

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! August 3, 2022

Greetings!

Hi Everyone!

My name is Terri King, and I'm a member of the Board. I am the treasurer for this coming year.

Given that the treasurer's role is known for being challenging, and that my plate is full right now, you might reasonably ask: why on earth did I say yes to that nomination?

My short answer is: "Leap of Faith." A more thorough answer is:

#1 – this community – you all – mean the world to me. I've been a member of Mission Peak since 2003, and your love has enriched my life in ways too numerous to list. Here's just one: you were our village while my son Parker was growing up. He went through both the Coming of Age program and OWL, and those were two of my best parenting decisions ever. I am beyond grateful to Mission Peak for nurturing my child like that. Thank you!

#2 – our leadership has committed to revamping our financial processes in order to make the treasurer's role more sustainable for the future. (See "Money Matters" article below.) We've got a good plan and good people working on it. Woo hoo!

#3 – look who's on the board! That's a group I want to spend time with! Plus, this is an opportunity for me to grow into a new way of being and leading. Precisely because we all are stretched thin, the \*only\* way we can do this meaningful work, is with support and grace - from each other, and from you. I will have to practice being adaptable, taking risks, and asking for help. And I trust you'll be there for me.

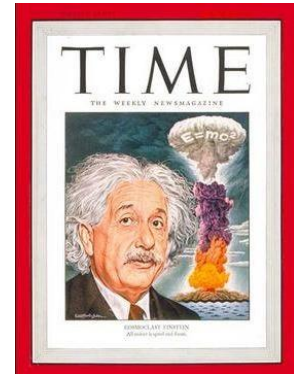
There's something more. We all have been, as they say, blessed to live in interesting times. And I want to "be the change I wish to see in the world." I have a couple goals for this year. First, I want to demonstrate that the treasurer's job can be "doable" - once we've finished revamping our processes, of course. You yourself might even want to take on the position, next year! Also, I believe that leadership in our community can be transformative, joyful service. So my second goal is to have a blast: to enjoy being with friends I love, and grow spiritually, while accomplishing something worthwhile.



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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.



### Einstein's Dilemma

In 1939 Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt explaining the possibility of a nuclear bomb. In 1945, after two of them were used to obliterate Japanese cities, he regretted the letter and began campaigning for international restrictions on nuclear weaponry. Unfortunately, though many more prominent voices have been raised, little has been accomplished to control the severe threat of nuclear weapons. Worship Leader Paul Davis, a retired physicist, will review the history of this problem, emphasize the current danger, and sketch what is and could be done.

Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Hosts will be David Gibbons and Erik Alm.

**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)

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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 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

## 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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## Men's Fellowship Coffee Time on Friday, August 5th

The Mission Peak UU and First United Methodist joint Men's Fellowship Coffee Time is planned for Friday, at 10 a.m. at Suju's Coffee on Stevenson Blvd at Blacow in Fremont. Parking is in the parking lot adjacent. There is a range of coffees and teas and juices plus pastries and a variety of breakfast egg dishes available. Hope you'll be there. Please let Doug Green know if you plan to attend so he can arrange some tables. Thanks. -- [dgreenfamily15@yahoo.com](mailto:dgreenfamily15@yahoo.com) or 510-793-6060



Questions contact Steve Wallcave

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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

Thursday, August 4 • 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Friday, August 5 • 12:00 – 1:00 pm

[SURJ Action Hours](#)

Want to take tangible steps to end racial injustice and white supremacy? Join an online SURJ Action Hour! This is one way to truly *Show Up for Racial Justice* and it's just an hour a week. We meet over Zoom to take concrete steps together: calling elected officials, signing petitions, etc. There are two times each week to choose from—[sign up here](#). We'd love to have you! Closed captioning available in the main room of Action Hour calls.



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.

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## 8th Principle Learning

**Video:**



## Board Briefs

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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