

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 26, 2022

Dear Sandra,

Hi everyone,

I'm Colleen Arnold (she/her/they) and I'm a member of the board this year.

You may not be aware that in our larger Unitarian Universalist denomination, a task force is looking at revisions to Article II in the UUA bylaws.

Why does this matter? [Article II](#) lays out our 7 Principles (sing along: "One, each person is worthwhile, Two, be kind in all you do...") and our 6 Sources. It's the bedrock for our faith, and these principles and sources guide our priorities and our actions.



The task force has released [a draft of their proposed changes](#). I urge you to read it and consider what the changes might mean, both personally and for our faith tradition as a whole. This new draft suggests removing the 7 Principles, and replacing them with a different list of values and simplifies our Sources to: "the full depth and breadth of sacred understandings, as experienced by humanity."

The new draft is shorter and easier to read, but our ARO team has looked at this issue carefully, and believes that the new draft may be too general to be useful, and that we've lost a lot of important information with the revision. They have, with the support of the board, written an excellent letter to the task force expressing their concerns and making suggestions for more specific wording that could be used. You can read their letter here: [ARO Response to Article II Study Commission](#)

One of the co-chairs of the task force, Bob Spirko, responded with appreciation for their work, and let us know that a new draft will be coming that may be more along the lines of what our ARO team is suggesting.

FYI, the Article II Study Commission is having feedback sessions and if you're interested in participating, you can sign up here: [Feedback](#)

Thank you for reading! Changes in the UUA affect us all, and we want to make sure you're informed about them.

## 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.**



### Samhain - Connecting to the Spirit of Our Ancestors

For the Celts, who lived during the Iron Age in what is now Ireland, Scotland, the U.K., Samhain (meaning literally, in modern Irish, "summer's end") marked the turning point in the year. It signaled a time where the end of a bountiful harvest met the start of a cold, dark winter. It also signaled a time where birth and life met death and rebirth. Many believed it was a time where the veil between this world and the afterworld was the thinnest and our ancestors came to be present with their descendants.

Rev. EN Hill will lead the service and assisting will be 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%.

### 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.

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## 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)

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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. We welcome all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. This week's conversation is about the Samhain – the ancient Celtic time of venturing beyond the realm of present-day creatures into the realm of ancestors. For those who believe it's important to keep alive those who've gone before us, how do you invite them into your awareness? How do you venture into theirs? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press 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

**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

### 1) GOTV ACTION NOTICE

Join us Friday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. at Mission Coffee Roasting Co., 151 Washington Blvd. Fremont 94539 to write letters to VOTERS – our last day to GOTV!!! Please email Gayle Tupper that you are coming so we have enough letters/supplies on hand. [secretary@mpuuc.org](mailto:secretary@mpuuc.org)

Grab a cup of coffee and join us on the patio at Mission Coffee.

### 2) Election Action Information article

UUs have made the democratic process a cornerstone of the values underpinning our faith. Taking action for the democratic process should be as natural as drawing a breath of air.

Election Day – Nov. 8, 2022, brings our democratic process to the forefront of what our society will become and how our Beloved Community will be in it. There are many things you can do, some without leaving the safety of your personal space. Everyone has a seat at this table!

In California we are fortunate to live in a state where the voting process is open and available. Voters can register even at the polls on Election Day, but why wait?

Registering to vote is the first step in taking part in the democratic process. YOU can help others to register – promote **VOTE411.org** – a tool created by the League of Women Voters to help educate everyone about getting registered to vote. <https://www.vote411.org>

You can check your registration online if you are not sure about your status.

Alameda County: <https://www.acvote.org/>

Santa Clara County: <https://rovservices.sccgov.org/>

If you – or a friend/loved one - you want to help doesn't live locally, there are more nonpartisan online tools to help. All you need is an address to search. **VOTERS EDGE.org** is another effort by the League of Women Voters –put [www.votersedge.org](http://www.votersedge.org) in your search window to get the tool. With an address entered, Voters Edge gives you a copy of the specific ballot, the candidates, issues, information about the candidates and

issues, and who funds them.

UUs began organizing nationwide voting actions with the 2016 election -with UUtheVote. If you can help with a phonebank, or texting- then UUtheVote is the place to go. If you don't have a local effort to partner with, join [www.UUtheVote.org](http://www.UUtheVote.org) to support democracy now. MPUUC members have been writing letter/postcards to Voters for years- join us Friday October 28, 11:00 at Mission Coffee Roasting Co., 151 Washington Blvd. Fremont 94539.

Once you are registered to vote then- VOTE! Make a plan *now* to GET YOUR BALLOT COUNTED – and help someone else while you are at it. In California, you got a ballot in the mail. Drop it in the mail, a Drop Box, vote at an Early Voting location, and at your local location marked on your Ballot on Election Day, Nov. 8, 2022.

Be an Advocate with ALL YOUR FRIENDS and FAMILY to Vote, to promote voting rights legislation, to become Poll Workers, and to support organizations that defend democracy. [www.UUtheVote.org](http://www.UUtheVote.org) has a list of partner organizations all over the country.

**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!

## Board Briefs

Board briefs from October 2022 meeting.

The board met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.



- Approved purchase of air filters for Cole Hall as a portion of the very generous donation by Maggie Mulcahy in memory of her husband, Jack Mulcahy. These filters will enable us to close the doors during cold weather. We are so grateful to Maggie for enabling this purchase! (The final decision on whether to keep the filters will be subject to noise levels -- we're testing them now.)
- Approved spending \$200 not in budget for Quickbooks support as part of the financial transition to new software.
- Approved September minutes and attachments as written, to be posted on website.
- Noted the previous email approval correcting omission of a line item of sabbatical funding in the Charters for Restricted Funds that had been previously approved.
- Approved the letter from MPUUC's Anti Racism Anti Oppression Committee (ARO) commenting on the UUA's Article 2 proposal. The letter was sent from ARO and the Board to the UUA's Article 2 Commission. The Board recommends to ARO to have a congregational conversation to update/explore this topic.
- Agreed to move the November board meeting from the regularly scheduled date of November 8 (Election Day) to Tuesday, November 15.
- As Christmas Day is on Sunday this year, the Board voted not to have Sunday service the morning after our Christmas Eve Service. Instead, for those who wish it, there will be a small Zoom gathering on December 25 to share some Christmas cheer. If you are interested, please send an email to Rev. Greg ([minister@mpuuc.org](mailto:minister@mpuuc.org)).
- Voted to approve the transfer of signature authority at SRI Credit Union from previous board members to the current MPUUC Treasurer (Terri King), President (Suzette Takei), and Secretary (Gayle Tupper).
- Received update on the financial process transition. We believe the transition is the right thing to do. It will take longer than expected, and we may be asking for assistance.
- Continued work on updating board policies to concur with MPUUC's bylaw changes.

**Due to the timing of the 2022 midterm elections, the Board meeting is moving from November 8th to November 15th. It will be held via Zoom from 6:30-9:30 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](https://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](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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