



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

OCTOBER 2008

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES — all 10:00 am

Followed by Coffee Time and then *Enrichment Hour*—small group programs (11:45–12:45)

OCTOBER 5

AFTER THE STORM

Rev. Hubbell, with Chalice Dancers, Worship Associate Marilyn Pearl and Women's Choir

Into each life some rain may fall. No matter how many umbrellas we may own, hurricanes come in every life, turning those umbrellas inside out, knocking us and our world upside down. Sometimes we face human storms; sometimes nature knocks us to our knees. Sometimes the damage is intentional, sometimes it just happens. In any case, we need to find ways to let go. During this High Holiday season, we take time to seek the grace which will allow us to leave our pain and fears behind. The Chalice Dancers will be performing for the first time to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," the auction selection of one of last year's auction winners, Carol Carter Walker. We will be installing the Board of Trustees this morning.

OCTOBER 12

PAINTING THE FACE OF THE HOLY

Rev. Manwell, with Worship Associates Erin Washburn, Bruce Baker and Tosha O'Neal

Those who have grown up in our Unitarian Universalist tradition have long been invited to understand God not as a supernatural being, but as the experience of the transforming power of love. But those who come in as adults often cling to orthodox ideas of God, though they reject them. We invite you this morning to let go of orthodox imagery, and to paint the face of God for yourself. As a lifelong UU, I will offer my own painting, in which you will recognize elements of both humanism and theism. Our Association Sunday collection will support the UUA's "excellence in ministry" initiative, half of which will provide grants for local programs of theological education for lay people. The other half will support the settlement of ministers of color, who have faced continuing obstacles; will help our theological students; and will support continuing education for ministers. We invite you to bring your checkbook!

OCTOBER 19

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Leo Jones, preaching, Don Henderson, Worship Associate, with Sylvia Lagerquist, and performances by students from the Suitland High School for the Visual and Performing Arts Program

Public education is one of the pre-eminent social justice issues of the 21st Century because of the convergence of race, ethnicity, culture, language, and economic opportunity. As we enjoy the annual visit of students from the Suitland High School Center for Visual and Performing Arts, we will reflect on the role of Unitarian Universalism in the development and promotion of public education, and explore the moral imperative to provide an effective education for all children.

OCTOBER 26

WE REMEMBER THEM ALL (DIA DE LOS MEURTOS)

Rev. Hubbell, with Worship Associate Tish Hall

How do we remember those we have loved who have died? Some we will remember every day of our lives. Yet the remembering changes with time. Today, we speak of remembering and letting go, remembering and honoring, remembering and celebrating. Come in costume and stay for the festivities after the service. Day of the Dead is both a religious and cultural holiday increasingly celebrated in many parts of the world. In Mexico, families make a home altar filled with sugar skeletons, marigolds, and food offerings in remembrance of our loved ones. In El Salvador, family members visit the grave sites of their loved ones, pray and bring flowers. We invite you to bring pictures and other small mementos of your loved ones for our service. You may also wish to set some time aside at this time of the year for visiting a special place where you feel close to your loved ones.

Roots and Wings

by Rev. Phyllis L. Hubbell

What is the church for? Several years ago, John and I attended a workshop for ministers at General Assembly, on racism. Lee Mun Wah, producer of a film entitled "The Color of Fear," facilitated. A colleague of mine, the Rev. Carol Rosine described the discussion that morning.

Lee Mun Wah asked:

If you have ever been stopped while driving a car because of the color of your skin, please stand. If you've ever been handcuffed because of the color of your skin, please stand. If you've ever been arrested and put in jail because of the color of your skin, please stand. . . As I looked around the room it was primarily my colleagues of color who were standing. . . "How many times have you been stopped while driving your car?" And the answers started to come: Once. Six times. Two or three times a year for the past 17 years. . . And then Lee Mun Wah addressed those of us who remained seated and said, "Do you hear what they are saying? Do you believe them? How do you feel?"

I heard them. I believed them. I felt ashamed. Such things didn't happen to my friends. But my closest friends were white. My other friends and my colleagues hadn't ever shared this part of their lives. I had assumed at some level without articulating, even to myself, that somehow people who were stopped were asking for it. I assumed (without knowing I assumed it) that those who were stopped were usually dressed like punks, were aggressive drivers, probably out joyriding. Not my friends. Not my colleagues. Not innocent, deserving people like me.

I have never forgotten that morning -- my colleagues of color standing witness to the racism still so prevalent in our culture and the discovery that my world was so removed from the daily reality of people I thought shared it. I say I have never forgotten it, yet, I often forget the meaning of that morning. My life is still sheltered.

I have to guess what it is to face prejudice of that magnitude. I have to remind myself that I am privileged.

What is the church for? A few weeks ago, I shared a story of a UU in the sixties who had opposed the dropping of racial restrictions on membership in his church. Pressed by his fellow trustees as the board meeting ran late into the night, he finally conceded that the purpose of the church was to "change people like me."

Over the years, the church has changed me in many ways. I can remember when I used to think that gender inclusive language was awkward and unnecessary. Now I miss it when a speaker uses only male pronouns. I have learned that those who are deaf have faced very similar oppression to racial minorities. I have sat next to a transgendered woman wearing a dress as she wept in church. She had never before worn a dress in public anywhere.

This church may well attract ministers of color or Hispanics, Latinas or Latinos. The Ministerial Search Committee may find that the best candidate is a gay man, or a transgendered woman, or someone confined to a wheelchair. Some of you, like me, may not understand how easy it is to feel like an outsider in a culture with such different assumptions and experiences. Some of you may not understand the depth of prejudice that still exists in our society, and conclude that the new minister is too sensitive.



Yet that same minister may well be exactly the person your child needs who will understand the hazing he faces in school. That same minister may be exactly the person your spouse needs when her supervisor singles her out for abuse. The person who has known trouble, who has engaged it through many hard nights and come out with the gifts of ministry, may be exactly who this congregation needs, even if he or she challenges you to face the discomfort of change – or perhaps because of this.

What is the church for? To change people like me. To change people like us. May we open our hearts still wider.

Re-Imagining the Face of the Holy for Ourselves

By Rev. John P. Manwell

On October 26 I'll be inviting us to let go of other people's images, and let our imaginations go as we paint the face of the Holy, of God, of the "more than" for ourselves – a project which I see as a lifelong one, as we grow and mature.

We'll be inviting the children to draw their own images and one or more will be used for the cover that Sunday. I invite each of us, in the days ahead, to reflect on how we have experienced the Holy (by whatever name we know it), and get out our pencils and paints. Draw something to bring to the service – or draw it during the service. After the service we'll display all the drawings.

Some might draw a rainbow, or a mountaintop or valley. It could be the sun; for me it's often the stars on a brilliant night. It might come in the sound of thunder or the pelting of driving rain, or perhaps in the eye of a hurricane or the caress of an autumn breeze. We may feel it in the warmth of friendship, or the face of a newborn child. Sometimes only words can capture our experience and sometimes no words or image at all. But for all of us there are experiences that take us outside of ourselves. What are they for us, right now?

The "face of the Holy" is a visual metaphor; few of us, after childhood, think of God any longer in anthropomorphic images, unless perhaps it's the face of Jesus, the Buddha or some Hindu figure. We need to be mindful, too, that in ancient Jewish tradition, the Holy was so sacred that Jews were enjoined to make no images of it, nor even to speak God's name. For some of us, today, it may be painful to think about the images of God, of any sort, that we have rejected from our past; and often we prefer to speak of the Holy in other ways than "God." Most of us today find "Spirit of Life" a name that we can share.

The point is to free ourselves from images which are no longer ours, and imagine the face of the Holy as we have experienced it, in images which may be visual or verbal, or which may be beyond description. That's OK too. I'd be happy to talk with you about this struggle which I think all of us share to find images or language which speak to our life experience.



High Holy Days – A Time of Atonement and Forgiveness

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Jewish High Holidays, are observed from September 29 to October 9 this year. In that tradition, this is the new year, a time, when names are written in the book of life. All are enjoined to examine their lives to see if there is anything they have done during the past year which they need to atone for. All of us do things we wish we had not done and fail to do that which we wish we had done, intended to do, committed to do. In the spirit of this tradition, we invite you to consider whether the days before the service may be the time to make amends and ask forgiveness of someone you have let down. It is never too late to say "I'm sorry." It is never too late to ask forgiveness.

- Rev. Phyllis

Dia De Los Muertos Celebration Help Needed

We are looking for help in preparing the table for the offerings at our remembrance service on October 26. Is there anyone out there, who is familiar with the Mexican or Latin American celebrations, who might have colorful table cloths or scarves and appropriate decorations that they would be willing to loan and help arrange for the service? Please contact Rev. Hubbell at revphyllis@pbuuc.org or leave a message at the church office.

Ministerial Search Committee *by John Bartoli*

SEARCH COMMITTEE GATHERS MORE INFORMATION FROM THE CONGREGATION



The Search Committee has just finished a very busy month. We had something going every Sunday from Aug. 24 thru Sept. 21. We started out on Aug 24, sponsoring a very successful Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop facilitated by the UUA's Rev. Keith Kron and attended by some 90 people. The next Sunday (Aug. 31) we discussed and distributed our summary of the congregational survey results to a good-sized crowd. Then on Sunday, Sept. 7, we participated in the Involvements Fair. Finally, on September 14 and 21, we held small group cottage meeting discussions with about 40 more Paint Branchers on four key questions derived from the survey results.

Whew! All of these activities are part of our congregation-wide plan to gather as much information as possible from everyone associated with Paint Branch about what they want for the future settled ministry. The next month will find us not quite so visible but we will still be working hard, meeting every week, assimilating all the information we have gathered, and putting together the packet of information that will present us to prospective candidates.

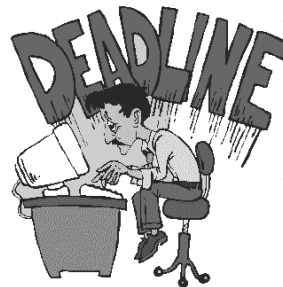
Our next big task is putting together what is known as the Congregational Record. This is a full examination of our church, our finances, our buildings, our numbers, our demographics, our Sunday attendance, our RE attendance, our budget--pretty much everything that goes into making Paint Branch Paint Branch. We are intent on completing this process and having our congregational record on the UUA Transitions Website approved for prospective candidates to view by October 31. Once this record is online, any ministers in search (and registered and vetted by the UUA) can view our information.

The eight members of the MSC (Ministerial Search Committee) are: **Bettie Young** (co-chair), **Michael Léger** (co-chair), **Tricia Most**, **Marge Owens**, **Beth Lyons**, **Rene McDonald**, **Muriel Morisey**, and **John Bartoli**. Please don't hesitate to stop one of us and ask about the search. Look for the big ID tags with the MSC logo. We'll be working every week for you.

BOB HOLLOWAY, FORMER CHOIR DIRECTOR DIES

Many of you have heard by now that **Bob Holloway**, choir director at Paint Branch for 26 years, suffered a massive stroke and died a week and half later on Sunday morning, September 21. Jeri would like to thank the church for all the support. She appreciates your calls and phone calls very much and will be happy to hear from you in the months ahead. Bob was a pillar of this church, a gentle, lovely man. A memorial service with lots of special music is planned for Saturday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting House with light reception to follow. We hope you will be able to attend. For those who may wish to do something in Bob's honor, Jeri has requested that donations be made to the Legacy fund or the Piano Restoration Fund.

BRANCHES DEADLINE HAS CHANGED.



We know that with all the numerous activities in and around Paint Branch, we need to try find that balance between allowing as much time for people to get in their important information for our newsletter, and yet keep enough time for the church office staff and volunteers to format, proof, check for accuracy, as well as make some wiggle room for the inevitable "straggler" who promises to never ever miss the deadline ever again (ever!)

Bearing this in mind, the deadline for Branches has **been moved to the 20th of each month**, rather than the 3rd Sunday of each month. In most months, this gives you a few more days to get that important information in. Also, if the 20th of the month lands on a weekend, that automatically gives you until Monday morning at 8:30 am, to have your stories, events and other information to the church office.

Auction Committee News and Notes

LOCAL LANES: the 2008 Auction theme

**Saturday, November 8 from 3:30 pm to 9:00 pm –
Save the date!**

What are your dreams for Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church? If you are like most of us, the list is long. Dreams depend on our stewardship and our fundraising. The Auction is a fun way to demonstrate care for our church community.

This year's theme is Local Lanes – celebrating what we have in the community, even if it comes from afar. We begin with the silent auction and conclude with entertainment by some of our most talented members.

DONATE YOUR SPECIALTY: Whether your skill is being a handyman for the day, being a hand crafter, or handy in the kitchen, there are many goods and services, not to mention dinners or outings, that you can donate to the auction.



Donation Deadline is October 19 to be included in the regular auction catalog. You can still donate items for inclusion in a catalog

supplement. The earlier we can advertise an item, the greater benefit for the church.

How to donate? The easiest way is to submit your donations by sending all the information in an email to auction@pbuuc.org. Paper forms are in the Meeting House Lobby, in the large red box on the window sill, and with this newsletter on pages 16-17. You can fill out the forms and return them to the box, or drop them off in the church office, or give them to **Kathi Yu** or **Jan Montville** or mail to the church, marked "Attention Auction". Please provide complete descriptions of your donation with minimum bid and details such as how many places are offered at your event, and the date of the event. Wise consumers want to know as many details as possible. The many varied donations we receive every year are a key to the continued success of the auction.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS. We could use a volunteer coordinator. Or volunteer for a task. This is just a short list of opportunities: room-minders, table setters and dish washers for the dinner, registrars, bartenders, cashiers, clean up so Sunday morning is as wonderful as always. If you can help out, please let us know in advance by sending a note to the auction email listed above, or talking to one of the auction co-chairs.

Thank you to all the volunteers already on board: **Marj Donn, Carla Monardes, Iris Peabody, John Sebastian, Tish Hall, and Penny O'Brien.** Won't you join them?

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our church directory. For the past few Sundays we've had a copy of all the contact information in a draft directory format for each member and friend of PBUUC. This Draft Directory can be found on one of the tables located in the Meeting House Lobby. We ask that when you attend a Sunday Service you take some time to review your contact information and make any necessary corrections or additions.

This is also a good opportunity for you to add your name to the growing list of individuals who receive a link to our *Branches* newsletter, on line, by indicating you would like to receive an email containing the *Branches link on the Draft Directory*. (Of course, you always have the option of being mailed a printed copy of our newsletter.) Viewing *Branches* on line, rather than receiving a paper copy, allows us to lessen our environmental footprint as well as save us printing and production costs. Choosing the on-line version still allows you to print out the newsletter from the convenience of your own home.

Deadline for making corrections to your contact information is October 12. We hope to have the directory printed and available for pick up in the Meeting House by October 26.



Financial Notes

by Ellen Cotts, Treasurer



There is good news!! We have a new mortgage with the NASA Federal Credit Union.

The original mortgage was with the Citizen's National Bank and then with PNC after they bought out Citizen's National. The loan had a 5 year balloon which means that we had to refinance the mortgage every 5 years with more fees and a new interest rate. In addition, there was a fee of 3% of the outstanding balance for pre-payment of principal.

We had held this mortgage for approximately 15 years, so it had already been renewed twice. The bank offered to renew it again for 10 years with a guarantee of the interest rate (6.6%) for only seven years. Under these terms we would have had to renew again in 7 years with no idea of what the interest rate might be at that time. Plus the pre-payment penalty would remain in place. This time we decided to look around and see if we could do better.

Thanks to **Mike Stark** who talked to his Credit Union at NASA, we found that we could indeed do better. They were willing to give us a fixed interest rate of 6.5% for up to 12 years. Although the fees were higher for a new loan from NASA than for a renewal at PNC, the fact that we don't have to renew again in 7 years (with fees) and the fact that there is no penalty for pre-payment of principal made it a very attractive loan. In addition, the opportunity to pay over 12 years instead of 10 frees up vital cash resources to enable us to do more of the things we need and want to do.

As you know, the deficit budgeted for this year has been over \$17,000. The reduced mortgage payments will not eliminate the deficit but it will be reduced significantly. We will be in a better position to fund our programs next year and attract an energetic and dynamic new minister. Best of all, from my perspective, future uncertainty is removed. We know the interest rate and the monthly payment from now until the mortgage is completely paid off.

Another point of interest is that, as a part of the mortgage process, we obtained an independent appraisal of the property. The appraiser put the value of our land and buildings at \$3,690,000. This is good news indeed since our books value the property at \$1,500,000, which I imagine was based on an appraisal at the time the original mortgage was obtained. So while our debt has declined, the value of our property has increased significantly. And the appraisal specifically says that, in their opinion, the value will hold up through this time of change in property values.

The congregation, which includes all those who have been strong supporters of the church over the years, has been a good steward. They have enabled us to enjoy a beautiful property. Let's continue to be good stewards and responsible users of what we have received. And let's leave it even better for the next generation of Paint Branchers. The world needs us and we need to have a strong organization to support our work in the world.



LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN ELECTION 2008?

There are a number of activities that congregations may participate in without endangering their tax status. The UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland has created two resources detailing some of those activities. One describes ways that congregations may engage voters during this election season, particularly through voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts. The other provides background information on the slots referendum that will appear on the Maryland ballot in November. Check out both of these resources at www.uulmmd.org and share them with members and friends of your congregation.

Religious Exploration (RE) News**by Carla Miller, DRE**

"The universe is a big place. But it's OK- you'll grow into it." Unknown

OFFICE HOURS**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday****9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

301-937-3666, x 2

dre@pbuuc.org

UPCOMING in RE**Friday, October 10**

First Jr. High OWL Class at Paint Branch
6:30-10 PM.

Sunday, October 19

Middle School Cluster Event

Sunday, October 26

FALL FEST/ UNICEF boxes go home

Sunday, November 2

Return UNICEF boxes
Items due for our RE Auction baskets

Sunday, November 15

"Being a UU Parent" Enrichment
Hour group

**YOUNG VOICES IN THE VISION/
MISSION PROCESS**

Very important conversations are happening in the Paint Branch community this fall, and the voices of our children and youth are joining in. Youth members attended and participated in the Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop. The Ministerial Search Committee engaged our Youth Group in their cottage meetings in September. Now, our young people will all join in the conversations about our church's vision and mission during children's chapel, middle school youth worship, and youth group. Not only do these conversations engage the children more fully in the life and ideals of this congregation, but they will serve to enlighten us all as to the values and priorities of our younger generation. In the children's version of our Seven Principles, the fifth principle is stated simply as "Each person needs a voice." Let's listen to the voices of our children.

**HALLOWEEN at PBUUC: COME IN
COSTUME/STAY FOR THE FUN!**

On Sunday, Oct. 26th, we celebrate Halloween together with an All-Ages Worship service. Paint Branchers – of all ages- are invited (and encouraged!) to come in costume and join in the spirit of All Hallows Eve. The children will join us in worship during the first half of the service, then leave to begin **Fall Fest**: traditional fall activities like pumpkin-carving, scarecrow stuffing, and bobbing for apples. The whole congregation is invited to join us in the festivities following the service! Look for the **UNICEF collection boxes, too-** to donate to the children's UNICEF collection, our Fall Social Action effort in RE. Your dimes make a difference!

FALL BULB SALE

As a special fundraiser for RE this fall, please consider buying bulbs, solicit sales from family and friends if you're willing, *or* just contribute a few dollars toward the purchase of bulbs for our church grounds- which the children will enjoy planting! The funds raised will help to support our summer camp program and special family-oriented events. Find the booth on the deck during coffee hour.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH - SUBMIT
ARTWORK FOR OUR BULLETIN
COVER!**

Rev. Phyllis and **Rev. John** welcome children's artwork for the cover of our Sunday bulletins. Any child or youth may submit some seasonal or otherwise appropriate artwork to either the ministers or Carla Miller. On Oct. 12th, Rev. John will present "Painting the Face of the Holy." What is *your* image of God/ the Ultimate? What do you cherish most? *Perhaps you can help us paint an image of the Holy for this bulletin cover!*

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RE News Cont'd

CARING COFFEE HOUR SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN 11:15-11:45 am

Parents and other caring adults have joined together to help assure the safety of our children during coffee hour by providing adult supervision of the playground and glen. We seek 2 adults each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet in the RE building lobby. It takes a village!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE CONGREGATIONAL MISSION/VISION WORKSHOP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - 12-3 PM

Kelly Wester will lead "mad science" explorations - an egg drop, a boat race in the creek? and other possibilities - while parents participate in shaping a new vision/ mission for our congregation! **RSVP** to Carla Miller for childcare.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: TUTOR AN AT-RISK CHILD AT BEACON HOUSE!

Want to make a difference in the world? You can make a difference in a young person's life by volunteering to tutor an at-risk child who needs your help to succeed in the world. Beacon House Community Ministry is recruiting volunteers to work one-to-one tutoring math and reading with children in grades 1-12. The programs begin the week of September 29 and ends mid-May 2009. Tutors are matched with student and you both meet once per week for two hours from 6-8 pm

Programs meet:

Monday—grades 1-5 elementary school Focus Program

Tuesday—grades 9-12 high school Teen Program

Thursday—grades 6-8 middle school Yes! Program

No experience is needed; training is provided during flexible dates and times scheduled for weeknights and evenings in September. Only skills required are a love of children and a flexible disposition.

Beacon House is located at 601 Edgewood St., NE, Suite 15, Washington, D.C. 20017. Parking and shuttle service to/from the Metro (Red Line) is provided. Application packets are available at the SAC table, or by email. Contact **Lavona Grow** at volunteer@beaconhousedc.org, 703-524-4860. For more information contact **Nate Rummel**, Beacon House liaison and long-time volunteer, at rummelnathan@hotmail.com or 301-776-8551.

Reverend Donald E. Robinson, a Unitarian Universalist Minister, founded Beacon House Community Ministry in 1991. It was Rev. Robinson's vision, supported by UU's in the area, to establish a neighborhood-based, non-profit after-school center that supports at-risk youth and their families in the Edgewood Terrace community in Northeast Washington, D.C. In addition to tutoring and homework help, Beacon House offers cultural, recreational and athletic programs. To learn more about Beacon House visit <http://www.beaconhousedc.org/>.

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. ~Kahlil Gibran

We Care Committee News by Esther Nichols

Ben Peery – has not attended church for several weeks. We miss Ben a great deal. He is currently confined to his wheelchair and resting at home.

Joann Alexander – Joann has returned home from Holy Cross Hospital and her prescriptions have been readjusted. She would appreciate telephone calls at 301-776-4022

Please keep **Dave Galbreath** in your thoughts, as he is in the Laurel Hospital with pneumonia.

Don Gerson and Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson's grandson, Jamie, was unconscious for several days after being admitted to Holy Cross Hospital. He has now recovered and returned home.

Mary Carson is recuperating at Renaissance Gardens, Riderwood, with the implant of a shunt for fluid on her brain.

Celinda Marsh has been home from work with a splintered bone in her foot.

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team News

IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

By Bonnie Hurley

Forty years ago, when I was living in an East Asian village, a conversation in my host country language focused on the idea of animals having tender hearts, emotions, spirits, etc. Opinions were voiced along the lines of ‘dogs surely have feelings’ though ‘chickens might not have souls’ ... when suddenly someone asked, “What about Americans?” An older woman in the group thought for a moment and said, “I really don’t know!”

Since my arrival, I’d been treated as an oddity and taunted daily by children with shouts of “Big-nose American!” so I was not really shocked by her response. What did surprise me was realizing that after only two years, I had become quite compliant with certain ideas and attitudes of the people I lived with, especially ones that implied that non-Asian people, if not actually soulless, were at least inferior to Asians. I had become convinced that ‘they’ had vaster intelligence, greater innate musicality, hardier taste buds, more talent in all aspects of life (not to mention enviably unremarkable noses), than ‘we.’

I had been culturally conditioned; even in adulthood, to believe that ‘my kind’ was not as good as ‘their kind’ and it took about as long as I’d lived in that culture for me to get over my feelings of ‘racial’ inadequacy. How long, I wondered, might it take someone *raised from childhood* in American culture, which overtly or subtly promulgates ideas of inborn superiority for the majority and inferiority for minorities, to get over it?

American Indian scholar Rev. Dr. George “Tink” Tinker provides an answer in *Soul Work: Anti-racist Theologies in Dialogue* (Skinner House, 2003), where he wrote that just as getting past an addiction can take a person as long as the addiction lasted, recovery from an abusive relationship (in family or community) also may require as much time as the duration of the abuse, and then only if there is “some really good therapy along the way.”

Countering historical racism lasting for generations must be a continual commitment. “Take a deep breath,” Dr. Tinker says. “We are in this for the long haul.” Communities that promote ongoing participation in an anti-racist agenda are heeding Tink’s advice.

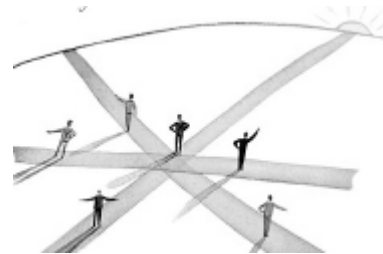
My best wishes go to Paint Branch UU Church for a vibrantly healthful outcome from the ‘really good therapy’ DARTT activities provide. I shall promote such a program at my winter church home in Florida.

I leave you with some “librarian-ly” suggestions for further exploration. For an anti-racist voice aiming to raise consciousness about white privilege, see the provocative work of Tim Wise:

<http://www.timwise.org/>. For local *Gazette* columnist (and member of Davies Memorial UU Church) Van Caldwell’s bibliography on “Whiteness,” go to http://www.gazette.net/stories/020107/princoll92123_32330.shtml



PAINT BRANCH’S JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS NEXT STEPS



Thanks to the generosity of many, over \$1,500 has been raised for anti-racism activities of the Unitarian Universalist Association and our church. The \$1,000 Paint Branch will retain will allow us to get started on detailed planning for the Ysaye Barnwell Vocal Workshop. (You can contribute until the end of the month by writing a check to PBUUC and putting DARTT in the memo line and dropping it in the basket or mailing it to the church.)

Please come to the next Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. to help plan the Workshop and to talk about other ideas that have been suggested throughout the year and that were raised at the Reverberations session led by Rev. **John Manwell** after the September 28 service.

***Offerings from our
Dedicated to Inspiring Vitality
(DIV) Team
by Tim Illig***

October 5 Vision/Mission Workshop

When you talk to a visitor or friend about PBUUC, what do you tell them? Who are we? And what is our purpose, or mission, or vision? Why do we exist? What is our sense of shared ministry within our church home, greater community and the world?

A number of years ago, PBUUC developed this Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is to create an open, nurturing community for ourselves and our children which encourages us to explore our values, both intellectually and spiritually; inspires us to live our Unitarian Universalist principles within our congregation, community, nation, and the world; and beckons others to join us on this journey.

You have probably read this before, on the back of the Order of Service. But do you feel a sense of ownership or deep connection to this statement? If you joined PBUUC after 1998, you might not.

The Unitarian Universalist Association recommends that congregations revisit their Vision and Mission statements every 5 years. Research shows that a shared mission statement is crucial to members feeling more connected to the church, the church better serving the needs of the members and their community, and making a bigger difference in the world. The process of creating such a statement allows church members to define and to reconnect with the values at the heart of this faith community.

It is time that we at Paint Branch revisit our shared vision and mission! And it is an especially important time to have this conversation as we enter into the search process to call a new minister. On Sunday, October 5, following the service, the DIV team and Joseph Priestley District consultant, Judith Bauer, will lead a congregational vision and mission workshop.

The work we do together on that day will become the basis of a new statement of our church's ministry and mission, which will be presented in its final form for the congregation's approval at a congregational meeting this winter. The final draft of the new Vision and Mission statements will enable the DIV team and other congregational leaders to develop a strategic plan grounded in a clear and shared vision of our ministry.

The ideas shared on October 5 will be also be very important to the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) as they create a Search Packet and interview prospective ministers. MSC members will be able to share our sense of mission with these candidates and to ask how they will support us on our journey. Please join us on October 5 to join this important discussion. We invite and value all of your voices in this conversation that will help us shape the future of our church. Lunch, child care and an activity for older children will be provided. For more information, please contact **Tim Illig** at 410-707-6678 or tillig@comcast.net.

**Welcome to Paint Branch Unitarian
Universalist Church,
our newest members,
Josephine Thomas and
Criss and Peter Kovac,
who signed the Membership Book on
September 21, 2008.**

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Are you new to Paint Branch UU Church? Are you interested in deepening your relationship to the church by becoming a member? Then mark your calendar for the next Path to Membership Class. It will be held Tuesdays October 21 and 28, 6:30 to 9:00 PM. This class is both informational and inspirational and gives folks a chance to learn more about our church and each other. It will be co-lead by our ministers, **Rev. Phyllis Hubbell** and **Rev. John Manwell** and Membership Chair **Tim Illig**. Light dinner will be provided. The New Member Recognition Ceremony will be Sunday, November 2. Please RSVP to Tim (tillig@comcast.net or 410-707-6678) no later than Sunday, October 19, 2008.

Social Action Committee News

A QUICK LOOK AT “DON’T PLAY IN THE SUN”

A book written by Marita Golden

This is another in our occasional mentions of books in our Social Action Committee Lending Library located in the foyer. Just sign your name on the card in the book and bring it back eventually so someone else can read it.

Marita Golden spoke as part of a panel at one of Van Hollen’s “Second Saturday” forums at Davies Memorial UU Church earlier this year. She lives in Mitchellville and is the author of over 12 books, her latest featuring comments on various black writers.

The title of her 2004 book comes from the admonition she remembers her mother giving when she went out to play. The follow-up was “No one will want to marry you if you are too dark.” This very readable book looks at all the issues connected with skin tone, hair texture, nose shapes, et al: school achievement, social standing, employment possibilities, standing within one’s family, financial success, and many subtle signals that people of color still have to deal with.

She makes it clear that this is not a frivolous issue but one that, even today, shapes the lives of men and women of color.

PAINT BRANCHERS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE by Rene McDonald

Virginia Richardson of River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation (RRUUC), who is also the leader of the of Montgomery Health Care Action, invites all who are concerned about the grave health



care crisis we are facing in America to see the film “Health, Money and Fear” on Sunday, October 12, from 7-9 pm at RRUUC.

Dr. Paul Hochfeld, of Oregon, who created this

important film, will kick-off his speaking tour with a spirited discussion after the viewing. Light refreshments will be served with voluntary donations happily accepted. Bring your family and friends.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Social Action Committee (SAC) selects a worthy non-profit organization to be the recipient of a once a month special collection during a Sunday service. Occasionally, the Denominational Affairs Committee will respond to a request from the denomination or the district to take up a Special Collection in coordination with the SAC.

The schedule for upcoming special collections is:

October 12: Association Sunday. This special collection will go to the UUA which will use the funds to make grants available to congregations, districts and seminaries to support lay theological education; to support the continuing education initiatives of the UU Ministers Association, for scholarships for aspiring ministers and to support the denominational initiative for special support for ministers of color.

November 25. Capital Area Food Bank. The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest, public nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Each year it distributes 20 million pounds of food, including 6 million pounds of fresh produce, to over 700 partner agencies. The Capital Area Food Bank was founded on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, January 15, 1980.

December 24: Warm Nights and Community Cafe. All of the collection at this special service will be used to fund our Warm Nights—a week of Paint Branch hosting homeless members of our community—and Community Cafe—a program to provide hot meals to our community members in the area.

Please contact **Marj Donn**, SAC’s Special Collection Coordinator, with your suggestions for future recipients. Marj may be reached at 301-474-1353.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE CHANGES IT’S MEETING DATE

The Social Action Committee will now meet on the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 18. Check the Sunday Bulletin and listserv for room location and the call for agenda items.

In and Around Paint Branch



GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH:

If every person would use 1 pound of local produce each week, it could make a significant difference in our carbon footprint. Think local. Can you find a new use for older items so you don't have to throw it away. There is no "away".

GREEN TEAM MEETING NEWS

At its regular monthly meeting, (third Sunday of every month,) the Green Team mapped responsibilities and tasks necessary for completion of the application for Green Sanctuary status. These include activities in our worship, our religious exploration program, our justice work, our recycling efforts and the greenness of our building.

The importance of individual commitment and the need to expand conservation efforts were listed as goals when the PBUUC energy audit was conducted by the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light in August. **Allison Fisher**, the GWIPL representative, raised questions about the opening and closing of our buildings, checking that lights are out and that people know how to use the heat/AC controls. We didn't know if building managers and church leaders receive training in controlling heat and energy loss.

You are invited to our next meeting October 19, during Enrichment Hour, to join **Jennifer Robinson, Marj Donn, Alan and Becky Hedin, Penny O'Brien, Celinda Marsh, Don Gerson** and others on the committee.

NATURE SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE LEADING A SAMHAIN SERVICE NOV. 1 - 6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM

The Wheel of the Year turns to the darkest quarter beginning with the sacred night of Samhain. We honor the spirits of our beloved forebears with a shared meal followed by a ritual of memory and connection. We will hold a pot-luck dinner in Kelly Room beginning at 6:30 pm. After our shared meal, the ritual will begin in the Meeting House between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. Participants are invited to bring a photograph or special object of their departed loved one for an altar and a remembrance/story to share. Children are welcome with adult supervision; this is not a Halloween party. Contact **Penney Hughes** at 301-879-3056 or **Paul Richards** at 301-741-5112.

50TH ETHNIC DINNER ~ OUR FAMILY FOOD TRADITIONS by Marilyn Pearl

This one will be very different from the 49 previous dinners. After 20 years, with this next dinner, we bring it all back home, looking within the Paint Branch community to find out what dishes are important to our own families. We at Paint Branch sit down and eat together often, enjoying foods we perceive as common to our experience and culture. But what do we eat in our own homes, or what did we eat as children, that mean a lot to us, but may not be that familiar to our fellow Paint Branchers? That is what we'll all find out at our **50th Ethnic Dinner, Family Food Traditions on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 5:30 pm**, as we share with each other the dishes we bring from our own family tables, and the personal stories behind them. *Please note, this dinner will start at an earlier time to accommodate participation by our children.*

Our 25th Ethnic Dinner, featuring the *regional* cooking of the US, showed us that "typical American food" is not limited to just a few choices. Because our country is so vast, the foods raised, and the dishes made from them inevitably vary from region to region. But many differences are also determined by who is cooking and eating the dishes, where their ancestors came from, what foods helped them survive tough circumstances, what was mandated by religion or life-style, and what dishes are featured in their holidays, festivals, and family reunions. Close to 30 Paint Branchers have offered to share their family favorites, and our menu has been created from these dishes. If you would like to share a dish, but did not offer one prior to Sept. 21, please contact **Marilyn Pearl**, at buffalo_gal@verizon.net, or (301) 805-1218, so we can determine if your dish can still be included, and obtain the information about it for the label card.

Not everyone will be cooking, and like all Ethnic Dinners, this one also needs volunteers for set up, tending the door, doing the bar, and cleaning up. We also want recorded *music of all types appropriate to the theme* – ethnic, cultural, regional, religious holiday, music about families and eating – like "We are Family", "Over the River & Through the Woods", "C'mon a My House", etc. Tickets will be available following services on October. 5, 12 & 19. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 4 – 11; children 3 & under are free. For reservations, contact **Marilyn** at 301-805-1218

Church Office News
By Daniel Everitt, Administrator

The past month has seen a flurry of expected activity, as the church office stepped up to meet the demands of numerous activities that has begin again after their long summer hiatus. We have seen an increase in the amount and size of mailings over the past few months. *Branches* has expanded to include more information, as well as eye-catching graphics that highlight article content. Both the mailings and the newsletter have increased the demand for “eagle-eye” proofers, necessary in turning out top notch reading material and information.



With the generous help of **Ron Cotts**, we will have a brand new commercial dishwasher installed in our kitchen, which can actually do a load of dishes (clean, sanitized and dry) in just

2 ½ minutes. (I hear the distant jumping for joy of coffee volunteers and a certain Ethnic Dinner maven.). Included with this dishwasher, as many of you have seen in your recent visits to the Meeting House Kitchen, is a new stainless steel sanitary sink, with high pressure spray for prepping dishes. Of course, none of this could have been done without the countless numbers of individual who donated to the Legacy Fund, which was used in paying for the dishwasher. Their generosity brought forth this notable improvement to our facility, and they are to be lavishly thanked!

Ron has also been working voraciously on our deck, which as you all know, is in need of continuous repair and upkeep. We have an upcoming work day on the deck , in which we need to have a goodly number of folks who are willing to work with Ron in replacing rotting or warped boards. We truly need your generous donation of time and effort in order to maintain what has become such an integral part of our congregational gatherings. Your donated help also helps to keep our costs low, so that monies that might have to go to paying a contractor can be re-directed towards programming and services. Please contact Ron at 301-572-3983 or James Alexander, who works on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, at 301-277-3211 to volunteer for this important work.

WEAVING THE WEB
 by our webmaster, Mike Stark



The pbuuc.org Web site has been around for a while, and many of our newcomers found us via this page. The time has come for substantial updates and improvements. Here’s what’s been going on over the past few months and what the future may hold.

1. **Cory Carter** has been kind enough to do a detailed check for broken links. There are still a few areas to check, but we have cleaned up a lot of these.
2. **Official Message Board:** We have created The Paint Branch Forum, a message board on which church members can register and post notices of events. You can find a link to it under the PBUUC Town Square on the front page. There is an area for Official Word on late breaking weather cancellations or reaction to events, plus areas for registered members to post PBUUC events, related events, and notices not related to events. These boards are visible to the public; there are also boards for discussions that are only visible to registered users. But that is a subject for next month’s newsletter.
3. **Content revamping and re-design:** On the leftmost column of the front page, under “Our Ministries” are areas such as Arts and Music, Spirituality and Worship, and Social Action. If you are on a committee associated with one of these areas, look and see what changes you might want to make)
4. Our tentative set of committees is:

Page	Committee
Our Caring Community	Membership, We Care,..
Spirituality and Worship	Worship Associates
Religious Exploration	RE, Adult RE, youth group
Music & Arts	Arts Council
Social Action	Social Action, DARTT, Green Team
Activities and Groups	Men’s Group, Auction,..

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WEAVING THE WEB (continued from previous page)

There will be a **volunteer's page** with descriptions of many volunteer opportunities around the church. If you want to help write this for volunteers your committee needs, let the Web team know at mstark@pbuuc.org.

If you are interested in being part of the web team, also contact **Mike Stark** at mstark@pbuuc.org. We are looking for both writers (who require no web expertise, the poetry and prose is what matters) and people to manage parts of the site. For the latter, you need to have basic HTML editing skills (using a Web Editor is OK, Word tends to make a mess of things) and FTP so you can upload pages.

THE WE CARE COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP



As PBUUC community members, "We Care" for each other in time of need. Most of you know that our coordinator, **Jeri Holloway**, has had her own family emergency and now is herself in need of our love and care.

That leaves only two other members on the We Care Coordinating team. Other church members are needed to help as Monthly We Care Coordinators, a rotating role as *contact person* for We Care requests (for rides, friendly calls or cards, assistance with memorial services, etc.) and *organizer* (from the lists of church member volunteers) of responses to those requests.

If you are willing and able to help with this very important community function – on a long term or a short term basis – please contact **Jan Montville** at jan.montville@ars.usda.gov or 301-464-6298 or **Esther Nichols** at 301-864-2068. If you've wondered how you can help Jeri, one way might be to help assure the continued vitality – maybe even growth - of her/our We Care program.



ART GALLERY NEWS

The current exhibit by members of the Greenbelt Photo Club will be on display through Sunday, October 12. It will be followed by photos by **Ellen X. Silverburg**. We welcome her for her second exhibit at Paint Branch.

You are probably aware that the artwork we display at the church is usually for sale directly from the artists. There is a list of what is being displayed on a clipboard hanging from the pillar on the left side of the sanctuary. If you purchase something the church will receive a 20% commission from the artist.

We hope in December and early January to have an exhibit by Paint Branchers. We need to have 20 to 30 pieces of art. Are you one of those artists? If you have one or several paintings, drawings, prints, photographs or even needlecraft and would like to be included, please contact Jane Trout. If you have something you might wish to exhibit she needs to know by mid-October. Jane's phone number is 301-572-2898 and her email is jd_trout@msn.com.

RENT A ROOM FROM PBUUC FOR YOUR NEXT PRIVATE OR COMPANY EVENT

FOR RENT

As you know, we have some wonderful spaces here to accommodate your next private function or company event. All our rooms and our rate schedule are listed on our website at www.pbuuc.org. When on our front web page, look at the left column for the "Renters" link (last link under "PB InfoCenter"). This will take you to the page with all the pertinent information.

Please pass this information along to family, friends and workmates. Your help in bringing additional income to our congregation helps to balance our budget, provide needed funds our educational and cultural programs, building repairs, office supplies, and other expenses. Please check out our Renters Webpage today.

Denominational Affairs by *Donald J. Gerson, Chair*

The Committee on Denominational Affairs will meet during Enrichment Hour on October 12, 2008 to consider several important matters, the first of which is the UUA's Commission on Appraisal considering revisions to one of our denomination's most highly respected documents - our statement of Principles and Sources. The draft of this document is available and comments will be accepted at:

<http://www.uua.org/coa/>. Given that comments are due by October 14, a October 12 meeting to discuss any comments is a bit late. However, we should attempt to form a consensus, and send in a comment representative of PBUUC in time to be considered.

Please check the UUA website or pick up a hard copy of the draft document in the Meeting House lobby, so you can come prepared for the discussion. If there is time, we will also discuss the current two Congregational Study Action Issues (CSAIs). These are the CSAI on Peacemaking, currently in its third year of the four-year process, and the CSAI on Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice, currently in its first year. Please come prepared for this stimulating discussion.

RACIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

There is a bus going to the October 25 Racial Justice Conference in Philadelphia next month. It will cost \$42 per person for the bus for the roundtrip from DC. All who are taking the bus, please email **Rev. John Crestwell** as soon as they can at the following e-mail address: daviesmunitarianuniversalist@gmail.com. Deadline for confirming a ride on the bus will be October 15. If we don't have 40 persons by October 15, the bus will have to be cancelled. We will leave, the morning of October 25, from the UU Church of Silver Spring at 6 am arriving by 8:30 am in Philadelphia. We will leave immediately after the dinner, at 6:30 pm, arriving back in MD at 9 pm.

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JOB DESCRIPTION DIRECTOR FOR GROWTH JOSEPH PRIESTLEY DISTRICT

Summary: The Director for Growth is responsible for programs that move congregations toward health and enhance the growth of Unitarian Universalism within the district and NRG Coop region. These programs include leading the JPD Growth Committee, regional growth committees, growth workshops, congregational consultation, supervising adjunct growth consultants and assisting in new congregation organizing.

Supervision/Location/Start Date: The Director for Growth is a full time staff member of the Joseph Priestley District and reports to the District Executive. The office location is Wilmington, Delaware. The individual is expected to start no later than October 15, 2008.

To apply: Send cover letter, resume and references to Joseph Priestley District offices, attn: Director for Growth Position, 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 1008, Wilmington, DE. 19801 FAX 302-778-4590. **People with disabilities, people of color, Hispanic/Latino/Latina and B/G/L/T candidates are encouraged to apply.**

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**On behalf of the Auction Family, and the letters P B U U C,
Thank You**

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