

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! September 10, 2025

Greetings!

Good evening, Mission Peak UU Congregation! I am Kathi Bayne and I am a member of our Antiracism Anti-oppression (ARO) committee.

ARO is pleased to invite you to our Action Sunday September 14, following the Water Communion Service. Rev. Barry Cammer of the Black Wealth Builders Fund will join us and tell us about the fund he has developed to help black families in the Bay Area afford homes. We will be given the opportunity to share our plate with the fund. After service, we will share soup, bread, and dessert. Then, we will participate in what promises to be a fun, exciting, and informative monopoly style game while we learn more history of racial disparities in housing.

In addition, we have invited a few friends of MPUUC in the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), Fremont For Everyone (FFE), and the TriCity Interfaith Council (TCIC) to join us in learning and feasting.

It is my pleasure to introduce Rev. Cammer's address to us below:



Dear Friends at Mission Peak UU, I am delighted by the invitation to lead a program for you after worship on 9/14/25. As you may know, my work these last few years has been in support of addressing the significant wealth gap between the White and the Black communities in our country. I suspect that all of us share a deep concern for racial, economic, educational, and other forms of inequality. In my experience, so many of us see these inequities yet feel somewhat powerless to address them. My personal belief is that God/Universe/Spirit calls us into oneness with all people (and indeed, all creation), yet our behavior as a nation continues to build more barriers and fewer opportunities to live into this call. For this reason, Susan Russell and I created the Black Wealth Builders Fund. And while this fund won't address these challenges completely, for 52 Black families who now own their first homes, a level of reconciliation has occurred.

I refuse to give up use of the term "reparations". While the word elicits a variety of responses in today's political climate, the concept finds a footing in Hebrew and Christian scripture, in Islamic and Buddhist teachings and likely in all major world

religions. One look at reparations speaks of four steps to complete.

Step 1: Name the damage.

Step 2: Ask forgiveness for having caused or been a part of the damage.

Step 3: Make amends (fix what's broken).

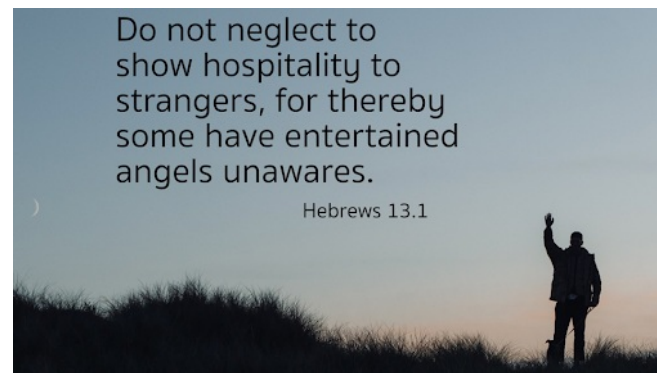
Step 4: Reconcile the relationship.

As an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and a practicing pastoral counselor, notice that what works in individual and personal relationships is mirrored by what works in society.

Please consider this my invitation to you to consider participating in this healing work. Thank you.

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Have you noticed the new pictures / memes in Week on the Peak? They are also on the website, Facebook and other places. They are part of our Soul matters content which is helping us expand our conversations with one another and extend a warm invitation to people who need us. Each month, we will be focusing on a theme. For September, our theme is BELONGING



Here are some questions to ponder and ask one another:

- When was the first time you thought to yourself, "Now I belong"?
  - Has belonging gotten easier or harder as you've grown older?
  - Have you ever had to sacrifice belonging for integrity? Or your integrity for belonging?
  - How might we deepen our sense of belonging to each other?
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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.**



### **Noah's Dilemma**

Noah had a dilemma. It seems the world was going to hell in a handbasket and, frankly, he was hoping for something a little more promising. Together with his neighbor and the wisdom of the animals of his community, they reflect

on a theology that may help guide them toward a more hope-filled future. They reveal a story that is a little different from the one we're accustomed to hearing - and it features many of our beloved members of MPUUC. Come to the service with some water, ready to pour yourself into a new beginning..

Rev. Greg Ward, will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Ariel Smith-Iyer. Melissa Holmes 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%.

## **September Share the Plate - Black Wealth Builders Fund**

We will be collecting until October 12.

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

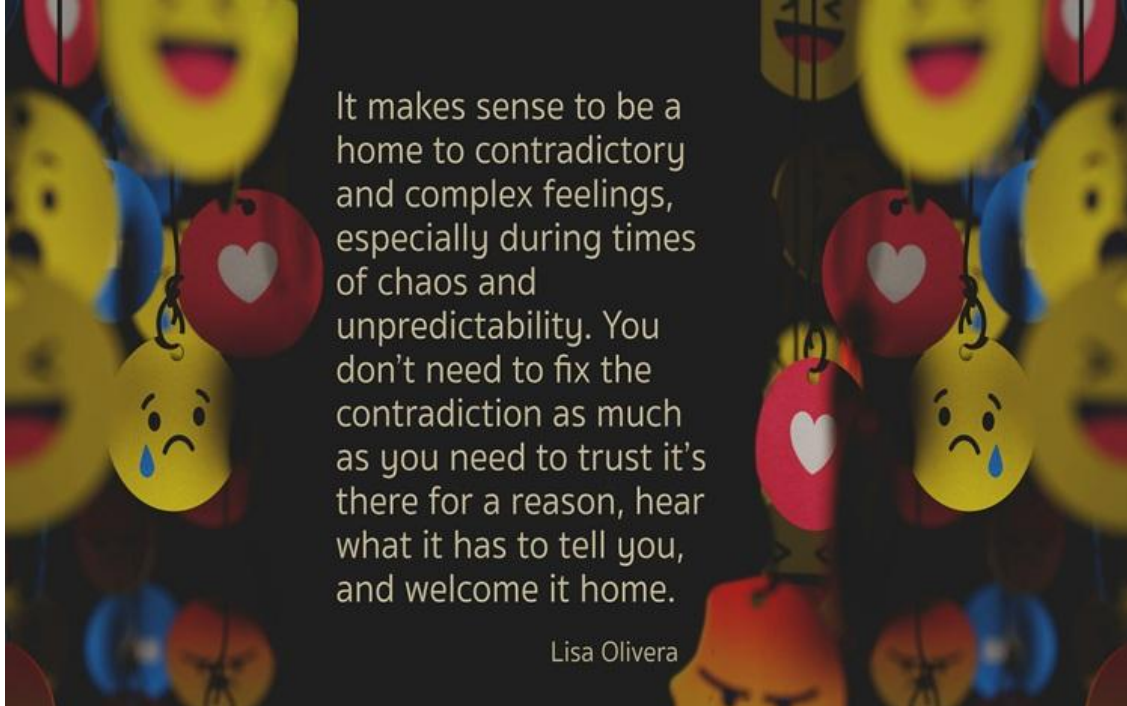
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Drop an envelope with a check (with "BWBF" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "BWBF") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## 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](#)

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](mailto:ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com) and Thank you!!

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## MPUUC Directory

The MPUUC directory of members and friends has been updated and is available on the members-only section of our website, [www.mpuuc.org/members-only](http://www.mpuuc.org/members-only). You need one password for the members-only section, and another to open the directory. If you do not recall your passwords, please email our Congregational Administrator at [office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org).

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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.

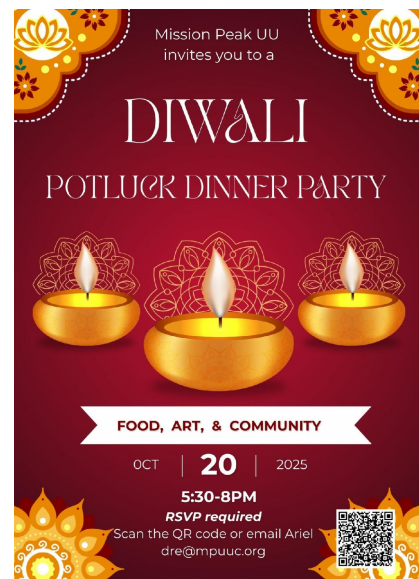
They are a little darker purple color than the new T-shirts, but we will still look like one family.

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

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Sat Oct 4th **Parent Night Out** [RSVP required by Oct 3](#)

Mon Oct 20th **Diwali** [RSVP required by Fri Oct 17th](#)



Sat Nov 15th **Parent Night Out** [RSVP required by Fri Nov 14](#)

Fri Nov 28th **Green Friday** no rsvp required- just come!  
We'll have coffee and pastries for the early birds:)



## JUSTICE CORNER



### SAVE CALIFORNIA REPARATIONS

(Click here link: <https://mpuuc.org/justice-overview/anti-racism-work/>)

Don Tamaki member of the California Reparations Task force who spoke to us at our church October 1, 2023, has asked us to help save California reparations.



Take a moment to [sign our letter or make a quick call](#) or email to Senate Appropriations Chair Anna Caballero at (916) 651-4014 or [paloma.elizalde@sen.ca.gov](mailto:paloma.elizalde@sen.ca.gov)

Take a moment to [sign our letter opaloma.elizalde@sen.ca.gov](mailto:paloma.elizalde@sen.ca.gov), to urge her to advance AB 57 and AB 62 (McKinnor) to the Senate Floor for a full vote.

Also, call and email Assembly Appropriations Chair Buffy Wicks at (916) 319-2014 and [zak.castillo-krings@asm.ca.gov](mailto:zak.castillo-krings@asm.ca.gov), demand that SB 437 & SB 518 (Weber-Pierson) be sent to the Assembly Floor for a vote.

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## 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!

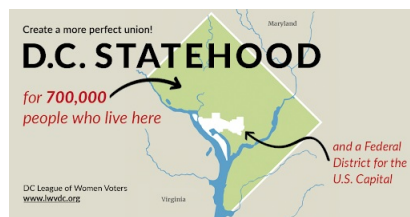
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## Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

### 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 Battlefield. 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.

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## 8th Principle Learning

Watch [this short clip](#) to understand how certain prestigious sporting events were built upon racially prejudicial practices.



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## 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](#)

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## 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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