

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! September 28, 2022

Dear Sandra,

Happy Autumn, Everyone! It's the season that provides a setting for warmth, comfort, and reflection. I've been reflecting about the search for spirituality and fellowship that brought me to Mission Peak nearly nine years ago. It was a transition period, and I was ready to add a spiritual element to my wholly secular life. I was also ready to find a community of people I could communicate with on a deep level. Finding Mission Peak was hitting the jackpot! A given week starts with our remarkable Sunday Services, including a meaningful and thought-provoking sermon, followed by conversation with new and old friends (and maybe donuts!). Then there are additional activities throughout the week, such as:

- Monday: Encouragement Committee Joys and Concerns outreach
- Tuesday: Women's Group/Small group ministry
- Wednesday: Choir practice
- Thursday: Midweek Discussion Group
- Friday: Get-Out-The-Vote Letter Writing
- Saturday: Rehearsal for Sunday Service (technology work)



Yes, of course there's more. There are additional committees that do much behind-the-scenes work: Sunday Services Team, Membership, Stewardship, and Fellowship are just a few. There's our Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression (ARO) Team. We're also having more events just to enjoy being together, and that will include the FUN! Boutique on November 5. Info is below in this newsletter to tell you more about the Boutique. You won't want to miss it!

Are you ready to bring your energy and skills to our congregation? Are you wondering how to start? Maybe with Sunday Services Team to help set up at Cole Hall, or be a greeter, or help with online info if you're attending remotely. But don't hesitate to go deeper and ask us about more—our Children and Youth Religious Exploration (CaYRE), mental health ministry, small group ministry, and other programs. You can contact me at



We will be collecting until September 30. Please either drop a check in the mail or leave a check in MPUUC's mail slot. Please indicate in the memo line that it is for "Side with Love".



## 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 are 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](http://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 Gro

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week the discussion will be lay led. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

## Boutique News

Sign Up to be a Vendor at the Boutique on November 5th. Cost is \$30 per table. Please share with your crafty friends & family!

Link: <https://bit.ly/vendor-nov5>

What will you contribute to the boutique? Sign up to donate items or donate your time to help make the boutique successful!

Link: <https://bit.ly/help-nov5>

Please post on your social media pages and email your friends & family. Invite everyone to

our boutique on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Shopping will be 9am - 3pm.  
Link to share & post: <https://rb.gy/5sclwz>

# MPUUC's Annual Holiday Boutique



- cake pops, mix-n-match cupcakes
- Color Street nail art
- hand beaded jewelry
- watercolor prints & cards
- photo cards, notecards, stationary
- homemade jams & jellies
- granola & treats
- wood engraved products
- tie-dye clothing
- resin trays & ornaments
- handmade quilts & blankets
- homemade bread

**Saturday, Nov. 5th, 9am -3pm**

**Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539**

Sign up for your professional photo session!

Jerry Ramie (Don's brother) will be taking portraits of individuals, couples, families, even you and your pet! The cost is \$25 for the photo session and you will be emailed the images that you can then print, use for your business adventures, email, or turn into holiday cards.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

**Friday, September 30th: Fire Pit & S'mores, 8pm**

RSVP to enjoy some fellowship and toasts under the stars! I'll start a fire and have all the marshmallows and S'mores fixings. You bring a jacket, blanket, and favorite beverage or treat to share. Let's hang out and enjoy a relaxing evening outdoors together. 8pm at Suzette Takei's House. RSVP via email: [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org) and I'll get you an address w/ directions.



**Monday, October 1st:** Allies For Racial Equity Fall Gathering and Spiritual Caucus (zoom, free)

The focus will remain on the work of Anti-Racism, but through the lens of our personal and collective spiritual journeys. We will reflect together on the question: *How are we spiritually called and grounded in this work?* We will begin with an opening panel featuring religious professionals in conversation around this deep question and then we will enter into breakout reflection groups organized, as much as possible, by shared religious and spiritual identities.

Register: <https://www.uuare.org/event-4976349>

**Wednesday, October 19th:** Potluck, 6pm (in person - indoors & outdoors)

RSVP to Suzette ([president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)) to attend this event. Let's break the week up with a little social time and laughter. This is a family friendly event—our house is kid and adult friendly! We have arcade games, pets, and more. Kids are welcome & encouraged. Bring a dish to share, I'll have drinks and appetizers to share.

**Monday, October 31st:** Murder Mystery Dinner Party, 6pm (in person - in doors w/ windows open)

RSVP to Suzette ([president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)) to attend this event. Space is limited to 8 total (so I have 6 spaces available). I cook gluten-free and can accommodate other food allergies or preferences easily, so don't let the food portion keep you away! You'll be emailed the theme so you can dress up and come in character. Should be a great way to spend Halloween and get in a few good laughs.

**NEEDS HOST (you choose the date & time):** Murder Mystery Party (zoom)

I will deliver to you everything you need to host this fun murder mystery game. You host and lead the party to figure out "Who done it". Sure to be a super event!

**BOOKCLUB (fiction) ANYONE?** There's been an expressed interest in a book club...anyone interested in joining? Email: [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org) and I'll put those of you who are interested together.

**CROCHET, KNIT, YARN CRAFTS??** Maybe those of us who are crafting want to get together once a month or every other week (zoom or in person) to create and chat. Email: [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org) and I'll put those of you who are interested together.

*Want to host a social event on zoom or in person? Just email me & I'll help you get it into WoTP. [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)*

## JUSTICE CORNER

**Saturdays • 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**[Get-Out-the-Vote Phone Banking with New Georgia Project](#)**

Join SURJ Bay Area as we phone bank with New Georgia Project (NGP) every Saturday until Election Day. This is a huge election year, and NGP is aiming to phone thousands to get out the vote. In NGP's phone bank Zoom room you'll get all the training and support

you need to reach Black, Brown, young, LGBTQ+, rural Georgians, and others who have the power to move the state forward. You'll help folks make their plans to vote and support them in navigating voting rights barriers. This is a great opportunity to increase your 1:1 skills in community, be with other SURJ Bay Area members, and learn what communities of color are facing in the South. Register to join us on one or multiple Saturdays before the election. (Weeknight shifts are also available; all times on the sign-up page are Eastern time).

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

Help us share SURJ National's newest video, [Our Story, Our Stake](#), that tells the story of SURJ's work and how we bring white people into movements for justice through engaging their shared interest—what white people stand to gain by joining fights for racial and economic justice. You can find sample posts to use on social media in [this handy toolkit](#).



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## 8th Principle Learning

It is a mistake to dismiss the racist conspiracy known as the "Great Replacement Theory" as fringe or extremist—versions of this scarcity-based thinking permeate right-wing media and political talking points as well as everyday conversations, all rooted in the belief that if people of color have enough, white people must be losing something. [In this toolkit from SURJ National](#) you'll find background about the Great Replacement Theory, examples of where this kind of thinking shows up in conversations and in the media, discussion tools for how to identify these frames and redirect people away from them, along with further reading.

[Protect abortion in Kentucky.](#)

## 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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## Board Briefs

Board briefs from September 2022 meeting.

The board met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

- Discussed having snacks available after the Sunday services. This will depend on availability of on-site volunteers.
- Recognized the tremendous amount and great quality of work our Zoom hosts do to produce a hybrid service every Sunday. These hosts are Steve Wallcave, Graham Bell, Erik Alm, and David Gibbons, with additional support from Melissa Holmes and Jo Ann Schriener. This is a huge job, and the board thanks each of them.
- Expressed gratitude for Office Administrator Sandra Lange for the excellent work she does—it's a lot, and is a much better way to manage MPUUC's finances.
- Voted to approve the charter for restricted funds as written.
- Noted that the September 11 congregational meeting provided good input about upcoming boutique, raffle, and auction.
- Discussed how to best use the generous gift from Maggie Mulcahy. Ideas include air filters for Cole Hall to enable closing doors during cold weather and other special projects. More information is being obtained and decisions will be made in October.
- Voted to approve \$100 expenditure for Sunday Services aesthetics, and to have a Share the Plate collection in January for aesthetics.
- Voted to apply for an internship scholarship.



The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm.

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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