



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

September 2018

SUNDAYS at 10:00 am

Nursery Care in Room 6 from 9:45-12:45
Refreshments and Fellowship after the service
Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45
Childcare until 12:45

SEPTEMBER 2 WAKE NOW MY VISION

*Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister;
with William Snyder, Worship Associate*

Rev. Christensen will speak about her Vision for Paint Branch. What is the purpose of this church? Service will include our annual Blessing of the Backpacks as our children and youth begin a new school year.

SEPTEMBER 9 THE RETURN ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

*PBUUC Member Jeanne Contardo;
with Elizabeth Porter, Worship Associate*

Decisions about where and how to educate our children are viewed as deeply personal, with parents and caretakers expected to "make the best choice for their family." But what if being a good UU means thinking more broadly?

SEPTEMBER 16 HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON US

*PBUUC's Quest Book Discussion Group;
with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate*

Our fifth UU principle recognizes our commitment to the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. Current times require courageous support of this principle against threats of tyranny and authoritarianism. Members of the Quest book discussion group will lead a service based on Timothy Snyder's recent book "On Tyranny."

SEPTEMBER 23 COME TO THE RIVER

Rev. Rachel Christensen, with Paul Wester, Worship Associate; The Chalice Dancers; and the PBUUC Choir
Annual Ingathering Service with Water Ceremony.

SEPTEMBER 30 LET US FORGIVE

Rev. Rachel Christensen, with Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate; The Children's Choir; and the PBUUC Choir
Yom Kippur on September 18/19 was the holiest day of the year in Judaism, the Day of Atonement. Let us speak of forgiveness and being forgiven.

Notes from the Minister



Community Justice Project Update

The Paint Branch Community Social Justice Project is a year long project designed to discern a focus for the congregation's long-term justice work. We will get to know the people who live and work near the church and the issues affecting them, the organizations already working on these issues and where our neighbors think we can best partner with them.

Paint Branch minister Rev. Rachel Christensen and community minister Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo have met several times this summer to plan out this project. We have prepared a Project Plan, established our initial time line and detailed steps for implementation. The Project Plan is a work in progress and will be adjusted and revised throughout the year. We have prepared articles for the Branches, met with DARTT, SAC and the Board of Trustees. We met with former DMRE Carla Miller before she left. Karen has researched other grant opportunities and we are submitting our first grant application in mid-September.

Susannah Schiller has agreed to serve as the chair of the Steering Committee for the project. The Steering Committee will be guiding the project and inviting input and engagement of interested members of the congregation throughout the project. There will be many short and long-term opportunities for all ages to be part of this transformative approach to justice work during the church year. Watch for specific details in the coming months.

The project is aimed at approaching social justice work in a different way, taking time to discern a focus for future congregational justice work and provide opportunities for all ages. In addition, Karen and Rachel will encourage strengthening of our individual spiritual reflection practices to better sustain ourselves and our justice work.

We will start by getting to know the area around the church. We'll look at the physical boundaries, the major institutions and gathering places as well as the most recent census data. We will then talk to people in the neighborhood to learn about the issues they are facing, the organizations working on those issues and areas where the congregation might effectively partner with those most directly affected.

In addition, we will also be looking at the congregation's social justice history. Where has Paint Branch shown up in the past?

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2017-2018 🌀

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Chair	Kate Brett
Vice-Chair	Noel Monardes
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Trustee	Wendy Schlegel
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Assistant Secretary	Jennifer Wright

🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

* Mary Rooker (2016-19)	Tricia Most (2018-21)
* Paul Wester (2016-19)	Clark Ritz (2018-21)
Elizabeth Porter (2017-20)	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)
Jeri Holloway (2017-20)	*Team Leaders

🌀 Pastoral Care Associates 🌀

Jeri Holloway
Lynn Johnson
Mike McMenamin

🌀 We Care Coordinators 🌀

VACANT

🌀 Chartered Committees and Teams 🌀

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
Adult RE	Emily Conover (Visual Arts)
Auction	Louise Waugh
Budget Leadership Team	Tess Morrison (Team Leader)
Buildings & Grounds (co-chairs)	Celinda Marsh
By-Laws Review	Lowell Owens &
Capital Campaign	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation	Muriel Morisey
Team (DARTT) (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Denominational Affairs	Carol Carter Walker
Electronic Communications	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
Finance	Don Gerson, Chair
Green Team (co-chairs)	Bettie Young, cluster rep.
Leasing (contact)	contact church office
Legacy Fund	Elaine Shell
Membership	Moe Cunningham
Ministry	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Nominating	Joe Dever
Personnel	Chris Evans
Religious Exploration	Pat Behenna
Social Action (SAC)	James Alexander, Janet Overton
Stewardship	and Elizabeth Porter
	John Bartoli
	VACANT
	REcmte@pbuuc.org
	Don Henderson
	Chris Evans

🌀 Groups and Activities 🌀

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	JOHN BARTOLI
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Food for Thought	Mary Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Mental Health Support Group	Alice Tyler
Mom's Group	Penney Hughes
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Paint Branch Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Sunday Sound & Facilities Volunteer Team	Van Summers
Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Esther Nichols
Warm Nights	Tess Morrison,
	Louise Waugh,
	& Van Summers
	Mark Shute
	Anita Williams
	Jeri Holloway
	Louise Waugh

Minister

The Rev. Rachel Rudd Christensen

Minister Emeritus

The Rev. Richard Kelley

Staff

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

Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration	VACANT
Chalice Dancers Director & Choreographer	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles Bury
Administrative Assistant	Hannah Oshin
Bookkeeper	Hannah Oshin
Rentals Building Manager:	Joel Yesupriya
Child Care Providers:	Jazmin Balbuena
	Joy Washington
	Briana Workcuff

Office Volunteers

Elizabeth Scheiman (Tuesday)	Janet Overton (Friday)
Will Snyder (Wednesday)	Mary Massey (Floating)
Alice Tyler (Thursday)	

Board Chair Musings

On August 17-18, the board met for a summer retreat. We were fortunate to have Hope Johnson, UUA congregational life consultant, to help develop the agenda and lead us for our weekend of activities. With her help, we worked through a series of activities focused on a reaffirmation of the board covenant, outline process for good board discussions and communications, and then closed the second day telling the story of the church, both its past and what we hoped to see in the future. In the end, the Board created a long list of things we identified as needing to do based on our weekend discussion.

On Tuesday, two days later, the Board met again for our regular meeting. We discussed options for how to organize the leadership of our group, deciding on having one Chair and two vice-chairs. Elections followed. Noel Monardes and Marguerite Summers were elected as vice-chairs and I was elected as board chair for a second year. I want to thank Carmelita Carter-Sykes and Eric Most for being the vice-chairs last year. The new Executive Committee will do our best to continue the process of envisioning the future of PBUUC.

We are now at the first anniversary of Reverend Rachel's ministry with us. The church is starting to grow, with more people choosing to sign the membership book. She also provides insightful guidance to many of the groups in the church including the Board. I have found this past year to be one of renewed spiritual growth for myself and wonder if that is true for others in the congregation.

We are fortunate to have many other hardworking staff at PBUUC. The Religious Exploration program is in good hands while the search committee is hard at work to find a new Director. We have a new Bookkeeper working in the office part-time, who has also been chosen to work in the Administrative Assistant position. We have great other staff who continue to keep our congregation running smoothly.

As we start this new church year, I am committed to serving as best as I am able. The Board will be working on behalf of the congregation and we want to know what you want from us. Please come talk to any one of us, either in person, by phone, or e-mail, should you have a question, and idea, or a concern. I believe I can speak for all of us that we want to serve you as best we can.

—*Kate Brett*, Board Chair

Multigenerational Religious Exploration

Director Search

The search for a new DMRE is in progress. Applications have been arriving and will continue to be accepted for a short time. Please share the application information available on the church's website.

We hope that sometime in November we will have found our new DRE and filled the position. We will keep you posted about the progress as we go along.

Sharing the load

With Carla Miller, our wonderful DMRE, leaving in August, there is an increased need for volunteers to make sure the religious education program continues to work smoothly. The MRE (Multigenerational Religious Education) team and the Minister will need lots of help and support, not just from the parents, but from the congregation as a community.

We know the congregation will pull together to support our families and children and the RE program as a whole. We have a great list of manageable and meaningful ways to help. If you are available to do something, please contact Reverend Rachel, Tina Van Pelt or Melissa Graham. And, if you are contacted about helping out with some specific task, we hope you will find a way to say yes!

We can do this!

Rev. Rachel, Tina, Melissa and the whole MRE Team.



RE Announcements

Register Your Child for Class

<https://tinyurl.com/registerRE18>

Just as you register for softball and swimteam, registration is required for Religious Exploration classes, 2018-2019. Please pop online to sign up now.

DRE-for-the-Day Schedule

Each Sunday a member of the MRE Team or parent will be designated as DRE-for-the-day.

September 2 **Sonny Katz**

September 9 **Joe Dever**

September 16 **Abby Crowley**

September 23 **All Ages Worship - Ingathering**

September 30 **Ebony Contreras Scurry**



Social Action Committee



The Paint Branch Community Learning Center (CLC) Wants You! The CLC is about to begin its Fall Semester of offering English classes to adults in our community. Volunteers are needed to:

In our effort to coordinate and encourage the efforts of the PBUUC community to bring about a more just society, the Social Action Committee (SAC) meets monthly to find ways PBUUC can work to meet the needs of disadvantaged people locally, nationally, and globally. An important and powerful way to help those who have less power than we do is to unite with like minds in a united and forceful movement.

One opportunity we will have to do that in September is to join the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC) in their annual unity march. The IFC, created in 1978, brings together eleven historic faith communities to promote dialogue, understanding, and a sense of community and to work cooperatively for justice throughout the DC region (read more at <https://ifcmw.org/events/>).

On Sunday, September 16, the IFC will hold its 13th Annual Interfaith Unity Walk. “Each September, we walk along ‘Embassy Row’ on Massachusetts Ave., NW, and visit houses of worship and other religious centers in a public celebration of solidarity among different faiths and cultures in our region.” Walkers will meet at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St NW, Washington, DC 20016. Special performers include The Cathedral Band and more. The walk is scheduled for 1:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Of course, not all are expected to walk the entire route or for the entire 4+ hours. At SAC’s August 18 meeting, we decided to support the Interfaith Unity Walk by showing up for it. It’s not likely that we will be marching the entire time; two of our marchers plan to cover part of the walk in a wheelchair. We hope for pleasant fall weather and we plan to walk with our PBUUC banner. We are asking anyone who wants to participate to meet in the church parking lot at 12:45 pm that Sunday. For more information, please contact Marj Donn at marjory.donn@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-1353.

Special Collections: Last month’s Special Collection was for the Archie Elliott Scholarship Fund (see last month’s Branches). September’s collection is earmarked for the Baltimore American Indian Center Heritage Museum.

PBUUC Film Series: SAC, DARTT, and the Green Team are in the process of planning the 2019 season of our combined Conscientious Projector Film Series. Please look for future advertising about this venture and plan to come out and enjoy movies promoting social justice.

Next SAC Meeting: Please join us for our next meeting, Saturday, October 20, at 10 am, in Room 4.

TEACH. In teams of two, using a Co-Teacher model. Training/Orientation will be held Saturday, September 8 in the morning. Classes begin Sunday, September 16 and continue through Sunday, December 30 from 1:15 to 3:15. All materials and lesson plans are provided. There are usually four classes: two beginning, one intermediate, and one advanced.

DISTRIBUTE FLYERS. Volunteers are needed from now through September 8 to distribute flyers at Adelphi Plaza, Beltway Plaza, Calverton, Hillandale, Langley Plaza, at Metro Bus Stops, in libraries and at churches. You can pick up flyers in English and Spanish beginning this Sunday after Service.

GREET. Welcome students as they register on Sunday, September 2 and Sunday, September 9 from 1:15 to 3:15. Guide them to their classrooms on September 16 from 1 pm to 2 pm.

REGISTER. Register, test, and collect modest fees on Sunday, September 2 and Sunday, September 9. Money and receipt book will be furnished.

Community Justice Project *cont.*

What justice work does the church now feel called to do? We’ll be talking to longtime members as well as newer members about the congregation’s past and present justice work and visions for moving forward together. From there, we will begin to discern possibilities for the congregation’s justice work in the future.

The project is generously supported by a \$2,500 grant from the congregation’s Legacy Fund and matching contributions from individual Paint Branch members and friends. Additional funding is being sought from the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Funding Program as well as other UU sources.

This is a chance for Paint Branch to lead the way in developing a relational and long-term approach to community justice work that can transform lives – including our own. But we can’t do it without you and your time and talents. We want your help, interest and input. In fact, we want all the You’s. And all the U’s, the U’s, and the UU’s. If you are interested in learning more about the project, please contact Rachel at minister@pbuuc.org and Karen at Karen.scrivo@gmail.com

Rev. Rachel

Paint Branch: An inclusive religious community connected by love, spirit and service.

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team



The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, informally known as DARTT, is the lead group for facilitating anti-racism and cultural diversity at PBUUC. DARTT coordinates numerous activities, both within our congregation and in the nearby community, to raise awareness about racism and to promote personal and spiritual growth. DARTT facilitates and coordinates. The actual work is the responsibility of all as expressed in the following resolution unanimously approved by the Congregation at its 2011 Annual Meeting.

“To more fully realize our Unitarian Universalist Principles, we, the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church community, declare ourselves an Intentional Multicultural Congregation. Therefore, we commit ourselves, the Board of Trustees, staff, committees, affinity groups and lay leadership to inclusive actions to transform all aspects of congregational life in ways that affirm our multicultural identity as the foundation of the church's strength.”

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) to Meet During Enrichment Hour on Sunday, September 16, 11:45 am To 12:45 pm in Kelley Room Left Side and every third Sunday thereafter. The September Meeting Focus will be a discussion about the PBUUC “home” for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer issues. A related issue will be a discussion/decision about recertification as a Welcoming Congregation. PBUUC was certified as a Welcoming Congregation to LBGTQ folks in 1994, using a curriculum guide developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The UUA recommends periodic renewal. Come to the September 16 meeting and be part of this discussion. DARTT is hosting this meeting as a forum for open discussion and not making any statements about the LBGTQ portfolio.

DARTT Needs Social Media Volunteer to Improve Communications Effectiveness. DARTT needs someone who can help improve our communications skills by recommending and setting up a system that would provide efficient reminders of meetings, tasks, activities. If you're willing to do this, please contact dartt@pbuuc.org.

Facilitators Needed for Discussion of Fascism: A Warning
The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) and the Social Action Committee (SAC) need two facilitators for a multi-session congregational read and discussion of *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright. The discussion will probably take place on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested in this role, please contact dartt@pbuuc.org. The logistics—reserving room, ordering books, providing snacks—will be done by DARTT/SAC members.



The Wider UU Universe

River Road UU Congregation is partnering with the MD/Poor People's Campaign and DoTheMostGood MoCo (DTMG) to lead a non-partisan democracy bootcamp at River Road UU Congregation Saturday, September 22 from 10 am – 1:30 pm. Participants will learn skills that can enable and support our democracy. Ashwani Jain, former White House staffer, will be the keynote speaker, along with Danielle Blocker from the MD/Poor People's Campaign. Participants will have a chance to attend three of the following workshops. There will also be stations for writing postcards to newly registered voters and getting information on the districts in which you reside.

- Phone banking –OR– Canvassing how-to's
- Voter registration
- Provisional and absentee ballot basics
- Tips to involve and help new/young voters
- Social media for activists

And, you will have a chance to sign up for voter canvassing with MD/Poor People's Campaign in low voter turnout areas. *We each have a role in maintaining our democracy.*

The InReach Evening Creative Aging Group is open to new participants. If you are in the second half of life (as defined by you!), then this group may be for you as we explore questions of identity and purpose unique to this stage of life. We meet once a month on the fourth Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at the UU Church of Silver Spring. Our first meeting is September 25 and our season runs through May. This year we will be discussing *Courageous Aging* by Dr. Ken Druck. His book has been described as a straightforward and honest approach to the issues we all face as we grow older. Contact Kent McCullough at 301-552-1427 or email jumccullough@verizon.net

THE IRENE JALENTI TRIO

Sunday, September 30 from 4 pm-5:30 pm
UU Church of Silver Spring

10309 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20903
Irene Jalehti, vocals; Leo Maxey, trumpet; Joshua Espinosa, piano
jazz@uucss welcomes Italian-born, Baltimore-based vocalist, Irene Jalehti and her trio. Irene is a dynamic, soulful, and passionate performer and composer who moves easily from a love ballad to an activist song to a comical tune, always with depth, nuance, and conviction.
Baltimore pianist Joshua Espinoza blends genres into original compositions and arrangements with a style that is tastefully modern, yet firmly rooted in the jazz tradition.
Leo Maxey is a Baltimore-area trumpeter and a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute. A member of the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra, and his “Maximal Winds” ensemble. Suggested donation \$10 (\$5 students/seniors) Children 12 and under free!

Sunday Setup Team

You may know that in the spring and throughout the summer we have had volunteers setting up the Sanctuary and running the microphones and sound system for the worship services. Yay, People!! They have done a wonderful job of having the Sanctuary ready. They have learned our new sound system and seamlessly provide amplification of the service.

But summer will not last forever. Soon we will be into fall and then winter, and the task of being ready on Sunday mornings will include sweeping leaves and then dealing with snow. In keeping with the idea of using volunteers, I am wondering if we could develop a team of people who would come early to church to help with setup of the Meeting House. For example, they would distribute hymnals and make sure the exterior of the church is ready for service. This could be done with four teams of two people, each scheduled for one Sunday each month. A fifth team could handle the fifth Sunday of a month when that occurs, and possibly cover in cases of scheduling problems.

Would you be willing to serve one Sunday a month in this way? Thanks for considering it!

Rev. Rachel and Van Summers

Contact Van for more info vsummers6@gmail.com

GREEN Team

HELP STOP GLOBAL WARMING:



Pachamama Alliance is spreading the message of possibility for reversing global warming and inspiring people to get into action with a new educational program based on revolutionary research. Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 experts led by Paul Hawken that identified and modeled the 100 most substantive, **already existing solutions** for addressing global warming and demonstrated that **it is possible not just to slow global warming, but to begin to roll it back by 2050**. After this introductory session you, may choose to continue learning by participating in a 5-session group this fall, "Drawdown Solutions: Getting Into Action."

Come to a 2-hour introductory workshop at PBUUC on Sunday afternoon, September 9, at 1 pm, led by Lore Rosenthal, Coordinator of Greenbelt Climate Action Network. Food will be available (arrive by 12:40 pm if you can). No charge.

To register, contact Marj Donn as soon as possible: marjory.donn@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-1353.

AUCTION 2018

Save the Date:

**Saturday,
October 20, 2018**

Paint Branch's 2018 Auction is Saturday, October 20. We will be looking for you, your family, and friends. There will be child care. This event is for you—whether you just visited for the first time last Sunday, are a friend, or have been a member for many years. Please note that the Auction is taking place in October rather than November as in past years.

Our Auction is a fun(d) raiser with something for every taste and budget. It is the second largest source of income for the Church. (The biggest source of income is our pledges and donations.) It is labor-intensive and takes a lot of hands beforehand and on the night of the Auction to be successful. So, be prepared to say Yes! when a member of the Auction Team recruits you to help.

You can do one thing right away: Send the Auction Team contact information for businesses that you regularly patronize. The Team will add these businesses and generate solicitation letters. (This was a major source of generous gifts last year.) The link is www.pbuuc.org/auction/business/

You can also begin inputting your own donations! You can browse some past Auction Catalogs on the table in the Meeting House Lobby for ideas. Then input your own at <http://pbuuc.org/auction/donate>

Tess Morrison,

Auction 2018 Team Leader



Finance Committee

Cash-only Pledge Envelopes for Sunday Offerings.

If, during the Sunday offerings, you would like to submit cash toward your financial pledge to PBUUC, please use one of the yellow envelopes available from the Ushers and make sure you write your name clearly on the outside of the envelope. These are cash-only pledge envelopes. All checks are automatically applied to your pledges.

In and Around Paint Branch

3rd Wednesday Lunch

Plan for lunch with church friends on the Third Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. This month, Wednesday, September 19, at 1 pm, we'll return to Pepino's in Burtonsville. We've been there before and it was a hit. Great Italian food, family owned and pleasant atmosphere. They are thriving in an otherwise vacant shopping center in the northeast corner of Route 29 and Route 198. Everyone is welcome. Contact Elaine Shell for more info TWedhUULK@pbuuc.org or 301-776-4271.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, September 8 at [TJ's Restaurant](#) in the Calverton Shopping Center, just up the road from PBUUC off Powder Mill Rd at 11607 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705. Come share food and conversation. The food is good, and the conversation goes wherever you want it to go. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. We intend to hold these breakfasts every second Saturday of the month. For more info contact: mensfellowship@pbuuc.org



Meet Hannah Oshin

My name is Hannah Oshin and I thank Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church for the opportunity to join the Church Office Team. I have been in the Accounting Field since 1994. I started out working in Accounts Payable at the headquarter of First Virginia Bank while attending George Mason University. I have since worked in Accounting and Management Positions in various Industries.

Hannah Oshin, Bookkeeper & Administrative Assistant
Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church 301-937-3666 / bookkeeper@pbuuc.org or adminasst@pbuuc.org

Interfaith Unity Walk

Some of us from PBUUC are joining this stroll down Massachusetts Avenue on Sunday afternoon, September 16. Walkers are invited to stop at various houses of worship along the way to learn about one aspect of each faith. The walk begins at Washington Hebrew Congregation at 3935 Macomb St. NW, in Washington DC. Transportation back to the starting point is available whenever you need it. Join Janet Overton, Marj Donn and Rene McDonald in the PBUUC parking lot at 12:45 pm on the 16th Let us know you are coming by leaving a message at 301-474-1353 or emailing marjory.donn@verizon.net with "Unity Walk" in the subject line or just show up at 12:45 pm on the 16th.

Music at Paint Branch

"Music at Paint Branch" returns this fall with 2 wonderful concerts. Our grand piano will be back in residence in September and we will feature pianist Thomas Pandolfi in recital on Sunday, September 30 at 4 pm in the Meeting-house. Mr. Pandolfi was accompanist for Paint Branch Choir in the 1990's and early 2000's. He has received rave reviews as a concert pianist both locally in the Washington, DC area and also Internationally. We are very excited to have him return to our "Music at Paint Branch" series. Save the date; of September 30. Details of his program will follow in the Continuum.

Chalice Dancers

All are invited to join the Chalice Dancers in a fun dance on September 16. (Not listing title so that there is a "surprise" element.) If you can come to rehearsal at 10 am on Saturday, September 15 - Great! If you cannot you can still join us - I will send a youtube video for you to practice with. Coming early on Sunday would be great too. Please contact Sharon and let her know if you are interested, and she will send you the video, and other details: 301-343-9869 or sbodul@comcast.net

Buildings and Grounds

As many of you have noticed, we are having trouble with the A/C in the Meeting House. We were able to get one of the units working for the time being. We are getting quotes, and evaluating our options for more extensive work. Meanwhile, several of the A/C units in the RE building are in need of extensive repair or replacement. We are getting quotes from multiple vendors, and looking at several options. These units affect the space that will be occupied by our new tenant, who is starting a cooperative school in Rooms 2 and 3 in the next few weeks. It is a high priority for us to serve our new tenant well, as we begin our relationship with them.

PBUUC Deck Project Update: It's going really well! We've painted a mind-boggling 500 balusters, cleaned 2/3 of the deck floor and BAG continues to replace bad boards as quickly as they can - but there's plenty left to do. (BAG is getting professional estimates to replace balusters too far gone.) Fifteen intrepid souls have so far committed sweat equity to the project, some over & over, but we still need your help. Next Work Days, weather permitting, Saturday, September 1; Monday, September 3 (Labor Day); and probably Saturday, September 8. Positions are available. No experience necessary. *Join Us!*

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 re-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.

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