

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 12, 2024

Dear Sandra,

My name is Kathi Bayne. I am a member of MPUUC's ARO (Antiracism Anti-oppression group) Juneteenth (also known as Jubilee, Freedom Day, and Independence Day) is the celebration of freedom for African American enslaved people in the US. It is a time for family and friends to get together to rejoice in resilience, love of family, and love of community.



It is my pleasure to welcome you, your family, and your friends to Mission Peak UU's Juneteenth Celebration Picnic. Sunday morning worship service will be at Lake Elizabeth Park (**NOT Cole Hall**) June 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

We were able to procure a lovely spot, Lions 1, which is near the boat house and an easy walk from the parking area (map and directions below).

Also, we are planning something different this year. Rev. Greg and Ariel (Dir. of Multigenerational Community Building) will lead worship service and children's service in the park. Our worship hosts plan to set up laptops so that our Zoom attendees can join us.

Please consider bringing friends. Fremont Council Member Thersa Cox will be there to celebrate with us. It will be so exciting to celebrate our first MPUUC open air service in the chapel of nature at Lake Elizabeth. I hope you can make it.

Needed items

Please consider bringing chairs and tents for service.

Safety

We will do our best to ensure social distancing for those who would like to participate but maintain their distance for safety or comfort. A GREEN necklace indicates that you're comfortable with people getting close and possibly giving you a hug. A YELLOW necklace will suggest no direct contact but it's OK to get as close as 4-6 feet. A RED necklace tells others to maintain a distance of 6 feet or more if they are not in your cohort. We will offer color coded dots and name tags as well.

We are asking that we all do our best to observe the indicators and the wishes of fellow congregants. People are welcome to wear masks and maintain whatever social distance makes them comfortable.

Music

Singing and dancing together in the park will be encouraged for those who are inclined.

Food

A barbecue pit will be set up and available to those who would like to bring meats or vegetables and would like to cook. Limited barbecue, green salads, and condiments will be provided but potluck items are appreciated.

Please sign up at the link below to let us know you will be attending.

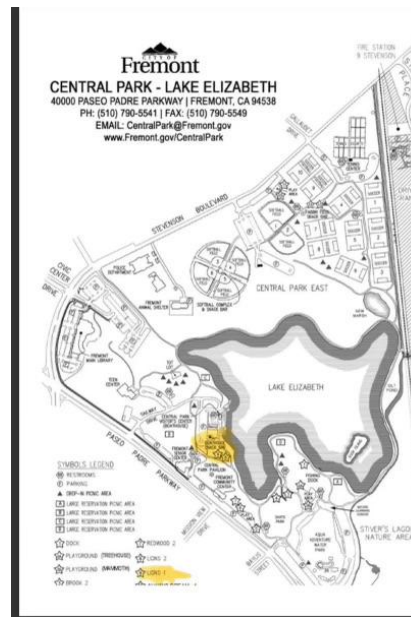
You can sign up to bring a food item in the Evite under “What to Bring.”

[Evite Link](#)

Also, below is a map of Lake Elizabeth Central Park with our picnic site highlighted in yellow.

Directions- Paseo Padre to Sailway Drive. Take Sailway Drive all the way down to the parking lot near the lake.

Kathi Bayne, ARO (Anti-racism Anti-oppression committee)
and Intergenerational Religious Education



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.



Juneteenth

Through stories, music and ritual, we will recognize and celebrate when word of emancipation finally arrived in the remote plains of the nation, enslavers tried to keep the news from those whose lives and dreams they had kept captive. We will imagine the struggle they endured and recognize that the struggle is not done. Together, at Lake Elizabeth, we will all explore ways that we can help contribute to the full emancipation of every citizen whose full liberty has been withheld or kept conditional. This Juneteenth service will be held at Lions1 Picnic Area at Lake Elizabeth.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate

Kathi Bayne. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Multiple MPUUC Musicians 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%.

June Share the Plate for Civic Engagement—Vote Forward Get-Out-The-Vote

Our June Special Collection is to support MPUUC's Civic Engagement—Vote Forward Get-Out-The-Vote letter writing effort. Vote Forward curates lists of Democratic voters in key swing states, and of American citizens abroad. We never ask people to vote for any specific candidates or issues—just to participate in the election. We invite you to join us in this civic engagement effort, and for the fellowship we find by doing this important work together.

We have no external funding source for this effort. Your generosity in the past covered most of the cost of stamps so far, but we have 21 weeks of voter outreach remaining. We will buy as many stamps as we can before the July cost increase, and additional supplies as needed. We appreciate all of your contributions to this important outreach effort.

We will be collecting through June 30.

Write a check to MPUUC with "VOTE" in the memo line and mail to:
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Drop an envelope with a check (with "VOTE" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "VOTE") 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 "VOTE" 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 will be lay led and explore the most unusual Church Worship Services you've ever attended and how you helped make it successful. 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

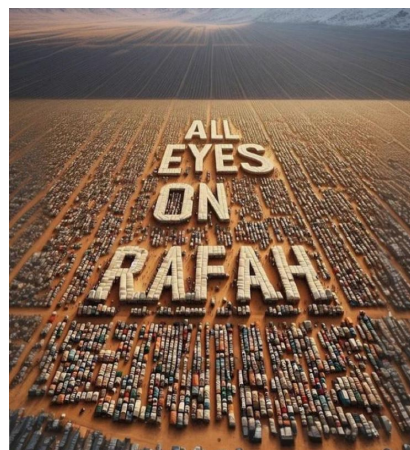
Bay Area UU Fellowship Opportunities

The **Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists (BFUU)** is inviting all local UU's and neighbors to an East Coast Swing Dance on Friday, **June 14th, 7:30-10:00 PM**. This is the type of dance that started in the 1950's. No experience or partner necessary. A beginner's lesson will be taught from 7:30-8:00. Afterwards we will dance to live and recorded music. Feel free to come in costume from the 50's era if you would like. Free event, donations accepted. **1606 Bonita Ave. Berkeley**. For more information: jeffp8282@gmail.com

JUSTICE CORNER

Again, UUSC demands an urgent ceasefire as attacks continue on civilians in Rafah

The international community has persistently and unequivocally called for a ceasefire and international justice and accountability for the relentless attack on civilians in Palestine. This includes condemning Israeli officials for any and all military incursions into Rafah that have devastated the already traumatized people of Gaza—hundreds of thousands of whom have been forced to flee their homes due to the conflict. ([Continue reading](#))



General Assembly (GA): Love Unites, Stories Ignite

June 20-23 - All Virtual: [Registration](#)
"Love Unites, Stories Ignite" celebrates the profound impact of love as a binding force that transcends boundaries and fosters connections within our faith



community and beyond.

Poor People's Campaign in DC

On **June 29th, 2024**, the Poor People's Campaign will return to DC for the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls. Review a [promo video](#) and a recent [National Press Conference on C-Span](#). [RSVP with the PPC](#), then tell us about your expected participation [in this UU RSVP survey](#).



Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Supreme Court Weakens Voting Rights

On Thursday, May 23, the Supreme Court dealt a blow to voting rights in *Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP*. They ruled that South Carolina's Congressional map had not been racially gerrymandered, reversing a lower court decision. ([Continue reading](#))



8th Principle Learning

Watch

[Democracy in Color](#)

Shared with Public

OUT NOW: The 2nd edition of Steve Phillips' "How We Win the Civil War" is officially here!

This is a pivotal moment in our country's history. We must decide whether we want to be a multiracial and multicultural democracy that values all its people or if we will allow America to serve as a predominantly white Christian nation.

Steve's book, called "a rousing call for change" by Publishers Weekly, lays out a clear and hopeful plan for [#HowWeWin](#).

Get yours now! <https://tinyurl.com/preorder-how-we-win>

Denominational Affairs

Delegates for General Assembly

MPUUC is allowed to choose two delegates to vote for it on business issues at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in June. Are you interested in applying for one of these positions? Please let Beth Schaefer know as soon as possible: president@mpuuc.org

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



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
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553



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