



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE – 10:00 am

Followed by Coffee Time and then *Enrichment Hour* – small group programs 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, except as noted.

AUGUST 2

LAMMAS - A FESTIVAL OF ABUNDANCE.

Cory Carter and Ebeth Porter, *guest speakers*, with Tish Hall, *Worship Associate*

The Pagan Sabbat of Lammas, falling between the Summer Solstice and Fall Equinox, celebrates the grain harvest. In this high summer season we enjoy abundance in our lives, in our markets, and in our gardens. How do we welcome this abundance, and how does it affect us?

AUGUST 9

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RACE AND ETHNICITY, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, *guest speakers*, with Tosha O'Neal, *Worship Associate*

DARTT finds that personal awareness regarding matters of race and ethnicity deepens when people feel safe to engage without fear of being labeled racist or insensitive. With Worship Associate Tosha O'Neal, members and friends of DARTT will address concerns and questions previously submitted by the congregation in the continuing effort to increase openness and welcome-ness in our multi-racial, multi-cultural community.

AUGUST 16

ANNUAL MUSIC AND POETRY SERVICE

John Bartoli and Paint Branch Poets, *guest speakers*, with Shantida, *Worship Associate*

It's mid-August and you might be starting to feel that "Summer's lease hath all too short a date..." as William Shakespeare would say. Maybe you're already contemplating trading your barbecue forks and swimsuits for leaf rakes and school books. But wait, summer's not over yet! And how can the new church year possibly begin without our annual Poetry and Music service? So, let's get together one more time to celebrate endings, beginnings, and everything in between as we listen to the lively words of our own Paint Branch Poets and others. How can you resist?

AUGUST 23

AN END TO THE AGE OF FIRE

Members of Religious Quest, *guest speakers*, with Marilyn Pearl, *Worship Associate*

From the earliest days of humanity, fire has given a comforting hearth, protection from danger, and light for the darkness. Today, with the growing aspirations of 6.7 billion humans, we have exceeded the earth's limits. By 2020, half the world's oil and gas will be gone. Many of the earth's other precious resources will also be depleted and the waste from our consumption will ruin the climate and our fragile spaceship earth. We must either begin a new age of conservation and restraint or leave a legacy of depletion and want. Our service will focus on ways we can begin this new age. For continuing discussion, join us in Reverberations afterwards.

AUGUST 30

BEING FULLY PRESENT IN OUR LIVES

Jesse Palidofsky, *guest speaker*, with Don Henderson, *Worship Associate*

Weaving songs and stories from his Quaker spirituality together with lessons learned from his work experiences as a hospice minister at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Jesse shares with us his perspective on how to become fully present in our life. Join us for a thoughtful, challenging and meditative service on this engaging topic.

A Letter from Diane

Dear Paint Branch UU's,

I write this on Saturday, July 18 while riding on the Bolt Bus service from Washington to New York City for less than \$20, stuck in a traffic jam on the New Jersey Turnpike. Next time I'll take the train!

I'm heading to Long Island, where I grew up, to visit my mother. She is facing a sorrowful challenge: the sudden loss of her vision due to a disease called Temporal Arteritis. It struck during the last week of June, her last week of work as the science aide in an elementary school, just after a wonderful retirement party thrown by the teachers in her honor. Can you imagine, facing the all the unknowns of retirement as a newly blind person?

As you might guess, this has diverted the attention of my mother's six children away from our own ordinary lives to her now very extraordinary life. As of now, our most probable scenario for her future is that she will move from the rehab facility she is in now to the rehab program of Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood and then into assisted living there, even though they do not specialize in services to the newly blind. In the late fall, one of my brothers and his young family expect to be moving to the DC suburbs and so there will be two of us nearby.

Thankfully, PBUUC member **Deb Rubenstein**, a geriatric social worker, has already been very helpful and I am also already very grateful for the support and empathy of **Jonathan Mawdsley**, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Not that *my* life is at all ordinary, having just moved from Massachusetts to Maryland to be your new minister! Don and I still marvel every day at the amazing serendipity that has brought us to this time and place with exciting new jobs for *both* of us within five miles of each other, no further from my family than we were in Boston and very close to our son, Don's family, and our longtime friends in Baltimore! We've rented a wonderful house in University Park and had lots of help from friends and relations getting it set up with our stuff. I feel very, very fortunate.

So, this is the yin and yang of life; "joy and sorrow are woven fine, clothing for the soul divine," as the poet Blake wrote, whose words are set to a poignant tune, one of my favorite hymns in our UU hymnal. Each of us discovers this humbling truth sooner or later, don't we?

I expect to be in my new office on Monday, August 3, with enthusiasm—and boxes to unpack!

Warmly,
Diane



A heartfelt welcome to our new Interim Director of Religious Exploration Karen L. Scrivo

Karen comes to us from her most recent stint as Interim DRE at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, where she served for two years before Carla Miller took up that position. Karen will be arriving in the beginning of August.

Notes from the Board of Trustees

This has been a summer of transitions for the PBUUC Board of Trustees. At the end of June, we said goodbye to six Trustees who had completed their terms of service on the Board: **James Alexander, Kate Brett, Abby Crowley, Diane Niedzialkowski, Polly Pettit, and Will Snyder**. We are extremely grateful to each of our outgoing Trustees for their dedication to the church and their service on behalf of the congregation. Their contributions and wise counsel at our monthly Board meetings will be greatly missed. Special thanks are due to outgoing Board Chair **Kate Brett** for her strong and capable leadership of the Board during a dynamic, transitional year for our congregation.



I am very pleased to report that four new members joined the Board on July 1: **Tim Illig, Susannah Schiller, Peter Wathen-Dunn, and Bettie Young**. Each of our new Trustees brings strong leadership credentials and important new perspectives on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Congratulations to each of our new Trustees! Continuing Trustees are **Jonathan Mawdsley, Ken Montville, and Carol Carter Walker**. We appreciate their continued service to the Board and to the church.

In mid-July, the new Board met at the home of **Tim Illig** and **Anita Wagner** for our annual summer Board Retreat. The retreat provides Board members with an opportunity to relax in a more informal setting and discuss important issues that will be facing the church in the months ahead. This year, we are especially interested in helping to ensure a smooth transition for our new Settled Minister, **Rev. Diane Teichert**, and our new Interim Director of Religious Exploration, **Karen Scrivo**. We are also exploring new ways to empower and strengthen the church's committees, where so much of the important work of

At the retreat, Jonathan Mawdsley was elected Chair of the Board, and Carol Carter Walker and Bettie Young were elected Vice-Chairs. In addition, Anita Wagner was appointed Secretary, **John Sebastian** was appointed Assistant Secretary, **Ellen Cotts** was appointed Treasurer, and **Mike Stark** was appointed Assistant Treasurer. Please take a moment to congratulate each of our officers when you next see them, and be sure to thank them for all of their hard work on behalf of the church!

Jonathan Mawdsley, Board Chair

PAINT BRANCH PRESENTS GIFT TO INTERFAITH FAIRNESS COALITION OF MARYLAND (IFCMD)



Thanks to the generosity of Paint Branchers, \$1,500 was raised and donated to the IFCMD in honor of the interim ministry of **Reverends Phyllis Hubbell and John Manwell** during the past year. IFCMD is a coalition of individuals and associations drawn from many religious persuasions that works in Maryland, DC and Virginia to support efforts to:

- **Foster** more positive perspectives on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people within religious bodies;
- **Implement** a program of public education and awareness to counter societal oppression of GLBT people;
- **Nurture** a robust, broadly based, statewide interfaith coalition that will develop advocates, from within religious bodies, for fair treatment of GLBT people; and,
- **Educate** each other on our diverse faith communities, teaching respect by example, so that our interfaith understandings are informed from practice.

IFCMD was chosen as the recipient of the gift because of John's and Phyllis' longtime commitment and advocacy in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender rights. IFCMD had awarded both John and Phyllis for their work. Also, there is a special bond between Paint Branch and the IFCMD, as an initial grant from our church was used to found the organization.

Board Treasurer Report

So here it is, the results of the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2009. The bottom line is that we spent \$4,500 more than we had in income. This reduces our reserves from \$18,000 to \$13,500. The expected deficit was slightly more, so we did a little better than expected.

A very few years ago we had no reserves at all. Good financial management for the last three or four years has given us this small cushion. I have every expectation that we will be able to increase the reserves in future years. Consider what reserves are for. They are to tide us over during a difficult time, so if we need that cushion from time to time, it is there. The important thing is to continue to be careful and to grow the reserves as we can.

Now for more particulars about the fiscal year just ended. We received 95% of the pledge income promised. We begin by knowing we will never receive all of pledged income. Life seems to intervene. People run into financial difficulties, move away, die or otherwise are unable to pay their pledges. But 95% is very good. Most churches run between 90% and 95%.

The biggest source of income, after pledges, is the rent from the Montessori School. This past year they paid \$67,626 in rent plus a portion of the utilities for the RE building. Basically they pay our mortgage and a bit more. It is hard for me to see how we could get along without them or some equal source of income.

The plate income was up this past year by a few hundred dollars. Interest income was down due to low interest rates on our Money Market fund. We had estimated a bit high on rentals (not counting the Montessori School) and although they brought in \$21,500, that was a little less than we hoped for. Scrip brought in almost \$2,500, the equivalent of one pledge. The auction exceeded our best hopes and brought in \$21,500. Other Income covers many large and small events: Ethnic Dinners earned \$1,900; Craft Sales earned \$900; the Holiday Dinner earned \$400; Hats and Mittens earned \$850; the Women's Retreat earned \$650; Adult Religious Exploration earned \$700 and Concerts earned \$800. Quite a record I'd say. Overall income ran a little over

On the expense side our biggest cost is our wonderful staff. Personnel costs ran about \$5,000 under budget. Some staff did not use all their Professional Expense money; some of the hourly staff (Building Managers, RE Assistant) did not put in as many hours as expected; we were without a bookkeeper and a child care provider for a few months and those roles were filled by volunteers. Thanks to all who rose to the need.



Routine Maintenance also ran below budget - thanks to Lowell Owens and Ron Cotts and the other volunteers who are our first line resource when things go wrong.

Utilities cost \$4,500 more than expected. Each year we budget more and more for utilities, yet they continue to rise above our expectations. I am sure you find this at home as well.

All in all I think we came through the year well. It is not easy to estimate the income and expenses for each year, yet by careful management we seem to live within our means. You can help in the future by making your pledge promptly when the Canvass begins. Without some idea of pledged income, the Budget Leadership Team cannot make reasonable estimates for the following year. If you pledge in March or April, remember that the pledge year does not begin until the following July. But if you do choose to pay early, that money is set aside and entered as income in the correct year.

As always, I welcome any questions about the church accounts. I love it when someone is interested!!

Ellen Cotts, Board Treasurer

Notes from the Church Administrator

As we savor the last days of summer and anticipate the coming fall year with our new settled minister and interim DRE, I thought it might be a good idea to review some new ways of contacting staff and getting information about congregational events.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: New staff means new email addresses – here’s a rundown of staff and committees/groups and their respective pbuuc.org email addresses:

Rev. Diane Teichert minister@pbuuc.org
 Daniel Everitt churchadmin@pbuuc.org
 Karen Scrivo dre@pbuuc.org
 Penney Hughes reassistant@pbuuc.org
 David Chapman musicdirector@pbuuc.org
 Rebecca Birnie rbirnie@pbuuc.org
 Eleanor Coyne bookkeeper@pbuuc.org
 Sharon Werth chalicedancers@pbuuc.org

Coming Soon:

Branches newsletter@pbuuc.org
 Order of Service / Bulletin announcements
OOS@pbuuc.org
 Calendar requests calendar@pbuuc.org

As other committees and events gear up for the year, we will be adding more emails, all of which will be listed in future editions of Branches as well as noted in upcoming Sunday Bulletins. Committee chairs and existing groups are welcome to call the church office and speak to Daniel, if interested in having a PBUUC email address created for them.

Other important emails

Adult Religious Ed are@pbuuc.org
 Auction auction@pbuuc.org
 Board Chair boardchair@pbuuc.org
 Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team
 (DARTT) dartt@pbuuc.org
 Dedicated toward Inspiring Vitality Team
 (DIV) div@pbuuc.org



If you ever want to drop off a written note for a member of the staff, Board of Trustees or committee/group, mailboxes and mail folders are in the church office, just to left of the office door.

Deadlines

h **For the Order of Service and Bulletin – Wednesday at 12 noon.** Bulletin announcements are limited to 100 words – Times New Roman, 12 point. For any announcement, include day, date, location and contact information for one person who can be called if there are questions.

h **For Branches – 12 noon on the following days:**

September	Thu. Aug. 20	February	Wed., Jan. 20
October	Fri. Sept 18	March	Fri. Feb 19
November	Tue., Oct. 20	April	Fri. Mar. 19
December	Fri. Nov. 20	May	Tue. April 20
January	Fri. Dec. 18	June	Thu. May 20

Web Calendar

Our web calendar is now THE SOURCE to find out when and where your favorite PBUUC event is taking place, now including Enrichment Hour. Visit www.pbuuc.org and click on the word “calendar” on the left side of the home page. This is also a great tool if your committee or group is planning an event and wants to see what rooms are available on any given day. Contact the office to find out more on how to make a room reservation.

The Church Office Staff and Volunteers continue looking forward to serving you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us during our normal business hour, Monday – 9 am to 4 pm, Tuesday through Friday – 9 am to 4:30 pm. Have a glorious August!!

***Diversity/Anti-Racism
Transformation Team (DARTT)
News & Events***

IT'S NOT BLACK AND WHITE

It's not black and white, it's shades of grey. This common expression is used to indicate those tricky topics that have no right or wrong answer, or where each point of view has a solid foundation. Ironically, discussions of race easily fall into that grey area but it really is about "Black" and "White." Even now my thoughts are a muddled mess of grey because in today's multi-cultural society, it's not just about African Americans and Caucasians, but the numerous races and cultures found in America. However, I think the greatest racial divisions in the U.S. still run along the lines of Black and White.

I am grateful for the activities offered through DARTT that have allowed me the chance to expand my understanding of race relations in the U.S.; the Journey toward Wholeness film series in particular has been my greatest educator. I am of a generation that learned about the Civil Rights movement through text books, and while I took college courses on African American history, films such as The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow opened my eyes to the limited paradigm I had been remembering Black history in. Too often we may limit ourselves to the "Black and White" view of history – Whites were rich slave holders and cruel masters while the Black slaves were brutalized and poor. Our knowledge (or ignorance) of history jumps from slavery to civil rights and images of "White Only" signs and fire hoses. Too often such historical images, while meant to educate, unintentionally serve as propaganda. Continuous images of impoverished Black families, Black men being intimidated by White police start to serve as the primary images of Blacks in America.

The different films shown by DARTT have reminded me of the rest of Black America's history. There were all-Black towns where African Americans had schools and government, peace and pride. There were Black doctors and lawyers and prominent Black women! The founding of Fisk University occurred in 1866. It was so refreshing to see pictures of well-dressed families of color in the 1800's instead of ever

At the same time, there were horrific images of too many lynchings and all of a sudden it was very clear why having a noose hung on your office door in the 21st century was such a big deal. DARTT has found a fascinating range of movies that review not just the past, but also offer a glimpse at how America is still processing race issues and how the next generation views race.

Renewing and adding to my understanding of racial issues through the DARTT film series has added to what I can bring to Diversity Dialogues conversations and expands the context in which I evaluate news stories. Racial issues usually are shades of grey, but thanks to DARTT, I am better at understanding where the black and white coloring is coming from. I can't wait to see what is offered next!

Theresa Brown Shute



**NEXT DARTT MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST**

DARTT will not meet on Tuesday, August 4. (We'll be having special sessions to prepare for our August 9 Worship Service.) Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, in Room 1 of the Religious Education Building. DARTT meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan activities for personal and institutional transformation. This is your opportunity to bring new energy and ideas to the group. The September meeting will focus on our joint venture with Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation in October, a breakfast before the annual service featuring the Suitland High School Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, the Ysaye Barnwell Vocal Workshop, new Diversity Dialogue topics, new Journey toward Wholeness films and an Adult Religious Education activity for Winter.

Carol Carter Walker, co-chair

(www.DARTT.org or the following email)

JUBILEE II: NEXT STEP ON OUR JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS

Journey toward Wholeness is the name for the Unitarian Universalist Association's initiative to develop anti-oppressive, multi-cultural, anti-racist ways of being in the world, so that we can truly live by our Principles, specifically:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person,
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations,
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

Journey toward Wholeness began with a virtually unanimously-approved resolution in support of cultural and racial diversity at the 1992 General Assembly and a more far-reaching resolution approved in 1997 to undertake the difficult work of dismantling racism in our congregations, regions, districts and denomination, while working toward these same ends in the world. We have been on this journey, with a quickening pace in recent years.

Jubilee II, an intensive 2 ½ day workshop, is one of the many tools that have been developed to assist congregations in their anti-racism work. Its focus will be to help us develop a common language and shared experience in the service of growing multicultural competency.

Ideally, congregations undertake Jubilee II training as a group in order to leverage the power of the training. The UU Church of Arlington (UUCA) is sponsoring Jubilee II training in our region this summer and is inviting participation from other area UU congregations. This Workshop will be led by three excellent trainers who have extensive experience in this initiative at the local, district and denominational level: **Jyaphia Christos-Rogers, Dr. Leon Spencer**, and the **Rev. Mel Hoover**.

The Workshop will run from 5-10 pm on Friday, August 14; 8 am-7 pm on Saturday, August 15; and 8 am-4 pm on Sunday, August 16, 2009. UUCA is fully accessible and air-conditioned. If you need childcare, UUCA will make every effort to provide it. To register contact **Barbara Johnson** at 703-525-2196 or at bjohnsonfilms@mac.com.

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The fee for the whole weekend, which includes six meals, is \$85. Scholarships are available. Checks made payable to UUCA can be mailed to Barbara Johnson, 5646 N. 8th Rd., Arlington, VA 22205.

Carol Carter Walker, Co-chair

DIVERSITY DIALOGUES

Honoring the Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person

What Are YOU Talking About? At the monthly Diversity Dialogues we tackle topics that are in the news and offer a chance for personal reflection and discussion on issues of diversity and race in our own lives, our communities, our congregation, and our world. But what are **you** talking about these days?

Cynthia and I would love to know what you are interested in discussing. Email your ideas to me at tbshute@gmail.com. The next meeting will be Sunday, September 20, so that gives us time to review emails and your suggested new topics! Please keep in mind that the sessions are meant to stand alone, so we try to keep the topics related to short news articles or essays rather than books.



While this group usually meets on the second Sunday of the month, in August our meeting time will be used as a Reverberations for the August 9th Worship Service and our September date has been moved to the 20th for just that month. We meet during Enrichment Hour

We welcome all to join us as we engage our minds and our hearts in exploring and sharing both the challenges and the opportunities of personal and collective transformation to embrace diversity in all its forms. Join us on a journey toward wholeness.

Please contact **Cynthia Robinson** at crr@pipeline.com or 202-215-1054, or me at tbshute@gmail.com or 301-455-8418 for more information.

Theresa Brown Shute

Social Action Committee (SAC) News and Notes



On August 9, we will have our special collection, this time for Food & Friends. Food & Friends is an amazing

organization made up of staff and volunteers who deliver prepared meals or groceries to people living with HIV/AIDS or cancer. Right now they deliver to more than 1400 people living in DC, parts of Virginia, and in 7 counties in Maryland. Their service is free!

In 2008 alone, they provided 913,036 meals to 2,679 individuals. 74% of their clients live below the poverty line. In one week, 400 volunteers are needed to distribute the meals or groceries. Any questions? Call **Pat Malik** at 301-772-1477 or email her at patgmalik@verizon.net. Check out their website www.foodandfriends.org.

Pat Malik, SAC Member

UU UNITED NATIONS OFFICE NEWS ITEMS

Even careful readers of the Washington Post rarely see news related to the UN. For instance, in June **President Barak Obama** signed legislation that paid off all US debt owed to the UN since 1999, especially our overdue contributions assessed for peacekeeping missions have now been brought up to date. A comparison is interesting: US troops are funded by an annual budget of more than \$500 billion while only \$7 billion is allocated for UN Peacekeepers. Congress will vote soon on the Fiscal Year 2010 State Foreign Operations bill (SFOPS) that would fully fund the 11 Peacekeeping missions currently being maintained. Letters to our Representatives are needed.

Two members of the UU UN Office were instrumental in the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC). (One of those who worked to get it established spoke at PBUUC during the celebration of our 50th anniversary.) The Court's most recent action has been the issuance of an arrest warrant for the President of Sudan, **Omar Hassan al-Bahir**. President Bashir is charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity for the ongoing human rights atrocities that have been committed by the government of Sudan in the Darfur region.

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An effort is underway to illegitimize the ICC, saying the African Union will not cooperate in apprehending Bashir. The UU UN Office co-sponsored a rally for Justice and Peace held July 22 in Washington DC to dramatize the Darfur genocide.

Every April the UU UN Office holds 3 ½ days of Intergenerational Seminars in NYC. In April, 2009, **Rene McDonald**, and **Marge & Lowell Owens** attended. High school and college age people are especially invited and help plan the seminars each year. Half the youth attending are usually from Canada. This makes for interesting discussions.

Marge Owens

LGBTQ NEWS

A letter writing campaign has been organized on behalf of **Lieutenant Dan Choi**. Lt. Choi, a graduate of West Point, Iraq war veteran and Arabic translator, is being dropped by the military because he has acknowledged that he is gay. The Senate Majority Leader, **Senator Harry Reid**, and **President Obama** have spoken publicly about the need to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." However, letters are needed to be sent to House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi**, urging her that this repeal is done as soon as possible.

In cooperation with Equality Maryland and Service Members United, our Washington area UU for Social Justice (UUSJ) is reaching out to and counting the largely unknown and disconnected population of LGBTQ veterans among us. Estimates are that there are more than 1 million LGBTQ veterans in the US yet identification of and connections among this diaspora is lacking. It is asked that those who served in the military take a very brief National GLBT Veterans Census survey at the following web site:

http://servicemembersunited.org/?page_id=1175%29

Marge Owens

UU TECH SUMMIT – SAT., SEPT. 26

This summit will take place at Cedar Lane UU Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Topics covered may include: Social Networking and Blogging, Website Management, Website Coordination and Design, Web-based Pastoral Care, Content Development, and Internet Evangelism. Plus, learn how you can prepare for the JPD Google Adwords Marketing Campaign. Child care available if needed. Details about registration, workshops, meals, and workshop leaders will be available on the JPD website at www.jpduua.org.

Marge Owens

In and Around Paint Branch

+ GREEN TEAM

- Plan to stay for the movie "Fresh", a documentary about food, during Enrichment Hour on Sunday, August 2. If you can't make it, stay tuned--we'll be showing it again in the fall.
- Share your love for PBUUC by putting thoughts into action: A family clean-up day is planned for Saturday, September 26, 2009. No, not to clean up families, but to plan activities at church that will be fun for all ages, with the net result being that the stream will be cleaner, many invasive plants will be eliminated, and Paint Branch will have a new look. Maybe you have some ideas to add. They will be welcome.



Recycling: We still need help in our recycling to ensure that all paper products, including corrugated cardboard, are properly recycled and kept out of the trash. Prince George's County now takes plastic tubs, lids and beverage cups in addition to glass. In addition to other benefits, reducing the trash load also reduces our costs of disposing of it.

- **Penny O'Brien** shared some Web news that UUA Convention Hotels are adopting greener practices to accommodate the UUA.

- The next Green Team meeting will be August 9 during Enrichment Hour. All are invited to join this active group. If you have any questions on any aspects of the Green Team's actions, please contact me at jlrobinson720@yahoo.com or after a service.

Jennifer Robinson

VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE



The Visual Arts Committee is planning a Needlework Exhibit for the holiday season this year. We would like to have work from as many of you as

possible. Do you have some embroidery, quilting, weaving, macramé that you would like to exhibit in the Meeting House? We would like to plan ahead so please let us know if you might be interested in participating. For questions or to indicate interest please talk with **Deb Rubenstein** at 301 891-2071 or hrrs95@gmail or me at 301 572-2898 or jd_trout@msn.com.

PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The PBUUC Publicity and Outreach Committee is open for business. The mission of the Publicity and Outreach committee is to find the best ways to externally publicize activities, special events, and services of Paint Branch.

Whether one is searching for community and a religious home or looking for the right space to rent for a special event, our committee strives to present the best possible image of our church community and what we have to offer.

The co-committee chairs are **Kathy Kearns** (kkearns@hotmail.com) and **Theresa Brown Shute** (tbshute@gmail.com) and we want to hear your ideas! We will be meeting once a month on the last Thursday of the month starting September 24 from 7-8 pm, but go ahead and contact us before then if you want!

Right now we have a call out for all local festivals and functions in your area where we may be able to host a PBUUC table. Let us know about local fairs or neighborhood newsletters. Either send us an email with a web link or contact information – or even hand us a hardcopy of the example! We already have some great ideas from Paint Branchers and we would love more!

Theresa Brown Shute

A PAINLESS WAY TO INCREASE INCOME AT PAINT BRANCH,

Buy Scrip! What is this scrip sold each Sunday in the foyer after church? When you buy a gift card, and use it to buy groceries, you pay no more for your groceries or prescriptions than using cash at the grocery store. The church on the other hand buys the cards in bulk and receives a discount. Last year we made \$2376 from scrip sales.

According to the budget that was adopted after the Annual Meeting, we are not expecting to receive enough income to cover all of the expenses we will have. If more of us buy scrip for Giant, Greenbelt Coop or Shoppers on a regular basis, we could certainly increase the income to the church without increasing our own expenditures. If you would like further information you may ask the scrip seller in the foyer on Sunday morning or contact **John Bartoli** at 301 441-2516 or john.bartoli@verizon.net.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (UUSJ)

“Feeding the Flame of Justice” was the theme of a meeting on Saturday, May 30, sponsored by the UUSJ Baltimore, Washington, Northern Virginia Region held at The Washington Ethical Society in Washington, DC.

The “Green Justice” presentation was given by **Gary Mummert** of All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, and **Lisa Lincoln** of PBUUC and member of Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN), emphasizing that Earth Justice and Social Justice go together. The US constitutes 5% of the world’s population, but uses 25% of the world’s energy consumption.

Developing countries do not have access to safe water supplies, such as clean water. In the global world, someone is always downstream of someone else. Why do the ethics of food affect all of us? One of the answers is climate-destroying gasses in the environment due to animal waste. Transportation, human rights, animal rights and fair trade create more equity for everyone.

The “Intergenerational Social Justice Work Program” was presented by **Gabrielle Farrell**, DRE at All Souls, **Lois Hybl** of Towson UUC, and **Dick Schaefer** of Mt. Vernon UUC. The theme was “all ages together for the common good.” Energizing all ages equally, creating ways to hear each other, and partnerships (e.g., children from RE doing a project with adults from Social Justice) and planning ahead, are some of the ways this is accomplished. How to incorporate children, and awareness of children’s health and safety issues, is important.

WorkTrips are service trips both near and far. This session was presented by **Lavona Grow** of Arlington, VA UUC, and **Jim Caldiero** of UUSC and Columbia UUC. Just Journey Work Camp is building a community. And Social justice leaders will meet people face to face and partner with other Churches for trips. They will be joining with other faith congregations.

The UUSJ Board meeting was held after the Workshops. The previous budget ended on June 30, 2009, and the 2009-2010 began July 1, 2009. A 2009-2012 development plan for Congregational Fair Share (CFS) donations was discussed. The results of the first year have been mixed. The “fair share” funding concept is based on \$4.00 per capita for each congregation member. Paint Branch, with 215 members as of February 2009, has a “fair share” for 2009-2010 of \$860.00. For more information contact me at

AUCTION HELP WANTED SAT., NOV 14, 2009 AND BEFORE

The Annual Church Auction is a major fundraiser for PBUUC; last year it raised over \$20,000 for our church operations. Such success requires the combined commitment of many people. In order to produce the 2009 auction, **Jan Montville** needs a co-chair who will plan and work with her. The co-chairs need an auction committee of four to six people who will divide and share responsibilities. The Auction Committee needs many members to come forward and volunteer for small one-time jobs including: mailing a pre-auction newsletter, calling church members to ask them to donate and attend, collating donation forms into a catalog, photocopying and stapling the catalog, set-up and clean-up on Auction day, and to act as a follow-up team to keep track of the after-auction sales which go on for about two weeks. Another team is needed to take on the Auction Dinner - which can be an excellent fund raiser for a group or committee.

The Annual Auction is a community builder, both a fund- and a fun- raiser, which means a great deal to our church. Please consider what role you can play in the 2009 Auction. If you’d like to serve on the Auction Committee, contact, Jan at 301-464-6298 or email her at jan.montville@verizon.net. Be ready to respond when calls for help go out. Let’s make this year’s auction another great success!

Tish Hall

WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT GROUP TO MEET SUN., AUG. 23 DURING ENRICHMENT HOUR



This Group has enjoyed spirited discussions about the advantages/disadvantages of the passing years. Topics have included the wisdom and challenges of aging, how individuals handle depression, the shortened amount of time in our future, do we recognize the person that looks back at us from the mirror on the wall, and doors possibly closing on our dreams. Join us as we discuss another one of these subjects, led by our group facilitator, **Deb Rubenstein**. **Marilyn Pearl** gave us the gem of the day on Sunday July 12: “Death is okay. I’d just rather not be around when it happens.” This too sounds like a good discussion topic. Contact **Alice Tyler** at 301-935-5279 or Bobalice2@msn.com for more information

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