

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! January 25, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Hello, a few words from me, Valerie Stewart, a longtime member of MPUUC.

Appreciation and **gratitude**.

Of all the words that come to mind when I think of Mission Peak, most often I think of how much I appreciate all the members of our community.

I am in awe of so many of our MPUUC folks. We have dedicated leadership, talented musicians, poets, teachers, artists, mental health advocates, event planners, tech wizards, housing activists, excellent bakers and cooks, social justice activists, climate change activists, an incredible, talented administrator, and thoughtful ministers who strive to bring us to a place of justice, compassion and understanding.



Whatever someone's 'day job' is, folks tirelessly volunteer to support the existence of Mission Peak and to support one another. We are also very good at celebrating together. We've created a Covenant with one another, setting out our aspirations to create a better, more accountable world and to be kind and accountable in our own thinking and actions. And best of all, we strive together.

With Appreciation,

Valerie

This Sunday's Service:

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

Finding Your True Self

In this book, *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self*, Father Richard Rohr likens the true self to a diamond buried deep within us, formed under the intense pressure of our lives, that must be searched for, uncovered, and separated from all the debris of ego that surrounds it. In a sense, the true self must, like Jesus, be resurrected. That process is not resuscitation, but transformation. What would your true self look like if it was excavated? Let's explore a few ideas about revealing true ourselves.



Rev. Dr. Xolani (xk) Kacela will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. 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%.



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 a little different. We’re going to do a little reflection on how this weekly discussion is meeting our needs. We’ll consider whether there needs to be more discussion formats, consider who else we might serve, what other kinds of topics might be of interest. Please come with your ideas. 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.

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

Hello MPUUC Members & Friends,

You're officially invited to our Black & White Virtual Auction on **February 11th, 7pm - 9pm**. Buy your tickets during January for \$25 each. Price goes up on 2/1. Tickets can be purchased at <https://mpuuc.square.site/s/shop>.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

B&W Auction Coordinators
DeAnna, Colleen, & Suzette

***** - Please note time is from 7pm- - 9pm**

MPUUC AUCTION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU

SATURDAY
11TH
FEBRUARY

2023
BLACK & WHITE
Gala

AUCTION & FELLOWSHIP 7PM - 9PM

TICKETS REQUIRED

\$25 EVENT TICKETS
\$20 JUDGE THE FUDGE

[HTTPS://MPUUC.SQUARE.SITE/S/SHOP](https://mpuuc.square.site/s/shop)

TICKET PRICE GOES UP AFTER 1/31

ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED DAY OF THE EVENT

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](#)

Save the Date
UUA President
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Questions On Federal Matters

Thursday, Feb. 2
8pm ET - 7pm CT - 6pm MT - 5pm MT



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>

Faithful Grounding Hour

Spiritual Grounding

Thursday, January 26, 2023 7:30 PM
- 8:30 PM ET (Please note the Time Zone!)



Join our Side with Love Fun & Spiritual Nourishment Squad for an hour of spiritual sustenance and grounding with others organizing on the side of love. Come drink in the

music, meditation, play, and prayer. We end with a Connection Cafe for those who wish to talk together. Show up as you are, whatever is in your heart, and with your camera on or off as you need. This gathering happens monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month at 4:30 PT, 5:30 MT, 6:30 CT, 7:30 ET

Click [here](#) to join

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.

Board Briefs

Board briefs from January 2023 MPUUC Board meeting.



The board met on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

- Approved corrected December minutes and attachments to be posted on website.
- Approved changing the February Board meeting to Tuesday, February 7 from the regular second Tuesday. Confirmed the change with Rev. Ward before finalizing.
- Approved updating the contract with Rev. Ward to provide for sabbatical time in year four of the contract to allow for two sabbatical periods in a seven-year span instead of one longer period. Contract wording is to be developed.
- Noted that search for new Treasurer is underway to fill vacancy due to resignation from Board of Treasurer Terri King.
- Discussed remaining sections of Board policies for alignment with MPUUC bylaw changes. Final wording will be developed for review by the board.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm. Note that this is a different date than the standard second Tuesday of the month.

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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