



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Affirming and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every person since 1954

May 2021

MINISTER'S NOTES



SUNDAYS at 10:00 am

ALL SERVICES ONLINE ONLY

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Online Orders of Service: <http://pbuuc.org/news/>

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MAY 1 THESE TRUTHS: OUR QUEST

Guest Speaker Margaret McLellan & the Quest Book Discussion Group; with Worship Associate Tricia Most & Special Music These Truths by Jill Lepore is an updated US history from early colonialism to 2018. Quest found it opened our eyes in many ways to the truths about our country's history.

MAY 9 RISE UP FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo, Affiliated Community Justice Minister; with Worship Associate Ebony Contreras
When Unitarian Juliet Ward Howe issued her Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870, she saw it as a day of peace to honor and support mothers who lost husbands and sons during the Civil War. Today, we don't often connect Mother's Day with working for peace and justice. Yet this seems like the moment to return Mother's Day to its roots and rededicate ourselves to creating a peaceful, fair, and just world for all.

MAY 16 OUR ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR SERVICE!

The PBUUC Choir, David Chapman Music Director; with Special Music; and Worship Associate John Barr
Our amazing Paint Branch Choir will lead us in worship and music as they bring us their annual spring Choir Service.

MAY 23 THREE MOTHERS WHO SHAPED A NATION

Rev. Lynn Strauss, Minister; with Worship Associate Diana McFadden
Reverend Strauss will reflect on the groundbreaking book by educator Anna Malaika Tubbs, *The Three Mothers*. Join us in celebration of Black mothers, most particularly, the mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin.

MAY 30 WE ARE ALL ARTISTS

Rev. Lynn Strauss, Minister; with Worship Associate Polly Pettit
When did you realize that you were an artist? If it hasn't happened yet, don't lose hope. What is it you are passionate about doing? How do you tap into your creative side? Who told you you couldn't sing, or dance, or draw? Rev. Strauss will share how she came to understand her work as mother and minister as an art form.

Dear Friends,

Annie and I love to watch our small patches of life together.

When we take a walk, we alternate between watching the cracks in the sidewalk and the clouds in the sky. Annie is two years old. An age of beauty.

Sometimes she is so happy to see me that it seems she thinks my age is beautiful too. She and I are observers. And we wonder.

We do the same puzzles every week and are amazed how the pieces fit more easily together each week.

We take out the playdough and, though we try to keep the colors separate, we notice the reds blend into the yellows more and more.

On our walks, we take turns carrying "Baby," her unclothed, much-loved doll.

Either of us might put the blanket over Baby when the wind picks up.

Annie and I have watched together all winter.

Lately, Annie watches more on her own. Her gaze has widened as her confidence grows. The other day, I found her hiding behind the window shade in the bedroom. She sat on the bed. She thought I couldn't see her, though her shadow on the shade revealed her outline clearly. She was watching out the window.

I wonder if she noticed the buds on the redbud tree and the fresh green on the grass?

Annie is changing even as she watches the world change around her.

I hope she and I continue to watch life together. There is so much unfolding.

So much life to share.

May we all welcome spring together. May we wonder at the new colors and shapes in our lives. Let us welcome change in all its unfolding beauty. May we also be changed.

Blessings,

Reverend Lynn

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🔗 Officers and Board of Trustees 2020-2021 🔗

email: BOT@pbuuc.org

Chair	Melissa Graham
Vice Chair	Janet Overton
Vice Chair	Wendy Schlegel
Trustee	Carol Boston
Trustee	Ebony Contreras
Trustee	Moe Cunningham
Trustee	Sabrina Jones
Trustee	Margaret McClellan
Trustee	Carol Carter Walker
Treasurer	Tess Morrison
Assistant Treasurer	Will Snyder
Secretary	Keith Miller
Assistant Secretary	Andy McIntire

🔗 Worship Associates 🔗

Tricia Most (2018-21)	John Barr (2020-23)
Clark Ritz (2018-21)	Ebony Contreras (2020-23)
Polly Pettit (2019-22)	Diana McFadden (2020-23)
Susannah Schiller (2019-22)	Nori Myrdon-Ward (Youth)

🔗 Pastoral Care Associates 🔗

Kathy Bartolomeo	Jim Flaherty	Lynn Louison
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🔗 Chartered Committees and Teams 🔗

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
	Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-acting)
Adult RE	Ebony Contreras
Auction	Tricia Most & Kathi Yu
Budget Leadership Team	Kathi Yu & Wendy Schlegel Peter
Buildings & Grounds	Wathen-Dunn
Community Relations Team	Paul Wester
Continuity & COVID Response	Reese Myrdon
Diversity/Anti-Racism	Carmelita Carter-Sykes &
Transformation Team (DARTT)	Ebony Contreras, Co-Chairs
Denominational Affairs	Don Gerson, Chair
	Bettie Young, cluster rep.
Electronic Communications	contact church office
Endowment	Chris Evans
Finance	Elaine Shell
Green Team (co-chairs)	Moe Cunningham &
	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Leasing	Joe Dever
Membership	Carol Carter Walker (ACTING)
Ministry	Katherine Darlington
Multigenerational Religious	& Tricia Most, Co-Chairs
Exploration Team (MRET)	Carmelita Carter-Sykes (acting)
Nominating	Moe Cunningham, Sabrina Jones,
Personnel	& Janet Overton
	Deb Rubenstein
Racial Climate Leadership Team	
Religious Education Discernment	Chris McCann, DRE
Social Action (SAC)	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Stewardship	Chris Evans

🔗 Groups and Activities 🔗

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	Vacant
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Creative Force Writers Group	Ebony Contreras
Food for Thought	Mary Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
LGBTQ+ Group	Carolyn Byerly
Men's Group	Keith Miller
Mental Health Support Group	Alice Tyler
Mom's Group	Penney Hughes
Offertory Counter Coordinator	Marilyn Pearl
Pagan Group	Abi Hanley
Quest Discussion Group	Tess Morrison
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
SAC Special Collections Coordinator	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Sunday Sound & Facilities Volunteer Team	Keith Miller
Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Cathy Helmold
Ushers	Lori Snyder
Warm Nights	Vacant
Webmasters	Andy McIntire
	Mark Shute
	Anita Williams
	Eric Eldritch
	Jeri Holloway
	Anne Hoover

Interim Caretaker Minister

Rev. Lynn Strauss

Minister Emerita

Rev. Diane Teichert

Affiliate Minister for Social Justice

Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo

Staff

Please contact the Church Office at **301-937-3666** for staff listed

<u>Music Director & Pianist</u>	David Chapman
<u>Director of Religious Exploration</u>	Chris McCann
<u>Chalice Dancers Director & Choreographer</u>	Sharon Werth
<u>Church Administrator</u>	(VACANT)
<u>Bookkeeper</u>	Hannah Oshin
<u>Sexton</u>	Al Addison

Office Volunteers

Elizabeth Scheiman & Mary Massey (Alternating Tuesdays)	
Will Snyder (Wednesdays)	Janet Overton (Fridays)
Alice Tyler (Thursdays)	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Happy Day Paint Branch,

This month the Board of Trustees (BOT) has four important updates to share with you: the selection of a Developmental Minister, the efforts underway to ensure continued operations of our church office, planning for the resumption of in-person programming in a safe and meaningful way, and deck repairs.

As was shared in the letter sent out on April 28th, the BOT voted unanimously to invite Ann Kadleck to join the Paint Branch community after receiving a unanimous recommendation from the Search Team. To learn more about Ann please click [here](#) to review the letter. I have heard that some individuals did not receive this letter. If you did not receive the original letter, please contact me at boardchair@pbuuc.org.

As you know our Church Administrator, Chuck Bury, recently announced his resignation to be effective on or before June 18th. Chuck's last day with us ended up being Thursday, April 29th. We wish Chuck well in his future endeavors. Please be aware that the church office will remain closed through at least May 11 for cleaning and organization purposes. However, the voicemail and all PBUUC email accounts are being monitored. Please continue to send announcements for the ContinUUm or Branches by the appropriate deadlines. You may also use the church office voicemail, PBUUC email addresses, or the BOT email (bot@pbuuc.org) to communicate urgent issues that need to be addressed. A selection team is in the process of selecting a new full-time Church Administrator. As we navigate the temporary vacancy in this position, we welcome the support of volunteers. Thank you to those who have already offered your assistance. Please reach out to bot@pbuuc.org for more information about how you too can help out. All of our volunteers thank you for your patience and flexibility as we transition over these next few weeks.

Additionally, the BOT continues the process of focused consideration on how and when to resume in-person programming. We recognize that many of you are ready and waiting to resume some in-person programming as soon as possible while others are not yet ready to do so. Please know that the priority of the BOT is to make sure that we are putting forth our best effort to make sure any return prioritizes health and safety and allows for all congregants to access meaningful worship and programming experiences across multiple platforms. This month we delegated a team, co-chaired by Keith Miller and Carol Boston, to engage in the technical planning needed for multi-platform programming going forward. They will be looking for additional team members to join them in this new venture. Please reach out to Keith or Carol if you can support this work.

In consultation with this tech team, the Continuity Committee, BAG, the Worship Associates, and staff, the BOT will be slowly phasing in in-person options. All of our volunteers ask for your patience and flexibility as we navigate this challenging and unprecedented transition. To stay informed, please review the ContinUUm each week for relevant updates and announcements. If you want to volunteer to support this effort in any way, please let us know. We need you!

Finally, we have had an engineer inspect our deck to determine its estimated lifespan. Over the next few months, needed repairs recommended by the engineer will be made to the existing structure as we prepare for a more significant replacement within the next three years. Until these repairs are finished, please do not congregate on the deck. It should only be used for ingress or egress from the buildings.

Change is truly afoot at Paint Branch. May it bring bright days ahead.

As ever coming to you in hope,

Melissa Graham, Chair, Board of Trustees

Stewardship Committee

Connected in Community

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Connected in Community annual campaign. The pledge drive officially ended in April, and we can announce the final numbers. We received commitments totaling \$257,314 from 81 pledges representing 92 members and 9 friends of the congregation. The average pledge of \$3,177 and median pledge of \$2,400 are both significant increases over previous years and demonstrate incredible generosity from everyone who participated. Unfortunately, these results also represent 17 fewer pledges than last year and \$30,000 less than last year's total pledge amount. Much work remains for church leadership to build our annual budget for the coming year based on the reality of transitioning into a smaller congregation. In May, the church office will send acknowledgment letters to all who pledged. The Stewardship Committee is grateful for the efforts of our Visiting Stewards who reached out to over 150 members and friends to have conversations about how we are all "Connected in Community" at PBUUC. Questions about the annual campaign can be directed to the Stewardship Committee at stewardship@pbuuc.org. Thank you!

Chris Evans, Stewardship Committee Chair

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Happy May, my good people!

There is so much happening at Paint Branch and sometimes it's hard to catch my breath. How about you? We have news about our developmental minister, we're working on refining a lot of processes among staff, and we're discerning how we may begin to slowly return to the building.

The current topic closest to my heart is Come to Practice, an initiative that we're working hard to bring to fruition. The notion of Come to Practice was born in the Religious Education Team, and we are now broadening that scope to the entire congregation. The aim is to create "pathways to practice" so that we may go deeper into our Unitarian Universalist identities. We are discerning the elements of Come to Practice with a series of after service conversations, the first of which was April 4th. We asked the question: What do we come to practice?

Initially, for the Religious Education program, we identified some areas for practice for our children and youth. Those included Leadership Development, Service, Liberation (anti-racism and anti-oppression), Curiosity, Hope. A significant number of folx attended our meeting on April 4th to speak about what they come to practice. The overwhelming majority of people responded with some variation on community. Among the other varied responses to "what do we come to practice?" relationships, accountability, challenging assumptions, learning a variety of points of view, motivation and inspiration, bringing our faith to life in our day to day, humility, support, singing, responsibility, groundedness . . . these were the broad topics that arose during our conversation.

Our next discussion will be on May 2nd, and we will be engaging the question "why do we come to practice?" This might be a more challenging question than "what" and I can't wait to hear all of the ideas. We will meet again on May 16th to discuss "how do we come to practice?" and that is where the rubber will meet the road. We hope to combine the three questions and glean some ways to that we can create pathways to practice. I hope you'll all come to participate, and if you can't be there in person, my email (dmre@pbuuc.org) is always open for your ideas.

Yours in faith,

Chris McCann,
Director of Religious Exploration

Anti-Racism Resources

Article: CDC: Racism Is a serious Threat to the Public's Health <https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/racism-disparities/index.html>

Book: *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations* by Robert Livingston

Podcast: Pod Save the People <https://crooked.com/podcast-series/pod-save-the-people/> DeRay DeRay Mckesson explores news, culture, social justice, and politics with Sam Sinyangwe, Kaya Henderson, and De'Ara Balenger. They offer a unique take on the news, with a special focus on overlooked stories and topics that often impact people of color.

Song: "New Beginning" by Tracy Chapman <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72PkUgZ651k>

Children's Story: "Sulwe" by Lupita Nyong'O <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72PkUgZ651k>

Video: David Lammy, Climate Justice Can't Happen Without Racial Justice https://www.ted.com/talks/david_lammy_climate_justice_can_t_happen_without_racial_justice

Adult Faith Development

Two classes have occurred this month, "The History and Impact of the 8th Principle" and "Earth Stewards." A combined 24 people attended. We are excited to have had registrations from non-PBUUC congregations such as the UUCJ, UUMAC & CFL, Frederic CUUPS, UU Central Delaware, and Stone Circle Wicca.

You're invited to enjoy the class recordings on our Facebook group page or our YouTube channel. Each class is accompanied by detailed "Class Notes" which are provided to registrants. To request Class Notes or if you have any questions, please reach out to pbuucafd@gmail.com.

Only two more classes are scheduled for this spring semester, "How to Pray: Rediscovering Prayer from a UU Perspective" on May 15 10:00 am-11:30 am and the 2-part class "Hinduism – A Brief Overview" on Thursday May 20 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (Part 1) and Thursday May 27 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (Part 2)

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/837483503788589>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLKjdZ7Zb-5Vg8wsmMnmRg>

Register for Classes: <https://forms.gle/McB2f4MXtN83rTP58>

Review the Spring Schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/vmc5ssw3>



The Wider UU Universe

General Assembly (GA) - Annual Meeting of the Denomination June 23 to June 27

Registration/Financial Assistance.

Registration for this year's GA is \$200. The UUA is offering several options for financial assistance, including payment plans, work scholarships, and aid. It is actively encouraging folks to apply. You must register to attend all programming and receive post-GA materials.

Paint Branch Delegates.

Paint Branch is entitled to three delegates. Delegates take part in the actual discussion and voting on motions made to do the business and advance the justice agenda of the denomination. Paint Branch delegates will be formally appointed at the June 6 Annual Meeting. At that meeting, the congregation will also vote to either instruct our delegates to vote their conscience or consider input from congregation members on issues that will be voted on. Delegates must register. PBUUC does not currently provide financial support to delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact Don Gerson, Chair, Denominational Affairs Committee, at dac@pbuuc.org by no later than Friday, May 7.

Stacey Abrams And Desmond Meade Announced As 2021 Ware Co-Lecturers. Join Impressive List.

Stacey Abrams served as Democratic Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives for seven years prior to running for Governor. Desmond Meade is a formerly homeless returning citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually become the President of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition. The UUA President, in consultation with the GA Planning Committee, invites a distinguished guest each year to address the Assembly as the Ware Lecturer. Some of the Lecturers since 1925 have been: Jane Addams, Sister Joan Campbell, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holly Near, Reinhold Niebuhr, Mary Oliver, Krista Tippets, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., and Cornell West.

Comments Solicited for UUA Draft Statement of Conscience: Undoing White Supremacy.

At this year's GA, delegates will have the opportunity to take a vote on the proposed Statement of Conscience, Undoing White Supremacy. If approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates, this statement will become the official position of the denomination. You can read the draft at <https://www.uua.org/action/process/csais/draft-soc-undoing-systemic-white-supremacy>. You can send

your comments to dac@pbuuc.org. Our delegates can use your comments to inform their vote.

For more information about GA, including how to register, apply for financial assistance, and obtain a preview of some of the programming, go to <https://www.uua.org/ga>

Social Action Committee

Learn about PLAN

Paint Branch UUC's PLAN kTeam is inviting you to attend a training meeting May 6 at 7:00.

Learn what PLAN is all about--connecting with communities, other churches, other neighborhoods.

Find out what issues in Prince George's County folks are dealing with and how to listen to each other with the intent to take action to help.

Topic: PLAN/IAF Introductory Training Session

Time: May 6, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83029287452?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83029287452?pwd=UnZndDQ3UVBiZGluQkpiTkp1amxhZz09)

[pwd=UnZndDQ3UVBiZGluQkpiTkp1amxhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83029287452?pwd=UnZndDQ3UVBiZGluQkpiTkp1amxhZz09)



Flower Communion

Help Celebrate the UU Flower Communion Tradition!

The ongoing pandemic cannot stop us from enjoying a Spring Flower Communion Worship Service. With your help, we are moving our celebration to Zoom! You are invited to take photos or videos of you and/or your family amid flowers, flowering trees, or flowering bushes in your yard, the nearby park, or your neighborhood. OR get creative by making your own flowers out of paper or other materials! Take a selfie or video to show off your creativity! Begin recording yourselves now and send the photos or videos soon or before June 1 to WorshipAssociates@pbuuc.org. Then be sure to attend the Flower Communion Worship Service zoomed on June 13th at 10 am. Your videos and photos will be shown during the service. Let Chris McCann (DRE@pbuuc.org) or Tricia Most (Patricia_Most@msn.com) know if you need any assistance to participate. Maybe we can send a masked, appropriately distanced photographer to you! Let's have fun as we celebrate the legacy of our UU Flower Communion!

Diversity/Anti-racism Transformation Team

DARTT Monthly Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 2021

DARTT's next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, May 19 at 7 pm, via Zoom. If you have agenda items you'd like to submit for consideration, please send them to Co-Chairs Carmelita Carter-Sykes at cartercarmelita@aol.com and Ebony Contreras at etaras1@yahoo.com by Friday, May 7, 2021. If you are already on our mailing list, you will receive our agenda, draft minutes and meeting link. If you would like to attend and you are not on our list, please send your request for the link to Carmelita and Ebony. All are welcome.

UUA Central East Region Sponsors Jubilee Anti-Racism Workshop April 30 to May 3

DARTT Offers Financial Support for Attendees!

This 2 ½ day workshop is open to anyone who wants to journey toward making a stand against racism. It begins Friday April 30, continues Saturday, and ends Sunday. Topics include: The history of racism and resistance to racism in the Americas; defining racism; the effects of racism on people of color and on white people; dismantling racism; and claiming and shaping an anti-racist identity.

The cost is \$160. DARTT has again set aside funds to support Paint Branchers' attendance. Contact Carmelita Carter-Sykes at cartercarmelita@aol.com and Ebony Contreras at etaras1@yahoo.com by no later than Monday, April 26 if you are requesting this support. Go to <https://www.uua.org/central-east/calendar/jubilee-3-0321> on the CER website to register and get more details about the Workshop.

Support Local Neighbors in Need Through Community Service Solidarity

Some may be familiar with Paint Branch's Warm Nights initiative in partnership with Community Crisis Services Inc, where we host unsheltered guests in our sanctuary for a week each year.

Now during the pandemic, 260 home-insecure people in need are being sheltered by this program, but in a local hotel. Paint Branch members have committed to feed and support 100 of them once a month until at least July. Paint Branchers have already signed up for 90 of the 100 meals needed to meet our April 24th commitment.

If you'd like to participate, please see the sign-up information sheet:

Community Crisis Services Inc - PBUUC Community Service 4-24 or contact Ebony Contreras at etaras1@yahoo.com.

Nominating Committee

PBUUC Needs You!

We now have a Developmental Minister! We need members to serve our church now as we go into developmental ministry. Candidates are especially needed for the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee. Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting on June 6, 2021. To suggest a candidate or indicate your own interest now, please contact the Nominating Committee:

Carmelita Carter-Sykes at cartercarmelita@aol.com;
Carolyn Byerly at cbyerly@earthlink.net;
Karen Donovan at kjmonkey@gmail.com
Jaqui Walpole at walpoljs@pgcc.edu

Thank you!

Virtual Third Wednesday Lunch

Virtual Third Wednesday Lunch: We'll meet online again Wednesday, May 19 at 1 pm. Have your dining area and your lunch ready to show. If you know someone who hasn't come to lunches recently because of physical restrictions, encourage them to try this.

My cell phone number (which I won't use to log on) is 443-690-8345 in case of problems.—Keith

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/636354510?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/636354510?pwd=R2ZsK3lkZmpvbERTcitZUFBLbkJWZz09)

[pwd=R2ZsK3lkZmpvbERTcitZUFBLbkJWZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/636354510?pwd=R2ZsK3lkZmpvbERTcitZUFBLbkJWZz09)

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Call from any phone for audio-only: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 636 354 510 Passcode: 134047

Find your local number: [https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/636354510?pwd=R2ZsK3lkZmpvbERTcitZUFBLbkJWZz09)

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Invitation to Light the Chalice

Upcoming worship themes include: Connecting in community; our racial climate; inspirational Black leaders; Spring, rebirth, renewal; Earth Day; "Bomba" dance – resilience and resistance; Updating US History; Mother's Day; Choir service. Perhaps one of these themes particularly resonates with you. You can volunteer to light and extinguish the Chalice for the service of your choice. The Worship Associates appreciate all who have participated in this way of connecting with the congregation in this time of zoomed worship services. You can discuss dates for volunteering to light the chalice by emailing WorshipAssociates@pbuuc.org

Note to Our Readers:

The Church Administrator is responsible for the production of the newsletter.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR BRANCHES: All submissions for inclusion in Branches should be submitted by email to: branches@pbuuc.org.

The Leadership Directory (on page 2 of this issue), will contain names only. For more contact information, please consult your Membership Directory or call the Church Office at 301-937-3666. All submitted articles will contain phone numbers and/or email addresses for contact if listed. You may choose to list your email address only as a point of contact, and if requested, a pbuuc.org email specific to individual PBUUC committees, groups, or teams can be created.

Editorial Guidelines

- The deadline for submission of articles and other content to Branches is on the **20th day of every month**, except during the holidays.
- Articles should be submitted in their final form and content should be **200-600** words. Please submit the name of the author and any other contact information as necessary. **Reminder: Articles significantly over the word limit may be returned to the author for editing.**
- The deadline for submission of announcements and other content to appear in the Sunday Order of Service Bulletin is **every Wednesday at 12 noon**. Announcements received by the deadline will be included in the Continuum weekly email. **Short announcements to be read by the Worship Associate during the Sunday Service are also due then.**
- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** should be submitted in their final form to bulletin@pbuuc.org. Content should be **120** words or less. Please try to keep announcements one paragraph with a clear headline or topic sentence. Please include day, date, location, time, and contact information. Announcements should be PBUUC related; non-PBUUC events must have an explicitly stated UU connection. Up to one paragraph more may be added for use in the Continuum weekly email.

All deadlines are now on the web calendar. Go to www.pbuuc.org. Scroll down to “This Week” and click on

“More Upcoming Events.” Click on the Calendar grid to the left to advance to the next month.