

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 15, 2026

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Greetings!

Juristac has been protected!

In 2022, Mission Peak UU Congregation and ARO (Antiracism Anti-oppression Committee) voted to share our plate and pay reparations to the Amah Mutsun tribe of Santa Clara County. The Amah Mutsun's most sacred lands (Juristac) in the hills of Santa Clara had been bought and scheduled to become a quarry.



“The proposed Sargent Ranch Quarry, with its three open pits and 1.6-mile-long conveyor belt, would have removed about 35 million cubic yards of soil from Juristac, pumped 80,000 gallons of groundwater per day, and generated hundreds of daily truck trips along Highway 101 to transport the sand and gravel. That kind of impact would have irreparably fragmented this wildlife corridor, a vital wildlife corridor that connects the Santa Cruz, Diablo, and Gabilan mountain ranges, and destroyed the delicate balance of ecosystems that have thrived here for millennia.”

In addition, this proposed quarry would have done irreparable damage to the sacred lands where the Amah Mutsun people have held spiritual and healing rites for thousands of years.

In October 2024, after a many years long struggle to preserve the land, the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) took over the 1340 acre Pescadero Ranch. This was followed by the acquisition of the 2.284 acres of the Sergeant Ranch property. This allows for the permanent protection of the lands.

Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair Ed Ketchum said, “Our hearts are full of gratitude for the thousands who stood with us in calling for the sacredness of Juristac to be respected.” “The protection of Juristac is a culmination of more than a decade of work by our Tribe and many dedicated partners, guided by the power of our ancestors who honored this land since time immemorial,”

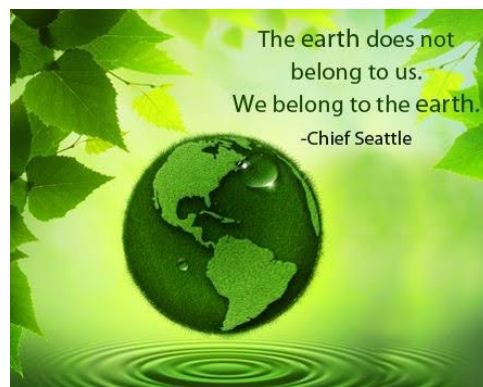
I am proud to say that MPUUC has been part of this effort!

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.



### Who Will Speak for this Planet?

Almost as soon as settlers arrived on these shores, claims were being made on all the resources it possessed. The plants and trees... the animals... the water... the air... Collectively, we have approached inhabitation by taking the passage in Genesis very seriously: "and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." What if we actually took Chief Seattle's advice and treated everything as partners instead of commodities?

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Bruce Cates 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%.

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### Share the Plate - April

Our April Share the Plate will go to the Tri-City Ecology Center.

Make your check out MPUUC and put 'TCEC' in the memo line

We will be collecting until May 17.

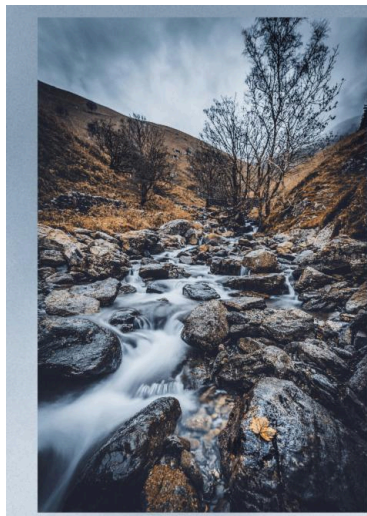
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Drop an envelope with a check (with "TCEC" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Tri-City Ecology Center") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "Tri-City Ecology Center" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

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It may be that when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work...

The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.

Wendell Berry

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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

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## 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](#).

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## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

MPUUC is teaming up with Starr King UUC, our neighbor UU's in Hayward, for an evening of shared online fellowship. Our very own Julie Ganzlin will be there leading one room of lively conversation and SKUUC's Ben Ogilvie will lead a game in a separate room. Another SKUUC volunteer will lead a room with games for kids. This is our first time to try something like this- join us and see how it goes! Follow this link to get info on how to join the zoom: [starring.org/zoomgames](https://starring.org/zoomgames)

[\(flyer attached\)](#)



## The Year to Save the Earth

Saturday, April 18 at 2:00 PM  
 Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore  
 Suggested donation: \$20



Many in UU communities know Jim's music well, and this program brings together his songs, poetry, and projected imagery in a moving exploration of our relationship with the Earth. The concert reflects themes of climate justice, interdependence, and collective action, with opportunities for audience participation through singing and reflection.

## JUSTICE CORNER

### UUMFE's 2025-26 Community Read: "What If We Get It Right?" (WIWGIR)



If you'd like to join us, [please register here to receive the Zoom link](#). You only need to register once to attend all 9 sessions. [Click here to print a poster](#) for your congregation's bulletin board.

[Sign up for the Community Read email list here](#) in order to receive the most up-to-date communications.

We're excited for our second month of reviving our [Full Moon Gatherings](#)! Each gathering will take place on the Sunday night closest to each full moon from 8-9pm ET/5-6pm PT. We meet next on April 5th to honor the Pink Moon. [Please click here to get all of the details and register to attend](#).



We invite you to bring these items to our Full Moon Gatherings:

- chalice or candle that connects you to the moon's light

- round stone or small object that connects you to the moon's energy, that you can hold in your hand
- shawl, blanket, or wrap for coziness and a ritual moment acknowledging the upcoming lunar eclipse
- mug of tea, glass of water, or something that cares for your physical body while in virtual space
- journal, pen, drawing paper, art supplies, or anything that will help you integrate our time together

**READ MORE + REGISTER**

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**LGBTQ**

*Welcoming Congregation*

National Day of Silence April 10

National Day of Silence is a student-led movement to protest bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students and those who support them.

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

**SURJ** **SHOWING UP FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE**  
BAY AREA



**Wednesday, April 15 • 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**SURJ Bay Area Introductory Meeting (VIRTUAL)**

Are you looking for a political home where you can build skills, deepen relationships, and stay in the fight for the long haul? Do you want to get in motion with other white people on

the right side of history? Join us at this virtual gathering to learn about SURJ Bay Area's work, hear our strategies for organizing to bring more white people into the movement for racial and economic justice, and find concrete ways you can show up. Together we'll explore how you can make connections, take part in campaigns, and organize with our multigenerational membership. Zoom link sent upon registration.



Friday, May 1

May Day: NO WORK. NO SCHOOL. NO SHOPPING.

Against a blue and gold background a person holds a white megaphone blasting WORKERS OVER BILLIONAIRES in white letters on red.

When the billionaires break every rule, it's going to take more than a protest to stop them.

This May 1st, we will be flexing our collective muscle in a tremendous day of people power—showing our unity and strength through a day of no work, no school, no shopping.

Everyone can do at least one of these:

- No Work means take the day off, call in sick, or take collective action through your union or work place.
- No School means not going to class, or organizing a class or campus walkout.
- No Shopping means withholding your buying power, especially when so many companies profit off the violence and war of the Trump administration.
- Join SURJ in Oakland for a resource fair and march held by the Sin Fronteras coalition. Join us.
- Sign the May Day Solidarity Pledge. All out for May Day 2026!

## 8th Principle Learning

Take Action:

1. Write Your Senators:

<https://bit.ly/SAVE-Act2>

2. Call Your Senators via Common Cause Phonebank:

<https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/921096/...>

3. Attend the Rally on Wednesday:

<https://www.mobilize.us/lightfordemocracy/event/921003/...>

4. Call Your Senator using this script:

Find your Senator:

<https://uusj.net/wp1/federal-legislative-lookup>

Call the Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121

Script:

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_, I live in \_\_\_\_ (town and state) and I am a person of faith.

HR 7300, the Make Elections Great Again Act,  
HR 7296, The Save America Act,

**These Bills Would:**

- Make it harder to vote:** These proposals may disenfranchise millions of eligible voters
- Make it harder to administer elections:** Requires major and immediate changes to local operations, but does not have a grace period or funding for implement changes.

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Write Your Senators  
<https://bit.ly/SAVE-Act2>

Say "No" to  
SAVE Act  
2.0

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I join others from across the U.S. in calling on you to oppose any version of the SAVE Act, be it the "Make Elections Great Again Act" (H.R. 7300) or "SAVE America Act" (HR 7296).

None of these bills make it easier to vote. They risk participation and strip states of their Constitutional right and responsibility to administer elections.

I say hands off my access to the ballot box. The SAVE Act is a red-line for me.

## ACLU

The First Amendment protects your right to record government officials performing their duties in public.

This applies to ICE agents, police, FBI, National Guard troops, and any other government officials.

Learn more at [aclu.org/kyr-record-](https://www.aclu.org/kyr-record)

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## SAFE PARKING PROGRAM. resumes at FUMC 4/1 -4/30

The FUMC Congregation is again hosting the City of Fremont SAFE Parking Program (SPP) Guests at FUMC April 1 - April 30. There are 16 Guests participating in the overnight parking this month.



Friday Nights are Game Nights - there is serious ping pong going on and you can join in the fun! Ockerman Room 5-6 after 6:30 p.m.

MPUUCers can support the fellowship efforts and join with FUMC congregation members by providing hot breakfast or cold breakfast items for the mornings of April 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 or dinner meals, on April 25, April 26, April 27, or April 29.

Meals are served in Rooms 7-8 in the Ockerman Building.

Breakfast is from 0700- 0800 and dinner is served at 6:30. Hot foods need to be prepared off-site. There is only a toaster, a microwave, coffee pots and a refrigerator in the Ockerman room.

If you can't provide a meal, you are always welcome to contribute to the "Shopping List Fund" or the "Gas Card Fund".

If you are interested in supporting the program, please contact Valerie Stewart, MPUUC Secretary at 510-673-4287 or [ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com).

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# 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

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

Please check [www.stanneschurch.org](http://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 Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631  
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553  
Senator Adam Schiff (202) 224.3841



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