

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! May 8, 2024

Dear Sandra,

Hello,

I am the affiliated community minister at Mission Peak with a mental health ministry. But, I am also a member of Mission Peak and in that capacity I have been active with the Anti Racism and Oppression committee (ARO). One of the projects of the ARO committee is to identify candidate organizations for our monthly share-the-plate offerings. This month we have chosen to support the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association's Juneteenth celebration. As you will read below, Sunnyhills is in Milpitas and we celebrated Juneteenth with them last year.



I'd like to suggest that you consider joining the ARO committee. We meet twice a month and have been quite active in the last year or two. Here are some of our accomplishments:

Education: Every month there was one worship service that focused on anti-racism and anti-oppression; We held workshops on micro-aggressions with the goal of having 10%-20% of the congregation committed to interrupting micro-aggressions when they hear them.

Action: We made congregational reparations donations to Amah Mutsun (focus on Indigenous Americans) and the Community Housing Development Corporation (focus on Black and Latino Americans); We attended a Northern California Tribal Pow Wow and, along with San Jose and Hayward UUs, helped in a booth focusing on the Amah Mutsun Land Trust; Kathi Baynes' submission of a modification to the draft Article II proposal was one of 5 that were approved at General Assembly 2023.

Culture shift: The workshop on micro-aggressions is focused on culture shift.

If you would like to participate in this exciting work, please let us know. You can contact me at com_minister@mpuuc.org

Barbara

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.

Stories that Remind Us of the Mothers We Need

We all know the importance of Mothers. None of us would ever make it to adulthood without them. But it is easy to overlook how much goes into the maternal care, attention, love, support, wisdom, devotion and sovereignty a good mother provides. In this service, Ariel Smith-Iyer and Rev. Greg Ward will share some of the stories that describe the kind of mother each of us needs at one time or another.

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

May's Share the Plate for Milpitas Juneteenth

Our May Share the Plate supports the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) "Milpitas Juneteenth – Unity In Community Celebration". This is the second annual celebration of this holiday and the rich African-American culture and history of Milpitas, at historic Sunnyhills Park. SNA appreciated your generous donations last year that helped cover expenses. Their goal is to continue to cultivate our diverse community and to connect local residents with valuable resources. Allysson McDonald, who is helping coordinate, hopes you will also join her on the afternoon of Saturday, June 15, 2024 for live music, vendors, and more.



We will be collecting through June 2.

Write a check to MPUUC with "SNA" 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

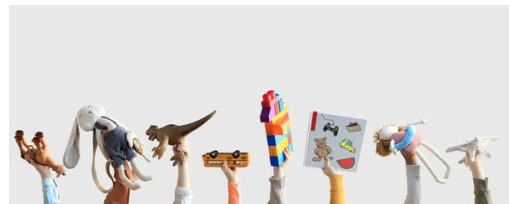
Life, contact the Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org

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 impossible diversification required in being a mother. Forget the oath of Boy Scouts. The Oath of Mothers calls one to be loving, inspiring, encouraging, strong, faithful, patient, kind, forgiving, sensitive yet thick-skinned; devoted yet not clingy; involved yet not impossibly controlling, well-informed and yet always delighted and surprised. How do you measure up as a mensch of maternity? 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](#)

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

The final Parent's Night Out (PNO) of the current congregational year is coming up on Saturday, May 11th. RSVP is required by Friday May 10th and can be found [here](#). This evening is open to all members and friends of the Mission Peak UU community. Please reach out to Ariel with any questions, dre@mpuuc.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

[Earth Bill - Force of Nature](#)

Ask Your House Member to [Earth Bill - Force of Nature](#)
Support and Cosponsor
H.R. 598, The Earth Bill

[Take Action](#) and use our [poster for tabling after services](#).

The Earth Act to Stop Climate Pollution by 2030 (H.R. 598), popularly known as the “Earth Bill,” focuses on electricity, cars, and food as industries in which Americans support change—most Americans agree that our electricity should be renewable, our cars electric, and our food should be produced using healthy practices.

Let’s make noteworthy progress toward sustainability by 2030. As the Center for Biological Diversity reports in ["Out Polluting Progress,"](#) under the current approach, it won’t happen.

[We Need the Environmental Justice for All Act](#)

Take Action: [Environmental Justice for All](#)

Congress should pass the A. Donald McEachin Environmental Justice for All Act of 2023 (H.R.1705, S.919). They should act on "the moral principle that all people have the right to pure air, clean water, and an environment that enriches life." [Use our poster at church.](#)

[Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee \(ARO\) Recommendations](#)



Put Up a Black Lives Matter Sign – SURJ has Black Lives Matter lawn and window signs and postcards available for easy pickup in Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, and Walnut Creek/eastern Contra Costa County. These are free but if you want to help cover costs, you can [donate here](#). Grab some for friends and family too! [Pickup locations are listed here](#).



8th Principle Learning

Authentic Selves: The Trans Community and the 8th Principle

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
7:00-9:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIc-uhrDlrGtATOC36kZrixFXdztfRkWC0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

An Invitation to MPUUC (Team)

Over the past few years, we have built a movement around the 8th Principle that is helping UUs make cultural change. We can build a movement around **A Community of Communities** to encourage growth and diversity in our congregations. (continue reading by clicking [here](#).)

[Attached](#) is a brief description of what I am referring to as the Leading Edge Group. I hope that teams will see the value in spending a few hours together every three months to support each other for an annual cycle. This will allow me to more fully convey the vision for A Community of Communities built on the 8th Principle. We will learn together. We will begin to have stories to share with other 8th Principle congregations.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

I hope that a team from your church will join us.

Take care,
Paula Cole Jones

Denominational Affairs

General Assembly Weekly Announcements and Preview

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

Board Briefs

Board Briefs: March 19, 2024

- A credit card policy has been written; the DRE will be issued a credit card.
- The Board is looking into ways in which our committee reporting structures can be reorganized for efficiency and a more equitable work load.
- Discussions are taking place with our landlord, FUMC, about taking part in a City of Fremont program for overnight parking for people living in their cars on our side of the FUMC campus.



Board Briefs: April 16, 2024

- The canvass has been very successful. With only a few pledges outstanding, canvass chairs expect us to exceed our goal.
- Mission Peak's dues to the UUA were paid.
- The budget is being prepared for presentation to the congregation before the Annual Meeting on June 9.
- Mission Peak's 30th anniversary will be celebrated with a dinner party on September 7.
- Committee chairs will convene in the next few weeks to discuss the reorganization plan.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, May 21, 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

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.

Outside Mission Peak

On Sunday May 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. the Tri-City Interfaith Council, Temple Beth Torah, and East Bay Holocaust Education Center invite you to
Echoes in Art: Grief & Hope
a Holocaust Remembrance Service & Program for the Interfaith Community

Art & Media Exhibit - 6:30pm
Yom HaShoah Service - 7:00 pm
Concert with Music of the Holocaust - 7:45 pm

If you would like to attend – virtually or in person [REGISTER HERE](#)

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**Multi-Access, In-Person and Virtual



Temple Beth Torah
42000 Paseo Padre Pkwy
Fremont, CA



When we dehumanize one another, our world loses art and artists; music and musicians; science and scientists... but most importantly our world loses human beings and humanity. Join us as we seek to remember through our "Music of the Holocaust" Concert played by local Musicians and Educators, Cookie Segelstein and Joshua Horowitz, and through viewing a touring Art & Media exhibit developed by East Bay Holocaust Education Center President and Artist Larry Lagin.

Open to Public – of all religions and those of no religion
Register by Thursday, May 9th at <https://bit.ly/ShoahRemembrance2024>

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
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553



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