

This Week on the Peak

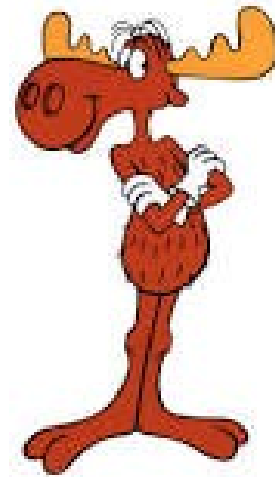


Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA
The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond!
March 1, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Greetings! from Valerie Stewart, this year's Canvass Chair.

For those of you who are old enough to remember "early television" there was a cartoon program "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" that was ahead of its time and of its time. (Obviously, I date myself.) Bullwinkle (the Moose) was ever the optimist and was always saying "Hey Rocky! Watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat" Together Rocky and Bullwinkle would get into all sorts of situations and then **TOGETHER** would get out of them, not too much worse for the effort.



What has this memory got to do with Mission Peak? It brings a smile, and it reminds me that we are **BETTER TOGETHER**, which happens to be the theme for this year's Canvass. There are many exciting plans underway, with a new Religious Education Coordinator and Choir Director, to create opportunities for outreach of programs within the Congregation and in the larger community that will engage our values, nurture spiritual growth, and take action to dismantle oppression in all its forms. Anything that happens at Mission Peak will be better because of your membership, your commitment, your participation, your support, because **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**. And yes, **Canvass** asks for your pledge of a financial contribution. There is more information to come.

Please see the sign-up sheet for the March 12 Canvass lunch, after Service.

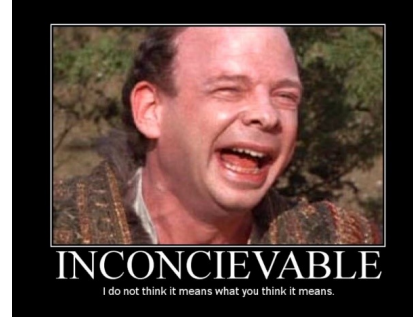
Valerie Stewart

This Sunday's Service:

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

Inconceivable!!!

In the 1987 movie, *'The Princess Bride'* the character of Vizzini (played wonderfully by Wallace Shawn) keeps watching his evil plans be thwarted by the heroics of protagonists, Westly and Buttercup. 'Inconceivable!' he cries. This is a service where we try to imagine a world without the inventions, the heroes and she-roses and the various influences, movements and events that saved the day and bent the moral arc of the universe toward justice.



Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers 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.

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.



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

Dear MPUUC friends,

Tiffany and Stephen are so excited to introduce you to their son, Maxwell James Longfield, born 12:52AM on the 19th of February, 2023. At birth, Max weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

They are just over the moon with excitement and are looking forward to showing him the world.



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, we will explore what we had to do to rise above the inconceivable challenges we faced. What allowed us to offer what the world asked of us and still be true to our ideals. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

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

Men's Fellowship Coffee Time on Friday, March 3



To the men of FUMC and MPUUC -

The next men's fellowship coffee time is planned for this Friday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at Suju's Coffee on Stevenson Blvd at Blacow in Fremont. Parking is in the parking lot adjacent. There is a range of coffees and teas and juices, plus breakfast pastries and a variety of breakfast egg sandwich dishes are available. We now set up in a different area of the table on the side toward Sundale Ave to reduce the noise from other groups. It seemed to be quieter, conducive to conversation.

Please let me know if you're coming so that enough tables can be set up. Thanks. -- E-mail Holmesfam@comcast.net.

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 1st 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

I (Cal Ball) came to activism late in life after retiring from a career in music and then technology. I didn't know anything except that I wanted to do something to contribute to making the world more equitable for all. Armed only with my lofty goals, I reached out to folk in the UU community, a little intimidated but willing to learn. I was met with welcome, patience, humor and support by some extraordinary folk that had been doing this work for years.



Now I coordinate Side With Love's [Skill Up Series](#), our monthly trainings on organizing skills to help YOU build stronger teams in your congregation and community. When I think about our Skill Ups, they mirror my experience: welcoming, fun, and educational offerings to help all of us get to a higher level in this work that we cherish of harnessing love's power to stop oppression.

[Will you join us this semester?](#)

This Spring, our Skill Up Theme is "How to Talk About Hard Things." You are heartily

invited to attend these very informative and rich workshops that not only cover high-level concepts but also offer practical guidance and hands-on practice. Each topic will be delivered by experts and long-time organizers with special knowledge and experience presenting

- **Mar 19** - [Evaluation is an Act of Love](#), led by Sarah Berel-Harrop, Side with Love Squad and Texas UU Justice Ministry Leader
- **Apr 23** - [Facing the Apocalypse With a Smile](#), led by Rachel Myslivy, Side with Love Climate Justice Organizer
- **May 21** - [What Do Impacted Communities Need - How Would I Know?](#) Led by Rev. Michael Crumpler, UUA LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Friday, March 3 • 12:00 – 1:00 pm

[SURJ Bay Area Action Hour](#)

Want to take tangible steps to end racial injustice and white supremacy? Join a SURJ Action Hour! This is one way to truly Show Up for Racial Justice—and it's just an hour a week. We meet over Zoom to take concrete steps together: calling elected officials, signing petitions, etc. We meet on Friday every week. Closed captioning will be available in the main room of Action Hour calls. Please register for these or future dates on the SURJ website. **Wednesdays: March 8 – May 10 • 6:30 – 9:00 pm (with 2 exceptions and no class 4/12)**



[SURJ Virtual Study & Action Program 2023](#)

Doing the work to unlearn white supremacy and taking accountable, principled action toward racial justice is needed now more than ever. SURJ Bay Area invites you to participate in our free, virtual Study & Action Program, which will dig into the history of white supremacy while working closely with one of our accountability partners, Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB), on their campaign to close 10 prisons in California in the next five years. By studying the history of colonialism, genocide, and slavery, as well as the ongoing fight for civil rights as told through the experiences of those most impacted, we deepen our understanding of injustice, and learn to take strategic, effective action and accountability to dismantle white supremacy. Follow the link in the title for class details, weekly topics, and more.

Monday, March 13 • 7:00 pm

[SURJ San Mateo Meeting](#)

Do you know about the Watsonville race riot? White men with pistols and clubs roamed the streets for five days in 1930, assaulting Filipino farm workers who were accused of "stealing their jobs" and pursuing romantic relationships with white women. It culminated in the killing of Fermin Tobera who was sleeping in a San Juan Road labor camp.

SURJ San Mateo's next meeting will help us learn about the history of Filipino immigration around Watsonville after Spain ceded its longstanding colony of the Philippines to the United States in the Treaty of Paris ending the Spanish-American War of 1898. Our guest presenters will be Professor Kat Gutierrez and Mr. Roy Recio. Dr. Gutierrez is professor of History at UC Santa Cruz. Mr. Recio leads the [Tobera Project](#).

Join via [Zoom](#) with case-sensitive password: AntiRacism

8th Principle Learning

[A brief history of anti-Japanese/ anti-Asian policies in the U.S.](#) by Heather Cox Richardson

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8thprinciplelearningcommunity/permalink/1180652802819236/>

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 our temporary treasurer, DeAnna Alm. (treasurer@mpuuc.org).

- Sandra handles most ongoing operational tasks, such as pledge tracking, reimbursement requests/status, contribution statements, stock donations, and the like. If you are submitting a reimbursement request, please send to both office@mpuuc.org and treasurer@mpuuc.org.
- Please send any questions to both the treasurer email (treasurer@mpuuc.org), which is being monitored by DeAnna Alm and also to Sandra (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 and 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.

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



Mission Peak UU | 2950 Washington Blvd Fremont CA | 510.252.1477 | missionpeakuu.org



Share This Email



Share This Email



Share This Email

Mission Peak UU | 2950 Washington Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94537

[Unsubscribe office@mpuuc.org](mailto:office@mpuuc.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by minister@mpuuc.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!