

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! December 25, 2024

Dear Sandra,

Hi MPUUC friends,

This is your friendly neighborhood Treasurer again. I'd like to wish everyone happy holidays, and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to those who celebrate those events. Looking back, aside from national politics, we have had a nice year of inspiring services filled with thought provoking and inspiring sermons, good spirit, music, and coffee (thanks, Valerie!). Furthermore, we hired a new webmaster, Mallory Michmerhuizen, and I've taken over the MPUUC Key master role from our dedicated Steve Wallcave (thanks for all you do, Steve!). Looking forward, we have some great new energy brewing with community outreach meetings and activities coming up. I'm excited to take Monday, January 20th off from work to participate with the MPUUC community service day, and the next Community Organizing 1:1 conversation will be on Sunday, January 12 after service. Please attend if you can to learn and create strategies for reaching out to the broader community and see where we can help.



I think sometimes about community and outreach. In the Pauline Christian tradition, people are motivated to reach out to others to save them when the End of Days come. Other communities are motivated to reach out and band together to work together for other reasons such as firefighting, crime neighborhood watch, coastal lifesaving, etc. These are concrete reasons to get together for such groups, but there are also psychological benefits and joy in association. I think such association is required for healthy living for us Homo sapiens. For some of us, modern technology and infrastructure nowadays make it very easy to stay at home and enjoy online shopping, movie streaming, and video games in solitude without even interacting with neighbors. In contrast, I think it is a real joy for us to see one another, hear inspiring sermons, and share music on Sundays. But we can also find additional joy in creating ways to serve our broader community. Let's explore that together!

Lastly, as usual, please feel free to reach out to me attreasurer@mpuuc.org if you have any questions about the MPUUC finances. Thanks to your generosity, MPUUC finances are okay for this year, but we need to start thinking about canvassing for next year soon. Please also consider donating to MPUUC as part of end of life planning, to help sustain our beautiful community for the future.

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.



The Embattled Farmers

The story of America's beginning is surrounded by powerful, colorful trappings. The Boston Tea Party that started it all with the jaunty audacity of a costume party. Paul Revere riding through the night with his sole voice crying out alarm in the darkness. The Liberty Bell rung so loud on July 4, 1776, that it cracked. Washington praying in the snow at Valley Forge, a prayer that was answered. Shopkeepers and farmers with the right to bear arms defeating the king of the strongest empire in the world. But sometimes facts are actually more glorious—and instructive—than cherished myth.

Don Ramie will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Erik Alm will be Worship Host. Jay and Jessica 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%.

Check out this year's UUSC Guest at Your Table Partners

These short videos give us an introduction to the brave people organizing around the world for the values Unitarian Universalists believe in. (Click on the links to watch short video)

Haitian Bridge Alliance

Working to document abuses in the immigration system and helping liberate those in detention procuring national and international legal protections

Jo-Jikum

Helping communities heal from the destructive legacy of nuclear testing by the U.S. while envisioning a sustainable future for the Marshallese people.

Pink Haven Coalition

Creating networks of safety and welcome for trans and gender expansive people forced to flee unsafe states in the United States.

Queer Svit

An organization offering resources and companionship to the queer community in Ukraine who have been impacted by Russia's invasion.

We will be collecting through mid January.

Write a check to MPUUC with "GAYT" 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

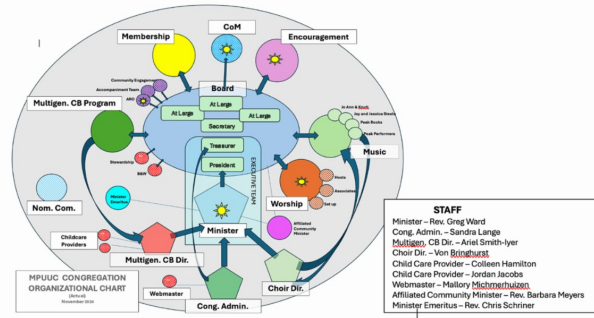
The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The Midweek Discussion Group meets online and welcomes all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

LUNCH AND LEARN UPDATES

Our inaugural Lunch and Learn gathering was a big success thanks to Valerie who made two soups, two people who brought bread and cookies and Rev. Greg who led our learning session on Community Organizing 1:1 Conversations (here is an [Electronic Version of the Handout](#) describing what we learned). We are going to continue Lunch and Learns at least once a month (on the 2nd Sunday of the Month). January 12 will be our next session where we will get more practice and insights for successful 1:1 Conversations. We are encouraging people to [SIGN UP TO SET UP / CLEAN UP](#) and

New MPUUC Organizational Chart

It is with great joy (and significant work) that the MPUUC Board has approved and presents to you our new Org Chart. It is hoped that this will provide an intuitive visual understanding of how we operate so that both newcomers and long time members alike will have a sense of how to be involved at Mission Peak.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

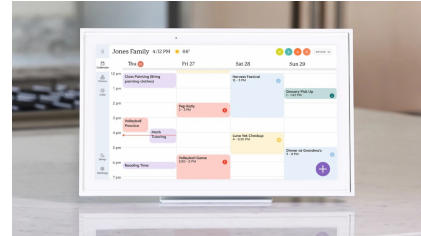
[A Christmas Message from Sergio Jaime and Family](#)

[A Christmas Message from Rev. Greg and Lucy](#)

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Monday, Jan 20th **MLK Jr Day of Service** along with community partners, Cole Hall 11-1pm
Jan 24-26th **Youth Retreat** at San Francisco UU, reach out to Ariel for more information
Feb 2nd **Blessing of the Animals** during service
Feb 8th **Parent Night Out**
Feb 22nd **Visioning Multi-gen Futures**



JUSTICE CORNER

This [#InternationalHumanRightsDay](#), [Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice](#) are in solidarity with the 21 young people leading America's Climate Case - Juliana v. US!

For nearly ten years, the Juliana 21 have fought for their day in court to secure fundamental climate rights for future generations. And for nearly ten years, the U.S. Government has wielded its power and misused the law to silence them - all while becoming the top producer of fossil fuels in the world.

In our constitutional democracy, the courts exist to protect peoples' fundamental rights from government overreach - especially when children's rights to life and physical safety are violated by their own



government.

Yesterday, the Juliana 21 filed a Petition for Certiorari at the U.S. Supreme Court. They have the right to access justice. SCOTUS, let the youth be heard!

Our voices are stronger together! Join

[Our Children's Trust](#) and the Juliana 21 digital rally and call for justice with us today!
[#YouthvGov](#) [#JulianavUS](#) [#SaveJuliana](#) [#AmericasClimateCase](#) [#ClimateRightsNow](#)
[#ClimateRightoLife](#)

The inferiority of women is an invention of patriarchy.

Just like virginity defining our worth, just like motherhood being every woman's desire, just like marriage being THE happily ever after. All of those are inventions of patriarchy, and they rely on us believing them in order to have power. Once we stop believing, once we start questioning why those inventions were made up and who benefits from them, once we use our power to end our subscription to patriarchy instead of believing its inventions- the entire system begins crumbling down. **Because patriarchy has no headquarters, it resides in our collective belief.** @farida.d.author Patriarchy is an idea, and it has power if we believe it. -Farida D.

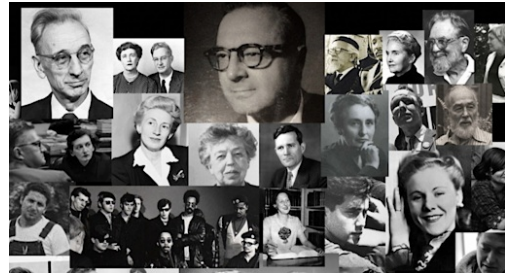
Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations



White Antiracist Spirituality in U.S. History: 4-Week Workshop Series (VIRTUAL)

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 • 4:00 – 5:30 pm OR

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6:00 – 7:30 pm



We're living in a time that calls for extra insight, inspiration, and community. Join Lynn Burnett and [Cross Cultural Solidarity](#) to receive nourishment and wisdom from the legacy of white antiracist spirituality in U.S. history, as we seek to deepen our own white antiracist path and practice to meet the needs of our time. Participants will learn powerful stories and plug into supportive resources each week. There will be roughly one hour of pre-reading per session, followed by facilitated discussions designed to create a space of collective reflection. You don't need to identify as spiritual to learn from and be inspired by this history: This series is for anyone seeking to embody a deeper, richer level of white antiracist practice that will sustain your spirit and provide guidance for the long haul. *Please note there are two session times/days to choose from.*

8th Principle Learning

Amanda Gorman Do Us Good

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPOVo3_pyos



Denominational Affairs

Get Ready for General Assembly 2025: Registration and Housing Open December 9!

Exciting news! Registration and housing for the 2025 UUA General Assembly in Baltimore open on December 9. This is your chance to secure your spot at the largest annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists.



Why Use the GA Housing Reservation System?

Booking through the official GA Housing System helps the UUA secure critical meeting space at the convention center and hotels while negotiating for accessibility and sustainability requirements on behalf of attendees. Staying in our hotel block ensures the success of GA while keeping you close to the action! Learn more and explore hotel options here: [GA Hotels](#)

Apply here: [Financial Aid](#)

[Sign up to be notified](#)

Learn more here: [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Mark your calendar and visit uua.org/ga on December 9 to [register](#), [reserve housing](#), and make the most of all GA has to offer!

UUA Elections Announcement Unitarian Universalist Association December 2024

On October 21, the UUA Moderator Search Committee presented a list of potential Moderator candidates to the UUA Board of Trustees. Board members subsequently engaged with the candidates in a series of conversations before convening at the November 11 Board meeting to make a final decision. After thoughtful consideration, the Board unanimously voted to nominate the following candidates to run for election as the new UUA Moderator or Co-Moderators:

[Open this email in a Web browser](#)

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 12pm.**

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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