

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 8, 2026

Greetings!

Hi friends,

Welcome to the new MPUUC church year, starting July 1, 2026! On the financial side, be sure to pay off your pledges from last year, and update automatic payments for any pledge increases for this year. That keeps our beloved community financially stable. Thanks for your contributions! We have a big transition now with Rev. Greg retiring, but had a great start for the year with Don Ramie leading the service last Sunday. Thanks, Don! While I appreciate the spiritual leadership and thoroughness of our professional UU ministers, it is also special to get a lay-led service. And next Sunday (July 12) is our music service led by our choir director Von Bringhurst with music performed by multiple people. Do try to make it to this music service if you can.



We are in a transition phase now, with no full-time minister this month until Rev. Johnnie starts as our contract minister on August 1. During this transition period, please reach out to me and the Transition team (Beth Schaefer, Mark Rahman, Paul Clifford, Valerie Stewart) if you have any questions or concerns. I will be out of the country from July 15-30. It is important to keep in mind that we only have a one-year contract with Rev. Johnnie, and if the congregation wishes to extend the contract beyond the single year, the board will notify Rev. Johnnie by Feb 1, 2027, and Rev. Johnnie will respond to the offer by Feb 15, 2027. I hope that most of you already had the chance to meet with Rev. Johnnie at the Juneteenth picnic or elsewhere. Rev. Johnnie brings multiple skills in ministry, organization management, compassion, and life experience to his ministry. I am also hoping that we have Rev. Johnnie for the long term as our minister. We have a very special little community with MPUUC, and I learn so much from you and your dedication. Thanks for all you do!

Cheers and in peace,

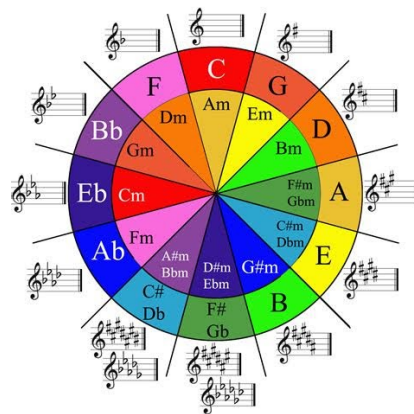
Jay Steele
MPUUC Board President

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.

Music Service of the Congregation of MPUUC

Music Sunday, with contributions from the many hands and voices that make up the musical life of Mission Peak.



Von Bringhurst will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Erik Alm will be Worship Host. Von Bringhurst 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:

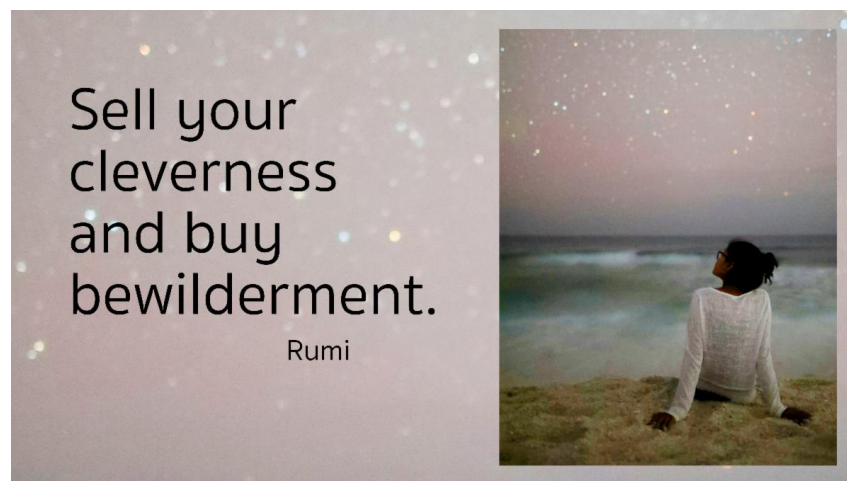
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CALLING FOR PLAYFUL AND POWERFUL VOLUNTEERS

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 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](#).

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

DATE CHANGE!

Mid-Week Potluck and Games Night **Wednesday, July 15th, 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 or Roberta Marton rmarton59@gmail.com by July 5th.

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

Click [here](#) for flyer.



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.

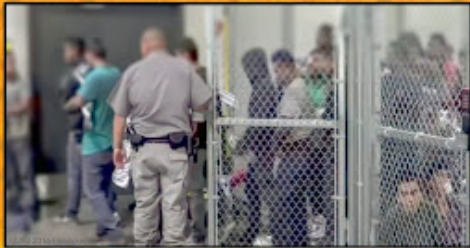
Solidarity Summits: Join a UU the Vote Solidarity Summit near you. Solidarity Summits are gatherings where communities and partners will come together to strategize about what we must build to protect our neighbors, defend our elections, and nourish the people and networks that power our movements. We 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://usaidwatch.org/107020-28-immigration-delaney-detentioncenter.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!



NEW MONTHLY SUSTAINERS

WILL RECEIVE A

2026 DRUUMM T-SHIRT!

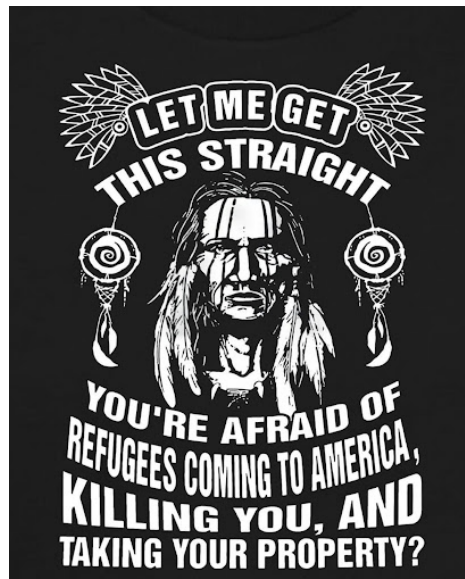
SIGN UP NOW!



SUPPORT. SUSTAIN. UPLIFT.

Your monthly gift helps DRUUMM California uplift, amplify, and center BIPOC Unitarian Universalists across our region.

MINIMUM \$5/MONTH FOR ONE YEAR. | THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS



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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