

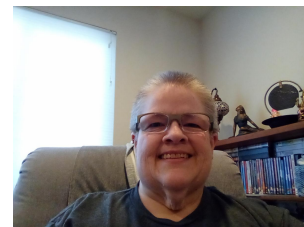
This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 17, 2024

Dear Sandra,

Hello, Beloved Community! My name is Michelle Wallace, and I am the secretary of the MPUUC Board. We've had some really great events this past winter, and now that spring is here and summer will be here soon, we have lots of other wonderful opportunities for fellowship and fun. Next month is the 30 year anniversary of the signing of Mission Peak's charter May 2, 1994. We will have a small acknowledgement after the service on May 5, but a larger celebration as we start our 31st year at our Water Communion service on September 8. We will also celebrate Juneteenth picnic at Lake Elizabeth again this year moving our entire worship service to the park!



This year's canvass was a HUGE success, so thank you to everyone for participating, especially Julie Ganzlin and John Schaefer, our amazing leaders. Without all of us working together, we wouldn't be able to do all these awesome things.

We are blessed with a team of stupendous people who make all these things happen, but there is always room for more, so please join us in whatever capacity you are willing and able to do I am grateful for all the love and support I feel here at MPUUC, so thank you for being my Beloved Community!

Michelle Wallace

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.

Seven Stories to Liberation

Although almost all people who have really considered it are drawn to the idea of Beloved Community, many modern theologians argue it is not a straight line from oppression to liberation. There is an evolution involved. Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr and other theologians think of it as the need to try on and tell ourselves successive stories that we attempt to embody until we recognize the limits of each story. What are these stories and which one are we in as we set our sights on an embodied and liberating love?

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Steve Wallcave will be Worship Host Peak Rocks 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:

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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%.

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

We will continue to collect until May 5, 2024.

Write a check to MPUUC with "CHDC" in the memo line and mail to:

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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 be about the 7th Story. This is a theological conversation started by Brian McLaren and Garreth Higgins who've chronicled 7 stories that people have told (and believed) about society: (1) Power-over; (2) Revolution; (3) Building Walls; (4) Isolation; (5) Selling the future for Profit; (6) Feeling sorry for ourselves; (7) telling a new story about Love. How does this sequence of stories resonate with what you've seen? 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



All east bay UU potluck and game / art night
Saturday, April 27th from 5:30 - 8pm at UU Oakland

Calling all UU congregations in the east bay: you are invited to a potluck and game / art / picture puzzle / DnD night (DnD = Dungeons and Dragons, a role playing game)



UU Oakland will be our host, we all will provide the food, fun, and fellowship.

RSVP is required by the end of day on Friday, April 26th. RSVP by clicking this [link](#). Please look at your calendar and consider joining us!

Location: 685 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Directions. We are half a mile from the 12th BART and very accessible via bus. You might also consider carpooling.

Questions? Reach out to Ariel Smith-iyer from Mission Peak (UU Fremont) at dre@mpuuc.org or Jef Melcher from UU Oakland at familyministry@uuoakland.org

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

The Ladies of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community proudly invite you to attend an event we are hosting with the American Friends of the Parents Circle. This group is a forum for Palestinian and Israeli bereaved families for peace. Their common bond is that they have lost a close family member to the conflict, but instead of choosing revenge they have chosen a path of reconciliation.

We would be honored with your presence.

When: Saturday April 20, 2024 at 10:00am (it's early because the speakers joining us are from a different time zone.)

Where: Bait ul Baseer Mosque (926 Evans Road, Milpitas AND zoom if you can't make it in person)

Why: to share grief and hope

Who: you and any *female* guests you would like to bring. This is a ladies only event.

Contact: Ramla Chaudhry ramla79@gmail.com

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZckdOmoqD4oGtNdj9u0rtJ8qJLj-45bcWao>

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/q5Hp4v97QrToaxqb9>

Please click here for [flyer](#)



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.



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!

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Representative Eric Swalwell 510-247-1388 or go to house.gov
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
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