

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 10, 2022

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Greetings!

### Time for the Sandwich Squad?

Hello, everyone. I'm Don Ramie. Katherine Rubie and I are co-directors of the Mission Peak **Sandwich Squad**. Beginning in 2013, this outreach by our Congregation has provided nutritious sandwiches made right here in our Cole Hall kitchen. They are delivered to organizations working in our community to alleviate hunger among those suffering from addiction and abuse when they come in for counseling. Unfortunately, the Squad has been dormant since February 2020 because of Covid-19. We are now considering re-launching this meaningful program.



This is social justice work that both young people and adults can do together. It's also perfect for youth looking for volunteer hours. It's fun and makes a difference.

Katherine and I are willing to reinstate the program if there are enough people willing to join in. We would meet after the service on the third Sunday of the month. With four or five of us working, we make over 100 sandwiches in less than an hour.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on The Sandwich Squad, please let me know by email [donramie2@gmail.com](mailto:donramie2@gmail.com) or phone (510)791-6842.

Thanks you!

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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.**

## The Dawn of Everything

Why were Natives Peoples left out of history when I was growing up? How archaeologists' and anthropologists' new findings have flipped our Euro-centric views of the intellectual and political contributions of Indigenous peoples in the Americas.



Sharon Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jay and Jessica 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 Schriener and Sharon Davis. They can be reached at the following numbers:

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

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## The Survey is coming! The Survey is coming! (One if by land and two if by sea.)

The Covid-19 task force wants your opinion about if and how we should change our Covid related safety policies. Please take a few minutes before 5PM on August 14th to help us by completing the survey by pressing the link below.

[Link to survey](#)

Thanks,

Covid-19 task force  
Steve Wallcave, Eric Ryan, DeAnna Alm

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## Mission Peak UU Money Matters: Financial Process Transition

Change, change, change! Change can be good! Mission Peak UU is in the midst of overhauling our financial processes. Why? Because last year’s board recognized how perennially difficult it is to fill the treasurer’s position and how time-consuming our current processes are. Also, this was the perfect opportunity to transport our membership data to a more modern and easily supported application. So the Board took the bold and wise action of engaging a consultant (Mary Ellen Morgan) to evaluate our current set up, recommend changes that will make our ongoing operations more sustainable, and help us implement and document those changes. For more info, you can read [this status update](#) that was presented to our new Board in early July. We hope to complete our transition by October.



Acknowledgements: First, kudos to our leadership for their vision! Respect for Mary Ellen Morgan whose experience and expertise are invaluable. Gratitude to Melissa Holmes, past treasurer extraordinaire, for graciously training and continuing to support Sandra Lange (our administrator) and Terri King (me, the new treasurer) in the nuts and bolts. Much

appreciation for Sandra, who is very competently taking on more responsibilities. Thanks also to DeAnna Alm, who is point person for the Membership Committee on this project, and to Ty White, and Annette Breingan, who have managed our membership data so capably for many years.

How will this transition affect you? Well, for starters, the new system, Breeze, will make tracking your pledge and making online payments much easier! And... more will be revealed. Stay tuned for future updates.

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## Mission Peak Money Matters: Contact Info



Responsibilities for Mission Peak UU's financial processes are shared between our administrative assistant, Sandra Lange ([office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org)), and our treasurer, Terri King ([treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org)).

- Sandra handles most ongoing operational tasks, such as pledge tracking, reimbursement requests/status, contribution statements, and the like.
- Terri focuses on budgeting, reporting, and overseeing our financial processes.
- Please feel free to contact either of us. When in doubt about which of us to contact, don't worry - reach out to either of us, and we will forward to the other if necessary. If something is time-critical you may want to contact both of us.

For all official MPUUC money matters, please be sure to use our MPUUC email addresses and NOT our personal emails.

Thanks!

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## JUSTICE CORNER

### Actions You Can Take For Climate Sanity



Tell Congress that the Supreme Court's climate decision demands urgent legislative action

[Write Your Senators about the EPA](#)

Tell the Senate to do their part and pass the Water Resources Development Act

[Pass WRDA 2022](#)

Tell Congress the U.S. must fulfill its pledge for climate mitigation and resilience

[Support the Green Climate Fund](#)

Join the new Juliana v. United States petition, tell A.G. Garland it's time to hear the youth

[Review and sign the petition](#)

**Activation And Preparation**

#### **Commit to action on climate forced displacement**

Join UUSJ, the UU Ministry for Earth, UUs for a Just Economic Community, UUA, UUA Office at the United Nations, and the UU Service Committee in our joint UU Statement of Commitment in Response to Climate-Forced Displacement. It's a historic moment of UU collaboration at a time when we're seeing unprecedented climate-forced migration all over the globe - even right here in our communities

[Pledge your Congregation or Organization](#)

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

**Sunday, August 14 • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
[Calling In Virtual Workshop: Building White Allies](#)

How can white people develop a positive white identity and reach others susceptible to far-right messaging? [SURJ NYC](#) is sponsoring this participatory workshop with [Dr. Shelly Tochluk](#), who works with SURJ affiliate [Alliance of White Anti-Racists Everywhere-Los Angeles \(AWARE-LA\)](#), and is the author of *Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It*. She'll discuss white racial identity development and share corresponding calling-in strategies. The presentation will alternate with breakout rooms as we reflect on our own anti-racist journeys and learn to support others to move forward on theirs.



## 8th Principle Learning

### Video:

[Trevor Noah on George Floyd, Minneapolis Protests, Ahmaud Arbery & Amy Cooper](#)



**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](https://www.house.gov)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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