

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! January 29, 2025

Dear Sandra,

I'm Kathi Bayne and I'm a member of the Board of MPUUC. November 2024 was a difficult month for me. I felt let down by the results of the election and by human nature which too often falls victim to fear and anger.

However, the November/December holiday season was also a time of great joy-seeing family and friends, sharing meals, and sharing our lives.

I continue to be active in groups we formed after disappointments of 2016, but I was also looking for more spiritual sharing and community engagement.

I discovered soup. Yes, soup!

Souper Sundays at Mission Peak UUC are times to converse and enjoy meals of delicious soup, warm bread, cookies or fruit. I have met new people. We discussed what breaks our heart, what gives us hope, and ways to contribute to our community. We improved our communication skills.

One result was to help to make January 20th MLK day of service at MPUUC a success. On Martin Luther King Day, we made "blessing bags" of needed items such as combs, toothbrushes, and socks to be distributed to the unhoused.

We prepared for the event on one of our Souper Sunday. We learned communication skills that helped many of us engage with our community to encourage people to join us on January 20.

I learned a lot about the unhoused, what we have done, and what we can do better.



I felt uplifted as well as hopeful and useful.

I look forward to more Souper Sundays, good meals, and empowering discussions.

Kath Bayne

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.



Blessing of the Animals

Sometimes, in our pre-occupation with human customs and conventions, we lose track of all the ways we are blessed by our non-human companions through this journey through life. They, however, very rarely lose track of us. In this service, we will look closely at all the ways our various furry, flapping, flippered, scaly, slimy and sweet companions infuse our lives with comfort, companionship and meaning. Please considering bringing your animal to service to receive a blessing.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Ariel Smith-lyer. David Johnson will be Worship Host. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

DO YOU WANT A BLESSING FOR YOUR PET?

IF your pet would feel safe (and IF you think other people and pets would be safe) bring your pet (leashed or caged) to Cole Hall THIS SUNDAY. Our service will focus on blessing our pets for the blessing they are to us. If you would like to have a pet blessed and you can't bring them to Cole Hall – OR – if you want a pet of blessed memory remembered during the service, enter their [INFO HERE](#) and upload their [PICTURE HERE](#) BEFORE SATURDAY AT NOON.

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%.

January Share the Plate - Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Inc.

We will be collecting through February 23.

The Muwekma are a landless tribe whose families enrolled with the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1928-1971 and attended Indian boarding schools in the 1930s-40s. Scattered throughout the Bay Area, they lacked communal spaces to preserve their traditions, language, and dances, which spread to other communities during the 1870s. The tribe is now revitalizing their culture through workshops on language, songs, traditions, dances, regalia, native plant restoration, and cultivation. Our donations will support these efforts.

Write a check to MPUUC with "Ohlone" 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 "Ohlone" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Ohlone") 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 "Ohlone" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

Dear Members of MPUUC,

As you may have heard discussed for the last several weeks, the City of Fremont is considering a proposed ordinance - an addition to its Municipal Code of laws - that makes it a crime if a person is "camping" outdoors in Fremont. The Board has prepared an [Information Sheet about the Proposed Ordinance](#). We urge you to read it and the materials referenced there. When you have, we hope that you may want to join other folks from MPUUC to oppose the ordinance at the Fremont City Council on February 4th at 7:00 pm.

Your MPUUC Board met in a special session and adopted this [Statement of Opposition](#). It is important to clarify this is a statement of the Board, not necessarily a statement of the entire congregation. We have signed our names to this Statement and will share it with others in the community to build a strong coalition that promotes creating solutions for unhoused individuals, not criminalizing them for their situation.

We invite you into discussion and action.
The Board of Mission Peak UU Congregation



CIRCLE OF LIFE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate and console those in the MP family who need it. Each week you can find those people right here at your fingertips if you click on the [link](#). Let's increase our caring connections with each other with calls when appropriate, cards, emails, offers of help, etc. When you have Joys and Concerns for this Circle of Life, contact the

Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org. Or ask one of us: Greg, Barbara, Sharon, Jo Ann S, Don, Lucienne, Julie

Midweek Discussion Group

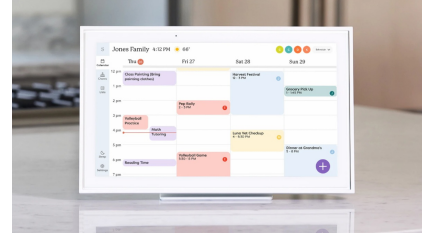
The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The

Midweek Discussion Group meets online and welcomes all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. This week we will explore the topic of pets who save lives. Saving a life isn't always in the super-hero action movie sense. Sometimes it is simply about providing an essential relationship, giving someone a purpose and providing an ongoing exchange of love. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Feb 2nd **Blessing of the Animals** during service
Feb 8th **Parent Night Out**, reach out to Ariel to RSVP
Feb 22nd **Visioning Multi-gen Futures**



The MLK Day of service event at Cole Hall on Monday Jan 20 was amazing. It inspired, energized and educated many of us in ways that will make ongoing service to those in the unhoused community associated with positive feelings. On behalf of each of the five partners (Fremont for Everyone, ABODE Services, TriCity Interfaith Council, Compassionate Fremont, Poverty Patch-Up of Mission San Jose High School and Mission Peak UU Members and Staff), we wanted to say how grateful we are for your help making it a huge success.'

Special individual thanks to Ariel, Corby Dale, Terri King, Jenny Katzen, Beth and John Schaefer, Barbara Meyers, Don Ramie and James (a new friend of MP).

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

When it seems like bad news is everywhere, what do you do? How do you move through the overwhelm to start something, anything, that matters to you?

—CREATE—
CLIMATE JUSTICE


Being together with kindred spirits, sharing stories, and focusing on the good and useful things soothes my soul and fortifies my heart for the long work ahead. I firmly believe that together, we can reimagine thriving communities and realize a flourishing world...even if it's hard to believe at times. I remind myself: there are so many of us doing this good work. When it's tempting to withdraw, let's stay connected. Togetherness is a balm and a buoy!

[_Thousands of UUs are reimaging thriving futures through UU Climate Justice Revivals](#)


Green Sanctuary 2030 Community Meetings

3rd Wednesdays
4 PT - 5 MT - 6 CT - 7 ET





JAN. 29	Green Sanctuary Team Celebration
FEB. 19	Green Sanctuary New Materials Release
MAR. 19	Working with the New Green Sanctuary Materials
APR. 16	Green Sanctuary 35th Anniversary & Call for Renewal
MAY 21	Working with the New Green Sanctuary Materials



Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

A week after Trump's inauguration, we're already seeing his agenda being rapidly rolled out with attacks on civil rights and environmental protections. The flurry of executive orders this past week is intended to overwhelm us into inaction, and the divisive rhetoric aims to turn us against each other. SURJ Bay Area invites you into hope—by taking action to protect our communities and resist injustice. Each week, this newsletter is full of ways you can get involved as we build in the Bay Area and block the forces of MAGA. Supporting each other through collective action is the way forward. Join us!



Friday, February 14 • 12:00 – 1:00 pm
[SURJ Bay Area Action Hour](#) (VIRTUAL)

Want to take tangible steps to end racial injustice and white supremacy? Join a SURJ Action Hour! This is one way to truly *Show Up for Racial Justice* through collective action. We meet over Zoom to take concrete steps together: calling elected officials, signing petitions, sending emails etc. Closed captioning will be available in the main room of Action Hour calls. If you can't make it but you'd like to access the agenda, which is updated weekly with actions you can take,



email actionhour@surjbayarea.org.

Saturday, February 15 • 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
[Free Watermelon! Free Palestine!](#) (IN PERSON)

How did the watermelon become a symbol of Palestinian resistance? SURJ's Palestine Solidarity Campaign will be talking to the public about just that as we give out watermelon candy outside the Grand Lake Farmers' Market. We also hope to encourage folks to



take action—by supporting SURJ's "Apartheid-Free Communities" divestment campaign, attending an upcoming protest, or signing a petition. The ceasefire is only temporary and we have to keep up the momentum to demand a permanent ceasefire and an end to U.S. arms shipments to Israel. No need to RSVP—we hope to see you there!

Location: Outside the Grand Lake Farmers' Market, 746 Grand Ave, Oakland

Weekdays • 12:00 – 12:30 pm •

Jewish Voice For Peace: Power Half-Hour for Gaza (VIRTUAL)

8th Principle Learning

We join in solidarity with our partners at Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice in condemning the litany of anti-immigrant Executive Orders released in the last two days by the Trump Administration.



As Unitarian Universalists who value the right of every person to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion, we are called to show up for all families, regardless of immigration status, and to strive to create welcoming communities and congregations.

From the statement: "We Unitarian Universalists disagree with the incoming administration's approach to immigration. We name and center the threat to our faith, families, freedoms, and futures. We will not denigrate migrants, refugees, or asylees. We will not condone mass deportations. We will not ignore Dreamers and other DACA recipients. We reject the proposed constitutional rollbacks." - Pablo DeJesús, Executive Director of Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

Read the full statement from [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#) to learn more.

DRUUMM CALIFORNIA

MONTHLY GATHERING

Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural
Ministries for Black, Indigenous, People of Color

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 3, 2025
EVERY 1ST MONDAY @ 6PM-7PM



Zoom | bit.ly/druummca

The vision of DRUUMM CALIFORNIA is to uplift, amplify and center BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Unitarian Universalists, through cultivating a network of regional retreats within the three main geographic areas of the state: the Bay Area, Central Valley and Southern California. We dismantle white supremacy culture by centering the stories, lived experiences, and spiritual traditions of BIPOC UUs.

RSVP | revkev@uuoakland.org

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.

Please note that we have added a password for the congregational directory. Details on how to access the congregational directory will be sent with an email to members only in the next few weeks.

Board Briefs

Board briefs from December 17, 2024 MPUUC Board meeting.

The Board met on December 17, 2024

- The new Safety Policy has been approved.
- The new organizational chart has been approved.
- Rev. Greg has been approached by two groups to use the Cole Hall space for events focused on South Asian mental health and pre-retirement communities. He is going to work with them to understand their needs and how that meshes with MPUUC's mission.



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, February 18, 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

Tri-City Interfaith Council News/Events



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"Let's just talk"



**The Love We Show,
The Love We Don't**

**AN INTERACTIVE
DISCUSSION**



**FEBRUARY 16
3:00PM-4:00PM**

**Centerville Comm. Center and Park
3355 Country Drive, Fremont**

rcoz.us | info@rcoz.us

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
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553



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