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PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

*Families with children are invited to sit in front for a better view.
Everyone is urged to be on time, to hear the gong and listen to the prelude.
Nursery care is provided in Room 6 every Sunday from 9:45am to 12:45 pm.*

After the service: Coffee and Fellowship, then Enrichment Hour from 11:45 am-12:45 pm.

NOVEMBER 7

A FAITH TO CHANGE THE WORLD

*Bruce Knotts, Executive Director of the UU United Nations Office
with Abby Crowley, Worship Associate, and Choir*

Our guest has fascinating world-wise stories to tell, as will be attested by anyone who heard him speak this past summer at UUMAC (Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community), an inter-generational week-long camp attended by many PBUUC'ers over the years. He will examine what it is about our faith that allows the UU United Nations Office to take a leadership role at the UN in ways that other faith-based organizations cannot.

NOVEMBER 14

ANNUAL PUBLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

Featuring the Dance Program of the School of Performing Arts at Suitland High School

PBUUC'er Dianne Piché, with Tish Hall, Worship Associate

Dianne Piché is directing education policy and advocacy for the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and will speak on the civil rights challenges in American education. Our Special Collection for November will be taken today for the School of Performing Arts at Suitland High School, a Prince Georges County Public School.

NOVEMBER 21

SILENCE AS A GIFT

Rev. Diane Teichert, with Shantida, Worship Associate and the Choir

Silence is a gift we can give ourselves (and others) that costs nothing, holds riches, and may or may not be easy to unwrap. This quiet service relates to "Gifts of the Spirit," the theme in our Religious Exploration program for November and December. We will kick off the annual Guest At Your Table holiday fundraiser for the UU Service Committee.

NOVEMBER 28

CELEBRATING THE MANY FACES OF FAMILY: AN ALL AGES SERVICE

Interim Director of Religious Education, Karen Lee Scrivo, and Don Mitchell, Worship Associate

Join us for a celebration of many kinds of families on this Sunday after Thanksgiving, featuring "The Story of Grudgeville" and how a wise stranger helped transform the town. Child care will be provided in Room 6 for our youngest members.

*Visitors are welcomed every Sunday,
so please invite a co-worker, the new family on your block, or an old friend.*

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The Minister's mUUsings...

A few weeks ago, I attended an interfaith gathering of local clergy at which a colleague presented information from the recently released 2010 US Religious Knowledge Survey and the 2008 US Religious Landscape Survey, both conducted by the Pew Forum on Religious and Public Life. It proved to be an intellectually provocative morning. And, I came away feeling hopeful about the prospects for my faith tradition!

The 2008 Religious Landscape Survey shows that Christians are 78.4% of the US population, with “Other Religions” at 4.7% and “Unaffiliated” at 16.1%. The 4.7% “Other (Non-Christian) Religions” includes Jewish (1.7%), Buddhist (.7%), Muslim (.6%), Hindu (.4%), and Other (1.3%). It correctly groups Unitarian Universalists in that last “Other” category (because we are not specifically Christian) along with “New Age,” “Native American” and “world religions other than Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim and Hindu.” The survey shows an ongoing decline in Protestantism as a percent of Christian traditions. It also shows that “Unaffiliated” has become the fastest growing sector.

Not surprisingly, many newcomers to Unitarian Universalist congregations report that they were “unaffiliated,” but found themselves with a longing -- whether for spiritual growth, a sense of community, comrades on public issues, liberal open-minded religious education for their children, or something else -- that led them to our doors. If the “unaffiliated” sector is growing, and we can attract them, that is good news for us!

The 2010 US Religious Knowledge Survey is equally interesting. It shows that Americans, even religious Americans, know little about religion. Atheists, agnostics and Jewish people have higher scores on questions about World Religions and Religion in American Public Life than other people (UU’s aren’t rated as a separate group because our numbers are too few). Also, not surprisingly, educational level correlates with religious knowledge, with college graduates doing better than those with fewer years of formal education, but of course access to quality education is largely a product of economic status in the US and, also, an inquisitive person can be self-educated.

The survey also showed that college graduates are more likely to be agnostic or atheist than non college graduates, perhaps meaning that the more people learn about religion or the more exposure they have to people from traditions other than their own as often happens in college, the less likely they are to have a traditional notion of God or strict adherence to a creed. This makes it all the more paramount that we support quality public schools and higher college attendance rates especially in minority communities – because continued schooling may lead people to find Unitarian Universalism’s open, non-creedal theology appealing.

During the Q&A, an orthodox clergy person expressed concern about how little members of his own congregation know about their own tradition, because it means they cannot be good evangelists for their church, which he postulated is perhaps why its membership is falling. Someone replied that people attend churches for self-centered reasons, not to learn and proselytize. I commented that it is my observation that many people join congregations (of whatever stripe) for a sense of community, which isn’t entirely selfish in that they expect to give as well as to receive support in that community. But, I added, given how mono-cultural houses of worship tend to be and how multi-cultural our area is, the real reason church members do not invite co-workers and neighbors to church may be a fear that they will not be truly welcomed if they are of a different culture than most of the congregants.

So, perhaps we here at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church are doing just what is needed for growth. For years, we have supported public education – for example through our annual service featuring and benefitting Suitland High School’s Center for the Performing Arts (coming up this month on November 14) and we are moving toward a newly supportive relationship with nearby High Point High School. And, our Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) has been raising awareness of racism and promoting acceptance of greater diversity among us for three years now, through a wide range of programs, in which many congregants have participated, from the drop-in to the long-term commitment variety; focusing on personal growth as well as public issues; through theater, lecture, film, books and music.

In fact, DARTT has become known outside PBUUC walls! It provided the organizer (Tricia Most) and the inspiring worship service (Leo Jones as preacher, Jessica Sharp and Jesse Crowley as musicians, and the Chalice Dancers) for the October 16 Joseph Priestley District 6 Annual Racial Justice Conference held at the UU Church of Delaware County in Media, PA. And, DARTT was recently the recipient of the 2010 Journey Toward Wholeness Award, one of seven awards given by the UUs for Social Justice, at a Benefit Gala Dinner on October 17 in Bethesda attended by twelve PBUUC leaders, friends, staff and family members. As your minister, I felt very proud on both occasions!

With warmest regards,



Diane

Usually, I close my *Branches* column with “Hoping to see you on Sundays.” But, I will be taking a vacation, which includes two Sundays, in November: one is my usual monthly Sunday off and the other is a vacation Sunday. I will be going with my spouse, Don Milton, to Malaysia (!) where he is giving a keynote address at a conference on indoor air quality, after which we will travel around. I also plan to take a week of my annual study leave in February, including two Sundays, one of which will be a vacation Sunday. One result of these plans is that I will take that much less vacation and study leave in the summer and also lead two Summer Sunday Services. Late last spring I received Board of Trustees approval. The minister’s presence for more of the summer will benefit me as well as the congregation.



WELCOME TO MARCUS JAEGER, OUR NEW SUNDAY SERVICE / BUILDING MANAGER

Marcus Jaeger will be joining our other building managers, Chuck Bury and Jesse Crowley, beginning October 31st (you can say hello to him at any of the Sunday services in the coming weeks). Marcus and his wife moved here from Lancaster, PA. Please give Marcus a warm PBUUC welcome!

All the building managers play an important role in our Sunday Services, managing sound, light, and temperature, as well as securing the buildings, stocking supplies, managing rental events, inclusive of set-up and breakdown, and being PBUUC’s on site representative while rental events are occurring. Give a big thank you to any of our building managers, next time you see them, for the numerous ways in which their presence makes life better at PBUUC.

MEET THE GUEST SPEAKERS

Bruce Knotts on November 7

Born and raised in California, Bruce studied for the ministry in the Church of Christ, but when he realized he was gay, he dropped the religion major because his sexual orientation was not compatible with Church of Christ doctrine. He got his Bachelor's Degree in History from Pepperdine University and his Master's Degree in International Education from the Monterey Institute of International Studies both in California. Bruce was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia (1972-75). He worked for Raytheon in Saudi Arabia (1976-80) and on a World Bank contract in Somalia (1982-4), before he joined the Department of State as a US diplomat in 1984. Bruce had diplomatic assignments in Greece, Zambia, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, and The Gambia, where he was Deputy Chief of Mission. While in Cote d'Ivoire, Bruce served as the Regional Refugee Coordinator for West Africa covering 16 nations from Mauritania to Nigeria, but focusing on the refugees from the conflicts in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and later in Cote d'Ivoire itself. Bruce worked closely with several UN Special Representatives and observed UN peacekeeping operations in Sierra Leone from 2000-2003.

During these many years, Bruce became a Catholic and then a Sufi Muslim. While a Muslim, he performed the pilgrimage to Mecca. In 2004, he was elected to the Board of GLIFAA (Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies). In this same year, Bruce met Isaac Humphrie, whom he married in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 2006. In 2005, Bruce and Isaac became Unitarian Universalists by joining All Souls Church in Washington, DC Bruce retired from the Foreign Service in 2007, and joined the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) as its Executive Director at the beginning of 2008. Bruce started the UU-UNO program to end global criminal sanctions based on sexual orientation and gender identity, the only faith-based sexual orientation/gender identity advocacy program at the United Nations. The UU-UNO plays leading advocacy roles at the UN in a number of other areas, including climate change, women's rights, and human security. Bruce chairs both the UN NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Committee on Human Rights and the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court. Bruce and Isaac are now members of The Unitarian Church of All Souls in Manhattan.

Dianne Piché on November 14

Dianne was, until October 15, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement in the Office for Civil Rights at the US Department of Education (appointed by the White House). She is now directing education policy and advocacy for the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. LCCHR is a vibrant, diverse coalition of civil rights, faith-based, labor and social justice organizations, including the Unitarian Universalist Association. The Leadership Conference is charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations to promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States. Through advocacy and outreach to targeted constituencies, The Leadership Conference works toward the goal of a more open and just society – an America as good as its ideals. <http://www.facebook.com/civilandhumanrights>.

In her new position, Dianne will be leading the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights' efforts to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, formerly known as No Child Left Behind). Her work will focus on the most vulnerable children who are "often truly left behind by generic education reforms, including low-income children, children of color, those just learning English, students with disabilities, and the many, many students, including LGBT students, who face bullying, harassment and violence in and out of school.

She and her husband, Rich Roe, and their three sons began attending PBUUC in the early 1990's. Their youngest, Chris, was a speaker on Public Education Sunday last year while a senior in high school and active in our Youth Group. He is now a freshman at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

Religious Exploration News

SHARING YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

What kind of young adults do you want the children and youth in the religious exploration program here at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church to become? What do you value most about the RE program here? These are good questions to keep in mind as the congregation prepares for its search for a settled director of religious exploration.

As part of that effort, the DRE Search Committee and RE Committee are hosting two Enrichment Hour gatherings for RE parents this month to hear their hopes and dreams for the RE program and the next DRE. The first will be Sunday, November 7, for parents of youth in middle and high school. The second will be Sunday, November 14, for parents of nursery and school-age children. However, parents are welcome to attend either session.



Thinking about the values you want to pass on also helps provide shape and direction to PBUUC's unique vision of its religious exploration program. It will also give the congregation a better idea of the skills and qualities it needs and wants in its next DRE.

The DRE Search Committee already has started gathering information on this through its congregational survey. And I will be talking with children and youth this month to get their input.

Earlier this year, some 30 people participated in an RE Workshop conducted by Pat Infante, then Lifespan Faith Development consultant for our Joseph Priestley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Pat asked participants what characteristics they wanted a child going through PBUUC's RE program to possess as an adult.

The list included, among other things, open-mindedness and tolerance, community involvement, having a joyful and meaningful life, identifying as a Unitarian Universalist, appreciative of diversity and knowledgeable about other religions, accepting of differences in sexual identity, race, class, religion and points of view and empathy for those whose life and situations are different than their own.

These efforts provide an important foundation as the congregation moves forward in its search for a new DRE, who will start in August 2011.

If you haven't shared your hopes and dreams for RE, please get in touch with the DRE Search Committee, which includes Chair Marcie Washburn and members Karine Bouis-Towe, Abby Crowley, Tabitha Pierzchala and Evangeline Wells, as well as the RE Committee, which is co-chaired by Sarah Michailof and Sonny Katz.

Karen Lee Scrivo
Interim Director of Religious Exploration

RE NOTES:

The DRE Search Committee and the RE Committee invite RE Parents to their Enrichment Hour Coffee and Conversations this month to hear about parents' hopes and dreams for the next DRE and the RE program. The first, November 7, is for parents of middle and high school youth. The second, on November 14, is for parents of nursery and school-age children. However, parents are welcome to attend either session. Childcare will be available.



HOLIDAY FAMILY CHOIR

Meet David Chapman, Music Director, on Sunday, November 28, after the service, to sign up for the Holiday Family Choir. The choir will meet on November 28, December 5 and December 12 during Enrichment Hour. Looking for singers ages 8 to 108!. For more information, contact David at cochap@msn.com.

Financial Notes

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

As I promised last month, I will give you a snapshot of how our finances are doing. But first, let me welcome our new Finance Committee Chair, Kate Brett! As a past Board Chair she has more than enough background to take on this job. But like any other committee chair, she could use all the support she can get in committee membership. So I will repeat myself; if you are comfortable with 6th grade arithmetic, you are fit for this committee. You don't even have to do the arithmetic; you just need to understand reports prepared by the treasurer and bookkeeper.

This brings me to reporting on our first quarter. Without further ado, here are the numbers:

	YTD	
	YTD Actual	Budget
Income	\$73,656.90	\$82,298.99
Expense	\$85,438.78	\$87,880.87
Net Income	\$(11,781.88)	\$(5,581.88)

The good news is that our expenses are within budget. The not-so-good news is that for a lot of reasons our income is short of budget. The main two are that we are collecting about 97% of what is pledged, and our rental income for weddings and other events are well short of the budget's expectations. We will be watching over the next few months to see if this is a systemic problem or if it is just that we laid out the budget without accounting for seasonal variations.

This is the big picture view; anyone who is interested in more detailed information is welcome to contact me at mstark@pbuuc.org.

Mike Stark, Treasurer



**CHALICE DEDICATION FROM
NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART
ON SEPTEMBER 5**

I grew up in a mostly white, predominantly Jewish community. I can count on one hand the people in my graduating class at Pikesville High School who did not fit that description. However, from the moment I left home to go to college, I was driven to find out about and know and have relationships with people who do not look like me and who were raised to view life differently. I think that I knew instinctively that it would enrich my life immensely. In my journey, I have made close friends of other races. I have lived in a community that is majority minority for over 35 years. I have worked in organizations where I am in the minority most of my adult life, serving mostly people of color. I even teach a Cultural Competence and Communication course monthly that I authored with a diverse team. I live and love and work in a multicultural world and, as I anticipated, it makes my life rich and full. So I am not racist, right? Or am I?

Let me share a little story with you. About five years ago the non-profit I work for merged with four other non-profits and I became part of a new work team. Early in our time together as a team, one member of the team named Antoine, a young African American man, invited us all to come with our spouses to his home for dinner as an opportunity to get to know each other a little better in a more relaxed setting. My husband Ed and I set out for his home, bottle of wine in hand, ready for a fun and relaxing evening. Antoine greeted us at the door of his beautiful home and we all had drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the living room, sharing conversation and laughs. I immediately could tell that Antoine was no ordinary cook- he was quite expert and enthusiastic. He had all the cooking and serving accoutrements that you might expect from a professional caterer and the food was delicious and plentiful. At one point, while moving as a group to the dining room to take our places at the table for the dinner, I said, "Antoine, I am so impressed. You must have slaved all day in the kitchen."

The words were barely out of my mouth before I recognized how insensitive use of the word “*slave*” must be to an African American. So what did I do? Nothing. Other than feel awkward, uncomfortable, embarrassed, and miserable for the rest of the evening. To make matters worse, the instant we got in the car to go home, my husband commented on what I had said, making it even more evident that it had not gone unnoticed.

I was ashamed. I didn’t know what to do. So, that night as I was drifting off to sleep, I asked the universe to tell me what to do to make this right. The next morning I was very clear about what I had to do, and it was quite simple. I needed to apologize. About a week later, at the beginning of our next team meeting, feeling VERY nervous, I took a deep breath and asked the group if I might have a minute to speak before we got into the agenda. I told them that I regretted what I had said, that I knew that it was very insensitive, and that I was very sorry. When I looked around the room, my peers, almost all African American, were smiling. A couple said they did not remember me saying it. A couple more said they had noticed it, but that it was no big deal. One person said that she had felt a sting when I said the word and that she appreciated the apology. We talked for a few minutes about the meaning of the word “*slave*” to them and built some bridges of trust and understanding. I learned about their shared cultural experience, and felt comfortable to share my growing awareness of my myopia that comes from a lifetime of white privilege and causes me to turn a blind eye, at times, to issues that have deeply affected others but have passed me by. The generosity of spirit and the willingness in that room to reach across the racial divide to help a well-meaning but in many ways ignorant white woman grow in understanding was overwhelming. I received a gift that morning that I will not forget.

I lit the chalice that morning in hopes that we all can have similar conversations, so that we can all grow in understanding, trust and love as I did that evening at Antoine’s. It is scary. It involves personal risk. It even involves some pain. It is not for the faint of heart. But we can do it.

Abby L. W. Crowley, Worship Associate

PAINT BRANCH’S OCTOBER RACIAL JUSTICE JOURNEYS

On Friday, October 1, twelve members and friends attended a sold out program at Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation, featuring Gini Courter, moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Her topic; Living, Serving, Worshipping in a Multicultural Environment. Our church, along with Davies, was acknowledged for its continued support of Goodloe’s initiative to fully endow a scholarship at Bowie State University in honor of Don Goodloe, first African American graduate of Meadville Seminary and a founder of what is now Bowie State University.

On Saturday, October 2, members of DARTT facilitated a session of the Social Action Kickoff, relating to beginning a partnership with High Point High School. DARTT members were also part of the Social Action Kickoff planning team.

On Sunday, October 10, a member of Paint Branch attended a gospel music workshop led by Donald Smith, Associate Music Director of All Souls Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted by the Silver Spring UU Church. The workshop focused on arranging ‘traditional’ UU hymns in the gospel genre.

On Saturday, October 16, the Joseph Priestley District’s 6th Annual Racial Justice Conference opened with a Worship Service by Paint Branchers, showcasing our multi-talented members, including Chalice Dancers Jennifer Grant, Anne Hoover, Sherryl Mitchell, Deb Rubenstein, Wendy Schlegel, Pat Tompkins, Kathy Wallens, Marcie Washburn with choreography by Sharon Werth; Leo Jones, who reprised his sermon, *Not For The Faint Of Heart*; and Jessie Crowley and Jessica Sharp who sang to music pre-recorded by Music Director David Chapman. The entire conference attended by over 100 people was envisioned and coordinated by Tricia Most, District Journey Toward Wholeness Team Member and Joseph Priestley District Adjunct Staff member and DARTT Co-Chair.

(More DARTT news on the following page)

On Sunday, October 17, a full table of Paint Branchers, friends and family, including Carmelita Carter-Sykes, David Chapman, Marj and Bert Donn, Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson. Renee and Sonny Katz, Mary Tyrntle Rooker, Diane Teichert, Carol Carter Walker and Evangeline Wells, were present as the UUs for Social Justice presented the 2010 Journey Toward Wholeness Award to the Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team. (The Mosts and Owens were unable to attend and graciously donated their tickets.) Nearly \$2,500 was raised for grants of up to \$500 for collaborative social justice efforts.

**DIVERSITY/ANTI-RACISM
TRANSFORMATION TEAM (DARTT)
MEETS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

All are welcome at the DARTT meeting on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 pm in Room 1, Religious Exploration Building. DARTT meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan activities for personal and institutional transformation. This is your opportunity to share feedback and new ideas. If you can't join us, please send your input to dartt@pbuuc.org.



For those of you who are federal employees, please consider designating Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) as you give through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

UUSJ's CFC number is 17271. For more information, please visit the CFC's website at <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/> or contact Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson at 240-293-6570.

Green Team News

**NEW RECYCLING SYSTEM
IN ALL PBUUC ROOMS**

One of our newest Green Team members Karine Bouis-Towe has been working on updating the recycling "system" at PBUUC. The timing couldn't be better (or should I say we are a little behind) since major changes have taken place in PG County recycling as of 2007, and they are now accepting single stream materials. That means you can put everything into one container: no longer separating paper, cardboard, cans, plastic; everything goes into the same container.

So, what does this mean for PBUUC? Well, not only can we mix everything together but we can recycle all cardboard including pizza boxes, aerosol cans, all plastics that have a number on them and the list goes on. The list is so comprehensive that it makes more sense to list what goes in the trash and consider everything else recyclable. Trash will contain: all food waste, plastic wrapping (but not bags), any plastic that does not have the recycling symbol with a number in it, and Styrofoam. For a comprehensive overview of PG County Recycling go to the following web page: http://www.co.pg.md.us/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/about_recycling.asp

We will be placing recycling bins next to every trash bin and the trash bins will be smaller in most cases. It is important to close items (with their lids) that have food residue. Don't worry about washing them clean as everything is cleaned during the recycling phase. Daniel Everitt, the Church Administrator, has posted new recycling/trash signs in both buildings. Please spread the word and ask, if you aren't sure, what goes in the trash or recycling!



MENU FOR THE FUTURE SIMPLICITY DISCUSSION GROUP

A simplicity discussion group on Menu for the Future is beginning on Monday, October 25, from 7 to 8:30 pm at PBUUC. The group will meet every two weeks to explore food systems and their impacts on society, gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being, and consider our role in creating and supporting sustainable food systems. We still have a few spaces--join us on this exploration! Contact Jennifer Robins at 301-906-9966 or jlrobinson720@yahoo.com.

GREEN TEAM IN ACTION AT LITTLE PAINT BRANCH PARK

We are reaching out to the wider community by removing invasive plants at the Little Paint Branch Park on Saturday, November 27, from 11am to 1pm. This is a joint effort with the Sierra Club, Anacostia Watershed Society, and the Maryland Native Plant Society. Meet in the parking lot of the Community Center on Sellman Road between Cherry Hill Road and Montgomery Road. Bring along snacks or lunch. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes. Experts will identify what needs to be removed. All ages are encouraged to participate. This 150 acre Little Paint Branch Park is in the early stages of invasion and is essentially the native plant nursery for the Paint Branch itself. It will be possible to show results for our efforts!

Remember the seventh UU principle: Respect for the Interdependent Web of all Existence. Let's show the weeds and the public that we practice what we preach. We'll be looking for you on November 27, even if you've never helped before. For more information contact Alan or Becky Hedin at 301-890-3825 or alanh47@comcast.net.



BEYOND GREEN SANCTUARIES: MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Saturday, November 13, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.
All Souls Church, Unitarian
2835 16th Street, NW, Washington DC



Come join representatives of other congregations gathered with the goal of environmental networking and brainstorming to unite area UUs in responding to climate change through advocacy for changing public policy nationally and in DC, Virginia and Maryland. There will be local break-out groups as well as common work on national issues and input from area environmental groups such as Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light. Register at www.uusj.org by clicking on the register for upcoming events banner or send an email to info@uusj.org or call the office 301-588-1951. There is no fee, but a free will offering for UUSJ will be taken. Co-sponsors are being assembled.

OVERFLOW PARKING



Park on Bornedale Road, which intersects Cherry Hill Road between Powder Mill Road and the overpass for I-95, and is also reachable from Powder Mill Road via Collier and Boxer Roads. Enter through the back door of the RE Building or walk on the path along the stream-side of the building to the stairs up to the deck.

Park on the service road that runs along Powder Mill Road on the same side as PBUUC and walk from there down a short but rough path to the PBUUC parking lot, through the lot, and to the deck from there.

Social Action Committee

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE KICK-OFF A GREAT SUCCESS!

What a great start to the year! On a beautiful autumn day about 30 Paint Branchers gathered here for our first-ever social action kick-off. We are pleased to report that it was a strong and enthusiastic start to focusing on what key social justice issues we most want to pursue together this year! Opening remarks were made by our minister Diane Teichert and our new Social Action Committee Co-Chairs Nancy Boardman and Jessica Sharp. Then we heard excellent speakers on such important topics as GLBT marriage equality, immigration issues, affordable housing, undue corporate influence in our society, Green Team initiatives, and an important new Paint Branch community outreach to neighboring High Point High School. After each speaker we also had time to ask questions and have some conversation with them.

After a tasty lunch of homemade soup and Tish Hall's wonderful bread we had breakout sessions in the afternoon on each of these topics. Folks in each group brainstormed ideas for what we could most effectively do as social action projects on each issue. Each group then reported back on their top two choices - which were posted on the wall for all to see when we came back together.

Then came the hard part! Each of us was given only two sticky post-its to write our name on.

We then went to the wall where the 12 social action possibilities had been listed by the different groups (2 from each). We each put our name under the two initiatives we most wanted Paint Branch to work on this year.

The "Top Two" issues – the ones that had the most sticky-notes on them – were as follows:

1. Marriage Equality – Lobby in Annapolis for passage of legislation mandating marriage equality for LGBT couples.
2. The High Point High School Initiative – explore volunteer opportunities in conjunction with The Beltsville Family Academy, a new community outreach program which offers English classes to immigrant parents and youth-mentoring, among other things, and of which High Point is a part.

We will be exploring ways in which we can accomplish these goals as a congregation at our next meetings, which will be from 10-12 pm in Room 1 on October 23 and November 20. Please consider joining us as we map out this important work, which we believe calls us to meaningful action as we live out our UU values in the wider world.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Thank you for contributing to the Rainbow Youth Alliance on October 17. This organization, based at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, serves the community of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersex, queer, and questioning teens and their allies – known as rainbow teens – by providing a safe space for questioning, fun and mentorship.

A special denominational collection also took place in October, with funds going to the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Upcoming Special Collections include a November collection for the dance program at Suitland High School for the Performing Arts, which counts PBUUC'er Kirsten Lagerquist as alumni, and our annual Christmas Eve collection to benefit the homeless. This important holiday collection, a tradition at Paint Branch, helps to fund our own congregation's work towards improving the lives of the area's homeless, such as Warm Nights and the Community Café.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ NEEDS SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS

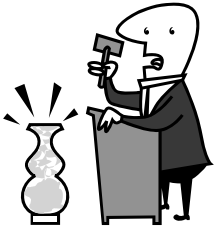
On the fourth Tuesday of each month, a merry band of Paint Branchers, headed by the indefatigable Esther Nichols, offers a hot lunch to the area's homeless and hungry at Hyattsville First Methodist Church, near Prince Georges Plaza. The volunteer list is fairly set, but the Social Action Committee is looking for a few good "backup" volunteers who could help out in case extra hands are needed (due to sudden illness, etc.) Volunteers should plan to arrive at 11:30 am. Please contact Esther Nichols at 301-864-2068 if you are able and interested.

**Need Health Care Information? Here's a
guided tour at your fingertips:
<http://HealthCare.gov>**

The 2010 PBUUC Auction

Come to the Feast!

Saturday, November 13, 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm.



This is it! The biggest fundraiser of the year is here – the PBUUC Auction! Have you been working out your biceps to lift your bid card? Practiced your penmanship to write in bids quickly for your silent auction bid? Are you ready for a night of fun and fundraising? The Choir is preparing a delicious dinner, the Youth Group will have desserts for sale and David Chapman will once again produce a wonderful auction concert. What a great way for our community to come together.

We can come together as volunteers too – help is always welcome! Talk to Jan Montville if you can help before, during or after the Auction.

The 2010 Auction Catalog will be available Nov 7 with exciting possibilities for bidding in every price range.

The basic Auction schedule

In the Religious Exploration building:

3:30 to 5:30/6:00 PM Silent Auction/Craft Sale/Children's Cash & Carry Room

5:00 to 9:00 PM Nursery Care (0 - 3 years)

In the Meeting House:

5:45 PM Dinner Buffet Opens

7:00 PM Live Auction Begins

8:30 PM Auction Concert - *Stay & enjoy the music while your bid sheets are totaled.*

9:00 PM Check Out

Want to look at the Auction Newsletter again, or review the full schedule? Check out the Auction section at www.pbuuc.org.

You can email questions to auction@pbuuc.org or contact: **Jan Montville:** jan.montville@verizon.net or 301-464-6298; **Theresa Brown Shute:** tbshute@gmail.com; or **Carol Carter Walker:** carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net or 202-636-8138.

2010 Auction Donation and Volunteer Form

Name: _____ Contact Information: _____

(phone & email)

Donation:

Title of donation for catalog: _____

(e.g. Super Bowl Party, Tuscan dinner, Vacation in Great Smoky Mountains, Home repair services, etc.)

Category (please circle one):

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|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Dinner | Event/Entertainment | Sports | Vacation | Service |
| Food | Home and Garden | Collectible | Handcraft/Art | Jewelry/Accessories |
| Other: _____ | | | | |

Description for catalog: (Please be as complete as possible, e.g. size and color of an item, or for a dinner or event, please list number of seats and date in spaces below)

Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$_____ (For your own tax purposes)

For single item: Minimum bid: \$_____

For auction dinners/events: Maximum number of guests: _____

Minimum bid per person: \$_____ -OR- Fixed price per person: \$_____ (For special fixed price dinners/events)

Date of dinner/event: _____ (Enter specific date or "TBA", i.e. to be arranged)

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The Auction will be held on November 13, 2010, from 3:30 to 9:00 pm.

There are many tasks for volunteers (see other side for more details).

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Return form:

(by Oct 31 please!)

- 1) Via Email to auction@pbuuc.org, or
- 2) To Auction Donation Box in Meeting House Foyer, or
- 3) Via US Postal Service to:
PBUUC Auction
3215 Powder Mill Road
Adelphi, MD 20783

Don't Know What to Donate? Here are some suggestions:

- ⊕ A dinner party – for two or for as many as you can handle, at your house or at the church, as simple or as elegant as you like – people bid on seats at the table. Great way to get to know others in the community.
- ⊕ A movie or game night at your house or the church, with snacks.
- ⊕ A stay at a time share, second home or get-away.
- ⊕ A guided tour of your favorite place in the area – like a bird walk, a tour of Annapolis, or the National Building Museum.
- ⊕ A special piece of art or craft from a special place.
- ⊕ A piece of your own craft or artwork.
- ⊕ A night out at the opera, baseball or football game, movies, play, concert, etc.
- ⊕ A service: e.g. packing boxes, handy man services, babysitting, tax preparation, knitting or crochet lessons, massage, etc.
- ⊕ Baked goodies from your own kitchen or a special casserole or other dish.

We encourage genuine collectibles, but remember that the Auction is not the place for typical yard sale items.

You can set a specific date for the meals, events and services, or make arrangements later with the winning bidders. (Generally, the service should be delivered before the next Auction, usually held in November.)

If you use the church for a meal or event, you will have to make arrangements with the Church Administrator for the space and a building manager. You may need to provide child care, using a list of approved child care providers available through the Church Administrator.

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Volunteering is a great way to deepen your connection to members of the church community. To help make the Auction a success, consider:

- ⊕ Being an auctioneer
- ⊕ Staffing the check-in table
- ⊕ Helping with set-up / clean-up
- ⊕ Monitoring the silent auction tables
- ⊕ Organizing and displaying the donated items
- ⊕ Creating and assembling the main and supplemental catalogs
- ⊕ Soliciting gift certificates from vendors in the community
- ⊕ Soliciting ads from church members
- ⊕ Working on the data entry team for tallying bids
- ⊕ Serving as a cashier
- ⊕ Contact Jan Montville or Theresa Shute to get more information and to volunteer for a specific task.

In and Around Paint Branch

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY INVITES SHARING OF VIEWS ON CHURCH'S SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Committee on Ministry (COM) invites members of the church community to share their views on any aspect of the church's spiritual life. It is always appropriate to chat with one of us in person but emails are equally welcome.

The Committee on Ministry's discussions are confidential. Thus, Diane is free to discuss sensitive matters regarding the ministry and COM members can give her candid feedback. We ask that you identify yourself when communicating in writing, unless it is by email with an identifying address. Our covenant of confidentiality ensures that your name will not go outside the COM.

The COM will soon develop plans for an evaluation of Diane as the Letter of Agreement signed at the start of her ministry requires. We will advise the church community about those plans in subsequent Branches communications. In the meantime, please let us hear from you. Err on the side of inclusion if you are not sure whether an issue falls within the purview of the COM. We can always refer you to another Committee if necessary.

The Committee on Ministry members are Muriel Morisey, Chair, Peter Dowling and Wendy Schlegel.

“IS ON TIME *LATE?*” – A LETTER TO FELLOW CONGREGANTS

Our ingathering Sunday service began with a joyful noise and a shout to “Rejoice!” Did you notice? Only then did the prelude begin. Did you know that music simultaneously energizes more parts of the central nervous system than any other stimulus? No wonder we Unitarian Universalists enjoy our music so much. Obvious or not, it is part of our Sunday worship experience. Our minister and everyone who serves to assist her, all begin at ten o'clock sharp worship welcome.

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A friend of mine says, “On time is late.” What that friends means is that if “I arrive” at ten o'clock, I am not ready to receive the beginning of what is happening. If I pull into the parking lot at 9:50, then I have a moment to say hello to fellows, to be given an order of service, and to find a good seat for myself. Personally, I recommend being in one's seat a long moment ahead of time. Service to me is about what I feel and think, and a moment to empty or calm myself helps me to be more receptive.

I've heard it said that Unitarians are always late. I don't believe it. I have a hope that we will all be seated to hear the joyful noise.

Shantida, Worship Associate.

HI NOTES FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL



Ms. Lu Bennaman

The upcoming season for the PBUUC Arts Council presents an exciting array of performing artists. The first recital of the year will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at 7:30 pm and features pianist San-Quing Lu-Bennaman, (photo at left).

Ms Bennaman has previously performed at Paint Branch and received rave reviews from the audience. She is from Shanghai, China, and began piano studies at age six.

She is a graduate of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and was piano soloist with the Shanghai Symphony for many years. In 1978 she won first prize in the Young Artist Competition of China.

In 1980 Ms Bennaman was invited to the United States where she was a visiting artist at Kent State University. She later received an Artist Diploma on a full scholarship at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. She was also chosen to participate for four summers at the Aspen Music Festival on a full scholarship.

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In 1989 Ms Bennaman received her Artist Diploma from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. Ms. Bennaman now resides in Rockville, Maryland, and teaches students in her private studio.

Plan to attend and hear an exquisite performance. Invite your friends, neighbors and anyone who appreciates exciting piano music in a wonderful space and performed on our beautiful Mason-Hamlin grand piano! There is no charge for admission but donations are greatly appreciated.

**** **SAVE THE DATE:** The next recital will feature guitarist **Magdalena Duhagon on Saturday, December 4, 2010, at 7:30 pm.** Ms. Duhagon has performed extensively throughout the US, Canada, Europe, Middle East and South America.

In the United States Ms. Duhagon earned a Masters Degree in Music in Guitar Performance and Graduate Performance Diploma from the Peabody Conservatory. At Peabody she received a Fulbright Scholarship, a Peabody Merit Scholarship and a Fellowship from the Organization of the American States.

Jeri Holloway

PAINT BRANCH BOOKSTORE OPEN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Were you intrigued by the local Unitarian Universalist history lifted up in Reverend Diane Teichert's recent sermon, *Founding Fables?* If you'd like to know more, stop by the bookstore table in the Foyer after church on November 7. We'll have a pictorial history, *Unitarians and Universalists of Washington, DC*, by Reverend Bruce Marshall, Interim Minister of Davies Memorial UU Church, and Chaplain at Riderwood.

There'll be other UU-themed books for adults and children. We will also be selling books by our own authors Lynn Johnson and Marj Donn.

The Bookstore is a win-win for the church and for you. You can build your library and knowledge about Unitarian Universalism, have a convenient source for gift buying and raise money for the church. Ellen Cotts, Carol Carter Walker and Liese Wright are the current volunteers.

Come to the store. Buy, browse and place orders for delivery the following month. Your orders will be here in time for holiday gift giving.



CALL FOR ARTISTS: PAINT BRANCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS EXHIBITION

All Paint Branch members and friends are invited to exhibit artwork in the Meeting House sanctuary. The exhibition will be up from December 12 through January 23, 2011. Acceptable media includes painting, photography, mixed media, textiles, weavings, glass, low level relief, printmaking, and drawing. Unfortunately, we do not have a proper way to exhibit sculpture at this time.

Artists may submit up to three pieces. The number of works exhibited for each artist will be dependent on how many people submit artwork. All works should be ready to hang; secure, proper hangers are necessary. The number of works exhibited will be dependent on how many people submit artwork.

Please contact Jane Trout no later than November 30 if you would like to participate. Jane can be contacted at jd_trout@msn.com or 301 572-2898. You will also need to provide the following information to Jane for all artwork submitted: Your name, title of artwork(s), medium, dimensions, and price (or insurance value if the piece is not for sale). Drop-off date for artwork is Saturday, December 11, 9-9:30 am.

Emily Conover

WE CARE COORDINATORS NEED YOUR HELP

Sometimes the monthly "We Care" Coordinator is unaware of a congregation member who could use a card, a call, a casserole or other services provided by "We Care". Please let the monthly coordinator know of any situation that merits our services. The "We Care" Coordinator for November is Jeri Holloway, who can be reached at (301) 982-0758.

THE 3RD WEDNESDAY HYATTSVILLE AREA UU LUNCH KLUB MEETS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 1 PM

It is located at the intersection of Rt. 450 and the B W Parkway across from the Capital Plaza Shopping Center, at 6221 Annapolis Road. They have been serving gourmet Italian specialties at this location since 1961. Contact Marge Owens at lowellandmarge@comcast.net or 301-345-1572 so we can reserve enough sets. Or just show up.

REV. PEARSON TO SPEAK AT CEDAR LANE



Rev. Pearson

The Tenth Annual Willard M. Kiplinger Lecture on Ethics in American Society will present a lecture by Reverend Carlton D. Pearson entitled "The Gospel of Inclusion: Moral Implications", at 2 pm on Saturday November 6, 2010, at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

Based on his own spiritual evolution from his Pentecostal background (as founder of highly successful Higher Dimensions Ministries in Tulsa, OK) to Universalism, Rev. Pearson will explore the implications for personal choice and social action of a religious vision that proclaims God's universal love, and in the process, challenge the tendency of religion toward exclusivism. Pearson holds out hope for peace on the planet through mutual respect among peoples, interfaith dialogue, and fellowship. He will urge us to work towards racial reconciliation and to bridge gaps between ethnic groups, nations, and denominations. Currently, Rev. Pearson is minister of the Christ Universal Temple in Chicago, a church which calls itself "a teaching ministry for all people."

This lecture is open to the public; advanced registration is encouraged. Adult tickets are \$10, students are admitted free. Please call Cedar Lane UU Church for more information at 301-493-8300, x 207 or send an email to re@cedarlane.org.

EARLY NOTICE KWANZAA POT LUCK



Mark your calendars! **Sunday, December 26**, following the Kwanzaa service, there will be a **Community Pot-luck**. Bring a dish from your family's traditions! Contact Renee Katz at

raynie5@hotmail.com to volunteer a dish or a helping hand!

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE JPD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UUA.

The Joseph Priestley District needs an enthusiastic and committed person to serve as JPD's trustee on the UUA Board, replacing Chuck Wooldridge of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC, whose term expires in June 2011.

The important position requires:

- experience in policy governance
- an interest in growing our faith
- commitment to multi-cultural community

UUA Trustees represent their districts at:

- quarterly four day meetings, including one while attending GA (including service on taskforces and committees)
- quarterly JPD Board meetings

The Trustees of the UUA Board will be making exciting decisions on the governance of the UUA over the next four years.

Contact co-chairs of the JPD Nominating Committee: Rev. Kate Bortner at kvsb260@verizon.net or Jacomina de Regt at jacominaderegt@gmail.com.

PREPARING FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS



Yes, there will be a **Thanksgiving Dinner** at Paint Branch on Thanksgiving Day. Look for more information in November, but in the meantime, if you have

memories of past Thanksgiving dinners at PBUUC, organizer Tish Hall would love to hear from you. You can call her at 301-681-1457 or email her at LBCHALL@gmail.com.

**WELCOME TO
STATE SENATOR JIM ROSAPEPE AND
HIS WIFE, SHEILAH KAST**



Sen. Rosapepe and Ms. Kast

During the Clinton Administration Jim Rosapepe served as the Ambassador to Romania, shortly after the country overthrew the Ceausescu regime. While they were there they energetically explored all sections of the country, including the Transylvania Mountains where there are many surviving Unitarian villages with ancient churches from the 15th century. Together they wrote a book about their years in the Bucharest Embassy, "Dracula is Dead, How Romanians survived Communism, Ended it, and Emerged since 1989 as the New Italy."

They have continued to travel in the country a part of every year since returning to Maryland, so they have up to date information about how to travel in Romania. Ms Kast is also the host of *Maryland Morning* a local radio program broadcast at 9 am most weekday mornings on 88.1, WYPR-FM.

On Sunday, December 5, during an extended Enrichment Hour, the Rosapepes will speak at Paint Branch. A light lunch will be served. There will be material available from the UU Partnership Program that has been sponsoring individuals and groups who travel to various countries to visit UU groups. The Rosapepes' book will also be available. We will meet in the Kelley Room. For more information, contact Marge and Lowell Owens at 301-345-1572 or lowellandmarge@comcast.net, or Erika Teal and Jim Deitz at 202-554-0498 or dietzteal@verizon.net. These PBUUC members, plus Millie Pacl, traveled to the Unitarian villages as well as six beautiful ancient cities with help from the Partnership Program in 2009. All ages are invited!

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Paint Branch We Care,

Ponder, Nicholas and I want to thank everyone for their generous gifts. Baby Nicholas is keeping Ponder and me busy, and the generous gifts from many Paint Branchers have been a blessing, and are helping save time. We want to give everyone a huge Thank You.

Sincerely,

Ponder, Nicholas and Nate Rummel.

Dear Rev. Diane and Everyone at Paint Branch UU,

Cynthia Thurston and I and all the Rainbow Youth and our facilitators wish to heartily thank you for your warm reception of our words at the October 10 service. We are most especially grateful for your monetary contributions to our group. (Editor's note: over \$400 was raised by the Special Collection).

Kind regards,

Stephanie Kreps

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Part-Time Membership Coordinator/
Ministerial Assistant –
Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring

This part-time (15 hours per week) position will play a key role in helping UUCSS to achieve its strategic growth goals, in particular by diversifying its membership. Working closely with UUCSS' dynamic Parish Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Lerner Maclay and the church's Membership Committee, the individual will be responsible planning, coordinating and implementing all aspects of the church's membership activities. In addition, as assistant to the Parish Minister, the individual will provide right-hand research and administrative support to Rev. Maclay. This position is ideal for a people-oriented person seeking to become an integral part of a vibrant, growing congregation of Unitarian Universalists.

Job Qualifications:

Background in Unitarian Universalism, excellent organizational skills, outgoing nature with strong interpersonal skills, highly dependable and responsible, college education.

Contact: For more information or to apply, contact personnel@uucss.org

PBUUC LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

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•	Teresa Meeks	301-774-8151
•	Deb Rubenstein	301-891-2071

☞ WE CARE COORDINATOR - NOVEMBER ☞

Jeri Holloway 301-982-0758

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- Abby Crowley 301-345-2663
- Tish Hall (co-leader) 301-681-1457
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- John Sebastian 301-589-6808
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☞ COMMITTEES ☞

- Adult Religious Education TBD
- Aesthetics TBD

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Buildings & Grounds	Paul Young	301-490-4957
DARTT (co-chairs)	Tricia Most	301-445-2821
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Denominational Affairs	Donald Gerson	240-293-6570
Finance	Kate Brett	301-931-9024
Green Sanctuary	Jennifer Robinson	301-906-9966
Legacy Fund	Liz Citrin	410-531-6319
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Ministry	Muriel Morisey	301-270-2391
Nominating	Jonathan Mawdsley	301-982-4520
Personnel	Will Snyder	301-219-2870
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(Co chairs)	Theresa Brown Shute	301-455-8418
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(co-chairs)	Sonny Katz	301-890-1599
Social Action	Nancy Boardman	301-982-3450
(Co-chairs)	Jessica Sharp	240-280-2582
Stewardship	Pat Tompkins	301-474-3858
Visual Arts	Jane Trout	301-572-2898
We Care Network	Jeri Holloway	301-982-0758

☞ GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES ☞

Auction	Jan Montville	301-464-6298
Beacon House	Nathan Rummel	301-776-8551
Bridge	Ellen Cotts	301-572-3983
Chalice Dancers	Jennifer Grant	240-426-1277
Choir	David Chapman	301-937-3666
Coffee Coordinator	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Community Café	Esther Nichols	301-864-2068
Ethnic Dinners	Marilyn Pearl	301-805-1218
Friends & Family Social	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Golf Club	Tim Illig	410-707-6678
Handcraft Circle	Marie Gore	301-572-4679
Marriage Enrichment	Don Fairfield	301-552-4330
Mediation Program	David Haberman	301-498-7086
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn	301-270-2391
Nature Spirituality Circle	Cory Carter	301-982-4520
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens	301-345-1572
PB Facebook Page	Tish Hall	301-681-1457
(Co-coordinators)	Ken Montville	301-464-8367
Poetry Out Loud	Shantida	301-593-0417
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Tyrtle Rooker	301-891-1288
Simplicity Circle	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner	301-890-9072
Spring Crafts Fair	Tish Hall	301-681-1457
TWedHUULK	Marge Owens	301-345-1572
Ushers	Esther Nichols	301-864-2068
Warm Nights	Stewart Speaker	301-891-2071
Webmaster	Mark Shute	301-442-6312
Women's Retreat	Tish Hall	301-681-1457
Writers Group	Ann Bolt	301-774-1960

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- **December Edition – Friday, November 19**
- **January Edition – Monday,**