

This Week on the Peak



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

Greetings!

I am going to wear my music hat today, though our music program does require some congregational funds, so it also involves my treasurer's hat. We started the new church year with a musical blowout on this past Sunday. In the morning, Von Bringhurst, with some help from me as worship associate, lead another wonderful Music Sunday. The choir sung a beautiful arrangement of "Silent Night" combined with "Night of Silence". I believe this was actually an auction item contributed by Von, so more ways in which the music program helps Mission Peak. In addition, we were treated to a Message from Von which included a bit of music theory to explain how the notes and chord choices can be used to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, sometimes simultaneously. Various of our musicians illustrated the point with solos and duets to complete the service.



In the afternoon, many of us participated in the joint MPUUC and FUMC annual Sunday Salon. Kudos to Paul Davis and Roberta (FUMC) for organizing this. We heard from the Bell Choir, our choir, solos and duets from both churches, and some great poetry and other dramatic readings. John Schaefer of MPUUC did a great job MC-ing the event.

Keeping good relations with our FUMC hosts is important, and partnering with them for events such as this allows both out churches to magnify our impact and presence. We will again have such an opportunity in December when FUMC hosts the safe parking program. There is a plan in the works to have a joint fund/fun raiser with FUMC which will involve Shauna Pickett-Gordon accompanying silent films in Cole Hall. More details in the future.

And finally, I'll put back on my treasurer hat to thank everyone for the generous donations last year and generous pledges for the current year. We started last year with a projected deficit but ended up with a small surplus. Thanks for everything our members and friends do to support Mission Peak.

Till next time, have a great Summer.

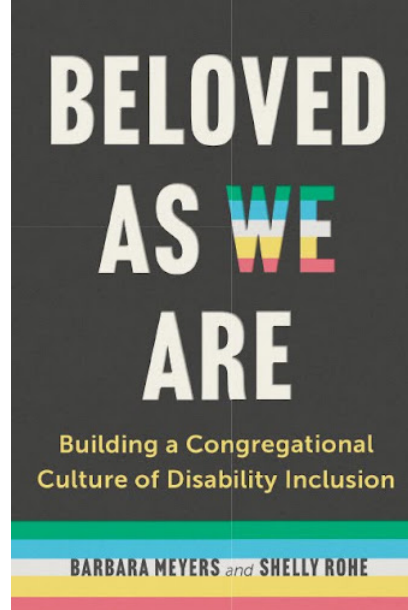
Drew Wilson

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.

Beloved as We Are - Building a Congregational Culture of Disability Inclusion

This service is an introduction to a newly published book co-authored by Rev. Barbara Meyers. In *Beloved as We Are*, community minister and mental health advocate Barbara F. Meyers and disability justice activist Shelly Rohe invite members of liberal religious congregations into the ongoing work of creating accessible and inclusive communities for disabled people and their loved ones. The book brings to the forefront the experiences of disabled people in Unitarian Universalist communities through personal stories, revealing both moments of healing and belonging and the emotional and spiritual harm caused by exclusion, insufficient accommodations, and ableism.



Rev. Barbara Meyers will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Steve Wallcave will be Worship Host. Various musical artists 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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News from the Transition Team

Members and Friends of Our Beloved Community,

Summer is upon us and we are halfway through July with excellent services from MPUUC Folks.

The message about the power of MUSIC from Von Bringhurst and music from so many members of MPUUC was a wonderful sharing last Sunday. We'll be able to hear from Rev. Barbara Meyers, our Community Minister and Rev. Chris Schriener, our Minister Emeritus. So please join us at Sunday Service.

Our new ministry with Rev. Johnnie Bloom Ramierz begins on August 1. He'll be in the pulpit for the first time on Sunday AUGUST 2. Plans are underway for all sorts of meetings with members and staff, as soon as he is on board. Some meetings are already happening – with the Worship Hosts and Worship Associates and staff to ensure that his first Sunday goes smoothly.

Until Rev. Johnnie is actually with us, you are invited to peruse his personal website, where you'll find photos of him around the world and some of his writings. Here is the link if you wish to visit his website:

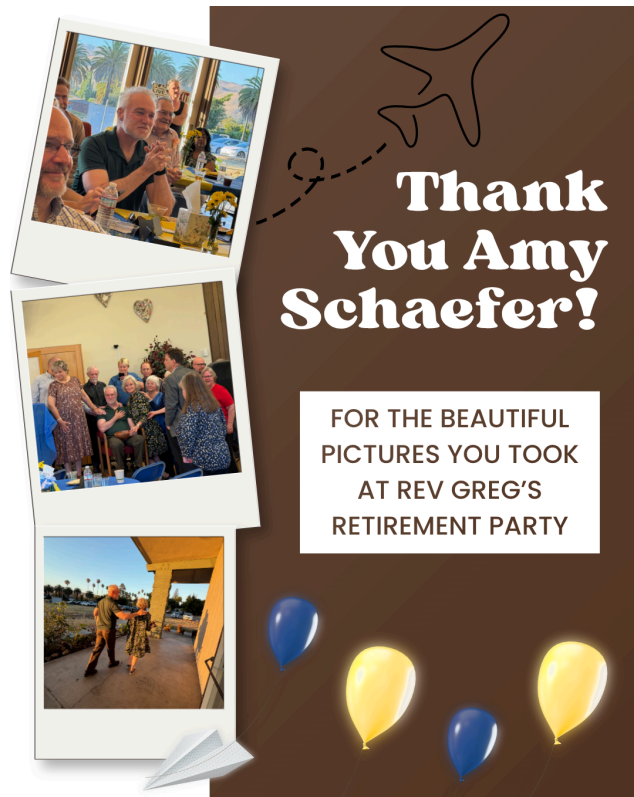
<http://www.jbloomramirez.com/>

Since he is a self-proclaimed "history nerd" you might also want to see what happens at the Guild of St. Marie where he is Guildmaster/President and Theatrical Director:

<http://www.gildeofsaintemarie.org/>

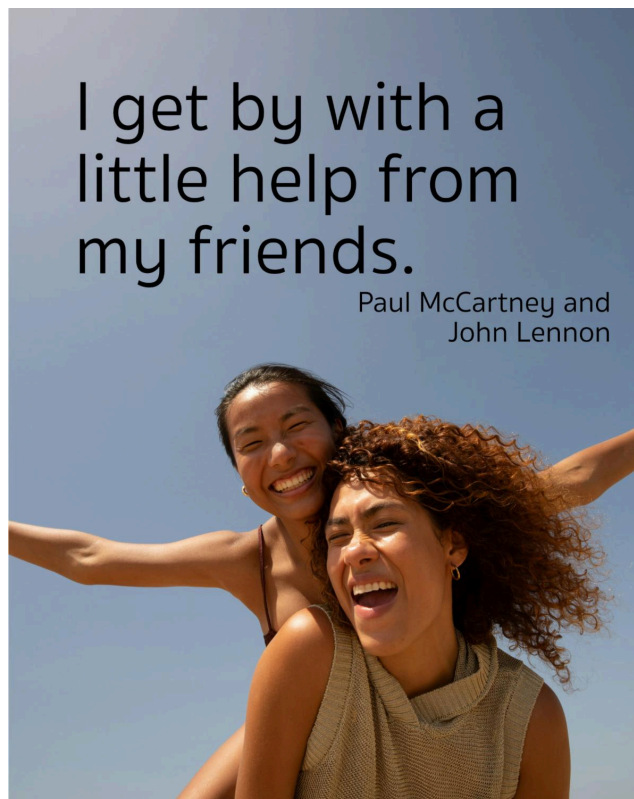
See you at Services,

Valerie
Board Member



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 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](#).



Would you like to add your shining face to a giant welcome card for Rev Johnnie?

Make yourself a sign and take a selfie then mail it to Ariel (dreempuuc.org) or find her on Sunday and she can take a picture of you with the sign pictured or one of your own making. Let's pile on the love for the new minister! Reach out to Ariel with any questions.

Let's give Rev Johnnie a warm welcome by leaving him a giant card! Make a small sign that says something like: "Welcome Rev Johnnie!" and take a photo of yourself (with an MPUUC friend, family member, pet) holding it. Email it to Ariel - dre@mpuuc.org - and she'll print it out and add it to the posterboard card the kids will make this Sunday which we'll leave for him on his new desk.

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

DATE CHANGE!

Mid-Week Potluck and Games Night **Wednesday, July 15th, 6-8pm Cole Hall**

[RSVP](#) preferred but not required.

JUSTICE CORNER

Let me be clear: moral clarity alone will be insufficient for the moment we are in. We must put that clarity into faithful action.



Each of these [recent court decisions](#) carries immeasurable consequences for our communities, and we must discern how we are called not only to resist, but also to create. There is work for all of us to do right now. Let us continue building the world we need while responding to the attacks on our communities.

UU the Vote: Join UU the Vote for [upcoming training and actions](#) to reach voters and protect our elections.

Solidarity Summits: Join a UU the Vote Solidarity Summit near you. Solidarity Summits are gatherings where communities and partners will come together to strategize about what we must build to protect our neighbors, defend our elections, and nourish the people and networks that power our movements. We have leaders planning Summits in CT, PA, TN, TX, OR, WA, WI, and VA. As dates are confirmed, they will be added to the Solidarity Summit calendar. [Learn more](#) and plan your own by reviewing the [Solidarity Summit Toolkit](#).



The Gathering - Declarations of Democracy: As this country marks 250 years, we will examine the limits and possibilities of American democracy and our sacred call to shape a multiracial, interdependent democracy where everyone can thrive at Side With Love's monthly event to strengthen your spirit, make sense of the threats to democracy, and take meaningful action alongside others! [Register for August 10](#) on healing and repair

Detentions At Delaney Must End



The Delaney Hall Detention Center situation in Newark, New Jersey, remains highly volatile following a major hunger and labor strike launched by hundreds of civil immigration detainees.

Congress Must Act Now!

Intervene to provide investigation and oversight.



<https://usjailwatch.org/11582926-Immigration-Delaney-Detention-Center.html>

End the increasingly inhumane, brutal, and expanding Immigration Detention System



bit.ly/Redress_Imm_Detention

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Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations



Documentary *Maestra* (Teacher)

Join **La Peña's** *When We Win* film series for a screening of the documentary *Maestra* (Teacher), which tells the story of Cuba in 1961, when 250,000 volunteers taught 700,000 people to read and write in one year. 100,000 of the teachers were under 18 years old; over half were women. The film explores this story through the personal testimonies of the young women who went out to teach literacy in rural communities across the island—and found themselves deeply transformed in the process. A timely and important film to watch during this time of inhumane blockade expansion.

🍿 Tickets sliding scale \$5–\$25; no one turned away for lack of funds.

Location: La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Social and Economic Justice Film Festival

Saturday, July 25 • 11:00 am – 9:30 pm

Social and Economic Justice Film Festival (IN PERSON + VIRTUAL)

Join the Alliance for Social and Economic Justice—a consortium of organizations, community organizers, and cultural workers advocating for low-wage workers, immigrant workers, and unwaged caregivers—for their 7th Annual Film Festival. The day offers both

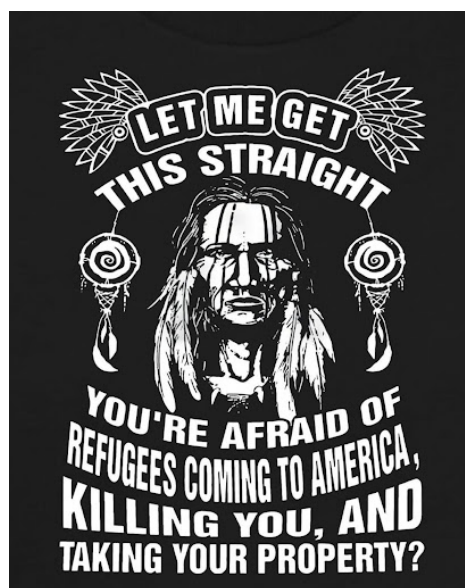
feature films and shorts, online and in person, including the documentary *Sa Amin: Our Place*, about the heart of the Filipino community in San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood, and *Language Back*, a short about the importance of Native American Language Revitalization filmed with Indigenous Nations Poets. Check out this year's schedule [here](#).

 **Tickets \$15–\$35** depending on level of access.

8th Principle Learning

BECOME AN UU ANCHOR CONGREGATION for DRUUM CA!

To become a financially sustainable organization, can you encourage your congregation to donate an **annual generosity plate collection** for DRUUMM California and officially become one of our Anchor Congregations? Here is the official [LETTER](#) for your church board!



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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!

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