

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 17, 2022

Greetings!

August is a border month....marking the end of relaxation, travel, and extra time outdoors. It is squished between endless summer sunshine and the start of a new school year and the fabulousness of Autumn. One thing ends, another begins.

I'm sad to leave NC. The enjoyment I found gardening rogue tomato plants and research writing while sitting on the porch watching the dogs chase the cows is immeasurable. But, a new school year is starting and filling me with excitement, anticipation, and new energy.

That energy burst raised its hand and said, "I'll run the boutique!" So....here's what I need....**STUFF!**

Do you quilt, crochet scarves, make baby blankets, greeting cards, jewelry, or cookies.....? We will take it all!! Send an email, text, or phone call to Suzette (president@mpuuc.org, 510-468-6767) and let me know what you plan to make and donate to our event.

Mark your calendars now! Nov. 5th from 9am - 3pm. It will be filled with MPUUC created crafts and goodies along with outside local individuals showcasing and selling their crafts. It will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and shopping! So, mark your calendars and make sure you come shopping at Cole Hall!

This event is open to non-MPUUC crafters who would like to reserve a table (\$30) and sell their items. If you know anyone that might be interested, please share my contact information. Cole Hall has limited spaces and they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They can register to be a vendor using this link: <https://forms.gle/DekwACvZit9SA81J7>



More details, samples, and fliers to post coming soon! I recommend in-person church next week for some free sampling of treats planning to be sold at the boutique!

Suzette Takei

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to hybrid services. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.



Bird by Bird, Stone by Stone, Hand in Hand

Each of us has probably experienced the feeling of being abandoned and betrayed. In moments that mattered, we have had to imagine facing the world unprotected and alone. It is a scary sequence of thoughts that come when we have to piece together our own survival rather than the creative imagination that comes when we see ourselves as part of greater body. This is a sermon of what happens when we learn to see ourselves as part of something larger rather than settle for the rugged individualism our culture often promotes.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks 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

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.

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister’s Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The topic this week is our relationship with American pioneer culture of ‘rugged individualism’. What is it? Where did it come from and what impact does it have on us and our hope of genuine community? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

Pastoral Care

For questions about pastoral care, contact the Encouragement team (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

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), and our treasurer, Terri King (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!

JUSTICE CORNER

UUSJ Encourages Support For Arriving Afghan Families

UUs are asking about Afgan families arriving in the United States. Please know, we are communicating with our allies and partners to ascertain the best way UUs can be engaged, so we can make appropriate referrals.



If you, or your congregation, plans to be involved in this support, let us know info@uusj.org so we can apprise you of what we learn about UU coordination and/or further interfaith efforts.

We do know these families will need help with transportation, housing, and other basic necessities since many have just received alerts for departure to the U.S. and the circumstance on the ground in Afghanistan is dire and disorganized.

From recent headlines we know, this need to evacuate allies is precipitated by the fresh advance of the Taliban into Kabul and the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. The Biden Administration plans to evacuate individuals to the U.S. before September 11, 2021, under the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program.

SIV provides a legal path to safety for individuals who have worked with U.S. forces and personnel since 2002 when the U.S. began employment of local Afghans to serve alongside troops, diplomats, and other U.S. employees to advance its military and diplomatic goals. Under the Afgan SIV plan and program:

- First, comes an evacuation of Afghan Allies and their families.
- Second, they are paroled into the U.S. and housed briefly at Ft. Lee, located outside of Richmond, VA.
- Third, once all immigration paperwork and medical screenings are completed, their status is adjusted to SIV.
- Fourth, they are transported to their final destination.

SIV holders choose their destinations which are often based on their relationships and family ties anywhere in the U.S.

UUSJ's Immigration Justice Team is working to gain a fuller understanding of the program and players.

In love, and for justice,

Pablo DeJesus
Executive Director

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Saturday, September 10 • time TBA

[Rally for Juristac](#)

Join the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band for a historic rally in



downtown San Jose to protect their sacred grounds, Juristac. Located near Gilroy in Santa Clara County, Juristac is now a potential site for a 403-acre sand and gravel mining operation that would devastate this place of utmost cultural and spiritual importance to the tribe, eliminate important open space habitat for native species, and disrupt a critical migration corridor for wildlife. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and allies are vehemently opposed to the mining plan and are asking local communities to stand with them and speak out loudly! [Learn more here](#), [sign the petition](#), and join them on September 10th.

Location: downtown San Jose, *exact address and time coming soon; please check the link closer to the date.*

8th Principle Learning

Video:

["The Game Is Fixed" Against Black People in America](#)



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

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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