

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 12, 2022

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Dear Sandra,

Happy October, everyone! My name is DeAnna Alm, and I am a member of the Board.

One of the many things that drew me to Mission Peak UU was the chance to meet and be friends with new people. I've been attending for over twenty years, and I have been graced with the friendship of so many folks that I might never have met otherwise! That friendship was a big support as we all went through the most isolated portions of our Covid-19-affected lives.



I'm so happy that MPUUC is providing a variety of ways and places for us to join together -- not just our Sunday Services (both in-person and on-line) but as you can see from the recurring "Fellowship Corner" in this very newsletter, new opportunities are arising! If you haven't read through that section recently, please do so now. There are a number of things that you could join (or even lead), and hopefully only more will follow.

One place we could really use your help is with our upcoming Holiday Boutique, which takes place on Saturday, November 5th! We have a wide variety of offerings, both from MPUUC members and from the community members who are joining us. However, we could REALLY use a few more people willing to take a 2-hour shift on that day -- whether to sell, or to welcome people in, or to set up or clean up. And, of course, we want you to support MPUUC by attending, shopping, and bringing your friends!

If you can contribute two hours of time to help set up, tend, or clean up after the boutique, please click <https://forms.gle/a9bDjrKxfpdnJ9ZP9> and fill out your information.

DeAnna Alm

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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.**



## **Woven in a Single Garment of Destiny**

Our interconnection comes despite our differences. We're beginning to all notice how war in one part of the world can bring gas and food shortages in another. The pandemic taught us that we don't need to know one another personally to infect each other with the virus. It is time we looked for ways to be blessings toward one another rather than braced against one another. In this service brought to us by leaders at the UUA, we will consider the single garment of destiny that binds us together and the covenant we make in doing so.

Rev. Susan Frederick Gray will lead the service and assisting will be The Committee on Ministry and a Host of UUA Staff and guest ministers. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers and a variety of UU musicians 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%.

## **Share the Plate**

Our Share the Plate partner for the month of October is Amah Mutsun Land Trust. The Amah Mutsun people have lived for thousands of years on the sacred land they call Juristac. It is located in Gilroy, Santa Clara County and is the heart of their spirituality, culture, and sacred ceremonies.



We will be collecting until October 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 "Amah Mutsun Land Trust".

Our Share the Plate partner for the month of September was Side with Love and we collected \$406.02.



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)

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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](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.

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## Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. We welcome all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. This week's conversation is about covenant – the promises we make to one another – and what kind of repair we engage in when those promises get broken. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

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## Adam Smith

In creating the Call to Worship this past Sunday, Don Ramie became fascinated with Adam Smith. Because of time limits imposed in the worship service, he was only able to include part of what he discovered about Adam Smith. If you'd like to hear more of the background that Don collected about this fascinating man, [click here](#).

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## Boutique News

We need help to make the boutique a success! Please sign up to donate 2 hours of your time on Saturday, Nov. 5th.

<https://forms.gle/a9bDjrKxfpdnJ9ZP9>

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

**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.

**Friday, October 21st: Lake Elizabeth Walk, 10am** (outdoors)

Join Graham and Allysson McDonald on a lovely outdoor walk around Lake Elizabeth. Bring a snack and we can enjoy a small picnic at one of the tables when we are done. Plan to meet here: [https://maps.app.goo.gl/JNhySE3CTssDSVBx8?g\\_st=ic](https://maps.app.goo.gl/JNhySE3CTssDSVBx8?g_st=ic) Please RSVP to Allysson so they know who to wait for! [allyssonmcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:allyssonmcdonald@gmail.com)

**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.

**Tuesday, November 8th: Watch Party** (in person and on zoom)

Let's get together to watch the poll results come in. Eat, drink, be merry, bite your fingernails...whatever you need...you'll be in good company. RSVP to Suzette ([president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)) . If you'd like to host, I'm happy to come to your house! Feel free to take this over and I'll help you:)

**Sunday, November 13th: Guest at My Table & Thanksgiving Feast, 5:30pm** (in person - indoor and outdoor)

The services during the month of November will highlight four specific organizations and promote table discussions within your home. We invite you to ours to continue the conversation prompted by the "Guest at Your Table" UU series. Let's get together to enjoy delicious food, deep conversation surrounding our UU principles and the work of some amazing organizations. We can potluck style a wonderful feast for all to enjoy. RSVP to Suzette at ([president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)). No limit, the more the merrier. This is a family friendly event; kids, teens, and adults welcomed and encouraged.

**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).

## 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](#).



## 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!

# 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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