

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 11, 2025

Dear Sandra,

Welcome to our Juneteenth celebration!

In his first 100 days, President Trump canceled DEI programs and holidays that he stated the federal government will no longer commemorate in order to comply with his DEI executive orders.

This includes Juneteenth.

So..... please bring your family and friends to MPUUC's beautiful Juneteenth Negro Spirituals and Songs service Sunday, June 15, 2025. There will be reading by ARO and musical renditions by Von Bringham and the MPUUC choir. It will be moving and informative.



This will be followed by our annual Juneteenth picnic at Lake Elizabeth Park Lion's 1 (near the boat house) after service Sunday, June 25, 2025!

In June 2022, our congregation decided to celebrate Juneteenth. It has been fun, educational, and has given us an opportunity to "widening our circle." Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. It's not the date when slavery should've ended with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, but instead, it is the date when soldiers came to Galveston, Texas in 1865 to ensure the anti-slavery law would be enforced.

The Texas State legislature passed a law recognizing Juneteenth in 1938. Subsequently, every state in the union and the District of Columbia passed legislation recognizing Juneteenth in some capacity. Finally, President Joe Biden signed a bill making Juneteenth a national holiday in 2021.

MPUUC will celebrate Juneteenth by sharing delicious food, music, good

conversation, and a loving community. We will acknowledge our history and our resilience.

Also, it's Father's Day, so please treat your dads to our freedom commemoration!

This year we are inviting a few new people to join us as part of our effort to expand our community. We have invited some of our neighbors from First United Methodist Church, Fremont For Everyone, and TriCity Friends. Please make them feel welcome!

Of course, safety is always our concern, so if you have any reason to request that others keep their distance, we will have red tags and red bead necklaces available for your use.

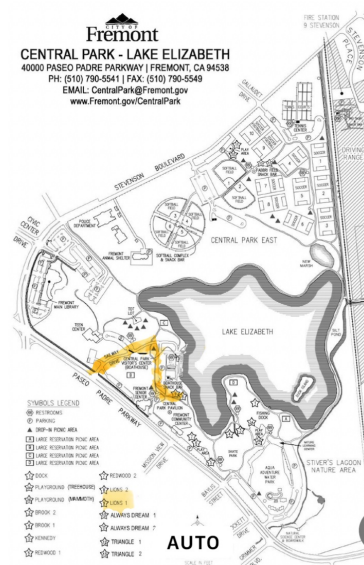
Please sign up on the link below or sign directly into your Evite invitation to let us know if you will be attending, if you can bring a food item, or if you can help with set up or take down.

View & RSVP

Please join us!

Kathi Bayne

Map to picnic 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.



Juneteenth

How does singing African American Spirituals help us understand the systemic oppression built into this country and the convoluted path that African Americans had to navigate to find their way to freedom?

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Rev. Barbara Meyers, Kathi Bayne, Terri King and Michelle Wallace. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers 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%.

May Share the Plate - UU Mental Health Network

We will be collecting until June 15.

Write a check to MPUUC with "UUMHN" in the memo line and mail to:

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(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)

Drop an envelope with a check (with "UUMHN" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "UUMHN") 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 "UUMHN" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

For TCIC - we collected \$532.16

For Abode - we collected \$1,344.80

For Hero Tent - Total will be in next week WOP.



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. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

John Porter

Many of you heard the news that John Porter has entered hospice. He needs extensive care and is being held and supported by family. Thanks to everyone who signed the card that went to him Wednesday morning. You can continue extending love and prayers by sending John an EMAIL or TEXT. Although he won't, likely, respond, trust in our love reaching him.

Greg Galati

The Memorial service for Greg Galati will be held this Saturday at 1pm at Cole Hall. If anyone would be able to come between 11:30-12:00 to set up, your help would be appreciated. The service will be streamed using [THIS ZOOM LINK](#). Please consider coming to offer love to Colleen, Aidan and Ben.

2025 Biennial Assessment

The results for the 2025 MPUUC Biennial Assessment are in. We had 13 responses. A summary of the feedback given can be found [HERE](#).

MPUUC Community Garden

The MPUUC Community Garden beds are now ready for planting, and we probably should get some veggies in the ground right away. We have two beds on the north side, one on the south, and a long bed on the east.

This is not only a tremendous opportunity to infuse beauty and purpose to our campus, but to potentially provide food for lunch and learns as well as local residents of shelters and encampments who don't often get healthy fresh produce.

We need people who would like to tend a section of the garden and who can be part of a team to weed, water and maintain the garden. If you're interested in planting or tending part of the garden [PLEASE SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Update - Letting you know that the garden is open. There are 4 raised beds. Because it's a spring-fall thing, I've named them in honor of the Giants defense. If you're standing in the garden entryway looking from L to R, the beds are: **Chapman, Adames, Lee, and Yaz**.

Beds Chapman, Adames, and Yaz are each divided into three 4-ft sections. The Lee bed - the one in "center field," like its namesake J.H. Lee - is sectioned into three 8-ft spaces. A dozen sections in all.

Now it's time to sign up and get some plants going! I've made a [sign up sheet here](#), and have attached a sketch. Oh, and ignore the Tasks column in the sign up... I'll update that as needed. For now, I think we just need to see how much of the space folks want to plant. (Also, signing up for multiple sections is fine by me.)

Thanks for helping get the word out. We're here to help, answer questions, etc.

Free MPUUC T-shirts!

New T-shirts:

These come in Medium, Large and X-Large sizes.

They are a cotton/polyester blend and a little cooler than our original vintage T-shirts

Vintage T-shirts:

These are still available to anyone who wants them.

They are mostly sizes Small, X-Small and XX-Large.

They are a little darker purple color than the new T-shirts, but we will still look like one family.

Please contact a member of the MPUUC Board to pick up a T-shirt in the office.

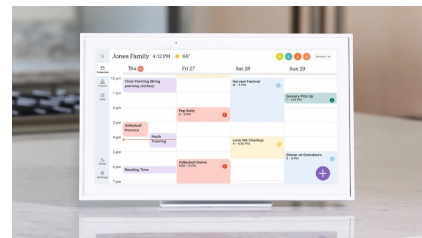
FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Dates to mark on your calendar:

6/28 - Family Night Out - 4:30-8:00 p.m.

7/12 - Family Night Out - 4:30-8:00 p.m.


8/23 - Family Night Out - 4:30-8:00 p.m.



Summer fun for families!

Join **FNO (Family Night Out)** one Saturday evening each month this summer, June 28th, July 12th and Aug 23rd from 4:30-8pm. This is for all MPUUC members and friends with school aged children and will include engaging programming for all-ages, then a chance to sit together and enjoy a potluck dinner. After cleanup the parents are invited to a separate space for a facilitated check-in for connection and support while Ariel and company supervise the kids for free play in the nursery. We'll all come back together for ice cream before calling it a night by 8pm. RSVP required by the Friday before each event. RSVP [HERE](#). Questions? Email Ariel dre@mpuuc.org

Click [here](#) for flyer

**SUMMER FUN FOR MPUUC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

- Organized, all-ages programming begins at 4:30
- pot-luck dinner followed by
- time for parents to circle up, check-in and connect while the
- kids have free-play with Ariel and Jordan
- ice cream dessert finished by 8pm

Saturday, June 28th
Buddhism and mindfulness

Saturday, July 12th
Whole Body Play

Saturday, August 23rd
Chalice Making and Learning

4:30-8pm

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ARIEL DRE@MPUUC.ORG

RSVP now for all three or by the Friday before each date
Scan the QR code



JUSTICE CORNER

Please wear your purple MPUUC t-shirts, If you are willing and able!

Indivisible and a coalition of pro-democracy organizations have planned demonstrations on Flag Day (June 14). The actions are set as an alternative to the military parade in Washington, D.C., on June 14. Instead of allowing this military parade to be the center of gravity, activists will make action everywhere else the story of America that day.

Time

Saturday, June 14

11am – 12:30pm PDT



Location
Next to the Courthouse
Walnut Avenue & Paseo Padre Parkway
Fremont, CA 94538

8th Principle Learning

So True

Harvey Mudd commencement speaker Reshma Saujani (founder Girl's Code and founder and CEO Moms First) tells Harvey Mudd 2025 Graduation class: "The greatest challenge facing today's graduates is not what you think.

(The great lie that is intentionally dividing and distraction us all.)"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2EvAuieixM>



DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

The GA 2025 Schedule is Here—Start Planning Your Experience!



Click [here](#) for more information

Please Offer your feedback on the 2025 Proposed Actions of Immediate Witness to our MPUUC Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (UUAGA) to delegates, Beth Schaefer and Kathi Bayne

An Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) is a statement about a significant action, event, or development in the world that necessitates immediate engagement and action among UU member congregations and groups. This year, the **UUA Commission on Social Witness** received five proposed AIWs.

Delegates and congregations are invited to attend feedback sessions via Zoom to both learn about each proposed AIW and provide feedback to the proposers:

Actions of Immediate Witness Feedback Sessions

Join the UUA's Commission on Social Witness to learn more about each AIW, offer feedback, & connect with others interested in the issue!

- **June 2 at 4pm PT / 7pm ET:** We Declare and Reaffirm: All People Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights.
- **June 3 at 4pm PT / 7pm ET:** Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism: Reaffirming Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom.
- **June 4 at 4pm PT / 7pm ET:** Bringing a Feminist and Womanist Lens to Resistance and Activism.
- **June 5 at 4:30pm PT / 7:30pm ET:** Funding Global LGBTQ Freedom Amid Crisis: A Call for Immediate Action and Solidarity
- **June 8 at 4pm PT / 7pm ET:** Voter Justice and Racial Equity for the Citizens of the Nation's Capital.



All Sessions will take place on Zoom
Register at uua.org/socialwitness

Commission on Social Witness (CSW) Pre-GA Action Items

(Click [here](#) to continue reading)

Board Briefs

Board briefs from March and April 2025 MPUUC Board meeting.

The Board met on March 25 and April 15 2025

March 25:

- The Board voted to become "fiscal sponsors" of the Tri-Cities Interfaith Council in order to collect their income and pay their bills



from their account because they are not a 501(c)3 organization. This does not affect MPUUC finances in any way; Sandra will be paid by TCIC for her occasional work on this.

- A sliding scale of fees to be charged for using Worship Hosts who volunteer to do A/V work for outside requests such as memorials was established.
- MPUUC's delegates to the UUA General Assembly are Kathi Bayne and Beth Schaefer.
- Plans are being made for Rev. Jim McKinley's contract during Rev. Greg's sabbatical.
- Plans are underway for Action Sunday on April 13.

April 15:

- Treasurer Jay Steele is making preparations and adjustments to the 2025-26 annual budget as needed before it is voted upon by the Board next month.
- President Beth Schaefer is negotiating MPUUC's lease with FUMC for 2025-26.
- The Board is investigating who donated to the Building Fund created over 20 years ago. To release this unused, restricted fund for other uses, the preferences of donors who can be identified will be considered.
- More MPUUC t-shirts will be ordered since all we have left are very small and very large sizes.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 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

For more details about meetings or questions email president@mpuuc.org

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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