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PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

APRIL 2010

APRIL 2010 SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

*Services and RE classes are followed by Fellowship
and then Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45 for which child care is provided*

APRIL 4

EASTER SUNDAY WITH FLOWER COMMUNION

*Rev. Diane Teichert and Interim Director of Religious Exploration Karen Lee Scrivo,
with Don Mitchell, Worship Associate, Choir and Chalice Dancers
All Ages Service – All but nursery children are in the Meeting House*

Jesus is risen! But, how do we as Unitarian Universalists understand the Resurrection? And meet Maja and Norbert Capek, Czech Unitarian founders of our Flower Communion ritual, in a dramatic presentation. Please bring a flower or two per person from garden or roadside for this celebration of Earth's annual rebirth in all its diversity (the extras are so that we have enough for visitors and those who forget).

APRIL 11

FACES OF GRATITUDE

*Worship Associates Don Henderson, Marilyn Pearl, Tish Hall, Shantida, Abby Crowley and Donald Mitchell
Children start in the RE Building*

What is gratitude? Is it another word for thankfulness or is it something more? The Worship Associates explore the topic which was chosen by Paul Young, winning bidder at the 2009 PBUUC Auction.

APRIL 18

EARTH AND THE STUFF OF LIFE

*Rev. Diane Teichert with Green Sanctuary Team members Ed Pachico and Penny O'Brien,
with Marilyn Pearl, Worship Associate, choir and drummers
Children start in the Kelley Room for Children's Chapel*

With ancient drumming sounds and modern media presentations, this Earth Day service celebrates what the earth offers and examines how we use it, plus an update on PBUUC's progress toward its goal of becoming a "Green Sanctuary."

APRIL 25

THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

*The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers with Tish Hall, Worship Associate,
the Choir and Guest Artists Karen Morrill, Five Dancing and The Erika Thimey Dance Company
Children start in the Meeting House*

Dance is deeply rooted in human activity. Whether as solitary figures or in the company of others, in dance we find expression for our connection with the rhythms of the universe. "To dance is to give oneself up to the rhythms of all life." – Dr. Maya V. Patel.

The Minister's mUUsings...

Nearly 175 people, including children, were here for the Installation on March 14. What an energized and energizing time we had together! Even Jan Montville, who capably orchestrated thousands of details as Installation Committee Chair, wrote a few days later, "I wasn't nearly as tired as I expected to be. I guess all that rousing, inspiring preaching and music energized me." The enthusiasm lingers still!

The Latin and Greek roots of the word "enthusiasm" suggest the idea of "to be inspired by a god" (en-theos, in-god). Whatever our individual theological beliefs, didn't we collectively feel a spirit of love, hope, conviction, and challenge rising within ourselves and among us that day? We can and should trust that experience, have faith in it, and continue to tap into it as Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church moves forward in works of compassion and justice, growing in diversity and in spirit!

I am so grateful for all – staff and volunteers alike – who contributed to making it a great weekend, starting with the Saturday night Piano Gala of exquisite performances on our refurbished 1906 piano, continuing through the evocative morning service led by our high school youth group, into the Installation service and reception after, and ending with the labors of the clean-up crew. And, of course, much preceding preparation made it possible: clearing the parking lot of fallen trees, potholes and snow-plowed piles of gravel; cleaning the meetinghouse including windows and chair seats; creating and sending out the invitation; writing the covenant words read aloud for the Act of Installation; planning the service; rehearsing by the Installation Ensemble (of young musicians), choir and dancers; planning, buying, cooking and baking for the reception; and designing the beautiful stole I received as a gift from the congregation.

The whole service was wonderful, but the involvement of our young people was especially wonderful to me. When Jan Montville visited each Religious Exploration class one Sunday in February to invite the kids to attend the Installation, she asked them to draw butterflies. Their drawings (which you
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can see along the hallway in the RE building) were used as models for the butterflies appliquéd on my new stole (on display in my office, which is reversible and the other side is quilted with twelve different green – my favorite color – fabrics and an appliquéd chalice!). Children aged four to thirteen sang (and played instruments) "Gaudeamus Hodie" which means "Let us rejoice." And, finally, several children participated in a ritual of gift-giving orchestrated by Karen Lee Scrivo, our Interim Director of Religious Exploration. This is all SO good!

So many people were involved in making it happen. Just counting the people acknowledged in the Order of Service, there were more than seventy and that doesn't include the choir! Or the people we inadvertently forgot to name and those who pitched in at the last moment. Collectively, we are still thanking one another for all the time and care given!

If you missed the Installation, I have extra copies of the Order of Service to give away, and photographs and a video will become available and hopefully posted on our website.

Enthused to see you on Sundays,



Rev. Diane Teichert

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LARRY LATES

On **Wednesday, April 14** at 10:30 am in our meeting house we will take time to remember our very long time member, Larry Lates. Larry died in February after a series of stays in the hospital, then a rehabilitation center, then the Paint Branch Home across the street from our church. We would like to remember all the times we shared with Larry; TWedHUULK lunches that he organized, the Quest discussion group, photography trips, summers at Star Island for the Science and Religion sessions, and many other activities. A reception will follow the service. For information, please call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

Notes from the Board Chair

So...what do YOU want to do with our beautiful space in the Religious Exploration (RE) building? The Board of Trustees and members of the congregation have been thinking creatively about how we can use the space in the RE building that will become available to us, once our current tenant (Paint Branch Montessori School) departs in June of this year. Most recently, over 60 members and friends met in a Town Hall meeting on February 28 to brainstorm creative uses for the RE building which would help us meet our needs, serve the broader community, and raise funds to cover our necessary operating expenses.

As we move forward with the “Reclaiming Our Space” initiative, it’s clear that want to make sure that we have ample room in the newly reclaimed building for our Religious Exploration and Adult Religious Education programs to grow. We also want to make sure that we have room to serve the needs of our own religious community and the broader community in which we live. We also need to find creative and innovative ways to help cover the costs of maintaining and sustaining our religious home.



We recognize that many members of our church already offer services to the community and may potentially be interested in renting space in our building. Examples of such activities might include
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music classes, art workshops, drama classes, a dance or yoga studio, an acupuncture clinic, a therapist’s office, or meeting space for a local community group. If you are a local professional and might be interested in renting space at PBUUC, we definitely want to hear from you! We are especially interested in “low impact” rentals – activities which require a minimum of specialized equipment or materials that would need to be left long-term in the building.

If you have always wanted to rent space in our RE building, please feel free to send a short email message to boardchair@pbuuc.org. Please give your name and contact information, and indicate the type of activity or service that you would offer, the number and size of room(s) that you would need, the length of the rental (all day? 2 hours?), the frequency of the rental (every day? once a week? once a month?), and the amount that you would be willing to pay for the use of the space.

Thanks in advance for all of your thoughts and great ideas - we look forward to hearing from you!

Jonathan Mawdsley, Board Chair

Life becomes
religious whenever
we make it so:
when some new
light is seen, when
some deeper
appreciation is felt,
when some larger
outlook is gained,

when some nobler
purpose is formed,
when some task is
well done.

Sophia Lyon Fahs

Religious Exploration News

The calendar may say April, but the Religious Exploration Committee and I are already thinking ahead to the 2010-2011 church year and considering some exciting new possibilities for RE program for children and youth at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

One of the challenges this year has been making sure that we have 14 teachers and volunteers each Sunday to cover our seven classes, which range from Nursery through the Youth Group. PBUUC's Safety Policy requires that we have two teachers or volunteers in each classroom.

This year's classes include: Nursery, Ages 2-4, Kindergarten-2nd Grade, Grades 3-5, Grade 6, Grades 7-8, and the Youth Group. And we're been blessed with wonderful teachers, advisers and volunteers.

We try to have teaching teams of four for each class so that teachers have the chance to enjoy Rev. Diane Teichert's thought-provoking sermons, the inspiring music of the choir and being part of the services. A couple of our teams are short a teacher this year, which means a greater time commitment for the remaining teachers.

We have about 48 children and youth registered for RE classes, but our average Sunday attendance ranges from 25-30 children and youth and our class sizes are small. In addition, many children and youth do not regularly attend due to other Sunday morning commitments. So some Sundays, two teachers who have prepared lessons and activities for a class find only one or two students, and then they have to quickly adapt.

To address this challenge, the RE Committee has decided to combine some age groups next year to reduce the number of teachers and volunteers needed each Sunday. The new groupings would reduce the number of classes from 7 to 5. We have chosen the following age groupings:

- Nursery (Infants to age 2)
- Toddlers/Preschoolers (Ages 2-4)
- Kindergarten – 5th Grade
- 6th Grade – 8th Grade
- Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

We are looking for members interested in forming a Curriculum Committee to review potential curricula for the toddler/preschool class and the Kindergarten – 5th Grade class and make recommendations to the RE Committee later this month. The "Neighboring Faiths" curriculum, a perennial favorite at PBUUC, has already been chosen as the curriculum for the 6th-8th Grade class. If you are interested in serving on the Curriculum Committee, please contact RE Chair Sarah Michailof at minniesarah@yahoo.com or idre@pbuuc.org. by Sunday, April 4.

The RE Committee and I are also looking at other ways of organizing the RE program that might better suit our needs and take advantage of PBUUC's strengths and passions such as the beautiful wooded setting, the congregation's love of music, art and dance and the talents and passions of our members and staff.

Two RE program models that we are currently exploring are Way Cool Sunday School and Workshop Rotation. These approaches, which are being successfully used by many UU churches including some in our area, may offer us more flexibility and creativity than the current RE program.

Under the Way Cool Sunday School model, each month there are there two regular RE classes, one Social Justice project and one Children's Chapel. Churches that have used this model say it means fewer Sundays for teachers since the DRE, lay leaders and others are tapped to lead the Social Justice Sundays and Children's Chapels.

The Workshop Rotation model involves five-week units around a particular theme. The first week involves a story that children, youth and adults hear during the worship service. The next three weeks, the children and youth are involved in workshops that develop the theme and include a variety of activities to engage the heart, mind and soul and appeal to different learning styles. The final week, there is sharing and celebration that involves the whole congregation. Churches using this approach say it's a wonderful way to involve a variety of people in RE for a shorter time commitment.

The timing couldn't be better for exploring these exciting new possibilities as we look to reclaiming our space during this interim period for Religious Exploration. I hope you'll join the RE committee and me on this unfolding journey of discovery.



Karen Lee Scrivo
Interim Director of Religious Exploration

**FROM RE COMMITTEE AND
INTERIM DRE KAREN LEE SCRIVO:
RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION
PROGRAM FOR 2010-2011 YEAR**

**Have a Hand in the Future: Join the RE
Curriculum Committee!**

We are looking for members interested in forming a Curriculum Committee. The "Neighboring Faiths" curriculum, a perennial favorite at PBUUC, has already been chosen as the curriculum for the 6th-8th Grade class. The Curriculum Committee will focus on reviewing potential curricula for the toddler/preschool class and the Kindergarten – 5th Grade class. (For more on plans for next year, see Karen's column.)

Each Committee member will receive guidelines and one curriculum to review. On Sunday, April 18, the Curriculum Committee will meet during Enrichment Hour, and each committee member will briefly discuss the curriculum that they reviewed, note the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum, and assess its effectiveness for the particulars of the PBUUC program.

If you would like to be a member of the Curriculum Committee, please contact Sarah Michailof at 301-277-1467 or email her at minnesarah@yahoo.com or contact Karen Lee Scrivo at 301-937-3666 or idre@pbucc.org by Sunday, April 4. We will need your commitment to read through and critically review each curriculum (with guidance) over a 2-week period and then participate in the Curriculum Committee meeting on Sunday, April 18, during Enrichment Hour.

**SEEKING MEMBERS FOR A DRE
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

PBUUC needs to hire a new Director of Religious Exploration (DRE), a process that will involve redefining our vision for the Religious Exploration (RE) program as well as hiring the right RE professional to lead us in implementing that vision. We got off to a great start on February 21 at an afternoon workshop with Pat Infante of the JPD.

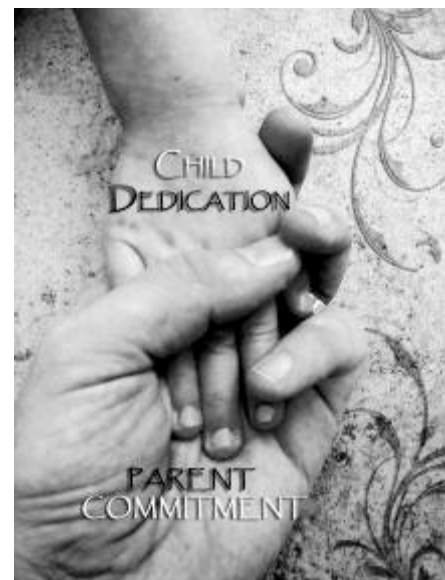


We need a few good people to form a DRE Search Committee to lead this important work. Redefining the vision will be done this year, and the actual candidate search will take place next year. If you care about Religious Exploration at PBUUC, then this committee is for you!

More information and an application to be part of the DRE Search Committee are available on the PBUUC website. Please complete and submit this application on or before April 11 either via email to [Susannah Schiller at susannah.schiller@nist.gov](mailto:susannah.schiller@nist.gov) (*preferred*) or in hard copy to the church office.

**MAY CHILD DEDICATION
CEREMONY**

A child dedication ceremony is planned for the May 9th, (Mother's Day) service. Families with babies or children who have not yet been dedicated are invited to contact either Rev. Teichert at minister@pbuuc.org or Karen Lee Scrivo, Interim Director of Religious Exploration at idre@pbuuc.org.



Financial Notes

Many people have asked me about direct deposit for their pledges. And some people are already doing it. There are basically two ways to do it which I will outline here. Please let me know if I can help you to get this started. Just call me at 301-572-3983.

The first and probably the easiest way to do it is to ask your bank. We get a number of checks each month from banks where the member has instructed the bank to send a check for a certain amount each month. I asked one such member and they told me there is no charge for the service. You will have to ask your own bank if this is something they will do. All they should need is your authorization and the church name and address. One bank even sends several checks in the same envelope.



A second way of handling it is to ask your bank to transfer an amount automatically into the church account each month. And a variation on this is to have an amount withheld each pay period from your salary and have that automatically deposited into the church account. To do either of these things you will need a voided blank check from me to give the correct church account information to your bank. I will be happy to give you such a voided check any Sunday you see me at church.

There is one small thing you need to do if you choose this second method. You will be asked to add a memo line or something like that which will then show up in the church bank statement. We need this memo to be your name.

Obviously if we start getting many deposits all designated as "pledge" or "contribution" we will have no idea who to credit the payment to. So please make sure your name will show up in our bank statements next to the automatic deposit.

The downside of both methods is that you will need to instruct the bank each year to increase the amount as you increase your pledge. Or you could just pay the difference yourself by check. The downside for the church is that you might not increase your pledge even though the church expenses are increasing. You will have to decide for yourself how this will work for you.

You may wonder why I have not mentioned Pay Pal or any of the services that you can authorize the church to use to take money from your account. I have many objections to these services and have chosen not to use them. For one thing, they charge fees. If one or two people used the service the fees would be small. But if lots of people used it, the service could cost us several hundred dollars that could be put to better use supporting our programs. Most of our members do pay their pledges directly and I have seen no reason to change that.

Another reason is that we would need to re-enroll people each year. One service said, oh no, they just assume that people will continue to pay the same pledge and some even build in an automatic increase. That may work well for some denominations that have strict requirements for pledging but we do not and I would not feel comfortable assuming that people would agree to automatic continuation or increases.

Let me know your thoughts on this. I will be happy to assist with your bank if that would be helpful.

In faith,
Ellen Cotts, Church Treasurer

PAINT BRANCH 2010-2011 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

REnew our commitment to Paint Branch
invigorate our community spirit
imagine the possibilities open to us

WE ARE ON OUR WAY!!

Perhaps you have already met with a Visiting Steward. If you haven't, someone from the team of Visiting Stewards will be calling you soon. Please take the time to have this most important conversation. We want to hear about your relationship with Paint Branch. Think about the role that you can play as we move into our future. Consider how your generous pledge of financial support will help us make that future a reality.

Be sure to check the Stewardship table in the Meeting House foyer. We have information about making up the projected budget gap and copies of the Stewardship brochure which contains a giving guide that can be of assistance as you plan for your pledge.



Look up around the foyer of the Meeting House. We have put up our pennants showing what Paint Branch means to us. If you haven't made one yet, come to the pennant table on Sunday morning and add your own creation to our display.

Many of our fellow Paint Branchers have already made their decision about about their commitment to our future. It will take every one of us doing what we can to fund our budget. Working together we will take a bold step toward realizing our vision for Paint Branch.

If you have any questions, or if you have not been contacted by a Visiting Steward, please contact Pat Tompkins at 310-474-3858 or candgptom@msn.com.

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

SAC MEETING



The next SAC meeting will be held Saturday, April 10, from 10 am to 12 noon in Room 1. Our Paint Branch member, Doyle Niemann, a long time Delegate to the State General Assembly,

will join us to discuss the bills we have been following. We will find out which bills passed, which were killed where, what the Governor is expected to do about which bills, and what advocates should do before next year's General Assembly. Everyone is welcome. Bring your issues and suggestions.

LGBT ACTION IN THE STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On March 15 and 16, I joined representatives of the UUSJ attending the National Center for Transgender Equality's annual policy conference and foyer day. At the policy conference I attended presentations by representatives from the Census Bureau, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and TSA. I learned quite a bit. Did you know:

- A transgender person who selects neither male nor female, or selects both male and female on the 2010 census will be randomly assigned to one of the two genders by the computer?
- That there is only one coordinator in the nation for LGBT census issues? That the 2010 census is the first one that will count married same-sex couples and not convert them to unmarried partners in the data analysis?
- Did you know that in order for the DOJ to prosecute a hate crime under the new hate crimes law, it has to determine that the crime affected interstate commerce?
- Do you know what the images in the new TSA screening machines look like? I learned all these things and more.

Preparing to lobby for a transgender-inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), I learned that the percentage of transgender people who are unemployed is twice the population at large. That percentage goes up dramatically for transgender people who are of mixed race, Latino or African American. African American transgender people are underemployed (living on less than \$10,000 per year) at five times the rate of the general population. I learned that 97% of transgender people who responded to a recent national survey reported being harassed at work, ranging from name calling to assault. The ENDA has almost 200 co-sponsors in the House and 40 in the Senate, but it is not being moved forward. Liam Brennan and I joined about a dozen transgender people and allies to lobby Maryland's legislators and get this bill moving forward. For more information, contact me at Lbchall@gmail.com.



Tish Hall

UU UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ANNUAL SEMINARS APRIL 7 TO 10

Every year in April, the UU UNO sponsors a series of speakers and discussions in New York across the street from UN Headquarters. Half those attending are high school or early college age people from the US and Canada and half are adults (from the US and Canada) older than these youth. This year Marge and Lowell Owens will be there again. Last year Rene and Frank McDonald made the trip and the year before Marj and Bert Donn were there. For many years Esther and Les Nichols attended every year. The speakers are always people in the thick of the world's issues who come to us directly from hearings and conferences to give us up-to-the-minute news. There are free accommodations, for the youth, at a nearby UU church. And a nearby YMCA is a bargain for adults. If you are interested in next year's sessions, contact Marge Owens on lowellowens@comcast.net or 301-345-1572.

SPECIAL COLLECTION APRIL 11 VOTING RIGHTS IN NATION'S CAPITAL



The April Special Collection is for DC Vote, a non-profit educational and advocacy organization dedicated to securing full voting representation and full democracy for District of Columbia residents. Are you aware that DC residents pay full federal taxes and die in wars, but are denied voting rights? While the citizens have an elected mayor and city council, all locally passed laws and the local budget must be sent to Congress for review and approval. In many instances Congress overrules or adds onerous provisions. DC Vote is working to end this injustice and to protect DC's local democracy!

BEACON HOUSE NEWS

Along with the Washington Redskins, Beacon House will be hosting a ceremony on Saturday, May 15, at 11:00 am at the Edgewood Department of Parks and Recreation Center, 3rd and Evarts Streets, NE, Washington, DC 20017, to dedicate a newly renovated football field. Beacon House received a large grant from the Redskins to resurface and reseed a nearby field, as well as purchase bleachers and an electronic scoreboard. The ceremony will be attended by the owner of the Redskins, Daniel Snyder, at least two Redskins players (TBD), and Mayor Fenty. Beacon House will host a reception following the ceremony. All of our UU friends are invited to the ceremony and the reception. Please let Gerry Kittner know if you are coming, at gkittner@beaconhousedc.org, or 202-529-0785. For more information about Beacon House, visit us at www.beaconhousedc.org.



beaconhouse
Where Learning Has A Home

*The Reverend Peter Morales,
President of the
Unitarian Universalist Association,
invites you to join him on
Saturday, April 24, 2010,
from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis.
333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD
Come visit with President Morales and hear
about his hopes and dreams for
the Unitarian Universalist Association
and his thoughts about the role
of the Unitarian Universalist
Legislative Ministry of Maryland
in realizing them.*

*Jazz by Blake Kramer and Friends.
Light Refreshments will be served.
Space is limited.*

*Please RSVP by April 19 to info@uulmmd.org
or call 410-266-8044, ext. 111.*

Child care provided upon request.

*To reserve child care,
please give the name and age of the child.*

This event is in support of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD) and its work to mobilize and coordinate the advocacy of UUs on specific issues before the Maryland General Assembly and the Congress of the United States.

Please bring your checkbook or credit card. You will be asked to support the next phase of growth for this social justice ministry.

If you are unable to attend, but want to support the work of UULM-MD, please send a check with your tax deductible donation to UULM-MD, c/o UU Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401. Checks should be made out to the UU Church of Annapolis with UULM-MD in the memo line.

Membership Committee

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS! READY TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP?

If you are interested in deepening your path within Unitarian Universalism and the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Community, we hope you'll join us on Saturday, May 8, from noon to 4 pm in Rooms 2 and 3 of the RE Building for *Paint Branch UU 101: Finding Your Home Here*.

This class (previously known as *Path to Membership*) will give you a chance to reflect on and discuss your own religious/spiritual/ethical journey and learn more about our denomination and this church. The class is led by Rev. Diane Teichert and includes opportunities for discussion with Board members and other lay leaders of the church. It's fun, informative, and a great way to meet others as you explore making this church your home. Lunch is included and child care can be provided if you need it. Let us know you can come by signing up on the clipboard in the foyer at the greeter's table or by calling the church office at 301-937-3666.

HUZZAH, NEW MEMBERS LET US RECOGNIZE YOU!



If you've signed the Membership Book since the last New Member Recognition in early December 2009, we'd like to celebrate your commitment in a brief ceremony during the service on Sunday, May 23, followed by a cake reception. Save the date and watch for a letter with details. And if you haven't signed the Membership Book, but are considering it, the Membership Book is open for signing every third Sunday of the month, and by special arrangement. See Membership Committee Chair Carol Boston or contact her at carolboston@verizon.net or 301-585-4183 for more information.

Carol Boston, Membership Chair

Worship Associates

SUMMER SERVICES IN PROGRESS

On March 21, the Worship Associates held the first Summer Services planning session with



mixed results. We have services with firm plans and dates, services needing only dates, services likely to happen pending more work, names to contact about services, and ideas which still need

more development, for a total of 8 or 9 fairly certain, and 5 to 7 still needing more consideration. We will be working over the next few weeks to bring these to a more definite status before our second planning session on *April 25 during Enrichment Hour*.

Since not all of them will work out, we'll continue to accept proposals between now and that meeting. They should consist of a *well-developed* plan, a possible date or two, and the contact information of those who will present or participate. You may submit a written proposal to Marilyn Pearl at buffalo_gal@verizon.net, or any Worship Associate. Note, if you are thinking of a guest speaker, performer, etc., there are no funds available for honorariums, but we will consider allowing them to sell books, CDs, etc. the day of their service. Dates already taken are July 4 & 25, and August 15, 22 & 29. Of the remaining 7 Sundays between June 20 & September 5, some people are still considering 2 or 3 dates, and will soon decide on one.

If your service gets put on the schedule, at that second session *on Sunday, April 25* we will further discuss your plan and firm the date. One of the Worship Associates will begin to work with you on all the details necessary to present an excellent service in the best Paint Branch tradition! Any questions? Contact Marilyn or ask any Worship Associate! (*Editor's note: See list of Worship Associates on page 18.*)

Marilyn Pearl, Worship Associate

Denominational Affairs



JUNE 23-27, 2010 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Want to feel the power and support of being in community with thousands of Unitarian Universalists? Want to have wonderful worship with glorious music and inspiring messages, invigorating discussions about social justice and social action? Want to visit/revisit Minneapolis, a progressive, culturally diverse, LGBT friendly city that is rich in cultural arts and has a stunning natural environment. There are 900 lakes and 170 parks within the Twin Cities area.

Consider going to General Assembly (GA) this year. The costs involve getting there; registering for the assembly; and staying there. Kayak.com is a website that can provide you with daily alerts for the lowest air fares. The registration is \$310 until April 30; but you may be able to waive your entire registration by being a volunteer. Volunteer applications are due by March 31. You can go the uua.org GA blog to get information about volunteering, home hospitality and shared housing that can reduce your costs.

To get more information about GA, go to uua.org and type in "GA." Talk to Don and Emma Sue Gerson, Leo Jones, Tricia Most, Mike Stark, Diane Teichert and Carol Carter Walker who have been past attendees. If you plan to go and would like to be a delegate, please contact Don, Chair, Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC), or Carol, member, DAC.

2010 JOSEPH PRIESTLEY DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 16 & 17, 2010

CLARION HOTEL PARK RIDGE, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA

REDEFINING 'THE GOOD LIFE': FAITH & VALUES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. DR. MICHAEL SCHULER

You are invited to attend the Spring Conference and Annual Meeting of our district. This is an opportunity to meet UUs from many of the 70 congregations in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia; deepen your connection to the denomination by learning more about the district's resources and services; and expand your knowledge by participating in up to three workshops out of 26 choices. You'll also have a chance to attend and participate in the District's Annual Meeting where officers are elected, the budget is approved and reports on District activities are given.

The conference begins at 7:00 on the evening of Friday, April 16, with an ingathering and worship service and ends on the evening of Saturday, April 17, with a celebration honoring youth and recognizing others who have made a significant contribution to the district.

Registration Fee: \$125 for adults; reduced fees for young adults and youth.

If you're interested in being a delegate, please contact Carol Carter Walker at (202) 636-8138 or at carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net.

For more information go to www.jpduua.org and click on the link for the 2010 JPD Spring Conference.

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

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

A number of Paint Branchers are attending a five month lay leadership course on Healthy Congregations offered by the Joseph Priestley District of the UUA (JPD). All who participate are charged with the responsibility to bring what we learn to our congregations. The curriculum affirms our community relationships and emphasizes the healthy ability to respond to anxiety and change guided by the strength of a clear, succinct mission; focusing on strengths and options; taking stands; maintaining a calm and thoughtful presence; and staying connected to others when opinions differ.

From my personal perspective, the material in this class affirms the mentally healthy behaviors that are reinforced in marriage and family therapy. As parents, partners, co-workers, and friends, our relationships benefit when we are thoughtful and calm in the face of another's angry or anxious behavior – when we maintain connection and weather storms together despite differences of opinion.

As I continue to work with the Healthy Congregations curriculum, I am reminded of the motto relayed by Pat Infante, the JPD Director of Lifespan Faith Development, when she came to Paint Branch on February 21. She said, "Everything we do is faith development. All we teach is Unitarian Universalism. The congregation is the curriculum." To me, absorbing that profound statement has significant implications regarding our congregational desire to be welcoming to everyone who enters our doors including people of all ages and abilities, sexual identity and orientation, and people of any ethnic, cultural or racial ancestry. How we express ourselves—how we behave with each other in the presence of all who are among us—is a presentation of our religious faith in action.

My first introduction to the Healthy Congregations Curriculum was a list of healthy church characteristics. I saw that healthy congregations have "the willingness to consider difficult issues thoughtfully and courageously.

Racism is indeed a difficult issue that requires thoughtfulness and courage to discuss. The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) formed 2 ½ years ago under the leadership

of Leo Jones, "to raise awareness about racism and promote personal transformation and spiritual growth to intentionally move our congregation to become a truly welcoming, multi-racial, multi-cultural community." Many Paint Branchers participate in opportunities DARTT offers for people to engage in conversations about race. For example, DARTT's lay led worship services include reverberations discussions afterward—an opportunity for worshipers to talk about the subject of the service. On the second Sunday of each month after church, Diversity Dialogues provides a facilitated discussion on a timely issue related to race. On the fourth Sunday of the month in an extended Enrichment Hour after worship, Journey Toward Wholeness films are shown followed by a facilitated discussion. DARTT also offers Anti-Racism Covenant Groups, whose members create a covenant and commit to attending every session for a specified period of time to build respect and trust for self-confrontational work that fosters cross-cultural relationships and spiritual growth. In addition, DARTT offers occasional book discussion groups and speaker engagements. For example, on April 3, DARTT will gather a diversity of voices together to "Build a Vocal Community" in an all-day workshop with Dr. Ysaye Barnwell, member of the African-American a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey In The Rock®.



The JPD's global ends policy encourages "ever more diverse congregations that are safe places for all people" and "are anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and multi-cultural." The 6th annual Racial Justice Conference

fosters denominational 'wholeness' on October 16, 2010 with the theme "*Walking the Talk: Personalizing the Journey Toward Wholeness.*" Leo Jones will lead the morning worship and some of the Chalice Dancers will perform during Jessie Crowley and Jessica Sharp's duet of "A Promise to Keep." Rev. John Crestwell of Annapolis will arrange for a bus to transport local UUs to the UU Church of Delaware County in Media, Pennsylvania for the 9:30 am – 4 pm conference. The keynote speaker will be Reverend Leslie-Takahashi Morris, co-author of *Arc of the Universe: Unitarian Universalism, Anti-Racism, and the Journey from Calgary.*

It is important to engage in intentional conversations about race because, as JUUST Change Consultant, Paula Cole Jones reminds us "*Racism gets its power through silence. We need to talk about Race until it loses its power to separate us.*"

Tricia Most, Co-chair DARTT

DIVERSITY/ANTI-RACISM TRANSFORMATION (DARTT) TEAM MEETS TUESDAY, APRIL 6

All are welcome at the DARTT meeting on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 pm in Room 1, Religious Exploration Building. DARTT meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan activities leading to personal and institutional transformation. This is your opportunity to share feedback and new ideas. We will be discussing plans and budget for the next church year. If you cannot attend, you can send your input to dartt@pbuuc.org.

APRIL DIVERSITY DIALOGUES SUNDAY, APRIL 11, DURING ENRICHMENT HOUR KELLY ROOM, RIGHT SIDE

This month's Diversity Dialogues will be a reverberation session to follow-up on the March 28th showing of the film DARTT film presentation of "American Violet," which is based on true events involving police profiling and false imprisonment and prosecution of low-income and minority citizens in Texas. A short synopsis of the film will be provided for those who did not see it. Information is also available at: <http://www.americanyiolet.com>.

The events highlighted were not in the distant past; they happened less than ten years ago, and the problems persist around the country due both to discrimination and to federal programs that provide incentives for local prosecutions regardless of whether they are merited. "American Violet" is a powerful and enlightening film. We welcome all to join us as we explore and share both the challenges and the opportunities of personal and collective transformation to stop racism and to embrace diversity in all its forms. For more information please contact the Diversity Dialogues co-leaders: Theresa Brown Shute at tbshute@gmail.com or Cynthia Robinson at crr@pipeline.com.

BUILDING A VOCAL COMMUNITY: THE POWER OF SONG



There may be a few slots left for this vocal workshop led by Ysaye Barnwell at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, April 3, from 9:30 am (check in) to 3:00 pm. Advance registration and

payment required. Fee of \$25 includes lunch. Contact dartt@pbuuc.org or 301-445-2821.

Green Sanctuary News



Spring is here. Thursday, April 22, marks the fortieth year for the celebration of Earth Day. All of us still need to put forth much effort to achieve sustainability for the planet.. Review/renew your own green behavior?

Do you: turn out lights when you leave a room or turn off water? How much do you recycle? Think about these "laws of ecology:"

- Everything is connected to everything else;
- Everything has to go somewhere. There is no such place as away;
- Everything is always changing;
- Diversity tends toward stability.

HOT WATER IN MH BATHROOMS



Have you noticed the instant hot water in the bathrooms in the Meeting House? Thank you, Ron Cotts for installing these instant heaters that save water and energy. It's so nice to have warm water when we wash our hands.

PARKING LOT POSSIBILITIES

The Green Team is also researching green parking lots. If anyone has had experience with a green parking lot, please share with us. You are invited to meet with us at our next meeting on Sunday, April 11. We'll meet during Enrichment Hour in the right side of the Kelley Room.

Penny O'Brien, Green Team Member

Publicity and Outreach Committee

THE PBUUC PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE (PAO) IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

The mission of the PAO is to find the best ways to externally publicize activities, special events, and services of Paint Branch, striving to present the best possible image of our church community and what we have to offer. What does this mean for Paint Branch? Our Charter outlines the following:

- A. Work with the Board of Trustees, minister, staff, and lay leadership to coordinate outreach and publicity activities at PBUUC. Serve as an umbrella to the other groups and committees of PBUUC in public outreach and advertising with the ultimate goal of continuity.
- B. Work closely with congregational leadership to present a clear consistent message in our outreach efforts.
- C. Identify advertising opportunities through a variety of media and promote PBUUC.
- D. Develop a general brochure to be shared with the neighboring community and those who express interest in learning about PBUUC.
- E. Create and maintain a template flier that other PBUUC groups may use in promoting events. Such a template will help provide consistency plus access to advertising material since not all groups have access to graphic design resources.
- F. Develop and administer effective ways to assess our progress in carrying out our mission.

Note that at this time, the committee is not tasked with working on the PBUUC website, but we are talking with the minister and the board about the website.

So far, committee members have helped compile a contact list of media resources and provided the flier template to PBUUC groups. Diane has shared a sample press release and Paint Branch events have started appearing on the Gazette calendar. Committee membership remains small and we need willing volunteers to help put the great ideas we are hearing into action.

Specifically, if there is someone interested in sharing their PR/media experience or who is able to make follow-up calls during day-time working hours, your involvement with PAO is welcome.

The co-committee chairs are Kathy Kearns (kkearns@hotmail.com) and Theresa Brown Shute (tbshute@gmail.com) and we would love your help! We meet once a month on the last Thursday of the month starting at 7:00 pm; *the next meeting being Thursday, April 29.*

T-SHIRT CONTEST EXTENDED!

You have another chance! PBUUC's Publicity and Outreach Committee has extended the deadline for the t-shirt design contest. Due to the snow - and a really good idea - *we are extending the deadline to Sunday, April 11.* The good idea? After voting takes place, the selected design will be revealed on the T-shirt itself at the June Town Hall meeting! We want to produce a t-shirt that can be worn to group/volunteer events to identify Paint Branchers "at work," but of course you can get one for "at-play," too! A big thank you to those who have already submitted entries - your designs are being held for this new deadline.

Contest Rules:

Create a design that shows the world what Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist church means to you.

1. The design will appear on the front of the shirt and may include a picture and/or words. The back of the shirt will include the words "Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church", a chalice logo and our web address, www.pbuuc.org
2. Designs must be submitted in black and white, so that they may be easily reproduced on a t-shirt as a single color (not necessarily in black)
3. This contest is open to PBUUC members and friends of all ages!
4. Entries may be submitted either in hard copy or electronically to Kathy Kearns at kkearns@hotmail.com or Theresa Shute at tbshute@gmail.com, co-chairs of the PBUUC Publicity and Outreach Committee.

Deadline for submission is Sunday, April 11. The Publicity and Outreach Committee will review the entries and select the top five designs. The congregation will then have a chance to vote on their favorite design and t-shirt color via ballot in the Meeting House Foyer on Sunday, April 25.

In and Around Paint Branch

DJEURDJEUF FOR THE SENEGALESE ETHNIC DINNER, AND WHAT'S NEXT?

The dinner that almost wasn't! Snow! Cancellation of church one Sunday in February, and low attendance on the other two, resulted in reduced ticket sales and volunteer sign-up. Four days before the dinner, we finally decided to do it anyway. Only about 50 people attended, one of the menu items was dropped for lack of a cook, and the big luncheon the following day competed with the Leftovers Sale. Even so, we had a successful dinner! Testament to that was David Chapman telling me, "Some of these dishes are so good, I want to ask for the recipe, and I don't cook!"

Mike Stark and crew, Ron Cotts, Sandra Roberts, Jeri Holloway, Erika Teal, Jim Dietz and Nancy Boardman did set up. Mike also set-up, stocked and tended the bar (including some African "Tusker" beer!) with Amy Parrish's assistance. Carol Carter-Walker tended door assisted by Sandra Roberts. Cooks included Jane Trout, Jeri Holloway, Marge Owens, Jennifer Wright, Melissa Graham, Marcie Washburn, Cathy Helmold, Marilyn Pearl, Chuck Bury, Kathy Kearns, Judy Hamburg, Teresa Meeks, Joe Dever, Tricia Most, and Adeline Wilcox. Lisa Dickson (first-timer!) brewed minted tea and Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson, the coffee. Penny O'Brien purchased the bread. We also had a "guest cook". Sally Peterson is a Senegalese friend of Evangeline Wells. She and Evangeline together prepared two of the dishes, and Sally also provided us with recorded Senegalese music. Help with clean-up included Chuck Bury, Building Manager for the evening, Ron Cotts, Jennifer Grant, Bryan Coté, Wendy Schlegel, Nancy Boardman, Evangeline Wells, Cathy Helmold, Marilyn Pearl, and Penny O'Brien who came in early the next day to continue cleaning the kitchen.

Senegal has two official languages – French and Wolof. *Djeurdjeuf* (pronounced jeri-jef) means "thank you" in Wolof. So, Djuerdjuef to all who helped, all who came, all who donated to the Leftover Sale, and all the cooks who waived reimbursement! This dinner netted \$646.11.

We are moving the May Ethnic Dinner to Saturday, August 28, so we can join with the Green Team and do a Maryland/Locovore dinner. We hope to also have some RE involvement, and will start the dinner earlier in the day to accommodate kids. See the "Garden" article below on this page to learn one way you might help now.

For two weeks this October, Marilyn Pearl and Cathy Helmold will be touring Portugal with Nancy Boardman (doing research of course!) We hope we can still have an Ethnic Dinner on Saturday, October 30, and are currently discussing possible themes. We will both be here for menu planning and for the dinner, but a few people are needed to sell tickets and recruit volunteers on at least two Sundays prior to the dinner. Contact Marilyn at 301-805-1218 or buffalo_gal@verizon.net for details and to volunteer.

Marilyn Pearl, Ethnic Dinner coordinator

DO YOU GARDEN? ETHNIC DINNERS & GREEN TEAM WANT YOU!



Spring has finally arrived and it's time for seeds to start sprouting! If you gardeners and would-be gardeners are planning what you'll be planting, perhaps you'd like to include some *really* locally-grown produce for the Maryland/Locovore, Ethnic/Green Team Dinner to be held Saturday, August 28. As this is written, we don't yet have a definite menu, but that gives you opportunity to have input. Is there something you usually raise in your garden for which you think a decent quantity could be harvest-ready around that time? Do you eat it fresh and raw, or have a favorite dish to prepare it in? If you don't usually have a garden, is this a good year to try one, to introduce your kids to "farming"?

Let us know what you may be able to contribute and we'll try to plan for it. Contact Marilyn Pearl at 301-805-1218 or email her at buffalo_gal@verizon.net, or contact Rene McDonald at 301-779-1643 or rm.opal@verizon.net.

“FRIENDS AND FAMILY SOCIAL” NEEDS YOU!

”Friends and Family Social” is a series of free programs offered by Paint Branch UU Church on evenings and weekends where members and friends and newcomers can hang out, relax, enjoy some free entertainment, make new friendships, and build a stronger church community.

Raman Pathik has very graciously volunteered to coordinate these events for the church. However, the success of “Friends and Family Social” is only possible with the help of church members who can support this endeavor by getting involved and making this Social their own event. Raman does the work of organizing pizza, setting up chairs, and arranging the entertainment; what the rest of us can do to help is to:

- **participate in the fun,**
- **invite our friends and neighbors to attend, and**
- **make our visitors feel welcome!.**

Inviting our friends to a relaxing, fun event like “Friends and Family Social” is a great way to help grow our congregation and spread the good news about Unitarian Universalism. An event like “Friends and Family Social” is like free advertising for the church. Say one hundred of us were to bring one guest a month, then in the next twelve months we will have had 1,200 guests and if even 10% would fall in love with our church and become members, that would mean 120 new members each year!



In the last five months, Raman has organized a wide variety of free programs such as music concerts, health, money and environmental

workshops, a comedy show, birthday celebrations and a karaoke night. The most successful was the high school comedy club which brought about 50 outside guests. In the next twelve months we are planning to have a talent show, different cultural shows, concerts including a barbershop quartet, a summer cook-out and laughing club.

We need more PBUUC members and friends to become a part of the support team to make the “Friends and Family Social” series of events successful. Do you have any great ideas for fun activities or want to get more involved in welcoming newcomers and friends to the church? Please contact Raman at 301-890-9072 to join the support team.

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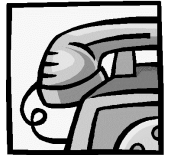
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2010 MUSIC AT PAINT BRANCH CONCERTS AT PBUUC



Please MARK THE DATES for the following fabulous concerts in the *Music At Paint Branch* concert series – coming this spring!

Sunday, April 11 at 4pm – Naoko Maeda

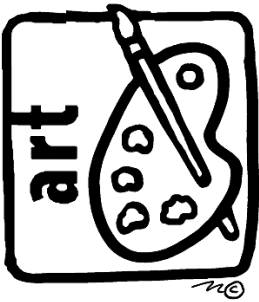
Pianist Naoko Maeda will be playing piano works of African-American Composers

Sunday, April 18, at 4 pm -- James Stern, violinist and his wife, Audrey Andrist, pianist

Sunday, May 2 – Barbara Brown, cellist, and David Chapman, pianist

Julie Dahmer

ART GALLERY



Don Gerson's wonderful photographs of Australia and New Zealand will remain on display through April 4. If you are interested in purchasing one or want further information about them you may contact Don at 410 293-6570 or email him at

donaldgerson@yahoo.com. The photos will be followed by watercolors by the Monday Watercolorists. They are Donna Aldridge, Anne Harter, Marie Robinson and Jane Trout. Should you have questions about them you may contact Jane Trout at 301 572-2898 or jd_trout@msn.com.

PAINT BRANCH UU CHURCH BOOK SALE TABLE RETURNS



We will resume selling books, mostly from the UUA Bookstore, on the last Sunday of the month. Beginning right after service, you'll have an opportunity to purchase poetry,

children's books, meditation manuals, fiction and non-fiction from the Unitarian Universalist Association Bookstore. You'll be able to enhance your library and help raise money for the church.

SPRING CRAFTS FAIR, APRIL 18, IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH.



The second annual Spring Crafts Fair will be on Sunday, April 18, right after church and through the Enrichment Hour. Weather permitting, we will set up on the deck and offer gifts, crafts, books and food from Paint Branchers and friends. You can snack on delicious baked goods from our Coming Of Age families while you shop. We already know that we'll have glass and silver jewelry and fresh bread. We are still looking for more gardeners, artists and crafters. We would love to have plant divisions and cuttings for the garden. This is your perfect opportunity to look for Mother's day gifts and new garden plants. All vendors will donate 20% of their proceeds to the PBUUC general fund. If you would like to be a vendor, please call Tish Hall at 301-681-1457.

JOIN THE PBUUC LIST SERV



Would you like another easier way of keeping abreast of activities and news here at PBUUC? You are encouraged to join the PBUUC list serv, a low volume email service that allows you to receive information and updates on a regular basis. Send an email to Ken Montville, the list serv moderator, at ken.montville@remax.net. You will then receive an invitation to join the list serv group. Follow the directions and you will soon be getting all the latest information about PBUUC activities.

Ken Montville, moderator



The Office Volunteer Computer is no longer working and is too old to be updated with current software. If you have used computer to donate, no older than 3 years, with either Windows Vista or Windows 7, and software that is still supported, contact the church office. Thanks for your consideration!

MURRAY GROVE NEWS UPDATE:

Murray Grove: peaceful, affordable space – perfect for retreats and family reunions

The **Rainbow Circle at Murray Grove**: Gatherings, Celebrations, Workshops/Trainings and Support for the **GLBT Community** happen monthly! All Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Intersex folks and their allies and supporters are encouraged to come! Future dates will vary, but it's on a Sunday once each month, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm (free will donation), followed by dinner (\$5 per person suggested minimum donation). RSVP at 609-693-5558 or murraygrove@murraygrove.org

Grove Gatherings at Murray Grove: Musical/Artistic Coffee Houses. Every second Wednesday of the month: 7:00-9:00 entertainment - \$10 per person; and join us before the show for a potluck dinner 6:00-7:00 pm (BYOB). A variety of artists will perform and visual arts will be incorporated, in English Folk Music Club form, where performers can share their craft and engage the audience.

On Wednesday, April 14, popular blues guitarist and singer Frank Fotusky will perform. Frank plays Acoustic Blues in the style reminiscent of the great East Coast "Piedmont" players: sophisticated syncopation with finger-picked guitar, resulting in a sound that resembles that of the ragtime piano. This program is made possible in part by a grant administered by the *Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission*, in conjunction with the *New Jersey State Council of the Arts/Department of State*, a Partner Agency of the *National Endowment for the Arts*.

Save the Dates:

Heritage Week at Murray Grove led by Rev Dr Elizabeth Strong, August 1-6, 2010

Drum and Dance Retreat, August 13-15, 2010

Homecoming 2010, September 24-26, 2010

Please ask us about volunteering and bartering opportunities.

For information and registration:

Murray Grove Retreat and Conference Center

PO Box 246, Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734

609-693-5558

murraygrove@murraygrove.org

www.murraygrove.org

There are many Unitarian Universalist conferences and summer camps – all can be found on the web....most notably at www.uua.org and www.uuworld.org. Flyers and posters are also posted in the Meeting House Foyer and Bulletin Boards in the right corridor...make sure to check out the exciting offerings that are listed!

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