast of Ramadan, and a Havdallah ceremony concluding Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. Advanced registration is required by Tuesday, March 12th, at <https://bit.ly/BeingGoodNeighbors>.

"Being Good Neighbors" is open to people of all backgrounds. This event is sponsored by Tri-City Interfaith Council, and is supported by its Community Partners. Don't miss this opportunity to help make our Tri-Cities a more connected and supportive community for all

its residents.

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 and note that our broker information changed this year.

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.

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



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