

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! November 23, 2022

Dear Sandra,

Hello everyone! I'm Gayle Tupper, a member of our Board. Welcome to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation! I say welcome again to our long-term members, to our new members, and to everyone who is just now finding us.



We had an Ingathering ceremony for our new members last Sunday, then a potluck for those who were at Cole Hall after the service, and breakout rooms for those who participated online. It all felt like a big warm welcoming hug. These events were all part of the fellowship at Mission Peak that nourishes our bodies and our spirits, and are important elements of being a community.

There are many ways we celebrate fellowship with members and friends of Mission Peak. Last Saturday my husband Eric and I had much fun (and again, great food!) at a lunch we won at last year's Black and White Auction. Mostly it was spending good time with other congregants that made it such a special day.

A couple of weeks ago Mission Peak had the fabulous Boutique at Cole Hall. Yes, it was a fundraiser, and so much more. I could feel the energy even before I walked in the door, and it was a party from beginning to end, including Reverend Greg walking one of our distant members through the room on his iPad so she could join the fun and the shopping.

Fellowship events are fun and give us a chance to know each other even better. At this time of year when gratitude is on my mind, I'm especially thankful we are able to have these times together, both in person and online. Think about upcoming events you'd like to join, and bring us your ideas for even more activities. Finally, don't forget to look for more events coming soon! They will be FUN, and at least one will include cookies!

Gayle Tupper

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to hybrid services. See

mpuuc.org/zoom each week
for how to attend services.

Guest at Your Table

More than 80 years ago, a small delegation of the Unitarian Service Committee were sent to western Europe to offer a response to those victims of the ethnic cleansing and human rights violations taking place under the reign of terror imposed by the Third Reich. That essential and successful justice campaign set into motion a ministry of engagement from Unitarians - and later Unitarian Universalists - responding to international human rights violations. Today our work of exercising our principles can be seen all around the globe. In this service, we will meet four people who will act as ambassadors for the work we do at raising awareness and support for justice world wide. Our offering in this service will Share the Plate with the UU Service Committee.



Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt will lead the service and assisting will be Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Saunder Choi and UUSC Guest 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: 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 – its 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.



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 which usually meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. is going to be taking this week off for Thanksgiving. We are wishing everyone a loving, safe and meaningful Thanksgiving day with lots of reasons to feel thankful and even more chances to express it.

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

MPUUC Members — Did you know that you can plan an event or gathering and post it here for others to join in your fun?? Take a minute to think about what you like to do and let's try to start a wave of social gatherings (zoom or in person)! It's all up to you:) Send an email to president@mpuuc.org and I'll get it added to WoTP.

Saturday, December 3: Cookies and Carols: a MPUUC cookie-decorating party!

Join us Dec. 3 at 6 pm to decorate some cookies, take some home, and enjoy some warm company and festive music! Attendees are encouraged to bring a dozen or so undecorated cookies of your choice, but extra cookies will be available. We will have outdoor refreshments and an outdoor

seating option for those who prefer. Masks required indoors.

RSVPs appreciated but not required to Lisa Newstrom, lmnewstrom@gmail.com



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

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

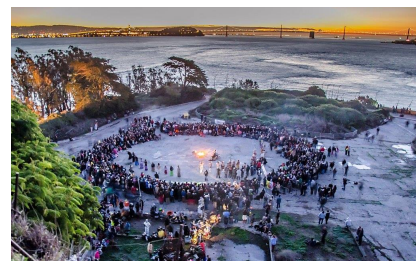
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Thursday, November 24 • 5:30 – 8:00 am
[Indigenous Peoples' Thanksgiving Sunrise Gathering](#)

Join the International Indian Treaty Council for a powerful sunrise gathering on Alcatraz Island to give thanks for the survival, continued resistance, and cultural resilience of Indigenous Peoples in California, the Americas, and around the world. The event will honor the veterans of the 1969 Alcatraz occupation and will feature Pomo and Aztec dancers, All Nations Drum, Indigenous cultural presenters, and special guests. Ticket office opens at 4:00 am, boats depart from 4:15 to 6:00 am. Tickets \$14, children under 5 free. Wheelchair accessible. The event will also be broadcast live on KPFA 94.1 FM and simulcast via IITC's Facebook page.

Location: Pier 33 in San Francisco; Alcatraz Island

Friday, November 25 • 10:00 am



[Shellmound 2 Shellmound Prayer Walk](#)

Join the Save the West Berkeley Shellmound coalition for a 3-mile prayer walk from the West Berkeley Shellmound to the Emeryville Shellmound, honoring the Lisjan Ohlone ancestors who have lived and prayed here for thousands of years. Meet at the West Berkeley Shellmound at 10:00 AM then walk together to the Emeryville Shellmound where all will regroup for the closing.

Start location: 1900 4th St., Berkeley, CA

End location: Shellmound St. & Ohlone Way, Emeryville, CA

8th Principle Learning

Article: "[I Wanted to Know What White Men Thought about their Privilege. So I Asked](#)" by Claudia Rankine

The poet Claudia Rankine shares her attempts to engage white men on the topic of white privilege, mostly in airports and on airplanes. I love her wry wit as well as her insights. Rankine is turning this article into a play, but that is not yet available in print.

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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