

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 23, 2025

Dear Sandra,

Greetings from your new treasurer. Well, also one of your old treasurers, since I've held this position before. I understand the job is a bit easier than last time, as our wonderful Administrator, Sandra, now does a lot of the bill paying the treasure used to do, as well as other important tasks. As treasurer though, my main function is overseeing the finances of MPUUC, and serving as both a board member and a part of the executive team. So, there will be plenty to keep me busy.



Before Mission Peak was founded UU's in the tri-cities area had to travel to San Jose, Hayward, or Palo Alto to attend a congregation. Because of that, a number of people began organizing one in Fremont. This led to a formal organizing effort starting in the Fall of 1983, which I joined. I helped write the first by-laws, became the first vice-president and then second president of the new congregation, did this again a decade later, served on and led a number of committees, organized events, helped start the choir, and have been both a choir member and a worship associate for many years. I am delighted that Mission Peak continues to provide a UU presence in the Southeast Bay, and grateful to all of those who have supported with their work and resources for the past 31 years.

As you can tell, Mission Peak is VERY important to me. That is why I am happy to re-join the board and help make sure that we continue for many more years to come. I'd love to see Mission Peak grow in both size and influence, as we have some very important messages to share with our community. I think we still have great potential, and will continue to work toward realizing that potential. Let's keep working to be the best people we can be, and make our part of the SF Bay the best place it can be.

Drew Wilson

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## This Sunday's Service:

**Service can be attended in-person at Cole Hall or online. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to attend services.**



## **We The People**

The Preamble of the Constitution declares who is enacting this new form of government—"We the People" of the United States. The Constitution is the possession of all inhabitants of the land, not the government, or any branch of it, or any political party. We, all of us, are stewards of the Constitution, and we remain ultimately responsible for its continued existence and faithful interpretation. But what kind of democracy did our founding document give us? And what anti-democratic aspects could be a cause for concern?

Don Ramie will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Elizabeth Bartmess will be Worship Host. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

## **Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely, you can donate 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**

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate and console those in the MP family who need it. Each week you can find those people right here at your fingertips if you click on the [link](#). Let's increase our caring connections with each other with calls when appropriate, cards, emails, offers of help, etc. When you have Joys and Concerns for this Circle of Life, contact the

Encouragement Committee at [ecteam@mpuuc.org](mailto:ecteam@mpuuc.org). Or ask one of us: Greg, Barbara, Sharon, Jo Ann S, Don, Lucienne, Julie

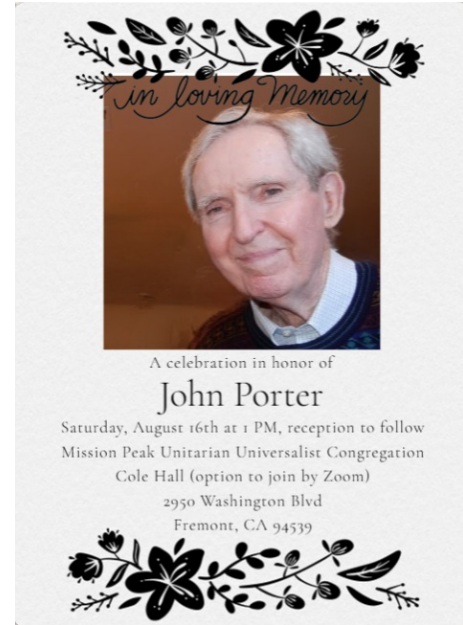
## **Midweek Discussion Group**

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The Midweek Discussion Group meets online and welcomes all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

Hello Mission Peak Congregation. You are all invited to join us for my dad's memorial service at Cole Hall on Sat August 16th at 1pm. He and my mom both deeply loved this church and were connected to many of you. Please feel free to forward the invitation to any that this email did not reach. RSVPs are appreciated, but not necessary. You can RSVP through the evite link below, or by emailing me at [kimberlyportermft@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyportermft@gmail.com). There will also be a live stream of the service on Zoom so please let us know if you need the Zoom link.

Blessings, Kimberly

Evite link: <https://evite.me/x9gurc1vMW>



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## HELP WHILE OUR MINISTER IS AWAY

Rev. Greg will be away on vacation (camping and caring for Lucy's mother) from June 23 – Aug 10. If you have any Administrative questions [contact Sandra Lange](#), our Congregational Administrator. If you have program questions, [contact Jay Steele](#), our board President. If you have Pastoral Questions, [contact Rev. Barbara Meyers](#), our minister on call. Keep good company, stay safe and love one another.

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## Art and Generosity in our Beloved Community

Quietly, Don Ramie returned to the Cole Hall Garden and gave a fresh coat of paint to the Garden entrance and renewed the medallions on the arch.

Thank you Don!

You saw a need and took it upon yourself to repaint and repair the Garden Entrance to enhance the look of the Garden that was restored this year by Brian and Jennifer Culp.



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## Free MPUUC T-shirts!

New T-shirts:

These come in Medium, Large and X-Large sizes.

They are a cotton/polyester blend and a little cooler than our original vintage T-shirts

Vintage T-shirts:

These are still available to anyone who wants them.

They are mostly sizes Small, X-Small and XX-Large.

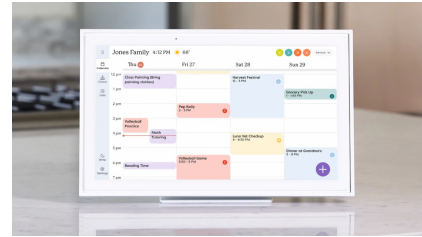
They are a little darker purple color than the new T-shirts, but we will still look like one family.

Please contact a member of the MPUUC Board to pick up a T-shirt in the office.

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

8/23 - Family Night Out - 4:30-8:00 p.m.



### Summer fun for families!

Join **FNO (Family Night Out)** one Saturday evening each month this summer, June 28th, July 12th and Aug 23rd from 4:30-8pm. This is for all MPUUC members and friends with school aged children and will include engaging programming for all-ages, then a chance to sit together and enjoy a potluck dinner. After cleanup the parents are invited to a separate space for a facilitated check-in for connection and support while Ariel and company supervise the kids for free play in the nursery. We'll all come back together for ice cream before calling it a night by 8pm. RSVP required by the Friday before each event. RSVP [HERE](#). Questions? Email Ariel [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org)

Click [here](#) for flyer

 SUMMER FUN FOR MPUUC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

**FAMILY NIGHT OUT**

- Organized, all-ages programming begins at 4:30
- pot-luck dinner followed by
- time for parents to circle up, check-in and connect while the
- kids have free-play with Ariel and Jordan
- ice cream dessert finished by 8pm

Saturday, June 28th  
Buddhism and mindfulness

Saturday, July 12th  
Whole Body Play

Saturday, August 23rd  
Choice Making and Learning

4:30-8pm

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ARIEL DRE@MPUUC.ORG

RSVP now for all three or by the Friday before each date  
Scan the QR code



### Have fun this summer and learn a new skill!

FUMC INVITES YOU TO COME PLAY PING PONG

-NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! THURSDAY EVENINGS  
6 – 7:30 pm IN THE OCKERMAN BUILDING (just down the hill from Cole Hall).



## JUSTICE CORNER



The Indivisible Project is a 501(c)(4) non profit social welfare organization, primarily focused on influencing public policy and engaging in political advocacy.



The political landscape is changing, and we have to continue to change with it. In the past, we've been able to lean directly on the power of the ballot box and the pressure we, as constituents, can bring to bear on our elected representatives. Whether it was saving the Affordable Care Act or kicking Trump out of office in 2020, we've proven



that organizing on a local level to drive progress works -- and that is still true.

But the pressing threat of authoritarianism means that we have to include new strategies to protect the future of our democracy and our people.

And that is why we are launching One Million Rising: a campaign to train one million people in the art of strategic non-cooperation to fight authoritarianism.

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

SURJ Bay Area, based in Alameda County, is a nonprofit with both a 501(c)(4) and a 501(c)(3) arm. It is part of a [national network of groups](#) and individuals organizing white people for racial justice.



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### Gather for Gaza (IN PERSON)

Be part of this communal gathering that follows the Ride for Palestine and showcases the beauty, strength, and resilience of Palestinian culture. Tickets are \$40 and include a delicious lunch, live entertainment, and activities for children. Come and show your support for Palestine and for all the teams who raised funds for MECA's Palestine projects. This event will also raise funds for MECA programs that include food, water, medical supplies, and programs for children traumatized by the violence and killings in Gaza.

Location: 1101 Eighth Street #100, Berkeley



Tuesday, July 22 • 1:00 pm: Welcome

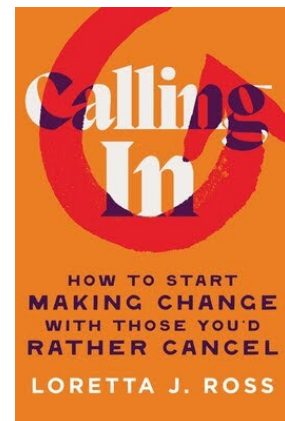
Tuesday, August 5 • 1:00 pm: Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 26 • 1:00 pm: Live Event with Loretta Ross

[SpeakOut Book Club: "Calling In" by Loretta Ross](#) (VIRTUAL)

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"Calling in" is a tool and practice for turning difficult conversations into productive ones. This framework can help address harm while creating space for growth, forgiveness, and understanding. Join SpeakOut for a 6-week book club and virtual community centered on [Calling In: How to Start Making Change With Those You'd Rather Cancel](#) by pioneering Black feminist and MacArthur "Genius" Fellow Loretta J. Ross. Together, we'll explore how to approach conflict with courage and compassion, whether in our classrooms, communities, organizations, or personal lives. Featuring weekly virtual discussions, three live meetings, and more! Registration \$24.99.

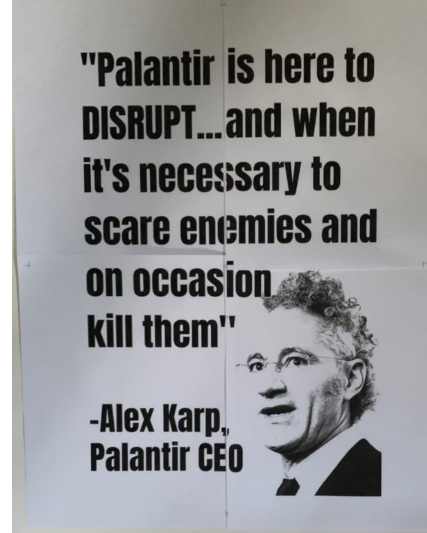


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## 8th Principle Learning

Palantir's software has been used by the Israel Defense Forces to strike targets in Gaza and by the Trump administration for immigration enforcement. This has fueled concerns about the potential for misuse of its technology.

CEO statement made on an investor call:



## Making announcements

If you've ever had an announcement you wanted to share about an upcoming MPUUC event or meeting but didn't know how, you're in luck. This [Announcement Sheet](#) will go directly to Sandra, our Administrator (to put in the OOS); or to a Board Member (to announce at a Sunday service. **Deadline for posting Sunday announcements is Thursday at 12pm.**

# ACT NOW!

## Call your Elected Officials!

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

Assembly Member Alex Lee 408-262-2501

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



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