

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! January 15, 2025

Dear Sandra,

Do you have plans for this Monday, **Martin Luther King Jr Day**?

President Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law in 1983, 15 years after civil rights activists first began to call for such a day of remembrance. It was changed to the King Holiday and Service Act by President Clinton in 1994, making it the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer and improve their communities.

What better way to honor the legacy of Dr. King by participating in the community service event that MPUUC, co-sponsored by Tri City Interfaith Council, will be hosting this coming Monday, January 20th. We'll be in Cole Hall from **10am-12noon**, creating care packages for our unhoused neighbors and learning about housing insecurity in all of its complexities. Helping to distribute supplies and talk through these complexities will be representatives from ABODE, Fremont for Everyone, Compassionate Fremont and a group from Mission San Jose HS called Poverty Patchup. There is no need to pre-register, anyone who can get here is welcome to help make a care package. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor who may need to feel uplifted by being in community with other caring people. Remember that Monday is also inauguration day.

Don't wait until the last minute to come as supplies may run out. We'll have hot coffee and pastries, as well.

In the words of the great Congressman John Lewis, make this MLK Day **"a day on, not a day off"**.

yours in multigenerational community building,



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.



In Service of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream ACTION SUNDAY

This Sunday January 19 Action Sunday will be really different and really fun!! The Sunday service will be shorter and it will culminate in a contingent of people heading down to the Irvington farmer's market to promote the great MLK Jr. Day of Service the following day in Cole Hall. Everything we do will be helping to bring together informed, caring people that can teach pragmatic, valuable skills and resources to understand and compassionately address those experiencing housing insecurity. Please remember to show up on Sunday with your purple Mission Peak Shirt.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Ariel Smith-lyer. David Johnson 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:
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%.

LOVE AT THE CENTER BOOK DISCUSSION – JANUARY 26 After Worship

In June of this past year (2024) the [UUA underwent a democratic process to update Article II](#): how we describe Unitarian Universalism's unique approach to religion. The [Seven Principles and Purposes](#), along with the [Six Sources of Wisdom](#) were largely incorporated into a new motif of six shared values which we covenant to uphold with Love at the Center. Given how attached many were to the 7 principles, many congregations required deep reflection to understand what it means to put Love at the Center. From August – December of this past year, MPUUC presented summaries of 17 of the 26 essays contained in the book, [Love at the Center](#) describing what UUs mean when we say we put Love at the Center. On January 26, after Sunday Worship, MPUUC will hold a discussion of the book. You can click in the title above to order your own copy.



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

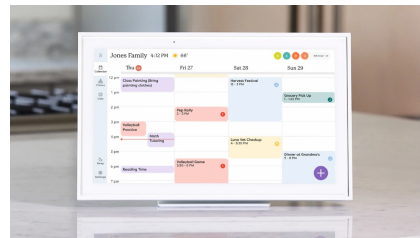
Midweek Discussion Group

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. This week we will explore how to help the unhoused and the ways we create cooperative, transformative change. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

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**



Community service opportunity

Monday,
20 January 2025

Cole Hall
2950 Washington
Blvd Fremont

10AM-12 noon while
supplies last

You are invited to this all-ages event to create care packages for unhoused members of our community and to learn more about housing insecurity.



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TriCity Friends Group: "Where Wisdom Meets Community"

Discover a vibrant new community in the TriCity area! The **TriCity Friends Group** warmly welcomes men and women aged 50 and above to join us on an enriching journey. Let's create lasting bonds, share experiences, and gracefully venture into the next retirement phase.

We plan to have our first get-together on Sunday, February 23rd, from 12 PM to 2 PM with a potluck lunch. Please [REGISTER HERE](#)

JUSTICE CORNER

The People's March: UU Meet-Up in DC



[Click here for more information](#)

Saturday, January 18

Rally: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

RSVP to get reminders, and so we know to look for you

Click [here](#) for more details.

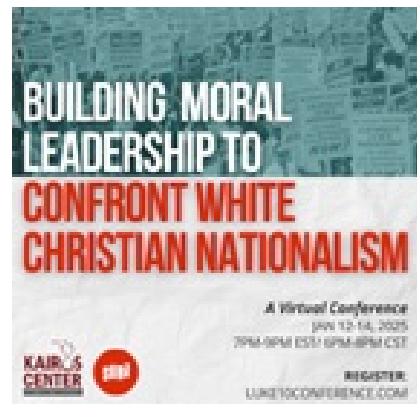
Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Sunday, January 12 – Tuesday, January 14 • 4:00 – 6:00 pm

SURJ Faith: Confronting White Christian Nationalism (VIRTUAL)

SURJ SHOWING UP FOR
BAY AREA RACIAL JUSTICE

2025 will see Donald Trump take office in a highly polarized nation where White Christian Nationalism holds significant influence over our shared political, religious, and cultural life. This is a pivotal time for people of faith to lead the charge in resisting White Christian Nationalism, and SURJ Faith is partnering with the Kairos Center for Religion, Rights, and Social Justice to gather faith communities for this important work. Join SURJ Faith for this virtual 3-day conference that will explore questions like: how do people of faith make sense of this moment, how do we effectively confront religious nationalism, and how do we move beyond playing defense to actually embodying the just society God calls us to build?

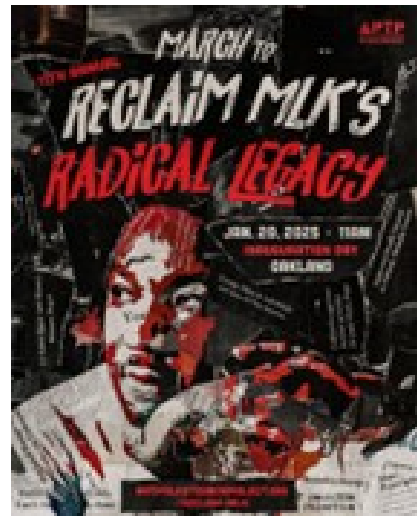


Monday, January 20 • 11:00 am

[Save the Date: March to Reclaim MLK's Radical Legacy](#) (IN PERSON)

For the 11th year in a row, the Anti Police-Terror Project (AFTP) is organizing their Annual March and Week of Action to Reclaim Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Radical Legacy. Towards the end of Dr. King's short life, he had moved towards a politic rooted in Black liberation and freedom—and he vociferously rejected war, capitalism, and white supremacy. This year, when MLK Day coincides with Inauguration Day, join AFTP in reclaiming the true revolutionary spirit of Dr. King and showing that Oakland does not concede to fascism. Stay tuned for more details; if you're interested in helping out, you can [sign up to volunteer here](#).

Location: Oakland (exact location TBD)



Sundays, February 9th – March 2nd • 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

[AWARE-LA Unmasking Whiteness Institute](#) (VIRTUAL)

AWARE-LA offers a workshop series on building white anti-racist practice and community in an intensive 4-day institute designed specifically for white people. Through personal reflection, group dialogue, activities, and embodiment practices, this institute invites white people to explore:

- meanings of whiteness
- white privilege and multiple identities
- addressing guilt and shame
- structural, institutional, and systemic racism
- anti-racist practice, identity, and community

Program is sliding scale \$200–\$300+ with no one turned away for lack of funds.



8th Principle Learning

Immigration Policy: Need for Shift in Values

The current state of our immigration system raises ethical concerns. One key issue that we seem blind to is the underlying materialistic production values that underpin the system. These values were primarily obscured from public view until they were brought to light by recent controversies surrounding the H-1B Visa program. We Americans are implementing a policy blocking and deporting millions of agricultural low-tech immigrants but, at the same time, increasing the number of high-tech-engineer immigrants. ([Continue reading](#))

Member Directory

We will be sending an electronic copy of our member directory to members in the next few weeks. If you have address/email or phone number changes, please email membership@mpuuc.org and office@mpuuc.org no later than January 31.

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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