

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!
January 18, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Greetings from your Encouragement Committee on a fine January day. We thought you might like to know what we have been doing this last couple years, so here goes. We on the committee have the privilege of encouraging you, and celebrating with you, when something important is going on. We then can encourage others to join with you in those life markers, and with your permission add those to the Circle of Life link in the Week on the Peak.

We might show our love and concern by sharing a card (dozens have been sent since our beginnings), email, phone call, thoughts, prayers, etc. The hope is to better connect all of the MP family (members and friends) with each other; to inform; to empower; to share; and to show the love.

If you would like your joy or concern to appear in the Circle of Life, contact the Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org. Or one of our devoted members: Greg Ward, Sharon Davis, Barbara Meyers, Colleen Arnold, John Porter, Don Ramie, Julie Ganzlin, Lucienne Bouvier and Jo Ann Schriener.

Thank you for your support of this endeavor.

Jo Ann Schriener



This Sunday's Service:

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

To Be a Good Ancestor

We live in the age when we're subject to the tyranny of the 'now,' Driven by Facebook, tweeting, 24/7 news, and the 'buy-now' button. But the obsession with the immediate has further decimated our abilities for long-term planning. And the truth is resolving the problems we currently face – from climate change to pandemic response – are long-term conversations. Drawing from Roman Krznaric's brilliant book, we will explore six ways we can become time rebels and learn to think long.

Be a Good Ancestor



happybrainlife.com

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven 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%.



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 discussion will be about Jonas Salk’s famous quote, “Our greatest responsibility is to be a good ancestor.” What does being a good ancestor mean for us and how does it shape our choices and our future. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

Save the Date

On Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 pm, we will hold an on-line service of Remembrance and Celebration of the life of Louise Lefkort. Louise was a wonderfully engaged and vibrant mother, friend, singer, and volunteer. Please come and hear stories of memories held dear and share your own.

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

UUSJ Federal Matters with Susan Frederick Gray

Thursday, February 2nd
5 pm PT/ 6 pm MT/ 7 pm CT/ 8 pm ET

Mark your calendars early so as not to accidentally double-book your time. President Reverend Susan Fredrick-Gray, Unitarian Universalist Association will share her thoughts about federal matters with UUSJ members and friends. There is no link yet, but it will be posted on the UUSJ [website](#)



Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE BAY AREA

Demand freedom for Leonard Peltier and Ruchell Magee. This holiday season there are important movements to push President Biden to grant executive clemency to [Leonard Peltier](#), and Governor Newsom to commute the sentence of [Ruchell Magee](#).

Leonard just turned 78, and February 6 marks the 47th year since his arrest for a crime he did not commit. He has multiple health issues and uses a walker. Seven senators, and news outlets including the NY Times, are calling for his release.

- Please call the White house comment line Tuesday–Thursday, 8:00am – 12:00pm: [202-456-1111](tel:202-456-1111).
- Text Biden at [302-404-0880](tel:302-404-0880) or email through www.whitehouse.gov/contact.

Ruchell is 83 and uses a walker. He was unjustly captured in 1963 on trumped-up charges related to a marijuana deal; he's been in prison for 59 years and is the longest-held political prisoner in the US.

- Please call Governor Newsom's office at [916-445-2841](tel:916-445-2841), press 1 for English or 2 for Spanish, press 6 to speak with a representative and wait for someone to answer (Monday–Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm).
- Use this script: "Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling to encourage Governor Gavin Newsom to commute the sentence of prisoner Ruchell Magee #A92051 #T 115, who has served 59 long years in prison. Ruchell is 83 years old, so as an elderly prisoner he faces health risks every day from still being incarcerated for so long. In the interests of justice, I am joining the global call for Ruchell's release due to the length of his confinement and I urge Governor Newsom to take immediate action to commute Ruchell Magee's sentence."
- Email Newsom through www.gov.ca.gov/contact

8th Principle Learning

Read, listen, and reflect on the wisdom of Martin Luther King Jr.

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATPSht6318o>

Interfaith Vigil To Remember & Honor Victims of Gun Violence

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Doors open at 3:45 p.m.

Face Masks Required.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
2791 Driscoll Road
Fremont 94539



41,000 Americans die every year from gun violence - an average of more than 110 per day. Firearms are now the leading cause of death for children in the United States. Each precious life lost wounds families, friends, communities, and our nation.

We will gather to honor all victims and survivors of gun violence and vow to turn our grief into action to end this national epidemic.

**Sponsors: BRADY Tri-City Alameda County Chapter
& Tri-City Interfaith Council**

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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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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