

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 5, 2025

Dear Sandra,

Dear Members and Friends of Mission Peak,

My name is Valerie Stewart and I have the honor of serving on the Board here at Mission Peak. Our Canvass Campaign has launched! TODAY, please RSVP for either the Congregational Lunch on Sunday March 9th after Service, or the Zoom Congregational Gathering on Monday March 10th at 7:00 p.m. (to make planning easier). We hope as many of you as possible will attend the lunch and celebrate another Mission Peak year! Here is the link for registering for these events: <https://forms.gle/zcvL3x3sgEbRp4Pf8>



Thanks to DeAnna Alm, who stepped up to be the Canvass Chair and to everyone on the Canvass Team for ALL their time and talents that have gone into organizing this year's Canvass Campaign. You will be able to find detailed information about the Canvass Campaign on the website at <https://mpuuc.org/canvass-campaign-2025-2026-reaching-for-the-rainbow/>.

We have so much to build with at Mission Peak, talented and generous Members and Friends; a dedicated Minister; amazing Staff - Sandra Lange is one of the best Administrators of any congregation in the UUA; being around Ariel Smith-Iyer, our Director of Multi-generational Community Building is to be swept up in love and caring, and Choir Director Von Bringham is leading our already good choir to become great.

We have some of the best worship for a congregation our size in the UUA. No small part of it is our amazing Worship Associates, the incredible volunteer Musicians who bless us with their talent each week and our brilliant Worship Hosts – who keep us on track and make sure we seamlessly connect Cole Hall with our beloved Zoomers.

Each Sunday, I see people who are happy to be together, who thoughtfully hear messages of spiritual growth, of challenges to our collective conscience to live our UU values, and share our joys and concerns with care, support and celebration. Canvass gives us an opportunity to revisit the values we hold in common and the way we want to

be in the larger community and within our beloved community. Besides our time and energy, supporting this community takes our financial commitment as well. At Mission Peak there is a culture of care and support and believing in this community – that it can and will grow and serve its members and the greater community. Evidence of that is demonstrated by members who are offering matching funds to support the Canvass goal of \$250,000 in Pledges for funding for the coming year. Our operating budget is funded 90% by our Pledges. We don't have endowments or investment funds to draw from to sustain our operations. Mission Peak exists as a collective act of will of a community of loving, giving people -thinking about tomorrow- and working together to make Mission Peak and the world we live in better communities. Be part of our Beloved Community!

With gratitude,
Valerie

ADDITIONAL NOTICE:

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Or if you are super techie and prefer, DeAnna has a RSVP QR Code below!



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.



Blessed by an Acnestis

We are all given a particular tool essential to enlightenment which all too often goes unnamed when counting our blessings. Scientists have called it an acnestis. Engineers, psychologists, architects and even lawyers will attest to its cursed properties and it's tendencies to torment an individual. But the theologian will quickly point out the often overlooked property it has of providing each person with the unmistakable key to purpose and happiness.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. David Johnson will be Worship Host. Jay 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%.



Mission Peak Joins Lawsuit Against Homeless Ordinance

The Board of MPUUC held a special congregational meeting Tuesday evening, February 25, to discuss and vote on whether to join a class action lawsuit against the City of Fremont regarding its recently-passed ordinance 8.90, commonly known as the "Camping Ban" ordinance. This ordinance criminalizes sleeping in public places, and also criminalizes "aiding or abetting" a homeless person. If the ordinance goes into effect, Mission Peak and other faith organizations would not be able to legally provide food, clothing or other help to unhoused people in the city. The congregation voted overwhelmingly to join the suit, with 34 yes votes, 1 no vote, 1 abstention. The Board notified lead counsel for the Fremont Homeless Union, Anthony Prince, of this decision on Tuesday night.



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 how we decide about Charitable and Legacy giving and how we talk about it to others. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

LAUNCH and LEARN

This Sunday – MARCH 9 – We will have a very special [LAUNCH and LEARN](#). This special event will be a celebration for Launching our Canvass. The Program will be led by DeAnna Alm and our Stewardship Team. THEY COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP!!!

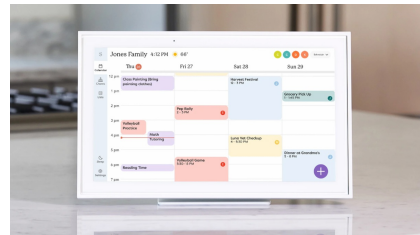


We will need extra people who can set up / clean up
[Sign Up for Set up / Clean Up Volunteers](#)
And extra people who can make and bring Soup or Bread
[Sign Up for Bringing Soup and Food](#)

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Mar 15th **Parent Night Out**, rsvp [HERE](#)
March 22nd **Potluck and Game Night** 5:30-8pm Cole Hall
April 13th **Action Sunday**, MPUUC
April 19th **Fremont Earth Day Festival**, downtown
April 20th **Easter Sunday**, MPUUC
April 26-27 **Bay Area UU HS Youth Retreat**, UU Oakland



Men's Fellowship Coffee Time - March 7

Our monthly men's fellowship time begins this Friday, MARCH 7, at 10 a.m. at Suju's Coffee on Stevenson Blvd at Blacow in Fremont.



Parking is in the lot adjacent. As always there is a range of coffees, teas, and juices, plus breakfast pastries and a variety of breakfast sandwich dishes are available. If possible, our tables will be set up in the area on the east side of the room toward Sundale Ave where there seems to be less noise from other groups which facilitates our conversations. (If that area is occupied look around, the group will be in some other area.) If you know someone who might enjoy the fellowship, feel free to invite him and bring him along.

Please let John Holmes know if you plan to come so enough tables can be arranged for our group. (holmesfam@comcast.net -- or 510-791-0175) Hope to see you there.

JUSTICE CORNER

Fremont City Council passed a Camping Ordinance February 11, 2025

UUSJ Applauds UU Decision to Sue the Administration

We must defend the broad protections for performing religiously motivated actions

Washington, D.C. — The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) joined more than two dozen Christian and Jewish religious denominations and associations on February 11 in filing a lawsuit against the Trump Administration's new policy that allows immigration raids, arrests, and other enforcement actions at houses of worship.

The new policy empowered enforcement actions that could interrupt religious services in furtherance of the Administration's mass deportation plans. The Trump Administration's rescission ([memo](#)) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "sensitive locations" policy that had restricted Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from conducting immigration raids, arrests, and other enforcement actions at houses of worship is a violation of the broad protections for individuals performing religiously motivated actions.

Tell Your Legislators - The new administration has selected immigration for its assault on the Constitution, our norms, and our liberties.

ICE should not be allowed in our schools, hospitals, public demonstrations—and never at our houses of worship!



Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Nationwide Economic Blackout on February 28

Why It Matters

Early into his presidency, Trump ended several DEI initiatives in the federal government. He issued an executive order that funds could be frozen for companies that do not comply, and Trump also outlawed any messaging that promotes inclusion-based language. The orders have caused [PBS](#) to close its DEI office, while major companies like [Amazon](#), [Target](#) and [Google](#) are taking steps to dissolve DEI initiatives.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/race-politics/5095793-al-sharpton-boycott-dei/>

8th Principle Learning

Companies reinforcing their commitment to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Apple
Costco

Bank of America
Delta
JP Morgan
Marriott
Microsoft
Procter & Gamble
Goldman Sachs
American Airlines
Southwest Airlines
United Airlines
Catholic Health



Companies Scaling Back or Denouncing DEI

Tesla
Target
Amazon
Boeing
Brown-Forman
Caterpillar
Ford
Harley-Davidson
John Deere
Lowe's
Molson Coors
META
McDonald's
Nissan
Stanley Black & Decker
Tractor Supply
Toyota
Walmart
Home Depot

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

We encourage congregations to identify and register their delegates by March 31 to lock in the lowest GA registration rate. Registrations are non-transferable, so be sure to register specific individuals early! This gives them access to financial aid, volunteer opportunities, and plenty of time to arrange travel and housing.



Congregations will be able to begin distributing member delegate credentials via the credentialing system in April.

The UUA Board of Trustees is working to engage delegates earlier than ever. Delegates can dive into the agenda, discuss amendments, and build consensus on the UUA discussion forum. Being prepared helps ensure a positive experience!

To support delegates, the Board will host online candidate forums and “What to Expect” webinars before GA. Business Mini-assemblies may take place in May or June. Election balloting will open on June 1.

Early registration is the key to staying informed and confident in this important role. Rates go up April 1—don't wait!

Click [here](#) to register

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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