

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 27, 2025

Greetings!

Hello Friends,

I am Valerie Stewart, a member of the Board.

What can words tell us about one another? It has been said the single bravest word a person can say is "Hello". When you find yourself in a place where you don't know anyone, to say "Hello" to another person opens up so many possibilities - maybe rewarding to you, maybe not so, but without saying that one word, you remain the stranger and have no possibilities at all. Maybe you remember the first time you came to Mission Peak and said "Hello" to a stranger and now you are part of this community where we strive to call one another beloved.



There are four words that require as much, or more, bravery and strength to say; "Can you help me?". Why is it so difficult to say those words? Do we have expectations that we can move through the world, handling all the challenges that come our way, just standing on our own two feet? It is much easier to say to someone "May I help you?" than to ask for help yourself. Those words aren't indicating you aren't strong enough to deal with life, they show others that you trust them to hear those words from you and not reject you and the challenge you are facing. It can be challenging to hear a person ask for help and know that you may or may not have the capacity to help them, but engaging in a conversation opens up possibilities for both the speaker and the listener. Sometimes listening to another is a "help" in itself, or you may find that there is a way to help that the speaker hadn't considered. You'll see later in Week on the Peak that I am asking for "Help".

Having the conversation that "Can you help me?" opens up offers an opportunity for ourselves and our Beloved Community to be engaged with one another in heartfelt compassion. Be brave in the world!

Valerie Stewart

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.

The Divine Feminine

For thousands of years, the supreme deity the world over was personified as a woman. The miracle of life made possible within the female body represented the ways the Divine Feminine was an active and immanent presence in the life of the earth. Rev. Barbara Meyers and Paul Davis will share some of their learnings about the Divine Feminine and what it means to us today.

Rev. Barbara Meyers, will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. 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:

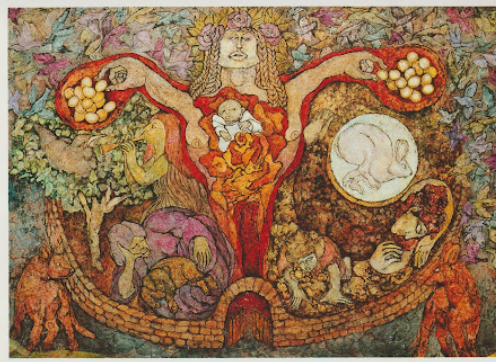
Mail check to

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%.



Love takes off
the masks that
we fear we cannot
live without and
know we cannot
live within.

James
Baldwin



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](#)

You are all invited to join us for Alan Davis Celebration of Life at Cole Hall on Sunday, September 21st at 1:30 pm.

[Zoom Link](#)

Dial in number for phone +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 979 7428 0940

Password: 910606



He is survived by his wife Sharon, loving daughters Nina and Aparna, grand children Kora, Everett, and Ava, and siblings Kenneth, Paul, Marjorie, and Eileen. They, along with the countless lives he touched, will fondly remember his kindness and generosity. Alan's memory will serve as an inspiration to all who knew him.

May his memory live on in the hearts of all he touched.

In lieu of flowers, Alan requested donations to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, KQED radio, or Planned Parenthood. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.forevermissed.com/alan-neil-davis/about>

Request for **HELPERS** (thanks Mr. Rogers !)

If you can be a Helper on Sunday September 21st for the Alan Davis Celebration of Life at Cole Hall, for Set-up/Take-Down (2 Helpers) and Coffee Service (2 Helpers), please contact Valerie by September 7. Helpers will need to be at Cole Hall from 12:00 – 4:00. Email ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com and Thank you!!

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: TBD

JUSTICE CORNER



**Make Billionaires Pay, in NYC and
Across the U.S.**

Save the date, find an event -- host one if you can't find one!

World leaders will be in New York City for the UN General Assembly and Climate Week in September. So a strong coalition is planning simultaneous **Make Billionaires Pay** actions to happen in NYC, across the U.S., and around the world.



People are mobilizing for September 20th as part of the global mobilizations for climate justice entitled **Draw the Line**.

Will you join the many? Will you show solidarity with the global majority suffering for the profit of a global minority? We are! We're joining the call for non-violent protests across the U.S. and a mass march in NYC.

Join us wherever you are, however you can, on September 20th to stand up for climate justice, immigrant justice, peace, and to **Make Billionaires Pay**!

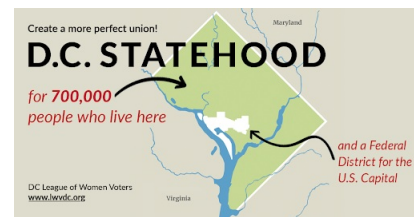
Yes, this is a c3 compliant mobilization!

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Some Background and Context on DC

See our statement on D.C. Home Rule, Federalizing the Police, "**We are with D.C. as it continues to build toward freedom.**"

- You can sound off in solidarity with D.C. residents by taking UUSJ's petition that we developed in partnership with the Reeb Voting Rights Project (of All Souls, DC) and D.C. League of Women's Voters.
- If you want a short background, look at our June 2025 AIW proposal, **Voter Justice and Racial Equity for the Citizens of the Nation's Capital**.



If you want a more in-depth documentary and educational briefing, please request a screening of The Last Battlefront. This documentary delves into the situation of Washington, D.C. You can ask for that Zoom-based event knowing UUSJ, Reeb, DC-LWV and the Producers of the film are partnering to bring these sessions to UU Congregations and State Action Networks.

8th Principle Learning

The Kentucky Derby's fist Champions jockey were Black

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Bkf9nULRuMg>



AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEWS

City of Fremont Sharing Open Waitlist Information for Affordable Housing Property in Fremont (Post Date: 08/25/2025 10:00 AM)

The City of Fremont's Housing Division is sharing the following information.

[Laguna Commons](#), an affordable housing property located at 41152 Fremont Blvd., has an open waitlist for 1-bedroom rental units. The property is managed by [MidPen Housing](#).

The deadline to apply is Monday, September 15, 2025.

For more information and to apply, view the resources below:

[Laguna Commons Flyer](#)

[Laguna Commons Webpage](#)

[Click here for more information](#)

Board Briefs

August 2025 BOARD BRIEFS

1. The Board confirmed/approved earlier email votes (1) to appoint Don Ramie to the open At-Large Board Member position. Thanks Don for taking on this new role!; (2) to accept a restricted donation in the amount of \$1,000 to provide ASL Interpreters at MPUUC.
2. The Board received a presentation and discussion with Marisa Keane, Service Coordinator at Beyond the Words (an ASL service provider). Ms. Keane discussed deaf culture and steps a congregation can take to make its Services more accessible to the deaf and hard-of-hearing.
3. Drew Wilson (Treasurer) is researching the uses/controls of restricted funds, including the Building Fund, at MPUUC. Drew shared the good news that because of additional gifts and reduced spending the 24-25 fiscal year did not end with a deficit, as projected. Drew and Jay (former Treasurer/now President) are still getting MPUUC accounts updated with signatures/role changes.
4. The Board was informed that Ariel Smith-Iyer will begin hosting an additional Children's Chapel on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Additionally, she will be providing content on the MPUUC web site promoting Multi-Generational Community Building activities.
5. The FUMC Board voted to deny the MPUUC request to remove the platform/chancel in Cole Hall. ARO will review other options to increase accessibility.



6. The update on the litigation with the California Homeless Union is that Judge Chesney ordered the parties to meet with a Magistrate Judge regarding Settlement. A report is due on 9/10/25.
7. Reports from the Minister, President, Treasurer, and Community Minister are located in the Board Meeting Folder and are accessible to Members.

The next meeting of the board is via Zoom, Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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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