

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 10, 2024

Dear Sandra,

I am Kathi Bayne. I have been a member of Mission Peak UU congregation for more than 5 years. Recently, I had the privilege of speaking at our MPUU canvas event where I discussed how much anti-racist antidepression group (ARO) means to me and to Mission Peak. This committee has given me a chance to practice my social justice values in loving community.

A few years ago, we participated in readings and sermons that demonstrated the multitude of ways in which African-Americans have been deprived of homeownership, and therefore the personal wealth and intergenerational wealth available to many Americans.

We diligently searched for an organization that is trying to rectify this wrong.

After a lot of searching, we found Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond. CHDC-NR is a black-led affordable housing developer in the wider San Francisco Bay Area, that is creating wealth in our communities through the Black Wealth Initiative by addressing systemic racism in the housing industry. CHDC has raised \$304,000 for Down Payment Assistance and \$28,000 for Homebuyer Education. Donations have helped supplied Housing to 31 families since December 2022.

Please join me in sharing our plate with Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC-NR), Sunday, April 14.

Kathi Bayne



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.

Babies, Bathwater and the Belonging that's our Birthright



According to the Christian calendar, it was shortly after Jesus appeared to the grieving disciples that they began the diaspora to share the 'good news.' Each of the remaining disciples was sent out with the task of gathering people to form communities. But it was Paul who had the real knack for community building. This sermon will focus on how Paul - despite his many shortcomings - managed to take some of Jesus' teachings of radical acceptance and turn them into a realized form of the beloved community.

Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host 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%.

April's Share the Plate Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC-NR)

Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC-NR) is a well rated 501(c)3 organization that is working for a more equitable future by helping Bay Area black families purchase and keep their homes. This is being done through down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and financial management education. Please help support CHDC by sharing our plate.

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Drop an envelope with a check (with "CHDC" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "CHDC") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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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

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week our topic will explore ways that we reconcile our hearts and minds to habits that come with strong ambivalence – that is, practices which simultaneously come with strong positive, life-affirming parts as well as strong negative, life-denying parts. Do we grin and bear it? Do we throw the baby out with the bathwater? Or something in between? 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](#)

Mistakes and Miracles Book Discussion

On four consecutive Wednesday evenings starting April 24th at 6:30 pm (April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15) we will hold a book discussion group for Mistakes and Miracles, written by Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and Karen Lin. This will be facilitated by our ARO team. The book has particular interest for Mission Peak because we were cited as one of the examples of microaggressions. We have learned a great deal since the time of this example. We will be exploring ways we can put our new understanding into practice. If you are interested in being part of this discussion group, please [SIGN UP HERE](#).

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

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

Saturday April 20th



Save the Date! June 16

MPUUC Joyous Juneteenth Celebration in the park

ARO (Anti Racism and Anti Oppression group) is sponsoring a Juneteenth picnic at Lake Elizabeth Park June 16, 2024 at Lions 1 picnic area near the boat house. At least part of Sunday service will be in the park followed by the picnic. More details will come later.



JUSTICE CORNER

Environmental Justice: Using Our UU Principles as a Theological Guide

I joined the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission in 2012 as a part of an effort to diversify the commission and refocus it toward public health and community resilience. Another new member was Rochelle, a community activist from North Minneapolis, which has the highest poverty rates and largest concentrations of indigenous people and people of color, thanks to the city's history of racially-restrictive covenants and redlining. ([Continue reading](#))

Meleah Houseknecht

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

[Petition to Exonerate the Port Chicago 50](#)

– In 1944, a Navy cargo vessel explosion at a Bay Area port killed hundreds of sailors, most of whom were Black due to the Navy's segregation. When many of the surviving sailors protested the unsafe working conditions, they were threatened with death and then convicted of mutiny. They have since been recognized as heroes, having sparked the desegregation of the U.S. Navy and the beginnings of the civil rights movement. Sign this petition calling for full exoneration for the Port Chicago 50 to restore honor and justice to their legacies.



[SURJ Bay Area's solidarity statement on Justice for Palestine](#)

– Many of us are talking about Palestine, marching to demand an end to the war on Gaza and the West Bank, acting to end the Occupation. This is a good time to remind ourselves why we are acting together and to reread the SURJ BA solidarity statement on Justice for Palestine that was written collectively and released last spring.

8th Principle Learning

The 8th Principle: A UU Embrace of the Transgender Community

Click [here](#) for more information.

Denominational Affairs

Engaging UUs in a Conversation on Article II

Click [here](#) for more information.

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](#).

Outside Mission Peak

A Blood Drive and Preparedness Seminar will be held on Saturday April 27 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Scott Creel LDS Chapel at 48950 Green Valley Rd., Fremont.

Community experts will cover areas such as Emergency Services, Hazard Risks and Preparedness for Earthquake and other Disasters for Home and Family, Wellness Seminars and presentations by other community service organizations including Ham/Amateur Radio operators will be offered.

The program is free to all interested parties. Click [here](#) for more information.

FREMONT STAKE BLOOD DRIVE

SCOTT CREEK CHAPEL
48950 GREEN VALLEY RD.
FREMONT, CA

APRIL 27, 2024
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- Emergency Services
- Personal preparedness for home, family and neighborhood
- Hazard, risk and preparedness for earthquakes (Hayward Fault)
 - Blood Drive
 - Wellness Seminar(s)
- About organizations that offer services and resources
- Amateur (Ham) Radio

LOCATION:
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

48950 Green Valley Road
Fremont, CA 94539
(Southern Fremont near Milpitas – I680 and
Scott Creek Road)

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](https://www.house.gov)
 Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
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