

# This Week on the Peak

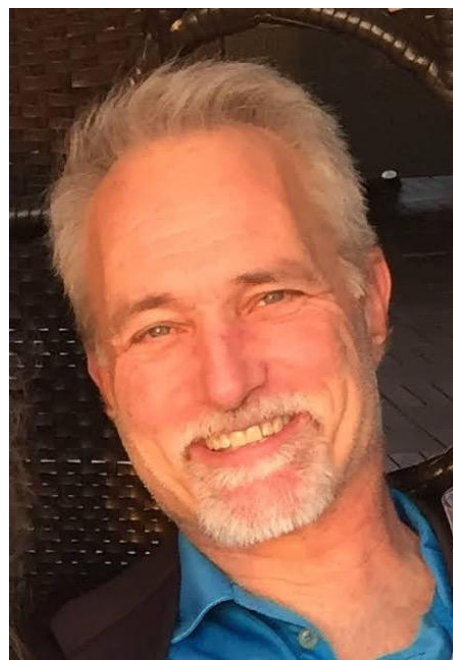


## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 5, 2024

Dear Sandra,

As the Congregational Meeting approaches I feel amazed, excited, and grateful at the number of things had to converge so thoughtfully – it all reveals our energy, vision and commitment in focus.

- First, a great big THANK YOU to our amazing president, Beth Schaefer and the entire Board of Trustees who helped organize and lay out the work of this meeting in such thoughtful detail. The entire Board – who all agreed to one-year terms – are all up for re-election which provides so much energy, confidence, and vision!
- Thanks to Jay who's done an amazing job of organizing our budget – his ideas and commitment lead us confidently into next year.
- And, of course, none of that would be possible without the fantastic – and FUN – commitment of John Schaefer and Julie Ganzlin who encouraged us toward such a fabulous stewardship drive. We are so fortunate!
- And the Committee on Ministry who will be guiding us through a thoughtful consideration of the UUA Article II Commission's proposal which will be voted on at General Assembly (and we will hold short review and vote to help our delegates understand and honor the congregation's thinking). We also want to thank Alan Davis for faithfully completing three years of incredible service on the Committee. And share our excitement of Geddy Glaze expressing interest in becoming our newest member.
- Heartfelt respect, love and appreciation for Michelle Wallace, Kathi Bayne, Joshua Gray, Isaac Haugen, Ariel Smith-Iyer and Chelsea Boon for helping put together a powerful service on what Pride means and channeling those efforts into kicking off our Welcoming Congregation Re-certification efforts.
- I also want to thank Gayle Tupper, Valerie Stewart, Kathi Bayne and the dozens of letter writers who gather together each week to encourage



everyone to vote in the upcoming election. We have 19 weeks left to light a fire in the hearts of people who love democracy. Their work inspires me so much!!

- And, finally, I want to thank YOU – for coming on Sunday with as many people in person as possible. Thank you for your energy, your involvement, the hope you bring and everything that becomes possible because of you. What Mission Peak becomes is only possible because of what you bring to it.

THANK YOU!!

Rev. Greg Ward

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## This Sunday's Service:

Service can be attended in-person at Cole Hall or online. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.

### Pride Started with a Riot

It was 55 years ago that the Stonewall Riots, aka, Stonewall Uprising, began in the early hours of June 28, 1969. New York City police violently raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village arresting patrons. But those arrested made it perfectly clear they'd had enough of this constant abuse. The six days that followed became the catalyst for what would become the gay rights movement, with the first Pride parade occurring on the one year anniversary of Stonewall.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathi Bayne. Erik Alm will be Worship Host. Multiple MPUUC Musicians will provide our music.

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**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%.

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**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:  
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 "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](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)

## **Midweek Discussion Group**

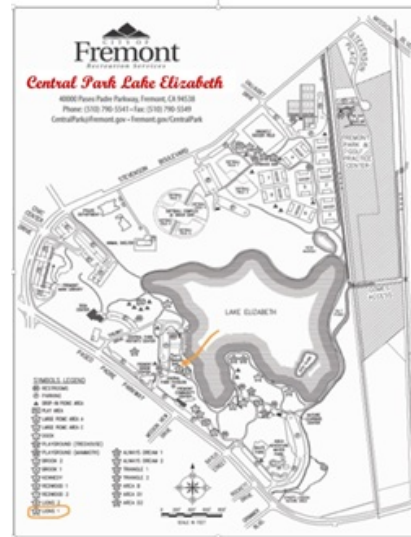
The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week we will recognize what being a Safe Congregation means probably depends on the amount of privilege we enjoy. If we are carry an identity in the world that is sometimes denigrated or targeted, we rely on other people's vigilance to ensure safety. If we enjoy a certain modicum of privilege, it is our decision whether or not to offer our vigilance that can make the needed difference. 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**

### **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.



## Bay Area UU Fellowship Opportunities

**Live Oak UU Fellowship of Alameda is inviting you to a picnic next Saturday.** The first Live Oak picnic of the summer will be held Saturday, June 8, from 12-2 pm in beautiful Franklin Park, 432 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda. **Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for sitting.**

There is a very nice children's playground, rest rooms, green lawn and lots of shade trees. Bring your favorite picnic dish and see you there!

Each visiting congregation will need to bring folding tables for serving food (card tables will work fine). Questions: text 510-295-7832 (Jay)

Click [here](#) for flyer

**MPUUC (FREMONT) & UUFS (SUNNYVALE) INVITE YOU TO JOIN THESE FUN SUMMER MEET-UPS!**

**Sunday, July 14th from 2:30-4:30pm**  
Las Palmas Park  
850 Russet Dr, Sunnyvale

**Saturday, August 17th from 9:30-11:30**  
Children's Playground  
on Sailway Drive  
Central Park, Fremont

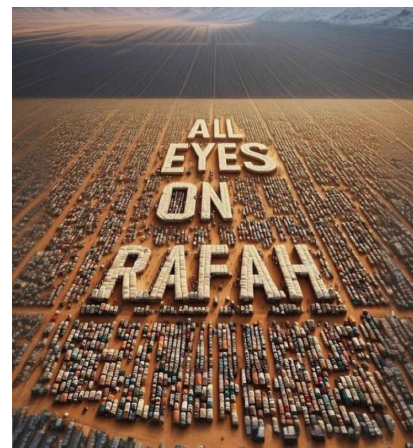
look for the pop top tent flying the progress pride flag

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

## 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.



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## 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](#).



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## Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

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### 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](#))



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## 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>

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## Denominational Affairs

## General Assembly Weekly Announcements and Preview

Click [here](#) for more information.

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### 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](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

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**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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