

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! January 11, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Happy 2023! I have the honor of chairing the Membership Committee, which consists of the awesome members of DeAnna Alm, Annette Breingan, Jay Steele, Gayle Tupper, and Don Ramie. They are a joy to work with. We greet new visitors, invite them to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. We host the Ingathering ceremony of people formally joining Mission Peak UU Congregation (MPUUC).



When people first join our congregation, we invite them to think about 3 activities they might want to participate in to help them get to know more people in the congregation- perhaps taking an adult RE class, checking out the Mid-Week Discussion group, signing up to help on a Sunday morning, joining a committee. It can be an ongoing activity or a one-time event. We encourage this participation because it helps them get to know more people in the congregation and helps deepen connections.

So the Membership Committee would like to ask each of our members and friends the following: Is there something new you would like to do this year? What is something that would help deepen your connections to our congregation? Maybe you can offer something for our Black and White Gala Online Auction. Contact me if you want to bounce an idea off me. Your new activity may be one mentioned above. A new activity can be long-term or short-term. I plan to host ad hoc book club to read a book I like. Think outside the box! Think inside the box! Whether you're new to MPUUC or have been here a while, the Membership Committee invites you to find a way, or ways, to deepen your connections with others.

See you around!

Kathy

This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to
hybrid services. See**

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service



This service will be at the usual time (10:00 am) but it will be held in the Sanctuary for First United Methodist of Fremont (adjacent to Cole Hall). The Zoom link will change this week also. The service will be led by Rev. Youngmi Jung and Rev. Greg Ward. There will be musical contributions from both congregations and the shared offering will go to the NAACP. Come hear how Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions are understood by our two faith traditions.

Rev. Youngmi Jung and Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service in the FUMC Sanctuary. They will be assisted by Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. FUMC will host. Music will be provided by both congregations.

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%.

January's Share the Plate will be taken on January 15

– During our shared worship service with our First United Methodist hosts. This offering will go to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP is the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the country and it was one of the key agencies involved with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s efforts with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Its work focuses on many things: from police brutality to COVID-19 to voter suppression. It seeks to disrupt inequality, dismantle racism, and accelerate change in key areas including criminal justice, health care, education, climate, and the economy.



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

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

A New Bhavacakra (the Buddhist “Wheel of Life”)

Sunday, January 22, 12pm, Cole Hall

Eric Dittmar is giving a talk about his reimagining of the Buddhist Wheel of Life and debut Don Ramie’s completed painting of the new version. Eric will explain the origin of and ideas behind his revision using simplified graphics, and then present and discuss Don’s Bhavacakra. He won’t try to convince you the teachings depicted are the “one-true belief system,” although he hopes it sheds some light on these Buddhist principles or maybe makes you a little curious.

The talk should take about a half-hour, but the format will depend on how many attend and there will be time afterwards for questions. Bring a bag lunch if you want for before or after.

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.

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

Black & White Auction

Black & White Virtual Auction

FEB. 11TH, 2023



December

Answer the phone! Talk to a B&W Auction helper to determine your talent and what you can provide to the Auction.

January

- Buy your ticket for the event! \$25 pp
- Confirm your auction donation



Fudge-Off

Make enough fudge to provide 6-8 pieces to 6 judges.

*If you win first place in the competition, you owe one batch of fudge to the winner bid at the auction.

Fudge Judges Needed

Judge the Fudge!

\$25 gets a variety box of fudge delivered to your door at the end of January.



Contact Kathy Wallcave to participate in the Fudge Competition. kwallcave@gmail.com

Contact Colleen Arnold to offer a donation. colleenag@sbcglobal.net



MPUUC's B&W Auction
is our largest fundraiser of the year!

JUSTICE CORNER

Hello and Happy New Year,

My name is Jolly Hollamon, and I'm the Climate and Justice Organizer with the UU Justice Ministry of California. My recent work in the last year has involved working with UUMFE to

stop Line 3 and with the VISION allies coalition to phase out oil drilling in Los Angeles neighborhoods. I'm so grateful that I had that experience.

The reason I'm reaching out is because I'm involved with the UU Young Adult Divestment Caucus. We have written a business resolution proposal for General Assembly 2023 that calls upon the UUA, through the UU Common Endowment Fund, to divest its endowment from all aspects of the fossil fuel industry. The divested funds will then be redistributed as reparations to Indigenous, Black, and brown communities over the next few years. I invite you to read the full resolution (and the introductory letter that goes with it).

Since we are proposing this business resolution through the petition process, we need 250 signatures in support from members of congregations. Additionally, there can be no more than 10 signatures from any one congregation. **My ask of you is that you share this resolution with your congregation and gather signatures in support.** The information on how to do so is also in the attachment below. It's acceptable also to scan the signed petition sheet and email back to me if that's easier.

Please see the resolution and and petition to sign in the PDF [here](#)

In warmth and gratitude,
Jolly

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Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

SURJ Morning Wake-Up Call and Human Billboard

Friday, January 13 • 7:30 – 8:30 am

As part of the Anti Police-Terror Project (APTP)'s 9th Annual Weekend to Reclaim MLK's Radical Legacy, SURJ will be sponsoring a morning rally and human billboard at Rockridge BART. Join us to hold up banners and signs that lift up the true radical legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We are also excited to come together in person to kick off a new year of building a strong, loving community, in solidarity and liberation.



Please wear masks and practice social distancing. SURJ will provide masks, hand sanitizer, and chairs at the site as well. Please [register here](#) to let us know you're coming, and learn more about APTP's 9th Annual Weekend to Reclaim MLK's Radical Legacy here.

Location: Rockridge BART Station, 5660 College Ave., Oakland

8th Principle Learning

Essay: ["Racist or Anti-Racist" by Ibram X Kendi](#)



Mission Peak Money Matters: Contact Info



Responsibilities for Mission Peak UU's financial process are shared between our Congregational Administrator, Sandra Lange (office@mpuuc.org) and a treasurer (treasurer@mpuuc.org).

- Sandra handles most ongoing operational tasks, such as pledge tracking, reimbursement requests/status, contribution statements, stock donations, and the like.
 - In the absence of a treasurer, please send any questions to both the treasurer email (treasurer@mpuuc.org), which is being monitored by our President, Suzette Takei and also to Sandra (office@mpuuc.org). This will ensure that any financial questions are answered promptly.
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Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

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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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