

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! February 11, 2026

Greetings!

Dear Friends,

In these times of great turmoil where corporate and political interests are attempting to override personal freedoms and civil liberties that are the cornerstone of our democracy, two things become very important.

1. Create coalition of diverse citizenry that bands together and refuses to allow human rights to be ignored or rescinded; and
2. An agency who is dedicated to organize that our individual concerns can be multiplied and magnified

This Sunday, we are very fortunate to celebrate both of these when we lift up our partners in the Fremont area who have issued the call for our voices to be heard and our presence to be felt.

Indivisible Fremont is the regional chapter of the National Indivisible movement. Their vision is to 'promote, preserve, and protect our democracy locally and nationally.' Their mission is dedicated to promoting a welcoming and inclusive community, advocating for democracy and justice, and empowering individuals to create positive change.

They operate with 8 essential values in mind

1. Choose Hope
2. Welcome All People
3. Believe in Liberty and Justice for all
4. Support a shared prosperity
5. Champion One person, One vote
6. Promote the Pursuit of Truth
7. Work with unquestionable advocacy to preserve and protect our democracy locally and nationally.
8. Join Together in Peace.

I hope you will be able to join us this Sunday when members of the volunteer steering team will be present and eager for our support. If we hope for this experiment in democracy to last beyond our lifetimes, it will come about through agencies like Indivisible helping us work together.

Rev. Greg Ward

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.



Love Hero Indivisible Fremont

Indivisible Fremont CA is one of thousands of Indivisible groups across the country taking action to build grassroots power and fight for a truly inclusive democracy. They are dedicated to promoting a welcoming and inclusive community, advocating for democracy and justice and empowering individuals to create positive change. The list their values as Choosing Hope; Welcoming All People; Believing in Liberty and Justice for all; Supporting a shared prosperity; Championing One person, One vote; Promoting the Pursuit of Truth; and Joining Together in Peace.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Michael Cohn. Erik Alm will be Worship Host. Peter Mayer, Jesse Welles and other artists 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

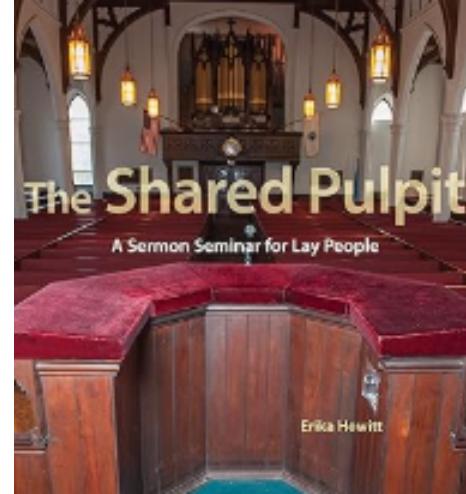
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
P.O. Box 545
Fremont, CA 94537-0545
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)

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%.

Class: Finding Your Spiritual Voice

Have you ever wanted to find a way to talk about things that are spiritually significant to you? If so, you are in luck. We will be having a 3-part class using a UU Curriculum *The Shared Pulpit*, by Erika Hewitt. A copy of the book will be provided for all participants. We have adapted the curriculum to focus on creating and presenting 5–7-minute short reflections. For details click [here](#)



**Volunteer!
Protect Our Democracy!
Have Fun!**

We hope you will join as a volunteer this year! We especially need volunteers for Kennedy High in Fremont and James Logan in Union City.

Adult volunteers collaborate with energetic student leaders to make VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES a success for all high school juniors and seniors. There are tasks for all: greeting students, distributing/ collecting materials, answering questions, proofing/sorting/counting forms, handing out treats, etc. We provide the logistical info, supplies, snacks, and camaraderie. Just bring a democracy-for-all spirit (maybe a friend) and enjoy the multi-generational impact. We are offering a training on February 15, please contact Valerie Stewart for more information at ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!!!**

There are morning and afternoon shifts (approx. 0800-12:00 and 11:45-3:30)

[Event Dates, High Schools, Cities](#)

Feb 10, Tue New Haven Acdy, Union City

Feb 18, Wed Bridgepoint, Newark

Feb 23, Mon American, Fremont

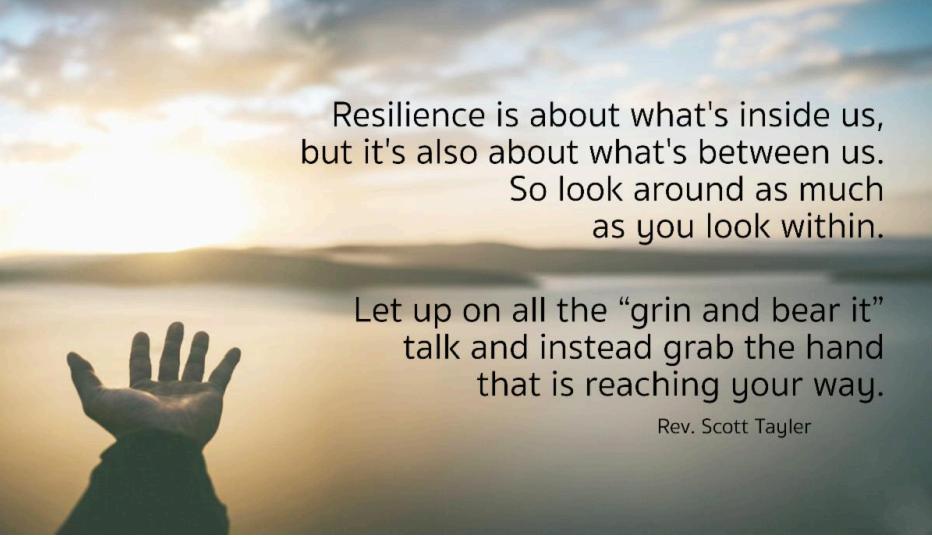
Feb 27, Fri Newark, Newark

Mar 4, Wed Kennedy, Fremont

Mar 12, Thur Logan, Union City

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO SIGN-UP ON OUR VOLUNTEER FORM:

<http://bit.ly/4q6aoGp>



Resilience is about what's inside us,
but it's also about what's between us.
So look around as much
as you look within.

Let up on all the "grin and bear it"
talk and instead grab the hand
that is reaching your way.

Rev. Scott Tayler



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](#).

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Saturday March 7th Potluck and game-night 6-8pm

Bring a tasty dish to share and a fun game you like to play or come play one someone else brought! Last game-night we enjoyed a few rounds of "Catch Phrase" and "Would you Rather..."

RSVP requested by the night before, 3/6.
(<https://forms.gle/gbXRKEqnDLQDsMPe9>)

Questions? email Ariel dre@mpuuc.org



Our Whole Lives ([OWL](#)) for kinder-1st grades is happening this fall in collaboration with MPUUC and the UU congregations in Sunnyvale, Los Gatos and San Jose! More info to come. Reach out to Ariel with questions, dre@mpuuc.org

JUSTICE CORNER



This Saturday is the amazing BAAITS Queer Powwow

in San Francisco at Fort Mason Center

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 11 AM- 6 PM

<https://www.baait.org/2026-powwow>

Mark your calendars!

The next No Kings demonstrations are scheduled for March 28:





Commission on
Social Witness

Monthly Conversations on Abolition

As your congregation engages with the CSAI, join CLF's Monthly Conversations on Abolition.

["Using Restorative Justice with Children and Youth"](#)

Tuesday, February 10, 8–9:30pm ET

We will talk about how to use restorative practices with children and youth, including in school systems as an alternative to the suspension-to-prison pipeline. [Register now](#).

Restorative Justice

["From Principles to Practice: Restorative Justice in Oklahoma"](#)

Monday, February 23, 6:30–8pm ET

In this third session of the restorative justice series, Rev. Dr. (Tamara) Celeste Lebak, Founder and Chief Unlearning Officer of the Restorative Justice Institute of Oklahoma, and Xavier Graves, Executive Director of RJIOK, share how restorative justice is being practiced on the ground across Oklahoma. Drawing from their work in schools, communities, and justice-adjacent systems, they will explore the RJIOK model, what meaningful partnership with local restorative justice organizations can look like, and how congregations can discern their role in supporting accountability, repair, and community healing beyond the sanctuary. [Register now](#).

[Past event recordings](#) can be found at the Abolition, Transformation & Faith Formation Hub.

UUA President Arrested During D.C. Protest

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt joined other religious leaders at U.S. Capitol Complex to protest Homeland Security budget.

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PHOTO: BRANDAN ROBERTSON/UUA

Unitarian Universalist Association President Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt surrounded by UUs and other people of faith just before her arrest by United States Capitol Police on Thursday, January 29, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

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Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

SURJ SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
BAY AREA

Tell Congress: No Secret Police

– Demand that Congress block the unchecked growth of ICE and put an end to Donald Trump's secret police force. ICE now has a bigger budget than the militaries of most countries—and it's being used to target, detain, and terrorize our communities, not keep us safe. This agency has arrested elected officials, disappeared people off the street, and torn families apart. That's not law enforcement—that's authoritarianism. Add your name to demand an end to ICE's abuse of power and reign of terror.

https://act.womensemarch.com/sign/congress_NoSecretPolice/

Call Congress:

Stop Starving Gaza and Block the Bombs – The Israeli military has been killing Palestinians on a daily basis, restricting aid, and delaying the reopening of the Rafah crossing—the most critical lifeline for entry and exit from Gaza. This winter, seven Palestinian children have died from freezing temperatures due to the Israeli military occupation's blockade of critical aid. As Israel's largest military funder, the U.S. has the power to ensure humanitarian aid access and end the killing. Take action now by telling

your members of Congress to advocate for the immediate reopening of Rafah crossing, for all aid to enter Gaza, and to pass the Block the Bombs Act (H.R. 3565) to stop arming Israel.

<https://act.uscpr.org/a/letaidin>

DropChevron:

Demand local institutions drop this Big Oil war profiteer as a corporate sponsor – Big Oil corporation Chevron is raking in the profits from Trump's invasion of Venezuela, the Israeli government's genocide against the Palestinian people, and climate destruction around the world. Chevron whitewashes its long history of fueling war crimes by sponsoring events, sports teams, and institutions that offer real value to their local communities. Institutions everywhere should reject all affiliation with Chevron in protest. Take action now to demand that local institutions #DropChevron as a sponsor.

A group of red flowers and green leaves are surrounded by the words Abolish Ice, No Human is Illegal

[Click here](#)

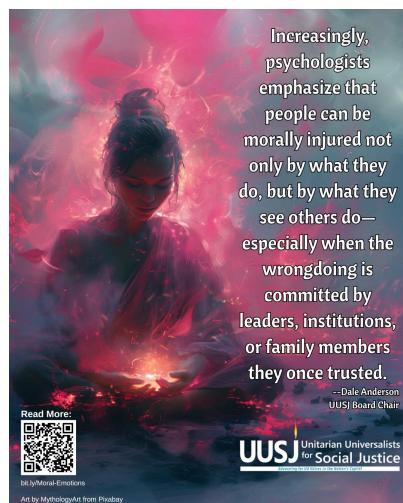
8th Principle Learning

Increasingly, psychologists emphasize that people can be morally injured not only by what they do, but by what they see others do—especially when the wrongdoing is committed by leaders, institutions, or family members they once trusted.

--Dale Anderson UUSJ Board Chair

Please take care of yourself.

Read More: bit.ly/Moral-Emotions



DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

Pacific Western - Regional Assembly 2026

Click [here](#) for more information.

A Non-Musician's Guide to How Music Works

Unlocking the Magic of Music!

A Special Lecture Series by Dr. Giancarlo Aquilanti – Dr. Aquilanti is Music Director of the Stanford University Wind Symphony & the Music and Choir Director at St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Join St. Anne's very own Dr. Aquilanti for an accessible and illuminating journey into the structure and emotional power of music. Designed for everyone, this series will demystify the basic elements of music, transforming the way you listen!

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Lecture 2	Saturday, February 7, 2026	2:30 PM
Lecture 3	Saturday, April 18, 2026	2:30 PM

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Where: St. Anne's Episcopal Church,
2791 Driscoll Rd, Fremont

Please check www.stanneschurch.org
for updates to the program



Related Event: Stanford Wind Symphony Winter Concert conducted by Giancarlo Aquilanti - an inspiring evening celebrating African American music - Feb. 28, 2026 at 7:30 PM @ Bing Hall

Donations to St. Anne's Episcopal Church are Welcome.

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

Senator Adam Schiff (202) 224.3841



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