

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 29, 2022

Greetings!

Happy Summer to All!

By now most of you know me or have seen me on zoom, but I wanted to introduce myself properly.



My name is Suzette Takei, and I am your new board president for the 2022-23 congregation year. I am a lifelong resident of Fremont, having been born and raised here. I attend St. Joseph's School from preschool through eighth grade, followed by Mission San Jose High School. My husband and I purchased my childhood home in 2003 and have raised our four kids here in Fremont. All four attend Sunol Glen School (in the canyon) and then Irvington High School.

I worked for Sunol Glen teaching middle school math and science for 14 years. I transitioned to Robertson Continuation High School here in Fremont in 2020. I continue to teach math (Algebra) and science (physics) as well as mentor novice teachers and provide professional development in technology to FUSD teachers.

Our home has a revolving door for adulting children. Our oldest, Kaela, graduated from Seattle U and now lives in Alabama with her boyfriend and two dogs. She works for a medical company doing HR stuff. Number two, Malia, graduated this past May and starts law school at the University of Virginia this fall. Garrett, our son, is a senior at Gannon University. He plays water polo for them and will graduate in May 2024 with a double major in software engineering and computer science. He needs an internship for next summer — got a connection? Let me know! Our youngest is starting her 2nd year at Penn

State Behrend. She pole vaults for PSB, is Army ROTC, and working on a BSRN. Her goal is to serve our country as an army nurse after college.

Family is my life, centering and guiding me. I'm very close to my parents, who live not too far away, and we see Jon's family weekly. Dogs are starting to replace children and give me companionship, but I'm hoping there are some MPUUC members that enjoy gorgeous Fremont hills and trails. I would love to get together with others who enjoy walking and/or hiking.

I look forward to some wonderful social time together this year and meeting more and more of you in person!

~ Suzette

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## **This Sunday's Service:**

**We have transitioned to hybrid services. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.**



## **Our Country: In Sickness and in Health - A Seventy Year Perspective**

With so many things going terribly wrong in this country, it's easy to lose sight of our strengths. Today we will consider the long-term progress our nation has made, looking for signs of health and hope. Before the service, you may want to ask yourself what you think of as America's greatest strengths, and how these can help us through our current crises. Our worship leader will be Rev. Chris Schriener, Minister Emeritus at MPUUC. Paul Davis will be our worship associate, and Rev. Barbara Meyers will offer a reflection. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

Rev. Chris Schriener will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

## **Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely you can donate money 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.



## CIRCLE OF LIFE

Each week, we post the previous Sunday's Joys and Concerns that we were given permission to share. We encourage you to make room in your heart for the hopes and fears of your fellow members. Reach out to celebrate and console those you care about. Here's the [Joys and Concerns](#) for June 26 as well as the prior 3 weeks. If you would like your joy or concern to appear in the Wheel of Life, contact the Encouragement Committee at [ecteam@mpuuc.org](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)

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## Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks. We have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if fully vaccinated and boosted. Because vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people to attend services outside or via Zoom.

The [board Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall](#) is in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the mpuuc.org web site. If you wonder how we are trying to keep us all safe as we gather together again, please read it. We expect to continue to monitor what is safe and make changes as needed.

We also have other board policies related to Covid-19 in section 18 of the board policies document, which is also in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the website. The outdoor event guidelines in section 18.2 will control how we would be able to have food or drinks outside after the service, or for special events. Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about either safety policy.

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## Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Discussion topics over the summer will be lay-led and vary in focus according to the topics that are pressing on our hearts or the ethics calling us to respond. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

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## Line Dancing Event in Cole Hall

Mission Peak UU is invited to join the United Methodists for Line Dancing Event in Cole Hall on Friday, July 8th from 4:30-5:30pm. This session is free, no talent or prior experience is necessary, and if you don't care for Country music, our instructor (Michael Quebec) plays oldies rock and roll! The trial session in May went well, so we will continue during the summer every other Friday. Even if you don't think you want to dance, please come and tap your feet to the music. It will be great family fun! Note that this event will be following the Alameda County guidelines regarding the wearing of masks, which means they are recommended but not required. If you have questions, please contact Donna Potter, [dpotterhome@mac.com](mailto:dpotterhome@mac.com)



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## Men's Fellowship Coffee Time

## on Friday, July 1st

The Mission Peak UU and First United Methodist joint Men's Fellowship Coffee Time is on Friday, July 1st. We will meet at 10AM at Suju's coffee at 4949 Stevenson Blvd. in Fremont. If you plan on coming this month please let Steve Wallcave [wallcave@mpuuc.org](mailto:wallcave@mpuuc.org) or John Holmes know.



## JUSTICE CORNER

### Support Women's Rights

We will be gathering virtually on June 30th at 7pm for a town hall discussion on how we can support women both in California and in other states as we enter this new world that has placed the lives of our wives, sisters, daughters, and friends at risk. Please join us! [Click to Register](#)



### Reproductive Justice is Racial Justice

We are outraged by the Supreme Court's ruling overturning reproductive rights. We stand with [The Movement For Black Lives](#) in asserting that any limit on access to abortion disproportionately harms Black women, girls, transgender, and gender-nonconforming people. Here are three ways white people can show up today to take action for reproductive justice:



- [Join SURJ Bay Area for a Human Billboard](#) at Grand Lake Theater or [find a rally near you](#).
- Donate to BIPOC-led organizations that fund and organize for abortion access like [SisterSong](#) and the [National Network of Abortion Funds](#).
- [Watch SURJ National's webinar](#) with long time reproductive justice activist, Loretta Ross, to better understand why abortion is a racial justice issue and why white people have a key role in organizing to defend this right.

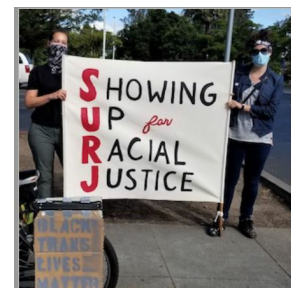
### Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

#### HUMAN BILLBOARD FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

7/2/2022

Saturday, July 2nd, 2022 • 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

As a community outraged by the Supreme Court ruling overturning reproductive rights, we urge you to join us in a public manifestation of our outrage, at SURJ Bay Area's Human Billboard for [Reproductive Justice at Grand Lake Theater](#). We will demonstrate our commitment to reproductive rights for all who can give birth; the revocation of this human right falls most heavily on people of color and trans people. Reproductive Justice is racial justice! The Human Billboard is designed as a Covid-safe event, with social distancing and masking required. (We recommend you accomplish a negative home antigen test before attending.) Security preparations will be in place for this demonstration. Please bring any



placards and signs supporting racial justice in reproduction that you wish. [Sign up here.](#)

Location: Grand Lake Theater, Oakland

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## 8th Principle Learning

Song: [MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS FEAT. JAMILA WOODS - WHITE PRIVILEGE II](#)



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## Denominational Affairs

Results of the 2022 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly Portland, OR

The following Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW) were overwhelmingly affirmed:

- [AIW 1: We Do Not Consent: Rejecting Legal Challenges to Abortion](#)
- [AIW 2: Anti-Racism and Reparations](#)
- [AIW 3: Stop Privatization of Medicare](#)

### Results of UUAGA elections

Board of Trustees position #7 Rev. Susan Fast

Board of Trustees position #9 Sherman Logan

Board of Trustees position #10 Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith

Board of Trustees position #11 Rev. Justin Sullivan

#### **General Assembly Planning Commission**

- Sam Wilson

-Reverend AJ Van Tine

-Mary Beth Spencer

#### **Nominating Committee**

-Courtney McKenney

-Rev. Xolani Kacela

-Debra Gray Boyd

#### **Presidential Search Committee**

-Jamie Dingus

-James Snell

-Cathy Seggel

-Denise Rimes

Marva Williams

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## Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, June 8:



- Voted and approved 2 special collections for the summer
- Discussed transition to the new board
- Reviewed and voted on streamlining some of the restricted funds to simplify financial accounting
- Issued thanks all around to the old board



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

For complete board minutes or other board info go to the Members Only section of our web site at [mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

## ACT NOW!

### Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

Representative Eric Swalwell 510-247-1388 or go to [house.gov](http://house.gov)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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