

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! February 22, 2023

Dear Sandra,

I'm Colleen Arnold, and along with DeAnna Alm and Suzette Takei, organized this year's Black and White Auction and Gala. We were so grateful for the enormously helpful assistance of Julie Ganzlin, Kathy Wallcave, Kathi Bayne, and Yvonne Hughes, who helped us with all the calling for donations.

Thanks to all of your generous donations, and your generous buying of auction offerings, we were able to raise over \$11,500 for Mission Peak! That beat our goal of \$10,000! I so appreciate how we all come out for our congregation. Thanks to Suzette for emceeding our Gala, it was a really fun night.

We do still have some events available, you can view them



here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x6CouRmaDINAM6cFCtRW\\_rs1p3Vs7GjpGe9M7xkzoDI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x6CouRmaDINAM6cFCtRW_rs1p3Vs7GjpGe9M7xkzoDI/edit?usp=sharing)- if anyone would like to buy these, please email me at [colleenag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colleenag@sbcglobal.net)

If you haven't paid yet, you can pay through the auction site, or you can use the auction site (<https://www.32auctions.com/MPUUC2023>) to see how much you owe, and then either pay through PayPal or send a check to our office, or put it in the plate on Sunday. Just make sure "Black and White Auction" is on the check. Cash works too, as long as we know who it's from and what it's for. We'll be sending letters to donors and buyers confirming their donations and their purchases after Sandra returns from vacation.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Kathi Bayne to the board! She will be filling the trustee spot left open by DeAnna Alm who is (temporarily) taking the Treasurer position.

Colleen Arnold

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## This Sunday's Service:

**We have transitioned to hybrid services. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.**

## Our Zeroth Ministry

While Mission Peak has a minister, we have a shared ministry; but what does that mean? Eric Dittmar wants to reflect on the word “ministry,” and suggest that we have a ministry that comes—not first amongst our congregational priorities—but *before* we set goals for our shared ministry.



Eric Dittmar will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Graham BellWallcave. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

## Share the Plate Special Collection for Courageous Love Hero - Sergio Jaime Lopez

If you are able, please donate generously to this special collection in one of these ways:

- Make your check out to MPUUC with Love Hero in the memo line.
- 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) If you are making a pledge, please indicate “pledge” on the memo line.

- Drop envelope with check (with Love Hero on the memo line) in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

We will be collecting this once per week.

- Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose “Special” as the donation type. Please state for “Love Hero” in the message. (Note: 3% surcharge).

We will be collecting through March 12, 2023.

**Please note donations for this special collection are not tax deductible .**

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## 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:

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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](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org)

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

### WELCOME TO **THE RADICAL TRUTH PARTY!**

Saturday, March 4th: Radical Truth Party, 1:00-3:00 pm  
@ Don Ramie's House (Fremont)

This is going to be fun and, er, maybe a little scary, but you can always "pass" if you can't handle the truth. Please don't lie, or there will be consequences—including being forced to drink some of the mysterious "truth serum!"

Don has captured interesting findings on the topic of "human nature," which he printed out on game cards. We'll take turns reading a card and following its instructions, which are usually invitations to comment. Sometimes there are other amusing prompts. Everything is light-hearted and mild, so nobody gets hurt. Just scaring you with the thought that you might have to come clean is enough excitement in itself!

There will be an intermission when lying and making excuses are permitted, so don't worry. Drinks will be served, especially useful for clearing your throat before blurting out the truth!

Be up on your covid vaccines, but you don't need to test.

Please let Don know if you plan to attend. Don's home, 35982 Cabral Dr., Fremont, CA 94536

(510) 791-6842 or [donramie2@gmail.com](mailto:donramie2@gmail.com)

## 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](#)

## LET MPUUC BUY YOUR 1 YR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAACP

Last month, at our shared MLK service with the Methodists, we raised over \$1100 to support the NAACP. The Board celebrated by turning your generosity into an opportunity for the whole congregation to deepen its awareness and commitment to the NAACP. For the next two months, the Board will use these funds to pay for an annual NAACP membership for all MPUUC members who wish to become members. You can click [Join the NAACP](#) and join (and pay) on your own. OR you can click [MPUUC + NAACP](#) and fill out the form and MPUUC will sign you up and pay for your 1<sup>st</sup> annual membership. All funds raised not used in providing annual membership fees will be donated to the NAACP general fund. Thank you for your commitment to end racial injustice.

# JUSTICE CORNER

In March 2022 we launched the Good Trouble Congregation program. Nine months later, over 300 congregations took action with UU the Vote and reached over 2 million voters! The Good Trouble Congregations program is an invitation to stretch ourselves and our communities to resist racist and anti-democratic attacks on our communities and institutions.. It challenges us to build deeper relationships in our congregations, to show up with and for our partners and neighbors, and to take risks, great and small, to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate.



Now it's time to join together for a national celebration to honor all your amazing work of UU the Vote 2022 and to lift up the amazing work of our congregations.

Join us on February 28 at 7:00pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT  
for the  
Good Trouble Celebration

Come hear from partners, President Susan Frederick-Gray, and a special keynote speaker. There will be a special recognition ceremony for congregations as well as folks who served as poll workers and Election Defenders. Don't miss this inaugural celebration. Register [here](#)

## Denominational Affairs

### Pittsburgh Celebrates Black History

There is extensive significance in the role that Black communities have played throughout the history of Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh is celebrating these achievements during Black History Month with special programming in February and exhibits and locations you can visit all year long.

Take a journey through more than [200 years of the Black experience in Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania](#)



### Looking for a GA Roommate to Share Expenses?

Attending General Assembly in-person this year? Interested in finding a roommate to share the cost of housing? The GA Room Share Board is a resource for anyone. Simply fill out the form below and you'll automatically be added to the Room Share Board. There, you can browse the list of others interested in room shares, and reach out directly to discuss options.

[Request a Roommate](#)

[View Roommate Requests](#)

### GA Housing Reservation System is Now Open!

The UUA has contracted rooms at specific hotels near the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. These properties have agreed to offer competitive rates to GA attendees as well as rebates and other incentives that will reduce the overall cost of hosting GA in Pittsburgh. By booking with the GA housing block, you help the UUA meet this goal. Additionally, you benefit from reservation management and customer service offered by Connections Housing.

Reserve your housing today! To book your room today, visit the [GA Housing Reservation System](#). Any reservations canceled after May 22 will be subject to a \$50 cancelation fee. The housing reservation system will close for new reservations on May 23.

## Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

### JUSTICE FOR TYRE NICHOLS

SURJ Bay Area joins in solidarity with the family of Tyre Nichols who was brutally murdered by Memphis police during a traffic stop, and with people across the country who demand an end to police violence.

#### Actions you can take:

- [Sign the Color of Change Petition](#) to the Memphis City Council demanding Justice for Tyre.
- [Donate](#) to the Tyre Nichols Memorial Fund set up by his mother to support his family and his memorial.
- Support groups organizing against racist policing in Memphis. Donate to [Just City](#) and [Black Lives Matter Memphis Chapter](#).
- Learn more about racist policing and abolition: visit the websites of [Anti Police-Terror Project](#), [Critical Resistance](#), and [UC Berkeley's Othering & Belonging Institute](#)

### 8th Principle Learning

“The black hole in the white UU psyche” by Mark Morrison-Reed

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/black-hole-white-uu-psyche>

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### Tri-City Interfaith Council

invites you to join



World Interfaith Harmony Day

## How to be a Good Guest at Your Neighbor's House of Worship

Islamic Networks Group and Tri-City Interfaith Council are cosponsoring this inter-religious panel during World Interfaith Harmony Week.

Panelists from major world religions will discuss how to be a good guest at your neighbor's house of worship, how to be a good host when welcoming people of other faiths into your house or worship

Date: **Saturday, 25 February 2023**

Time: **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm PST**

Local time: [Click Here](#)

Please use the Signup Genius to register for either the Online-Zoom Link or \*In-Person attendance. The link below works for both. Click on the link & scroll down to select your preference. \*Due to COVID restrictions, masks are mandatory at the In-Person event.

Register [Here](#)

Click [here](#) for flyer

## 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](mailto:office@mpuuc.org)) and a treasurer ([treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org)), which is being monitored by DeAnna Alm and also to Sandra ([office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org)). This will ensure that any financial questions are answered promptly.
- **Important note** - if you are making a stock donation/pledge, please notify Sandra at [office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org) and [treasurer@mpuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@mpuuc.org) immediately.

## Board Briefs

Board briefs from February 2023 MPUUC Board meeting.



- Approved Member-at-large DeAnna Alm changing positions to become the new MPUUC Treasurer through the remainder of the current fiscal year.
- Approved Kathi Bayne as the new Member-at-large for the remainder of the current fiscal year, filling the vacancy created by DeAnna Alm moving to the Treasurer position.
- Approved changing the March Board meeting to Tuesday, March 7 from the regular second Tuesday.
- Approved January minutes and attachments to be posted on website.
- At the recommendation of the NAACP, approved using Share the Plate donations collected at the January 15 service for interested MPUUC members to obtain NAACP memberships, up to the total amount of the collection. Rev. Ward will include additional information in Week on the Peak.
- Discussed the upcoming Canvass plan.
- Approved three non-budgeted expenditures and related reimbursements to members.
- Approved hiring letter for new Religious Education Coordinator
- Discussed wording changes for sabbatical section of Minister's contract.
- Continued work on Board policies updates.
- Reviewed the draft Personnel Policy Manual.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, March 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](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

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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](http://house.gov)  
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631  
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553  
Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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