

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 25, 2025

Dear Sandra,

This past year, the Board of Mission Peak UU congregation decided to buy FREE T-shirts for everybody in the congregation.

Two reasons for the decision were because the T-shirts look great and they are fun to wear. Also, they are a good way to help us feel like a community as well as make ourselves more visible to the surrounding community.

Our T-shirts have led to discussions, with people who see us wearing them, about who we are as Unitarian Universalists. We have received positive comments about our participating in “NO Kings” and other demonstrations. We have been noticed at Fremont City Hall to support the unhoused and at sidewalk conversations with vulnerable people in the Tenderloin area of San Francisco.

This is one of our least expensive, most cost-effective outreach efforts. We have had new people show up in Cole Hall and for Sunday service because they were impressed by “the people wearing the purple T-shirts.”

Do you still need a reason to pick up and wear your new T-shirt?

Below are 10 humorous reasons, adapted from the Internet, why you should wear your T-shirt:

- cover your pajamas because you woke up too late to change
- so people don't ask why you're not wearing a shirt
- a hedge against too cold air conditioning
- disguise your superhero identity and your rippling muscles
- you spilled something on the front of your shirt



- because you haven't done your laundry
- to give your mirror something interesting to reflect
- because you and your T-shirt agreed to show up
- because you don't have to stress over what to wear
- because purple looks good on everyone

Please pick up your FREE purple T-shirt in the MPUUC office. We have all sizes for small to XX large. Please ask any member of the Board if you need help.

Kathi Bayne

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## This Sunday's Service:

Service can be attended in-person at Cole Hall or online. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.



### Pride Before the Fall

June is Pride month, and it's a celebration of all things queer and fabulous... but there is a darker side to Pride that many of you might not be aware of. Come and learn about the history of Queer Pride, the continuing struggle, and why we still march!

Rev. Johnnie Bloom Ramirez will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Kathi Bayne, Rev. Barbara Meyers and Michelle Wallace. Erik Alm will be Worship Host. Peggy Rahman 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 Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Come join our Pride celebration!!!

Come hear as queer members of our community bring joy to the church, as well as a queer member of the clergy speak in drag to celebrate the spectrum of spirituality



Jenna Daugherty  
(Trans Advocate)



Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez  
(Queer, Neurodivergent  
Minister)

Sunday June 29th, 2025  
10am

2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA



## 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](mailto: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](#)

## HELP WHILE OUR MINISTER IS AWAY

Rev. Greg will be away on vacation (camping and caring for Lucy's mother) from June 23

– Aug 10. If you have any Administrative questions [contact Sandra Lange](#), our Congregational Administrator. If you have program questions, [contact Jay Steele](#), our board President. If you have Pastoral Questions, [contact Rev. Barbara Meyers](#), our minister on call. Keep good company, stay safe and love one another.

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## 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](#).

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## 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.

Brian and Jen

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## 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.

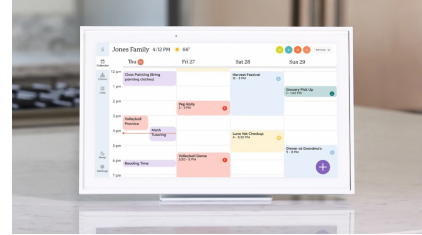
Please contact a member of the MPUUC Board to pick up a T-shirt in the office.

## 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](mailto: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

### The Infinite Divinity

We are whole and holy; we are loved beyond all measure. And in our refusal to accept anything less, may we know we are rooted in the infinite divinity.

Chalice Lighting | By Jami Yandle | August 1, 2024 | From WorshipWeb Tagged as: Awe, Body, Freedom, Gender, God, Imagination, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer, Pride Sunday, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Wholeness, Wonder, Worship



### A Blessing for Queer Youth of Faith

A Blessing for Queer Youth of Faith  
Bless you, for who you are, right now, right here. Bless you in your queerness, your genderfabulousness, your questioning, wondering, exploring, declaring. Bless you in the words you create and evolve and claim for yourself.



Blessing | By Cathy Rion Starr | June 27, 2024 | From WorshipWeb  
Tagged as: #LGBTQ, #Pride, #SideWithLove, Community, Connections, Faith, Gender, Identity, Interdependence, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer, National Coming Out Day, Pride Sunday, Wholeness, Worship, Youth/Teens

## Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

## UUA Condemns U.S. Military Action Against Iran



June 21, 2025

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) condemns U.S. military involvement in the expanding conflict between Israel and Iran. The involvement of the United States will only escalate a deepening crisis of war in the region, lead to an even greater loss of life, and prevent diplomatic resolution to the region's geopolitical challenges.

This action by the U.S. government represents a moral failure and Unitarian Universalists (UUs) are compelled through our religious beliefs to speak out against it. Throughout our 200-year history and especially in recent times, UUs have supported peacemaking efforts and addressing the root causes of conflict. This includes a [General Resolution](#) that UUs passed at our General Assembly in 1979 and a [2010 Statement of Conscience on Creating Peace](#), in which UUs expressed, "we repudiate aggressive and preventive wars, the disproportionate use of force, covert wars, and targeting that includes a high risk to civilians... We affirm a responsibility to speak truth to power, especially when unjust power is exercised by our own nation." Additionally, in 2008, UUs opposed a U.S. attack on Iran in an [Action of Immediate Witness](#).

We renew our opposition to attacking Iran in the wake of this action. Unitarian Universalists will continue to work for a world where our shared values of pluralism and interdependence are realized, and where the inherent dignity and worthiness of all people are recognized.

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## 8th Principle Learning

An infographic titled "The Nine Principles of Propaganda" on a dark background. It lists nine principles in two columns, each with a bold heading and a brief explanation. The principles are: 1. LIE BIG, 2. FOCUS, 3. REPEAT, 4. BLAME, 5. PROVOKE, 6. CRISIS, 7. EMOTION, 8. PANDER, and 9. NO LIMIT. At the bottom right, it says "memes by dennis preston" with a small red 'D' logo.

**The Nine Principles of Propaganda**

- 1. LIE BIG** Big lies work better than small lies because the masses won't believe that anyone would lie "about that."
- 2. FOCUS** Don't make it complicated, ignore history, keep it simple for simple minds.
- 3. REPEAT** People cannot tell the difference between facts and familiarity. The same words repeated over and over will become true in their minds.
- 4. BLAME** Never credit the other side, always blame, debase, defame, and dehumanize.
- 5. PROVOKE** Outrage, fear, and resentment are more powerful than reason, logic, or facts.
- 6. CRISIS** Issues must be life or death, good vs evil, love vs hate, us vs them. Urgency defeats objection.
- 7. EMOTION** A person might question facts, but they will never question their own feelings. Go emotional.
- 8. PANDER** Praise allies generously, demonize all who disagree as having bad intentions or non-expert.
- 9. NO LIMIT** The victor's morality won't be questioned. Morality is for losers.

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Paul Neeley  
June 13 at 4:14 PM

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Keep this in your back pocket and compare it daily with what you read. It's worked this way for many centuries in many countries.

# DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Results of the UUAGA (Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly)



### ELECTED OFFICIALS (unopposed)

UU a moderator

Rev., Kimberly, Quinn, Johnson, and Bill Young

Board of trustees position seven

Mary Heafy

Board of trustees position, nine

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Board of trustees position 10

Rev Adam, Roberdmith, DMin PhD

Board of trustee position 11

Rev. Justine Sullivan

Commission on appraisal

Rev., Dr. Rodney. Lemery

Rev Dr. Matthew Johnson

Rev., Dr. Tracy Barrett

Rachel A Feltner

Nominating committee

Kathy Charles

Debra Gray Boyd

Courtney McKenny

### Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs)

AIWs express the conscience and carry the authority of the delegates at the GA at which it is passed. AIWs are initiated by individual delegates and move through their entire creation and adoption process during a single GA. The top 3 voted on were chosen.

#### AIW Ballot Results - June 17th

1. 854 votes (30.3%) - We Declare and Affirm: Immigrants Are People Who Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights
2. 762 votes (27.1%) - Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism, a Call to Action: Reaffirming Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom!

587 votes (20.9%) - [Defending LGBTIQ Freedom Amid Funding Crisis: A Call for Global Solidarity](#)

The top 3 AIWs chosen were all approved by the UUAGA delegates and will be actionable immediately.

### Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs)

CSAIs are issues selected by Unitarian Universalist member congregations for three years of study, reflection and action. There have been no CSAIs in the past few years, and the cycle for proposals began again in the Fall of 2024 resulting in three consider but only one could be chosen.

Result of the rank choice voting was the selection of:

- **Abolition is Faith Formation** Abolition is a holistic approach to systemic social change that includes, but is not limited to: the abolition of slavery; replacing systems and cultures of violence, coercion and control with transformative justice and relational practices; and dismantling the prison-industrial complex as we now know it.....

Contact [socialwitness@uua.org](mailto:socialwitness@uua.org) if you have questions about AIWs and CSAIs.

## 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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