

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 17, 2026

Greetings!

Happy Juneteenth!

Hello Mission Peak UU Congregation! This is the occasion that all of Mission Peak and friends can get together to celebrate Juneteenth, love, friendship, and being in community with each other. Also, this is Rev. Greg and Lucy's last Juneteenth picnic. Please help to make it a special memory with your presence.



Juneteenth is one of my favorite holidays. For me, it is the celebration of family and resilience.

The historical significance of Juneteenth or freedom Day is the commemoration of the end of slavery for African Americans. The emancipation Proclamation, which should have ended slavery in 1863, did not end it for most people. People in Galveston, Texas, and many areas around the country, continued to be enslaved until Federal troops under Major General Gordon Granger marched into Galveston and enforced the end of slavery in 1865.

After the official end of slavery, many were able to transition into better lives. However, Black Laws and Jim Crow laws continued to maintain slavery-like conditions in the South. Disenfranchisement persisted in the North as well as the South. Democracy continues to suffer as the courts that should protect all of us strip away voting rights and other freedoms.

Our Sunday service will give us the opportunity to explore some of the ways we can be allies to people who have been disenfranchised by the fallout of this history.

Then, we will proceed to the park where we will have a potluck picnic, share good food, music, and good company.

As always, we will do our best to respect everyone's health and safety concerns. Red tags will be available for those who want to keep their distance. (Please look for these tags before giving a hug to someone who may feel unwell or vulnerable.)

Our Juneteenth picnic is on Sunday, June 21, 2026 after service, at noon, at Lake Elizabeth Park, Lions 1 Picnic Area.

We are inviting some of our friends to join us as part of our effort to broaden our community. These include neighbors from First United Methodist Church, Fremont For Everyone, and TriCity Friends, Indivisible Fremont, and a city council member. Please welcome everyone.

Kathi Bayne

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.



What Does it Mean to be an Ally?

Most UUs are aware of the painful realities of systemic racism and how our country's long history of racially-based forced labor and the cultural, educational and economic inequality that still exists. We recognize Juneteenth - as well as several other historical events of racial liberation. Most UUs also understand this work is complex and requires that everyone take part in learning about and acting on racial justice. So, what does it mean to be an ally?

ARO will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Steve Wallcave 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:
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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:

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SHARE FEEDBACK WITH REV. GREG OR STOP BY FOR A CHAT

If there is anything you would like to share with Rev. Greg before he leaves he would love to hear from you. You can share a note of feedback by emailing revgregfeedback@gmail.com or you can sign up to come see him in the office on [Special Times on his Appointment Calendar](#) that are listed in red when he will be at the MPUUC.

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!!



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

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)

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

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](#).

Mission Peak UUC has renewed its Welcoming Congregation status!



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.

8th Principle Learning

Defense Department to drop Unitarian Universalism and

175 others from list of military faiths

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

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Report to GA 2026 Service

<https://vimeo.com/1200544406>

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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