

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 1, 2026

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Greetings!

Greetings Friends and Fellow Mission Peakers!

I am Valerie Stewart, a member of the Board and the Secretary - again.



The summer is upon us, and our longer days give us light and with it the impression that we have more time. What we do together at Mission Peak with this time, I hope, is strengthen our community. For me, the sudden death of a dear friend reminds me that community-being with people in the world- is one of life's greatest joys and strengths. Saturday our Mission Peak community shared a passage together in friendship as we said goodbye to Rev. Greg. We celebrated his time with us and the community that we are together.

Going forward, our community remains together. How we will covenant with a new minister, when Rev. Johnnie arrives, remains to be seen. There will be new energy, new challenges for us to experience. Our Mission Peak community is in the world, and the world can be a chaotic place. The compassion and strength we can - and will - share with one another will serve us in the coming months. We are open-minded and open-hearted, and we will be together in beloved community. I am excited for us and for Mission Peak.

See you at Sunday Service!

Valerie Stewart

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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.

[Garden of Eden](#)

What possible message can a memory from early childhood have for an adult? Don describes recollections from when he was just 2 years 10 months old. The memory has had a haunting beauty that's followed him around the rest of his life. At his best, Don finds he has the same attitude now as that little boy back in 1953. It's a peek into what a human brain with twice as many neural connections feels like, before we all "prune" them for adult efficiency.



Don Ramie will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Jay Steele 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%.

### **Summer Special Collection for June, July and August:**

June: MCB Discretionary Fund (MLK and new Rug)

June 21: Board Choice

July: Fellowship Discretionary Fund (Potluck Supplies)

August: MPUUC Outreach Materials (Pamphlets, shirts and swag)

Please donate if you are able, in one of these ways:

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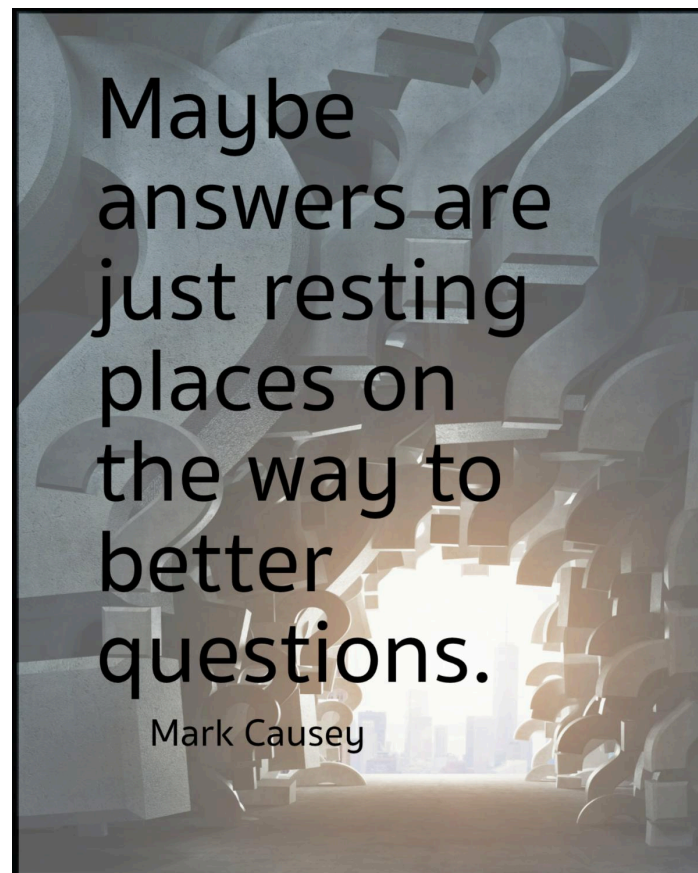
Drop an envelope with a check (with "name of collection" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "name of collection") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "For name of collection" in the message. Note

## CALLING FOR PLAYFUL AND POWERFUL VOLUNTEERS

We have had a few amazing, fun people sign up to be Multigenerational Playful Companions on our play rug in back of Cole Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We still need a couple more volunteers to make this successful and fun. [CLICK HERE](#) for a new sign up sheet where you can put your name in on the row for childcare on the play rug for any date that works for you. You can also sign up for any other easy to do Sunday task. THANK YOU for bringing your spirit of possibility to MPUUC!!

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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 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

*Mid-Week Potluck and Games Night Wednesday, July 8th, 6-8pm Cole Hall*  
[RSVP](#) preferred but not required.

### Sunday Salon July 12th

Everyone is invited to the Sunday Salon, featuring the musical and performance talents of members and friends of MPUUC and FUMC - 2:00 PM Sunday July 12th in the Methodist sanctuary.

Performances will include the Palm Hill Bell Choir and the Peak Performers, plus several individual and small group music offering, some poetry and dramatic readings, and even a stand-up comic. It is being offered by the combined efforts of members of Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation and First United Methodist Church. If you would like to perform, and are not already scheduled, contact Paul Davis [paulkdavis@earthlink.net](mailto:paulkdavis@earthlink.net) or Roberta Marton [rmarton59@gmail.com](mailto:rmarton59@gmail.com) by July 5th.

This will be fun, and a great opportunity to invite friends.

Click [here](#) for flyer.



## JUSTICE CORNER

Unitarian Universalist  
Service Committee (UUSC)



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**We hope you will connect with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) during General Assembly this week and after!**

### Join UUSC in Taking Action

Take action to oppose a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rule that would strip safety protections from federally funded shelters for transgender, nonbinary, two-spirit, and intersex people. You can find more information at our virtual booth in the GA app or by [clicking here](#).

### Activate Your Congregation

Consider multiplying your impact by getting your congregation involved in opposing the HUD rule. Host a **Coffee and Comments** event during your congregation's Sunday coffee hour using our organizing guide. The guide walks you through setting a campaign goal, recruiting Comment Champions, running a tech table, tracking progress on a goal thermometer, and reporting back. [Click here](#) to access the Advocacy Toolkit for Congregations.

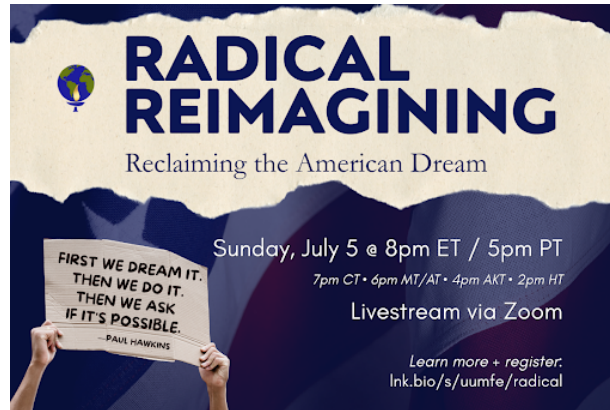
### [UUs for Social Justice \(UUSJ\)](#)

Covenant For Our Future campaign is a multi-faith, multi-issue movement committed to the repeal of HR.1 and renewal of the Federal



government's commitment to justice. UUSJ and other progressive faith organizations are seeking to form a coalition. It is important for UUs to be a part of interfaith coalitions for justice. [Click here to learn more about the campaign and affirm the covenant.](#)

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You're invited to join Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth in the spirit of healing and liberation as we recognize the 250th anniversary of the United States. Our Radical Reimagining Worship Service will be on Sunday, July 5th, 2026 at 8pm ET • 7pm CT • 6pm MT/AT • 5pm PT • 4pm AKT • 2pm HT on Zoom.

### [INFO + REGISTRATION](#)

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## Mission Peak UUC has renewed its Welcoming Congregation status!



### LGBTQ+ Pride

June is LGBTQ+ Pride month, Festivals commemorate the history, visibility, and civil rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community.

### Stonewall Riots anniversary June 28, 1969

Stonewall Riots anniversary commemorates the Stonewall Riots, which began on June 28, 1969. They were a series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the LGBTQ+ community against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York.

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



### Tell Oakland Leaders to Fully Fund Police Oversight —

— Oakland is losing one of its last meaningful checks on police power. For more than 20 years, the Oakland Police Department has been under federal oversight because of corruption, misconduct, unconstitutional policing, and scandal after scandal. Now OPD is expected to come out of federal oversight this September. At the exact same moment, Mayor Barbara Lee's mid-cycle budget proposes cuts to the very agencies responsible for holding police accountable. This is not accountability—this is a dangerous rollback. Take action today by signing the petition and sending a letter to the mayor and city council.

### Enterprise Drop Ice Campaign

ICE agents stop on top of an Enterprise van with Drop ICE below it. The O in Drop is like a broken chain link.

Enterprise Drop Ice Campaign — Enterprise rented more than a thousand vehicles to ICE agents in Minnesota, and more nationwide. They are directly enabling agents to kidnap our neighbors and terrorize our communities. It's estimated that Enterprise currently leases more than half of the vehicles supplied to ICE agents. Let Enterprise CEO Chrissy Taylor know they can be on the right side of history, or they can continue profiting off a violent and unjust immigration detention system—and we will take our business elsewhere.

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## 8th Principle Learning

### Defense Department to drop Unitarian Universalism and

175 others from list of military faiths

<https://religionnews.com/2026/06/04/departement-of-defense-drops-more-than-100-recognized-faith-groups/>

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## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
JUNE 14 – 21, 2026  
MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

## Results of UUAGA 2026

### 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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