

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! November 2, 2022

Dear Sandra,

Hello from your Community Minister,

I've been the affiliated community minister at MPUUC for nearly 18 years. Most of you probably know me for my work in my mental health ministry. I have been doing other work at the denominational level that you might not be aware of. So I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know.

In 2005 after I graduated from seminary, I was appointed to the UUA's Accessibility Committee which looked at what UU congregations as well as the denomination itself was doing to serve members with various kinds of disabilities. They appointed me because they wanted someone to represent mental health disabilities. A couple of years later, this committee was eliminated by the denomination in a reorganization. At that time a new denominational volunteer group called EqUUal Access was formed to work on disability concerns. I have been in a leadership position at EqUUal Access ever since. One of our goals was to get the UUA to again have paid people on its staff that would work on disability. After many years I am happy to say that just last month, the UUA in a press release said that they were going to make a commitment to disability and have two positions on their staff, one to work on disability justice and another to work helping congregations. You can read it [here](#). We at EqUUal Access are thrilled!



I would like you to know that there are joys to be had working beyond the congregation at the denominational level, and that sometimes a very long sustained level of work pays off.

In faith,

Barbara

This Sunday's Service:

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

Habits of the Heart

Habits of the Heart is an idea from Parker J. Palmer as he talks about conditioning our hearts to break in the right way - which is to say, 'break open.' What kind of preparation is required of us if we are to be expected to respond with compassionate service and healing as opposed to responding with fragility and defensiveness?



Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peak Performers 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 was Amah Mutsun Land Trust. We will have the final amount collected in next week's Week on the Peak.

Guest at Your Table

Ever since it committed to providing response to the suffering of the Holocaust, the Service Committee has been part of extending Unitarian and Universalist values across the globe. Each year for the last 40 years, the UUSC has brought the world – it's people and its possibilities – to us. Four places in the world are chosen where our UU values could be the difference between life and death. A few courageous activists living in those cultures invite us to be guests in their communities. We get to appreciate the power and beauty of their cultures as well as the significant threat to health and safety.

For the next four weeks (Nov 6 – Nov 27) we are asking you to set an extra plate at your table. The cost of one meal, each night for 28 nights buys us the chance to see the connection between the difference that's needed and the difference we can make. Guest at Your Table Boxes are available in Cole Hall or [online](#). You can access the stories of [this year's hosts](#) as well as seeing the [difference you can make](#). Together, let's learn about people directly connected to human rights work, reflect on our own lives, and raise funds to advance justice in communities near and far. Thank you for the love that turns into justice.

Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 6 - Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



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. We welcome all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. This week's conversation is about Habits of the Heart that keep us in a place of wholeness. This is partly in response to our larger democracy's need for us – as citizens - to remain informed and be part of the courageous conversations that bring accountability; but to also hold ourselves accountable – showing up and speaking up when our values are on the line. This can be hard since speaking out can be unpopular and cost us comfort and social standing. 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](#)

5 Raffle Baskets – Buy Your Tickets Online!

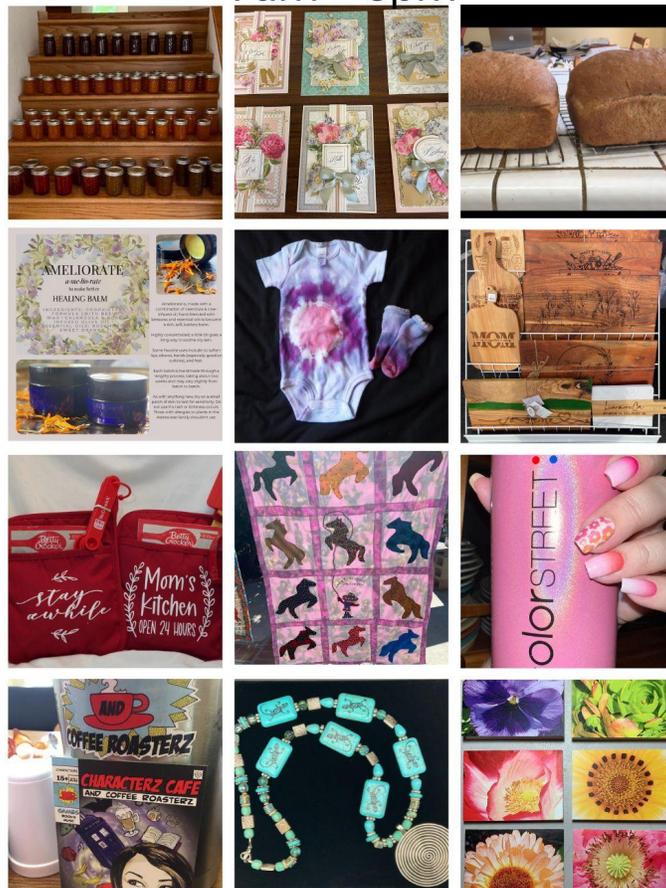
Raffle tickets are being offered online and in-person at the event. We wanted to give everyone, even those that don't feel comfortable with in-person shopping, a chance to win and participate. If you'd like to buy some raffle tickets, [CLICK HERE](#)

- Raffle ticket orders and payment must be received by 4pm Friday.
- Raffle drawing will be Saturday at 2:30pm.
- You do NOT need to be present to win.

Come holiday shopping at Cole Hall! Boutique!

Saturday, Nov. 5th

9am - 3pm



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) . 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: Congregational Conversation, after service (Zoom & in-person)

Stay after service and help participate in a circle of trust about how we can move through challenging conversations in a creative and loving way.

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

1) **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 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 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 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).

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.](#)

**AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE CELEBRATION**

**SPECIAL GUESTS:
ARVOL LOOKING HORSE,
BILLY MILLS,
SUPAMAN, AND MUCH
MORE!**

**AMERICAN INDIAN /
ALASKAN NATIVE VETERANS
HONORING
CALIFORNIA DANCERS**

**HOMELAND
TRIBE**



2022



NOV 11 - 13 — **FRIDAY 4-10PM**
SATURDAY 12-11PM
SUNDAY 12-8PM

**AMERICAN INDIAN / POW WOW | FRYBREAD BOOTHS
MARKET | AZTEC DANCERS**

FREE EVENT
3 DAY EVENT - PARKING (\$15)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 GATEWAY HALL, 344 TULLY RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95111
 QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO EMAIL VMCLOUD@IHCSCV.ORG
 VENDORS APPLY HERE [HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/1D-V9KEBIPiOLTkAFCw1Z3C9X9W3MH01HC0A2NPXA00G/EDIT](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D-V9KEBIPiOLTkAFCw1Z3C9X9W3MH01HC0A2NPXA00G/EDIT)

Coming up on November 11 – 13, there will be a 3-day event sponsored by 3 Bay Area tribes; Muwekma Ohlone, Amah Mutsun and Esselen Nation tribal bands. The events will be at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds. People interested in attending one or several of these events please contact Barbara Meyers (bfkmeyers@gmail.com). Several UU Bay Area congregations (Starr King UU Church, Mission Peak UU Congregation, and First Unitarian Church of San Jose) have members who are interested in attending. After the event, we will have a joint meeting to share our stories.

You are cordially invited to the 61st annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This year we offer you the choice to attend In Person or on Zoom.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Embracing Hope
Expressing Gratitude**

Please register in advance by clicking the appropriate link below. Click [here](#) for Facebook post.

Date: Monday, November 21, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: In Person (up to 100 people) at Niles Discovery Church OR on Zoom from wherever you are (up to 250 people)

Zoom <https://bit.ly/TCICThanksgiving2022> In Person <https://bit.ly/ITS2022InPerson>

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 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).
- 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

For more details about meetings or questions email 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

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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