

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!
June 10, 2026

Greetings!

Happy June, Mission Peak UU Members and Friends! I'm DeAnna Alm, and I stepped in to be a member at large on our Board for the months of May and June. Much gratitude to all our current Board members who agreed to stay on, and to Lucienne Bouvier who will be serving as the newest member at large!



We have some important dates to highlight in June -- **Sunday, June 14th** is Rev. Greg's last Sunday in our pulpit, though he will be serving as a Worship Associate on the **21st** and **28th**. We hope to see you there on all of those Sundays! After the June 21st service, we have our annual Juneteenth picnic at Lake Elizabeth. In addition, members and active friends of the congregation should have received an Evite to a going away celebration for Greg on **Saturday, June 27th**. If yours has gone astray, please contact me at deannaalm7@gmail.com as soon as possible, as we are hoping to have all RSVPs by the evening of 6/14/2026.

We're stepping in to a new adventure, saying goodbye to a beloved minister while preparing ourselves for the excitement of welcoming a new one, Rev. Johnnie Bloom Ramirez! Sadness is mixed with joy, but as we know from our years with each other, sorrows shared are easier to bear, and joys shared are multiplied. May this coming summer be a season of butterflies and bloom for all of us.

DeAnna Alm

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.

[Umbilical Cords and Apron Strings](#)

In Rev. Greg's final sermon, he will share what he has loved about his time serving Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. He will also reveal his thoughts about challenges, regrets, apologies and prayers for the future. And, finally, he will name some of the heartbreak that comes with letting go of what was and the new call for faith and trust in what will be in the days ahead.



Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers 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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(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)

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 we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%

COME CELEBRATE REV. GREG!

Plan now to attend the MPUUC celebration of Rev. Greg Ward and the amazing and profound gifts he has given us over the last seven years, as he moves into retirement. We'll enjoy a party on SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 5:30-8:30PM IN COLE HALL. Please save the date.



You'll receive an email soon with more details and an opportunity to RSVP. Questions? Please email Terri King, Ariel Smith-Iyer or Beth Schaefer.

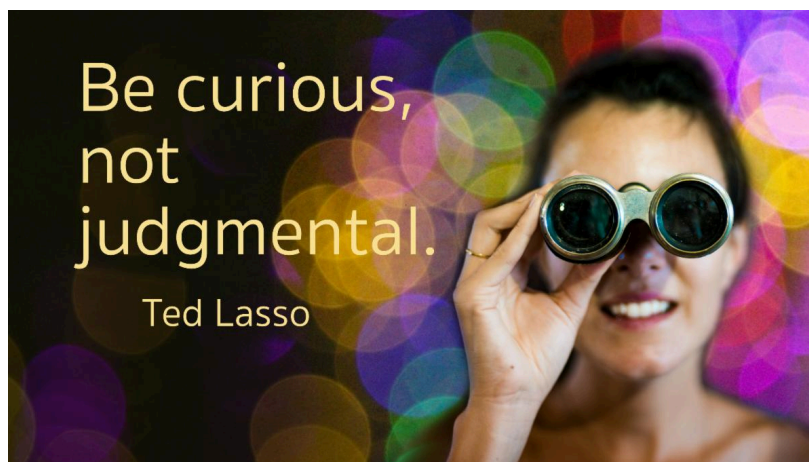
MPUUC is having a Juneteenth celebration on June 21 after the worship service in Cole Hall at 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm at Lake Elizabeth Lion's One picnic center. If you haven't already, here is a link to use to give an RSVP for attending:

<https://www.evite.com/event/0364IIAE4SKDAAAY6EPRHBOE223GKQ>



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 1st, 4th and 5th 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!!





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

Star King UU Congregation in Hayward is hosting this month's Online Game Night. <https://zoom.us/j/98421021188?pwd=wMpKmTvK0Oxg1XGn6cTbMkBRZaKaJ1.1>
Meeting ID: 984 2102 1188
Passcode: gamefun
See [flyer](#) for more info.

Mark your calendars for our next joint, *MPUUC - SKUU (UU Hayward) - UUCiL (UU Livermore)* **online fellowship and game night: Sat June 27th from 6-8pm** (more info to come)

JUSTICE CORNER

Fremont Pride Festival (FPF)

Fremont Pride Festival at Fremont's **Alameda County Library, is Saturday, June 13, 10 AM-2PM** (set up at 9:30 AM).



Please help us woman (man) our MPUUC table while we share with the community that all are welcome at MPUUC. Lunch will be provided. Please let Beth S, or Kathi B know if you would like to participate.

Mission Peak UUC has renewed its Welcoming Congregation status!



There are three ways to take part, and ALL of them rain on Trump's parade!

Host a Watch Party - This is a GREAT WAY to grow our community. If you decide to host a party, please reach out to us at info@indivisiblemarin.org and we will support your effort!



Find a Watch Party - A great way to connect with like-minded peeps in your community.

Watch From Home - Let's get all of our screens lighting up with this celebration of joyful community in living rooms across the country as a stark contrast to Trump's disgraceful spectacle in Washington!

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice , we believe that it is a moral failure to shovel \$71 billion MORE dollars to expand ICE raids, build more detention centers, and separate families.



We have a few suggestions....

\$70 billion dollars could:

- Provide SNAP benefits for a year for 30 MILLION people, or
- Pay 744,400 elementary school teachers' salaries for 1 year, or
- Provide Medicaid benefits for 8.17 MILLION people, or
- Provide Medicaid Benefits to 20 Million KIDS for One Year

Write your l your congress person:

https://uusj.salsalabs.org/iat_feb2026_redress-ice-immigration-detention/index.html

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

FCI Dublin is a former federal women's prison that was shut down in 2024, following years of horrific staff sexual abuse and brave organizing by survivors. Now, the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has begun the process of transferring the FCI Dublin facility to another

federal agency—a first step towards reopening FCI Dublin as an immigration detention center.

The public now has **until June 1** to provide feedback on the BOP's plan. The **ICE Out of Dublin Coalition** is asking our community to [submit public comments](#) and tell the BOP: *keep FCI Dublin closed, and keep ICE out of Dublin!*



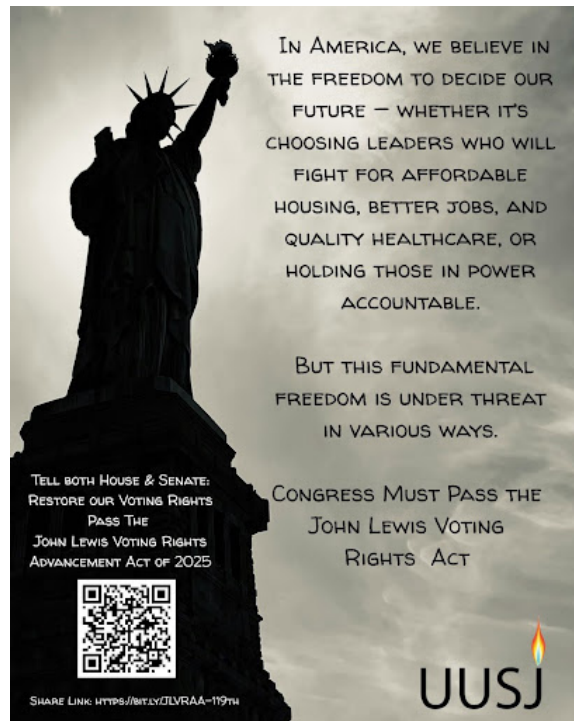
Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA)

Join **Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA)** for a screening of *Palestine 36*. In 1936, as the British Empire tightens its grip on Palestine, Yusuf is caught between his village home and his work in Jerusalem. Amidst an anti-colonial revolt, and Jewish refugees fleeing persecution from Europe, all sides converge in a decisive moment for the entire region. Tickets are \$10.

Location: MECA, 1101 Eighth St, Berkeley
Thursday, June 4 • 6:30 – 8:30 pm
MECA Film Screening: *Palestine 36* (IN-PERSON)

8th Principle Learning

Sign the petition to pass the John Lewis voting rights Act



In America, we believe in the freedom to decide our future — whether it's choosing leaders who will fight for affordable housing, better jobs, and quality healthcare, or holding those in power accountable.

But this fundamental freedom is under threat in various ways.

Congress Must Pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act:

Sign at <https://bit.ly/JLVRAA-119th>



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 14 – 21, 2026

MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

[Click here for more information](#)

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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