

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! October 5, 2022

Dear Sandra,

I am Kathi Bayne. I joined Mission Peak Congregation almost 5 years ago. As a member of Anti-racism and Anti-oppression group (ARO), I have been privileged to help search for deserving organizations to share our plate with as well as award MPUUC's gifts of reparative justice.

We have sought out Indigenous organizations that are buying back or preserving their lands. With this in mind, last year, MPUUC contributed to Sogorea Te', an Indigenous Land trust in the Oakland area.



This year, we would like to introduce the Amah Mutsun Tribe and Land Trust to our congregation.

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.

This land is now called Sargent Ranch. It was bought by an investor group from San Diego at a bankruptcy auction. The company is seeking approval from Santa Clara County to develop a 400 acre open pit sand and gravel mine that would cut into the Gilroy hillside, devastating the land.

An environmental review process study for the mining project reveals that tribal cultural resources would be unavoidably destroyed. It states, "Aggregate processing would require over 80,000 gallons of water per day to be pumped from the ground. The erosion and runoff from the mining operations, roads, and waste piles could contaminate both Sargent and Tar Creeks, which flow to the Pajaro River, an already heavily impaired watershed." This desecration of the Hillside of Gilroy would be a tragedy for the Amah Mutsun and for the entire Bay Area community.

Numerous lay and religious groups are supporting the Amah Mutsun in their struggle to preserve Juristac, including the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, Starr King UU Church in Hayward, CA, and the UU Justice Ministry of California.

Please join us this Sunday in sharing our plate with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust

This Sunday's Service:

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

Why the Right Get it Wrong and the Left Don't Get it



This is part one of a 4 part sermon series on politics and democracy. This one speaks to Capitalism as a special element of democracy and how capitalism has positioned itself to be more important than almost everything else - including health and well being.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. 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. We will have the final amount collected in next week's Week on the Peak.



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

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 link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

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) 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 Please RSVP to Allysson so they know who to wait for! allyssonmcdonald@gmail.com

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

RSVP to Suzette (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 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 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

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), 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!

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

For more details about meetings or questions email president@mpuuc.org

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Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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