

# This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA  
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!  
July 27, 2022

Greetings!

Hello everyone! I'm Gayle Tupper, the new secretary on Mission Peak UUC's Board of Trustees. My husband, Eric Dittmar, and I first came to Mission Peak in 2014. I was hesitant and ready to run away. But it wasn't scary at all! I found much to bring me back, and Eric and I began attending regularly. I found meaning and insights in our ministers' sermons. I found friends and an incredible support system when I needed it. I found small group ministries and valuable classes on topics from building your own theology to practical how-to subjects.



I also found ways to give back, or pay it forward, as I think of these labors of love. I've served on several committees and worked on our fabulous Black and White Auction and our Canvass. Earlier this year, through congregational conversations and a survey, our leaders asked members to volunteer for additional leadership positions. My first thought was "Why me?" I'm already involved, I have other demands on my time...lots of reasons not to step forward. But I care about Mission Peak A LOT, so I thought about what I could do. I'm known to take notes at meetings to help me organize my own thoughts, and I've been secretary for other organizations. Serving as secretary on the Board is a natural fit for me. Nevertheless, I was nervous before our first meeting. Silly me! Everyone was working together, supporting each other, and wanting great outcomes for Mission Peak overall and for everyone on the Board. I know that this year will include plenty of work as we move forward with this beloved congregation, and it is already fulfilling to have this tremendous team all pulling together.

I know that Mission Peak will thrive when we each bring our skills and our valuable time to our congregation. Being on the Board is good for me, as it restores my sense of working on a team after feeling so isolated from others during the Covid years. I hope you join me in finding ways to volunteer/serve with Mission Peak that are good for you.

Gayle Tupper

# This Sunday's Service:



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022**

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

## General Assembly 2022 - A Turning Point in Our Faith

Our Denomination is changing! This year's General Assembly was quite different from others: Fully multi-platform, a changed governance model, an interim report from the Article 2 Study Commission. Hear all about it.

Rev. Barbara Meyers will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathi Bayne. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele 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.  
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.



## 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 the past 4 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)

## 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 masks (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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## Pastoral Care

For questions about pastoral care, contact the Encouragement team ([ecteam@mpuuc.org](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)). This will go to a team of people who, over the summer, are led by Rev. Barbara Meyers. Filling in for Rev. Barbara will be Jo Ann Schriner and Sharon Davis. They can be reached at the following numbers:

Jo Ann Schriner - 510-648-8963  
Sharon Davis - 510-449-3869

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## JUSTICE CORNER

### Say Yes To A Humane Asylum System!

Prevent Use Of The Pandemic To Codify Title 42

To confront this hypocrisy and restore asylum, UUs are teaming up in solidarity with other faith advocates for a 2-week series of call-in days from July 18-31, 2022.

We are joining our partners to call members of Congress and urge them to oppose any and all Title 42/anti-asylum amendments, and keep them from passing any piece of legislation or provisions through the appropriations process.

[Click to Call Your Federal Legislators](#)

#### LETTER:

"Hello, My name is [NAME], and as your constituent from [CITY/TOWN], I am calling because I'm extremely concerned about access to asylum in the United States. The CDC has tried to end its policy known as Title 42 that blocks access to asylum, but this change is being held up in the courts.

[As a person of faith, a Unitarian Universalist, I deeply value healing, not harming, individuals and families.]



I'm disturbed to hear there are legislative proposals that would mandate the continuation of Title 42, including funding bills with Title 42 amendments under consideration in the House.

### Here Are Some Ways You Can Thwart Title 42

- 1: Click to [call](#) your Members of Congress
- 2: Send an [email](#) to your Members of Congress
- 3: Post & Tag Elected Leaders on Social Media ([see how](#))
- 4: Spread the word through your networks ([see how](#))
- 5: Join the [interfaith advocacy](#) during August recess
- 6: Review the interfaith [toolkit](#) to learn more ways to act

\* Share the clickable Google doc list [here](#).

You can also:

A: Write to Congress in support of [Afghan Arrivals](#)

B: Tell your Senators it's time to reform the [Immigration Courts](#)

\*\* It's always nice to [donate](#), helping to further our work, collaborations, and solidarity.

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

How did Georgia organizers flip the state against Trump in 2020? How did grassroots leaders approach the tension between "going broad" to win a crucial election and "digging deep" to build a base for long term progressive change?



**What can we learn from Georgia's frontline struggles to strengthen our work across the country in the next electoral cycle and beyond?**

Join us Friday, July 29 for an online discussion and strategy session hosted by Convergence Magazine, featuring Georgia organizer-contributors, including SURJ organizer Beth Howard. Panelists will discuss their electoral work featured in the just-released, must-read book [Power Concedes Nothing: How Grassroots Organizing Wins Elections](#).

[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

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## 8th Principle Learning

Video: [Holy Post: Race in America](#),  
Phil Vischer

Description from the creator: "We need to talk about race. Why are people angry? Why so upset? Didn't we elect a black president? Pass civil rights laws? Isn't racism illegal now? Three years ago my brother Rob and I co-taught a class that discussed issues of racial injustice. That class turned into a popular podcast episode, which we've now turned into this video. Why are people still angry? Let's take a look at race in America..."



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**REMINDER: Our rally is this Thursday!**

**Please Join Us to Demand an Assault Weapons Ban!**

Share with your congregations & communities.

(Please click [here](#) for flyer)

# WE ARE ONE



## RALLY

**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Paseo Padre & Walnut, Fremont**



### **DEMAND a BAN on ASSAULT WEAPONS!**

Buffalo. Uvalde. Highland Park. Odessa. Dayton. Aurora. Parkland. Poway. Orlando. Las Vegas. Tree of Life Synagogue. Sandy Hook. Charleston. Waffle House. San Bernardino.

Some of the deadliest mass shootings in America have one thing in common: The shooter used an AR-15-style weapon. Assault weapons are the weapon of choice for mass shooters in America because they are uniquely lethal, designed to kill as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

Banning assault weapons saves lives. During the federal ban from 1994-2004, Americans saw a 37% decline in gun massacres and a 70% decline in assault weapons traced to crimes. Congress let the ban expire in 2004, due to NRA influence, and mass shooting deaths have increased by 347%!

U.S. House Bill HR 1808 would ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

We only need six more representatives to cosponsor it. Let's ban these weapons NOW!

*"If we want our laws to change, we need to elect people willing to change them."* -Senator Chris Murphy

Compassionate Fremont  
Tri-City Interfaith Council  
Tri-City Chapter Brady United Against Gun Violence

The board met on Tuesday, July 12:

- Voted and approved Steve Wallcave and Jay Steele as alternate key holders/ safety monitors to open/close Cole Hall on Sundays.
- Accepted the contract for office administrator Sandra Lange.
- Discussed the lack of volunteers for Sunday Services at Cole Hall.
- Discussed the transition to the new financial system.



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 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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