

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!
August 6, 2025

Greetings!

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.

2025 MPUUC Annual Music Celebration

Music forms an integral part of UU worship services. "Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife." -Kahlil Gibran Mission Peak musicians will join together to celebrate the spirit and power of music in our congregation.

Drew Wilson, Paul K. Davis with Von Bringhurst and Guest Musicians, will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Drew Wilson and Paul K. Davis. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Peak Performers and Solos 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%.



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

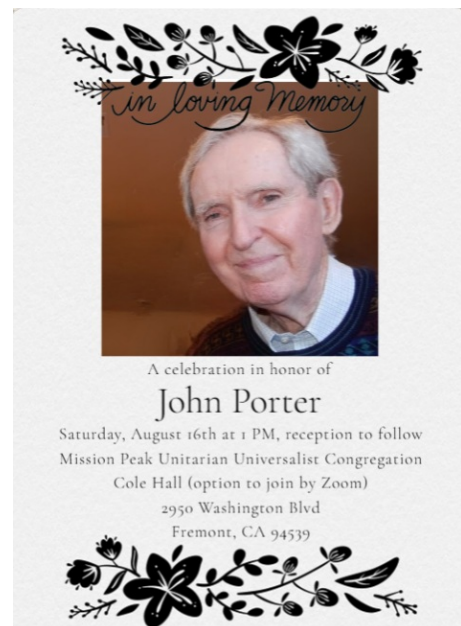
Midweek Discussion Group

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](#)

Hello Mission Peak Congregation. You are all invited to join us for my dad's memorial service at Cole Hall on Sat August 16th at 1pm. He and my mom both deeply loved this church and were connected to many of you. Please feel free to forward the invitation to any that this email did not reach. RSVPs are appreciated, but not necessary. You can RSVP through the evite link below, or by emailing me at kimberlyportermft@gmail.com. There will also be a live stream of the service on Zoom so please let us know if you need the Zoom link.

Blessings, Kimberly

Evite link: <https://evite.me/x9gurc1vMW>



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.

Art and Generosity in our Beloved Community

Quietly, Don Ramie returned to the Cole Hall Garden and gave a fresh coat of paint to the Garden entrance and renewed the medallions on the arch.

Thank you Don!

You saw a need and took it upon yourself to repaint and repair the Garden Entrance to enhance the look of the Garden that was restored this year by Brian and Jennifer Culp.



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.

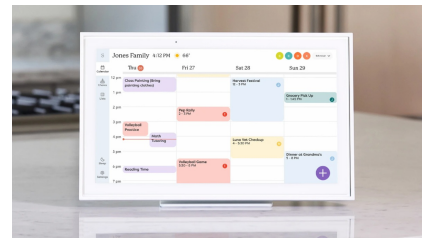
Please contact a member of the MPUUC Board to pick up a T-shirt in the office.

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Dates to mark on your calendar:

8/13- **Potluck dinner, games and art 5:30-8pm** [RSVP](#) preferred

8/23 - **Family Night Out** - 4:30-8:00 p.m. *Make your own Chalice activity!*



Summer fun for families!

Join **FNO (Family Night Out)** on our last Saturday evening each month this summer, Aug 23rd from 4:30-8pm. This is for all MPUUC members and friends with school aged children and younger and includes 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 Thursday** before each event. RSVP [HERE](#). Questions? Email Ariel dre@mpuuc.org

Click [here](#) for flyer

Have fun this summer and learn a new skill!

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

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



QUESTION? EMAIL ARIEL DRE@MPUUC.ORG

FUMC INVITES YOU TO COME PLAY PING PONG

-NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! THURSDAY EVENINGS
6 – 7:30 pm IN THE OCKERMAN BUILDING (just
down the hill from Cole Hall).



JUSTICE CORNER

Congress Must Pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2025



"To my colleagues in the Senate —
this is what America looks like.
This is what Democracy looks like.
Every person gets a vote.

--Senator Richard Blumenthal



Our founding fathers allowed for the power of the people
to be greater than the people in power. We must do the
hard work, generation after generation, to continue down
the pathway of democracy.

--Senator Corey Booker



"John R. Lewis reminded
us that our vote is sacred,
but it is never guaranteed."

--Senator Alex Padilla



"The fight to protect voting rights
is too important to wait for
another election."

--Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock



"It is now our turn to re-dedicate
ourselves to John R. Lewis and
his legacy"

--Senator Dick Durbin

Write Your Lawmakers:



<https://bit.ly/JLVRAA-119th>

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Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock

Senator Dick Durbin Durbin reintroduced the **#JLVRAA** which would hold states
accountable when they attempt to disenfranchise voters AND restore voters' ability to
challenge discriminatory changes.
Congress MUST pass it!

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Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

SURJ Bay Area, based in Alameda County, is a nonprofit
with both a 501(c)(4) and a 501(c)(3) arm. It is part of a
national network of groups and individuals organizing
white people for racial justice.

SURJ SHOWING UP FOR
BAY AREA RACIAL JUSTICE

We are facing interlocking crises abroad and at home— blatant disregards for human life in
the service of our government's racist billionaire agenda. In this critical moment, what we

do matters. We're writing today with two ways you can take action.

In Palestine, the forced famine threatens the lives of millions in Gaza. In our rage and grief, we encourage you to continue to move into action: join local protests, stay in conversation with those who are only now waking up to the violence, and [join our Palestinian and Jewish partner organizations TOMORROW at 3 pm ET for a "Stop Starving Gaza Power Hour" to take action.](#)

And— in the midst of thousands of detentions and raids, immigrant communities are leading the resistance to authoritarianism here at home. We need to be ready to stand with immigrants and show up against ICE even before they get to our communities. [To do just that, join SURJ for a two week training, "Solidarity & Rapid Response," beginning August 5th with our partners at the Solidarity Organizing Initiative.](#)

[Join the 2-week training](#)

Tuesday, August 19 • 7:30 – 10:00 pm

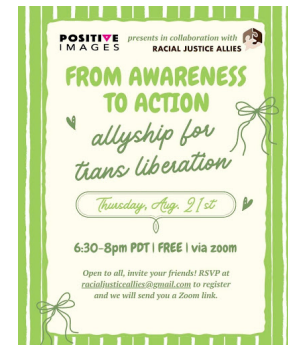
[Immigrant Voices Film Series: "And Then They Came for Us "](#) (IN PERSON)

In March, Donald Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, the same law used 78 years ago to justify Executive Order 9066, which led to the unjust incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, violating their constitutional rights. "And Then They Came for Us" features George Takei and others who were incarcerated, as well as rediscovered photographs by Dorothea Lange. This powerful documentary serves as both a cautionary tale and an inspiring call to action in these challenging times. After the film, stay for a moderated discussion. Sliding scale tickets \$10–\$25 to benefit [Tsuru for Solidarity](#).



Location: La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Join Racial Justice Allies of Sonoma County at this free community dialog event to explore what it means to practice intersectional allyship with trans and gender-expansive communities. Featured guest is Drew Rose (he/they), the Training and Education Manager at Positive Images, Sonoma County's LGBTQIA2S+ community center. Rose has led hundreds of workshops for schools, nonprofits, and businesses throughout the North Bay. In this session, they'll examine the unique barriers faced by trans and gender-expansive individuals, with a focus on how these experiences intersect with communities of color. Register to receive the zoom link..



Thursday, August 21 • 6:30 – 8:00 pm

[Allyship for Trans Liberation](#) (VIRTUAL)

8th Principle Learning

[When you strip Away Humanity](#)



<https://www.tiktok.com/@joshjohnsoncomedy/video/7531350400507694391>

Board Briefs

July 2025 BOARD BRIEFS

- Community Minister Barbara Meyers was selected as the MPUUC Volunteer of the Year. 2025 marks her 20th Anniversary year of Ministry. She is a national leader in the field of mental health ministry and has served Mission Peak since her Ordination in March 2005.
- The Congregation approved the amendment proposed by the board revise the MPUUC Bylaws at the June Congregational Meeting by replacing the word “Principles” with “Values”. Rev. Jim McKinley will be the Sabbatical Minister from October 4 to December 7, when Rev. Ward takes his Sabbatical.
- The Treasurer is working on the task of determining the future of long-held funds for a “Building Fund”, communicating with donors for alternative uses for the approximately \$9,000. MPUUC renewed a one-year lease with FMUC for the use of Cole Hall, the Office, and reduced use of Ockerman rooms (FUMC has initiated new ministry activities in Ockerman rooms).
- MPUUC Lay Leaders will be providing summer Sunday Services while Rev. Ward is on summer vacation until August 10. Share the Plate collections during the summer will be for MPUUC activities - a discretionary fund for Ariel, the Sandwich Squad, Music and Service Aesthetics.



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, August 12, 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](https://www.house.gov)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553



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