



Branches

THE PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2021 SUNDAY SERVICES

ALL SERVICES AT 10:00 AM - ONLINE ONLY

Streaming on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/93495780708> and Facebook <http://Facebook.com/PBUUC/> Online Order of Service: <http://pbuuc.org/news/>. If you don't have Internet access, call the church office at 301-937-3666 for instructions on how to listen to the service on any phone.

JULY 4 • A New Declaration of Freedom

Lynn Strauss, Minister, with Worship Associate Polly Petit. How do we overcome the American tradition of violence? On this July 4th, let us consider the legacy of romanticizing war. What might freedom feel like if our country adopted "War is not the answer" as our national motto? Isn't freedom a human right?

July 11 • Gita and the Art of Winning

Raj Nigam (Guest Speaker) with Worship Associate Ebony Contreras. Gita is part of a Hindu scripture written about 500 BC. In this story about two warring families, Krishna teaches Arjun about self-worth, meaning of action, individual responsibility and interdependence. He

reveals what to do when faced with a conflict between duty and love – the art of winning. Learn about these Hindu teachings and how they relate to our Unitarian Universalist principles.

July 18 • "May It Be So": A Prayer

Rev. Lynn Strauss with Worship Associate John Barr. This will be Reverend Strauss' last sermon as our Interim Minister. Come and hear her wishes and blessings for Paint Branch.

July 25 • How Social Activism Shapes Our Lives

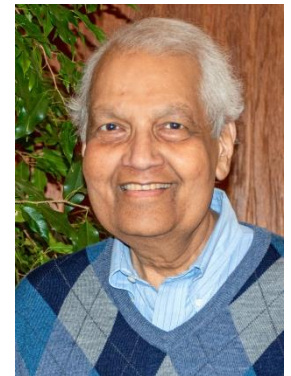
Worship Associate Tricia Most. Four speakers share their social activism journeys.

RAJ NIGAM, GUEST SPEAKER JULY 11

Raj Nigam was born and raised in India but has lived in the United States for more than 50 years. He did his graduate work in Applied Mathematics and Statistics and worked for the RCA Corporation and Merrill Lynch before retiring in 2004.

He continues to enjoy tennis, writing, reading, tutoring, gardening, traveling, and photography. He has delivered sermons on varied topics at several UU churches and congregations. He and his wife, Elaine, continue to be active in the UU Congregation of Princeton, New Jersey, having previously served as presidents of the Board of Trustees. Elaine was instrumental in establishing, and continues to be active in, UU FaithAction NJ, a network that provides coordinated advocacy and legislative leadership on issues of equality and justice. They have two children and four grandchildren who they visit often.

Elaine and Raj have been back to India many times, and keep in touch with family, friends and events, so Raj has a reasonable understanding of what is going on there. Raj, however, disavows any claims of scholarship and research, so will present his own perspectives.



INTERIM MINISTER'S FAREWELL SERVICE – JULY 18TH



Dear Paint Branch Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve as your minister.

I have felt the love you have for your church and I am grateful for all the ways you have shared that love with me. It has been a brief, but important, time in the life of your congregation. I have felt you growing deeper and more confident as the weeks went by. Each of you are leaders and seekers. Each of you want the best for your Beloved church. It has been a good match.

On July 18th, I will say goodbye and I will bring a word from Rev. Ann, your Developmental Minister, who begins on August 1st. The transition of ministers is a key moment, and Ann and I are preparing a celebratory "Zoom Hand-off!"

Thank you to all who faithfully attended worship, I felt your presence. Thank you to all who played with the children. Thank you to your amazing Board and all the wonderful volunteers. You are my first interim ministry assignment, you have taught me a lot. I am deeply grateful for the trust you extended so readily.

Continue to cherish one another as you welcome visitors, new members, new challenges, new joys.

Many Blessings,

REVEREND LYNN

REGARDING MULTI-PLATFORM WORSHIP PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

From Reverend Lynn

Speaking of new challenges and joys, the staff and I have been in dialogue about how to move toward multiplatform worship in a safe and gradual way that follows guidelines in place for our congregation and is in step with other UU congregations. No area UU church is yet fully open for worship. Each faces different challenges with varying financial, staffing, and volunteer resources.

At its monthly meeting on June 22nd, the Board passed the following motion: (approximate wording)

Rev. Lynn will establish a Multiplatform Coordinating Team to develop staged plans for reopening. The Team will include representatives from the Worship Associates, the Continuity Committee, tech teams (multiplatform and Zoom), staff, the Board, and BAG. The goal is to aim

for a multiplatform service from the Sanctuary on July 18th and to notify congregation frequently of updates as the situation changes.

I will convene a Working Group with representatives from staff, Worship Associates, Pastoral Care Associates, tech teams, the Continuity Committee, the Multiplatform Worship Team, the Board, and other committees as needed. We hope to meet early in July. The current recommendation from the Multiplatform Worship Team for a staged reopening is :

Phase 1 – Week of June 26th: Test sound equipment and camera angels in the Sanctuary.

July 18th - The first multiplatform worship. Inauguration of PBUUC's multiplatform worship will happen on Rev. Lynn's last Sunday at PBUUC! ONLY worship participants and tech and Zoom team in sanctuary, everyone else at home.

Phase 2 – Service in August (date to be announced). In attendance will be tech teams, ushers, greeters, and worship participants.

Limited attendance of congregation (approximately 25 pre-registered families).

Phase 3 – September 12th, Ingathering Service – The development of this worship will be created in consultation with Developmental Minister, Rev. Ann Kadlecek, who begins August 1st.

Limited pre-registered attendance.

As we work together through these phases (and more to come), please be kind to all. We are working hard to meet all of our hoped-for goals for our Worship Life together.

Marj Donn Protests Expansion of Pipeline 3



Marj Donn, a long-term social and political activist, joins others outside the Wells Fargo office in Langley Park on June 9 protesting the proposed [Pipeline 3 expansion](#). [Photo taken by Kathy Bartolomeo.] Marj will talk about her life of activism at our July 25 Sunday service. Listen and learn about changes members of PBUUC have sought to make in our wider community and the world.

Board Chair's Column

Good Day Paint Branch,

Summer is in full swing and here at Paint Branch we are full of anticipation for what the coming months will bring. Here is what we know so far:

1. Ministerial Transition: Rev. Lynn Strauss will give her final sermon with us on July 18th. All are invited to remain after the service as we celebrate her time with us. Please keep an eye on the ContinUUm for additional details. Rev. Ann Kadlecek will give her first sermon with us on August 8th. Please join us as we welcome her to Paint Branch.
2. A New Deck: Work is underway to replace our deck. We currently anticipate, barring unforeseen delays, a new deck will be in place by the end of 2021. Until construction starts, we will continue to use our current deck only as a corridor. No congregating is allowed. This is for the safety of all. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
3. Possible Other Improvements: The Board of Trustees has authorized a mortgage amount that could, in addition to funding the deck replacement, cover other needed repairs -- replacing the leaky roof, upgrading the HVAC system for improved ventilation, and renovation of the meeting house bathrooms are some possibilities.
4. Multi-Platform Programming: A team of dedicated volunteers is currently working to make sure that we can maintain a virtual worship presence even as we resume in-person services and activities. As we consider our next steps of returning to our facilities, we know that it can't be just as it was. Many of us have come to expect and even enjoy some elements of our virtual experience. We have also realized that offering multiple paths and timelines towards returning and engaging both now and in the future is a way to live into our values, to respect the worth and dignity of all within our community.

5. Intentionally Slow Resumption of In Person Activities: Many of us are anxious to return to our Meeting House - to be together again and to welcome our community to use our facilities as well. And at the same time, there are still vulnerable groups, both in our congregation and the wider community, for whom a full resumption of in person operations poses a unique risk. These include our children under 12 who cannot yet be vaccinated and those whose health may prevent them taking full advantage of vaccinations. We will move on a timeline of reopening that honors inclusivity and safety for all and provides time to implement the logistics of a multi-platform reality. With this in mind, July will include:

- a. Increased coordination of lay leaders from Worship, Tech, Pastoral Care, and other key areas to work with the Minister to plan logistics for a phased return.
- b. Bringing additional worship participants into the Meeting House for selected Sunday Services.
- c. A congregational survey regarding readiness in the community for gathering again in person.
- d. A BOT public comments opportunity during coffee hour on July 25th dedicated to resumption of in person gatherings.
- e. Consideration by the BOT at the July business meeting of updated recommendations provided by the Continuity Committee related to guidelines for staff, rentals, and other small gatherings.

Moving forward from there, we remain hopeful that we can offer some level of true Ingathering related to the service on September 12th and are currently planning for an in-person Auction on November 13th. As with all events at this time, they are tentative and hopeful plans, dependent on the continued reduction of pandemic conditions, the logistics of multi-platform programming, and the evolving status of the deck.

As always, any questions and thoughts can be shared with the Board of Trustees at bot@pbuuc.org. And as I close, I would like to once again thank outgoing members Ebony Contreras, Wendy Schlegel, and Sabrina Jones for their service, particularly during this year of so many transitions in the life of our congregation. And welcome to incoming Board members Muriel Morisey, Abi Hanley, and Patty Daukantas. I look forward to working with you in this coming year. May it be a bright year for Paint Branch.

In hope,

Melissa Graham, Chair,

Board of Trustees

Light the Chalice for PBUUC



The Worship Associates welcome you to light and extinguish the chalice each Sunday. Lighting the chalice during worship is a meaningful way for you to connect with our community. If you or your family have never been invited to light the chalice before, please volunteer. Email WorshipAssociates@pbuuc.org.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Hello, my good people!

I've been thinking lately about spiritual practices and the difficulty I can have maintaining them. I have a habit of elevating mundane tasks to a spiritual practice, like praying while I make my bed in the morning or cleaning the house while I listen to a specific music playlist.

I was recently reminded of my favorite quotes from author Shane Claiborne who writes, "I believe in a God of scandalous grace." Now, I'm not entirely sure about the God part, but I am convinced of the scandalous grace part. And what if scandalous grace was a spiritual practice? What would that look like for me? For you? For us as a community?

I imagine it would start with curiosity. Staying open to the possibilities that lie within a person. Putting down defensiveness and assumptions for the duration of a conversation. What might we learn? What could happen if we made a spiritual practice of curiosity?

And assumptions! They have a bad habit of ruining a lot of otherwise simple and pleasant exchanges. And it's hard to get away from them. So what if we made a spiritual practice of the most generous assumptions of those in our community? How might that change how we view ourselves, each other, the folk who are with us in beloved community? How do we treat those we call beloved?

We are in a time of so many transitions, and this can make us short with one another, make us react rather than respond. Has this been true for you? I know it's true for me. My tolerance for even the most minor annoyance hovers around zero most days, which makes it all more vital that I begin to practice curiosity, openness, generosity, grace. Oh, my good people, we have so much decision making and discernment ahead of us. Let us be beloved for each other.

Yours in scandalous grace,

Chris McCann

Religious Educator

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Book: [*The Ground Breaking: An American City and Its Search for Justice*](#). Tulsa--the riot and its aftermath-(Click on the cover to purchase from a Black-owned bookstore in Baltimore.)



Video: ["Racism Has a Cost for Everyone," a TedTalk from Heather C. McGhee](#). McGhee explains how racism makes our economy worse by fueling bad policymaking and draining our economic potential.



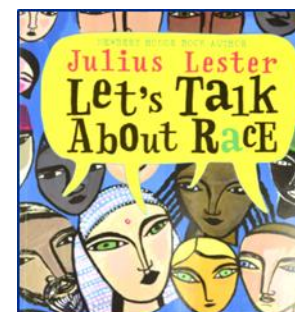
*We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal.*

Song: ["The Declaration" — the Declaration of Independence sung by The Fifth Dimension.](#)

Podcast: ["Floodlines: The story of an unnatural disaster."](#) An audio documentary about the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.



Video (and Book) for Kids: [Let's Talk About Race](#) by Julius Lester. Lester. The author presents the wealth of human difference as a treasure trove for discovery and learning.



RACIAL CLIMATE AT PBUUC AND “WIDENING THE CIRCLE” IN THE DENOMINATION: AN INTERIM REPORT AND WHERE WE WILL GO FROM HERE

by Paul Wester

The change of the church year is a good time to take stock of where Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is and where our faith community might go next to improve the racial climate in our congregation and the denomination.

The following reviews our recent history in prioritizing anti-racism, outlines what’s happening on the PBUUC journey now, and suggests where we might go in the future.

Since chartered in 2007, the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) has led the work of anti-racism in our community. It initiated the annual Kwanzaa Service (2007); urged our congregation to resolve to be an intentional multicultural community (2011); and ensured the community’s decision to install the Black Lives Matter banner on our property (2017). DARTT members also played the leading role in our congregation’s June 6th adoption of the 8th Principle that calls on us to journey:

toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

DARTT will continue to champion this work; however, PBUUC needs to establish the structures and build the relationships that will make us more accountable to each other so that anti-racism is part of our congregation’s DNA.

This spring the Board of Trustees established a Racial Climate Leadership Team (RCLT) consisting of members of the former Conflict Transformation Team and the Board’s Thriving Congregations workgroup.

The RCLT’s purpose is to convene members to address the issues of race-related conflict in our community identified by our consultants in the PBUUC Racial Climate Assessment Report. This group includes Carol Boston, Carol Carter Walker, Ebony Contreras, Deb Rubenstein, and Paul Wester.

Earlier this spring Chris McCann, PBUUC’s director of Religious Education, organized a covenant group of PBUUC members to study “Widening the Circle of Concern: Report of the UUA Commission on Institutional Change.” Through an action/study guide, the report lays bare the theological, organizational, and cultural challenges in communities like ours and the larger denomination. Generations of overt and systemic racism, as well as other forms of oppression, infuse these areas of challenge.

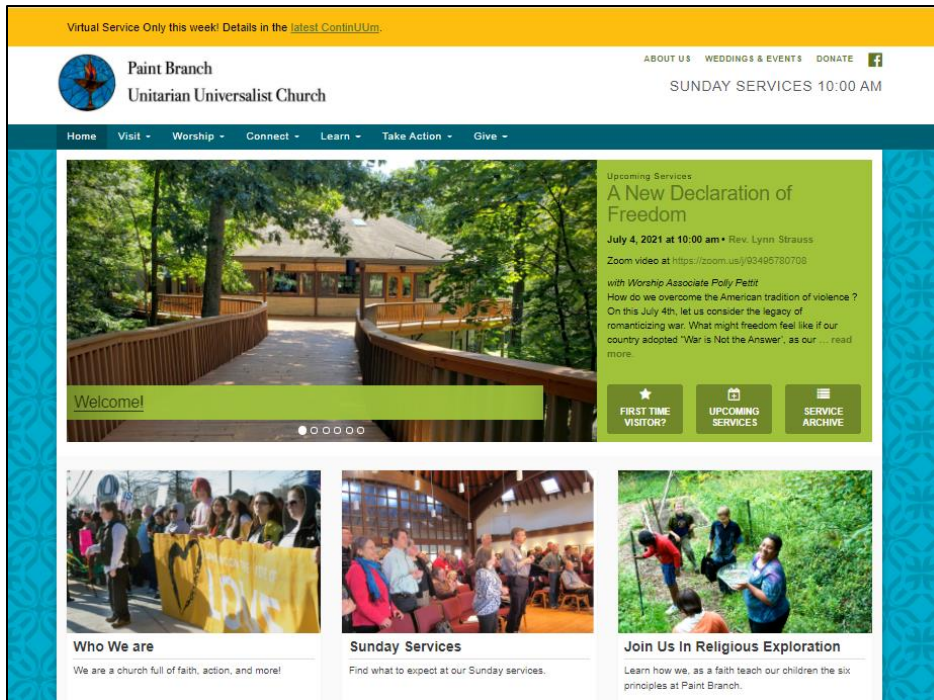
The inaugural PBUUC Widening the Circle study group will conclude its biweekly study sessions in August and report on its experience, lessons learned, and potential next steps for structured reflection and action.

Also in August, Deb Rubenstein and Paul Wester will start a new Widening the Circle study group to deepen and extend these conversations in our community. This will be a community-wide opportunity for members with energy and interest. Sign-up announcements will be made in the July and August ContinUUs and Branches.

With support from Chris McCann and Reverend Ann Kadlecsek, PBUUC’s incoming Developmental Minister, the RCLT will convene a Racial Climate Coalition. The coalition will organize activities that address challenges outlined in the “Widening the Circle of Concern” report and the PBUUC Racial Climate Assessment -- activities consistent with the PBUUC goals for developmental ministry.

Some Racial Climate Coalition activities will be discrete, stand-alone events, like training around the intersection of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and welcoming new members. Others will be larger, ongoing community activities, like covenanting to hold ourselves accountable to be anti-racist and build our Beloved Community consistent with the 8th Principle. There will be opportunities for groups like DARTT and others, and for individual members, too. It will likely be messy as we learn together, but the work is necessary for our community and denomination.

The RCLT will provide more information about organizing the Racial Climate Coalition in later July and August as we enter the new church year with Reverend Kadlecsek.



PBUUC HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!

As of July 1, we have a new website thanks primarily to Andy McIntire and Carol Boston. To ensure that our website is always current, changes and updates will be ongoing. To help us do that, we ask that web page owners (committees, teams, etc.) send in updated information as things change with your groups. In addition, you are welcome to send in items for the "wish list" (e.g., I wish our site had a "members-only" area with information and "How Tos" like how to reserve a room for a meeting). For now, we'll be triaging these things and addressing the most urgent issues first. If your group hasn't submitted an update to your page, do so by emailing the desired changes to new-website@pbuuc.org.

PBUUC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



RE FUN IN THE GLEN

Our kids had a grand time in the glen on June 26th! We didn't build a lot of cairns but we did build community. The kids worked together to try to catch fish in their shoes, we surveyed the bridge that we are still planning to repair, we explored the beloved grounds of Paint Branch. We'll be having more family fun on Saturday, July 17th, so keep an eye on the Continuum for more information.

PBUUC ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT (AFD) SUMMER PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to join our two offerings this July. In a two-session Birding for Life class, we will learn from Rev. LoraKim Joyner, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, how birds can help bring justice and well-being to our biotic communities. In the Mysticism in Modern Times: Historic and Urban Practices class, Renee Katz and Eric Eldritch will present and explore the

mystical traditions in world religions and those mystical practices useful in a daily American-life context. Our final class, in August, is Nurturing a Healthy Spirituality: Creating a Path toward Spiritual Wholeness (date TBD). You're invited to enjoy recordings of previous classes on our Facebook group page or our YouTube channel. Please reach out to pbuucafd@gmail.com to join our AFD email list where you can get links to attend the classes.

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

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLEKjdZ7Zb-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLEKjdZ7Zb-5Vg8wsmMnmRg)

[5Vg8wsmMnmRg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLEKjdZ7Zb-5Vg8wsmMnmRg)

Review the spring schedule at <https://tinyurl.com/vmc5ssw3>

DIVERSITY/ANTI-RACISM TRANSFORMATION TEAM NEWS

DARTT Is Seeking Candidates for Leadership Positions - DARTT is recruiting for several leadership positions to serve from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Please consider being a candidate for one of the elected Co-Chair positions. We also are in need of a Vice Chair and a member-at-large for DARTT's Leadership Advisory Council. If you are interested, we will be asking you to respond to some questions about your diversity work. If you'd like to know more or if you are interested in serving, please contact Ebony Contreras at etaras1@yahoo.com.

DARTT Bookread Group Reading - The DARTT-sponsored Bookread Group is discussing its fourth selection, *The Warmth Of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. Consider joining us for the remaining discussions July 14, July 28, and August 11 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Wilkerson's book is widely available new, used, and in various formats and is in local libraries. If you plan to buy it, consider Black-owned bookstores in the area (Loyalty Books, Silver Spring, and Mahogany Books, Sankofa, and Solid State al in DC). To register and get Zoom access to the group link, sign up at dartt@pbuuc.org.

DARTT's Next Monthly Meeting Wednesday, July 15 At 7:00 PM - If you would like to submit items to DARTT's Leadership Advisory Council for placement on the agenda, please submit them to dartt@pbuuc.org no later than Friday, July 10. If you are on the DARTT mailing list, you will receive the Zoom access link, along with the draft agenda, minutes, and other meeting-related documents. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list, or receive documents for the meeting, please send your contact information to dartt@pbuuc.org. All are welcome.

SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE

Spirituality Circle is a safe place for attendees to discuss various aspects of spirituality and to share about our individual journeys. We usually meet the first and third Sunday of the month at 11:45 AM. There is usually a topic of discussion led by a volunteer on the first Sunday; the third Sunday is for checking in and/or follow-up discussion on the topic of previous meeting(s). We plan to begin meeting regularly again in September. Because the first Sunday in September falls on Labor Day weekend, we will start our journey on September 19th. Here is the schedule of topics:

- 9/19/21 - Chris McCann will lead a discussion on The Challenges of Spirituality and Developing a Spirituality Practice.
- 10/3/21 - We will discuss an essay by James Hollis, "Construct a Mature Spirituality," from his book *Living an Examined Life*. If you don't have access to the book, we will provide copies of the essay.
- 10/17/21 - Check-in and further discussion on previous topics.
- 11/7/21 - We will discuss poetry and prose that has/continues to inspire us. Kate Blankenship has requested discussion of poems by Naomi Shahab Nye. Attendees are encouraged to read *Everything Comes Next* by Nye and/or bring examples of things that inspire you.
- 11/21/21 - Check-in and further discussion on inspiring prose and poetry.
- 12/6/21- Holidays and Spiritual Practice.



Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at Paint Branch? Well, now is your chance to find out! PBUUC needs volunteers to provide temporary help with the ContinUUm, Branches, Sunday Streaming, and office coverage. Training and support will be provided. If you are interested in learning more about your church, how and why decisions are made, volunteer. Opportunities await! Please send an email to BOT@pbuuc.org and ask for more information.

Donate to PBUUC When Using Amazon



If you purchase items from Amazon, you can create a small donation to PBUUC by logging into Amazon with [AmazonSmile](#). Once you register on AmazonSmile that PBUUC is your charity of choice for this feature, Amazon will automatically contribute 0.5% of each purchase to us. The AmazonSmile log-in will become an alternate log-in to your current Amazon account, keeping all of your Amazon data intact. A statement of contributions will be sent quarterly to you, and the collective contributions of all PBUUC AmazonSmile participants will be deposited quarterly to the PBUUC checking account. If you use Amazon, thank you for donating through AmazonSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0674270>.



CHARTERED COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

GROUP NAME	CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS/LEAD	GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES	
Arts Council - Music	Pat Tompkins	Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Arts Council -Visual Arts	Pat Tompkins (acting)	Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Adult RE	Ebony Contraras	Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Auction Committee	Tricia Most and Kathi Yu	Choir	David Chapman
Budget Leadership Team	Kathi Yu and Wendy Schlegel	Coffee Coordinator	Vacant
Buildings & Grounds	Peter Wathen-Dunn	Community Café	Alice Tyler
Committee on Ministry	[TBD]	Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Community Relations Team	Paul Wester	Creative Force Writers Group	Ebony Contreras
Continuity and COVID Response	Reese Myrdon	Food for Thought	Mary Rooker
Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)	Carmelita Carter-Sykes and Ebony Contreras	Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
Denominational Affairs	Don Gerson, Chair, and Bettie Young, Cluster Rep.	LGBTQ+ Group	Carolyn Byerly
Endowment Committee	Chris Evan	Men's Group	Keith Miller
Finance Committee	Elaine Shell	Mental Health Support Group	Alice Tyler
Green Team	Moe Cunningham and Kathleen Bartolomeo	Mom's Group	Penney Hughes
Leasing Committee	Joe Dever	Offertory Counter Coordinator	Marilyn Pearl
Membership Committee	Carol Carter Walker (acting)	Pagan Group	Abi Hanley
Multigenerational Religious Exploration Team (MRET)	Katherine Darlington and Tricia Most	Quest Discussion Group	Tess Morrison
Nominating Committee	Carmelita Carter-Sykes (acting)	Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
Personnel Committee	Moe Cunningham, Sabrina Jones, and Janet Overton	SAC Special Collections Coordinator	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Racial Climate Leadership Team	Deb Rubenstein	Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Religious Education Discernment	Chris McCann, DRE	Sunday Sound & Facilities Volunteer Team	Keith Miller
Social Action Committee (SAC)	Kathleen Bartolomeo	Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Cathy Helmold
Stewardship	Chris Evans	Ushers	Lori Snyder
		Warm Nights	Vacant
		Webmasters	Andy McIntire and Mark Shute
		Welcome Table Greeters	Anita Williams
		Welcoming Congregation	Eric Eldritch
		Widowed Persons Group	Jeri Holloway
		Women's Retreat	Anne Hoover

NOTE TO OUR READERS

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) contains 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. If requested, a pbuuc.org email address 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.