

# This Week on the Peak



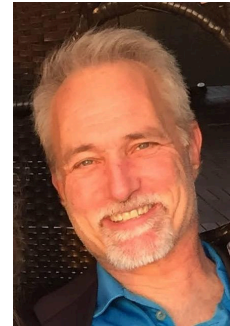
## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 24, 2026

Greetings!

Please join me in the spirit of this prayer.

Spirit of Love,

I embark into my own transition, leaving people I love in theirs. So many feelings are alive in my heart. A sadness comes with having to let go. Relationships that touched my heart are coming to an end and I release the honor of being invited into their homes, their hearts and their lives. I have grieved with them their losses and rejoiced in their blessings. I have waited with them in their anxious moments, learned their histories and held their hopes. The way their feelings have mirrored my own has helped me feel the blessing of being among my people. Earnest. Kindred in purpose. Sometimes sensitive. Sometimes bold.



I have watched them face losses, feel pain and respond to problems in creative and caring ways. I have been surprised by their spirit, their resilience, their commitment. And I have rarely seen communities able to have as much fun while doing what needs to be done. Sometimes I think they surprise themselves with the joy and comfort they find in one another. There is much within their ways that reflect a holy purpose. The way they constantly rediscover they are meant to be with one another.

I have seen their impatient and self-centered sides, too. I've seen how they are sometimes timid in approaching conflict, or afraid to speak their mind. I've seen how they can sometimes be stubborn and prideful. And I have seen myself in all these ways, too. I know they are my people.

Help me to share my regrets and shed my smallness where I have failed to offer the kindness and generosity of spirit they might have needed from me.

Please, love them and be with them. Embolden them. Strengthen them. Make them flexible and resilient to walk into the future that will ask all of us to adapt and change in ways none of us can predict. When they are unsure, let grace abound. Share sensitivity with the bold and bring boldness to the sensitive. Help them find that which they need most in each other. Allow them to fashion coherence and vision from their individual vestiges of wisdom. Lift their hearts, which are already large enough, in the moments where courage is needed. And should they ever doubt,

remind them that they are beloved as they are – already part of the great interdependent web they've been trying to build.

And help us all to see that although we will walk into the future on separate paths, we are headed to the same place...

To the Glory of Life.

Rev. Greg Ward

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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.**



### **Loving the Hell Out of this World**

On June 28, 1969 the gay community – which is to say, drag queens, the transgender community, gay men, lesbians, sex workers, and homeless youth – fought back. The Stonewall Rebellion emanated from the outrage that united different people in common cause with a singular message: they were done being made to feel shame and fear for something deserved to feel pride. They fought the police – and the Mafia – and worked in solidarity with the goal being treated with respect and having their worth, dignity, equality and pride recognized.

Jenna Daugherty will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Steve Wallcave will be Worship Host. Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven and Sharon Davis 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:

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 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%

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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](mailto: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.

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## COME CELEBRATE REV. GREG!

IMPORTANT FINAL DETAILS!

Please read!

Saturday, June 27, 5:30pm

Cole Hall

2950 Washington Blvd., Fremont

- Please help us have the best possible headcount for the caterer. If you need to change your RSVP, you can still do so by this Sunday, June 21. Use your Evite or see Terri King or Beth Schaefer.

- This is a multigenerational event – children are welcome.

- Zoomers are welcome! Zoom will become available at 6:45pm using the link below.

- Here's the approximate schedule for the evening:

- 5:30pm – Arrive, appetizers

- 6:00pm – Dinner is served

- 6:45pm – Zoom becomes available

- 7:00pm – Dessert and Program begins, Including a ritual where each person gives a one-word blessing to Greg.

- 8:30pm – Sing Greg and Lucy out the door

- Reminder: Think now about what word (or two, no more) you'd like to give to Greg during our farewell ritual.



- Reminder: Bring a card or letter to Rev. Greg from you personally, these will be gathered and presented to him.

Looking forward to sharing a wonderful celebration and farewell to Greg!

Questions: see Terri, Ariel or Beth

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Join Zoom, link and phone details below:

<https://zoom.us/j/97974280940?pwd=RER5OXRBY2N0MEtMR1pQZk01WkhqUT09>

One tap mobile +16699009128,,97974280940#,,1#,910606# US (San Jose)

Dial in number for phone +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 979 7428 0940

Password: 910606

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## 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!!



## 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

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.

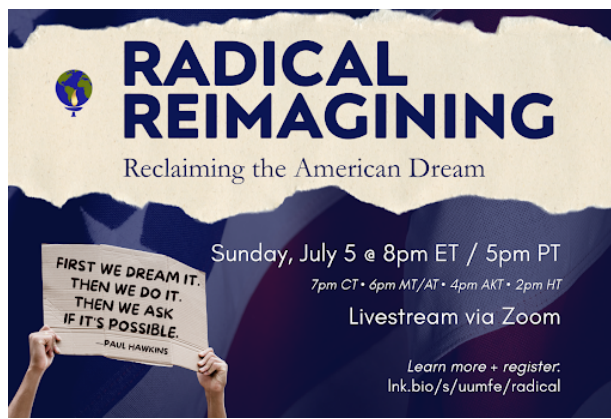
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### [UUs for Social Justice \(UUSJ\)](#)

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/department-of-defense-drops-more-than-100-recognized-faith-groups/>

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## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS



### Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

**Report to GA 2026 Service**

<https://vimeo.com/1200544406>

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# 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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