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PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

MAY 2010

MAY 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*

MAY 2

COUNTING THE WAYS, WITH MIRTH

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

****Children and Youth begin in the RE Building****

Like pearls hiding in oysters, the many ways we care for one another are often out of sight but so valuable, so valued. Among them are our We Care and Pastoral Care Associate programs, and today - World Laughter Day - we will honor those whose passion it is to serve in those ways. Expect to smile!

MAY 9

FROM BIRTH TO COMING OF AGE

*Karen Lee Scrivo, Interim Director of Religious Exploration, with Marilyn Pearl, Worship Associate,
and Coming of Age advisors, youth, mentors, and parents*

****Children start in Meeting House****

Join in this special celebration of two important milestones in the journey of life with the dedication of seven of our youngest children and the Coming of Age of our middle school youth.

MAY 16

JUSTICE IS LOVE WITH LEGS

Rev. John Crestwell, Guest Preacher, with Worship Associate Donald Mitchell and the Choir

****Children start in the Kelley Room for Children's Chapel****

It's not enough to wish for change. Sometimes we have to choose a side, take a stand and make a decision. Liberal religion requires that we be patient and open to others but there are times when we must stand on the side of love and take action in the name of love. The preacher is the Director of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland, for which a Special Collection will be taken.

MAY 23

MARGARET FULLER: CELEBRATING THE KIND OF LIFE SHE LED A 19TH CENTURY WOMAN FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

And Recognition Ceremony for New Members

Rev. Diane Teichert with Shantida, Worship Associate

****Children start in the Meetinghouse****

Born May 23 in 1810, the life of Margaret Fuller – women's rights activist, public intellectual, friend of Emerson and Thoreau, and America's first female foreign news correspondent – was a balancing act familiar to many of us today. If there is a gymnast in the congregation who is good on the balance beam and someone who can arrange for us to borrow one for the morning, please let the minister know.

MAY 30

CROWN THY GOOD, UNDER GOD?

Rev. Diane Teichert, with Don Henderson, Worship Associate

****Children start in the Kelley Room for Multi-Age Activities****

Among religious liberals, some embrace patriotism while others find it off-putting ... what is the common ground? The words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance are the jumping off point for this Memorial Day sermon, for which Rev. Teichert won the Unitarian Universalist Association's Skinner (Social Justice) Sermon Award.

A frequently received request has been for the newsletter to insert a table of contents to make finding information easier. Your voices have been heard! Enjoy this new feature.

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The Minister's mUUsings...

On Sunday, March 28, the Worship Associates stood together, with my support, at the time in the service when the Sharing of Joys and Sorrows would normally be announced, "to express our sorrow and concern about statements that were made during the Sharing of Joys and Sorrows" the previous Sunday. "Words were used to characterize members of one political party in angry language... Members of our congregation who belong to the maligned political party and guests they had invited to join us for Sunday's worship service were hurt by the statements. One of those members has told us that he no longer feels welcome in this church."

There have been apologies since. I think most of us recognize that our "open mic" format is such that this kind of thing was waiting to happen.

The Worship Associates went on to say, "We want this church to be an open and welcoming community for everyone. We value diversity of opinion and recognize that people of good will can disagree yet remain in community. As our Unitarian forebear Francis David said, 'We do not need to think alike to love alike.'"

"Keeping our sharing of Joys and Sorrows focused solely, and briefly, on major joys and sorrows has long been a struggle in our congregation. Many members have requested that we have only silent candles of Joys and Sorrows, while other members value the verbal sharing highly."

So, since then, throughout the month of April, we have had candles available for silent expressions of joy and sorrow during the Offertory and no opportunity for verbal sharing in the service. This is the first of a series of different models for Joys and Sorrows (many of them used by other Unitarian Universalist congregations) which we will try out, one each month into the fall; seeking congregants' feedback and suggestions in various ways along the way, starting with the Suggestion Box on a window sill in the Meeting House Foyer. I am sure that the process will lead us to a new ways to be the increasingly caring community we aspire to be.

On a personal note, I want to share a Joy with you here. My spouse Don Milton and I have found, after looking at many houses for sale in the general College Park area, a home to buy around the corner from where we are renting in University Park! It meets most of our most important criteria including easy wheelchair access for my mother, space for gatherings, and more than 500 meters distant from a busy roadway (Don has an inherited lung condition); and it's in nearly move-in condition, which is good because between our new jobs in a new state and involvement with my mother, we don't have time for a fixer-upper. I look forward to welcoming you to our sweet new home!

Hoping to see you on Sundays,



Rev. Diane Teichert

MEET THE GUEST MINISTER



Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr. is Associate Minister at Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. Other than his duties of preaching, teaching, and counseling, he leads the PathWork Adult Religious Education program, as well as overseeing social justice initiatives, including being the Director of Outreach for the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland.

He is formerly the minister of Davies Memorial UU Church in Camp Springs, Maryland, where he assisted the congregation in expanding into a multiracial congregation. Under his leadership, Davies was 40% racially diverse.

He currently serves on the National Cancer Institute Institutional Review Board under the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He is formerly a board member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) and the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland.

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He has also been an adjunct professor at Potomac College in Washington, DC, teaching Comparative Religion, Ethics, and Public Speaking. John also hosts an Internet podcast: "The Barbershop" political radio show on local and national issues during the Maryland General Assembly.

He is author of the books, *Conversations: The Hidden Truth That Keeps The World From Being At Peace*, published in 2001, and also *The Charge of the Chalice* in 2007, which tells the story of Davies Memorial's growth in racial diversity. John is also a contributing author in two Skinner House books: *The Growing Church: Keys to Congregational Vitality*, as well as *The Arc of the Universe Is Long: Unitarian Universalists, Anti-Racism and the Journey from Calgary*.

* Prior to ministry, Rev. John worked in marketing and advertising. He has three children.

Notes from the Board Chair

The Board of Trustees has been working closely with the Treasurer to review the state of the church's finances, in preparation for the start of a new church year on June 30. We discovered that there are quite a number of people who have not yet begun to contribute towards their pledges of financial support, which were made during last year's stewardship campaign. On the one hand, we fully recognize that these are difficult times and that many members of our church community are experiencing various forms of financial hardship. On the other hand, however, the church definitely needs our financial support if we are going to continue to offer high-quality worship services, an outstanding Religious Exploration program, and dynamic and engaging social justice and environmental conservation programs.

Because we are a relatively small congregation, your financial contribution really does matter to PBUUC! Unlike other churches or other denominations, we don't have a large endowment or a diocese that can step in to help us out in times of financial hardship. It's really up to each and every one of us to provide the financial contributions that will keep our church alive and healthy. All contributions, no matter how small, are essential for the well-being of our church.

If you find that you are behind on your current pledge and have the financial resources available, we would like to encourage you to make every effort to get caught up on your contributions by June 30, when the current church year ends.

If your financial situation has changed and you are simply not able to meet your original pledge commitment, please let us know that too, so that we can plan accordingly. If at any point you want to know how much you have contributed towards your pledge, please feel free to contact Treasurer Ellen Cotts (ellencotts@comcast.net).

For those members and friends who have faithfully continued to pledge and contribute during good times and bad, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. PBUUC simply could not continue to be such a dynamic and exciting religious community without your generosity!



Jonathan Mawdsley, Board Chair

**I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do
something;
And because I cannot
do everything
I will not refuse to do the
something that I can do!**

Edward Everett Hale, 1822-1909
American Author

Religious Exploration News

When I first became a youth advisor in my congregation in Bowie some 20 years ago, I was fairly new to Unitarian Universalism. I had long ago left behind the religions of my childhood – Catholicism and “born-again” Christianity – but remained among the unchurched that saw little need for organized religion. Still, I felt there was something missing in my life.

At the time, I was a reporter and editor for The Associated Press in Baltimore and often spent my Sunday mornings working. My husband, Ken, who discovered Unitarian Universalism many years earlier, had been trying to get me involved in the Bowie congregation. So when he asked if I could work with the youth group, which met Sunday evenings, I ran out of excuses and signed on. It turned out to be one of those decisions that started me down an exciting new path.

I discovered I really enjoyed working with youth. We talked about our beliefs and how we could make a difference in the world as we explored life’s big questions. Together, we also learned about Unitarian Universalism and I realized at last I had found my church home after many years of wandering in a spiritual desert. I also found a kindred spirit in my co-leader, a gifted writer who went to become an inspiring director of religious education and my mentor.



Since then, I’ve taught children of all ages, led adult religious education classes, and served as interim director of lifespan growth and learning at the Columbia Unitarian Universalist

Congregation and now here at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church. What a wonderful journey it’s been – one that started with the simple step of becoming involved in religious exploration.

I’d like to encourage you to consider being a part of the wonderful religious exploration here at PBUUC. Although it’s only May, we are already thinking about next year’s programs and classes for children, youth and adults and are looking for people who feel called to this wonderful and transforming work.

Dr. Barry Andrews, the minister of religious education at the UU Congregation of Shelter Rock in Long Island, NY, provides a good description of the qualities we’re looking for, in a recent essay, “The Soul Only Avails: Teaching as a Spiritual Act.” http://archive.uua.org/re/reach/teaching/the_soul_only_avails.html.

“The essential qualities of a good church school teacher are a love of children, a sense of wonder about life, empathy and the ability to listen, and a willingness more to share who you are than what you know,” Andrews says. “Above all, teachers are mentors and companions of children as they undertake their religious journeys in life.”

Andrews goes on to say that teaching religious exploration is a spiritual practice that requires “a certain discipline or adherence to fundamental principles” and lists seven essential to the practice. They include: respect for children, be true to yourself, promote community, make it sacred, cultivate your soul, grow in your faith and put down roots.

Teaching religious exploration and working with youth has given me a wonderful chance to share and deepen my own faith, learn from others, and be continually refreshed and renewed by the wonder and hope of children and youth. I hope you’ll consider getting involved in religious exploration at PBUUC. It’s an experience that keeps on giving both to others and to you!

Karen Lee Scrivo
Interim Director of Religious Exploration

RE NOTES For May Branches



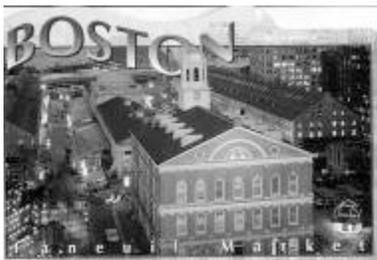
COMING OF AGE – There will be six middle school youth presenting their credos at the Coming of Age service on May 9. They are: Zach Bernheisel, Keara Miller, Montana Monardes, Andrew Valliere, Sam Washburn, and

Mary Wester. Thanks to COA Advisors Mike Stark, Penney Hughes and Sherry Mitchell and Mentors – Cory Carter, Tim Illig, Michael Leger, Mike McMenamin, Jan Montville and Ken Redd. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, May 8, from 10:30 – 12:30 pm in Meeting House.

TEACHERS' AND VOLUNTEER BRUNCH –

The RE Committee is hosting a Teachers' Brunch on May 16, from noon to 2 pm in the Kelley Room to show appreciation to all our RE teachers and volunteers for all they do for our children and youth.

BOSTON HERITAGE TRIP – Eight middle school youth and four adults will be going to Boston over the Memorial Day weekend – from May 26 to 31. They will be staying at the Unitarian Universalist Association's Eliot and Picket Houses and touring UUA, King's Chapel and its bell tower and possibly meeting with the UU Service Committee in addition to enjoying the sights of Boston. The youth include: Genie



Ahearn, Zach Bernheisel, Cora Enoch, Keara Miller, Montana Monardes, Andrew Valliere, Sam Washburn and Mary Wester. Thanks go out to Sherry Mitchell and Tim Illig, the trip's chaperones and COA Parents, Carole Valliere and Carla Miller, who will also be traveling with the group. Thanks also go to RE Assistant Kweli Powell and Kelly Wester for helping with making arrangements, and the wonderfully supportive COA parents.

TOOLBOX OF FAITH PROJECT – The 6th grade class, which has been doing Toolbox of Faith this year, has been using some real-life tools to complete a beautiful outdoor bench, made of recycled wood, for the church. A tip of the hat to teachers, Kevin Miller, Steve Bernheisel and Noel Monardes, for spearheading this wonderful project of putting our principles into practice.

END OF FISCAL YEAR PLEDGE CHECKS



As we approach the end of the pledge year, which ends on June 30th, please be very specific when indicating for which year your pledge check is meant, (i.e. – Pledge 2009-10 or 2010-11 written in the memo line). This will help us keep accurate pledge records. Thanks as always for your generous financial support of this congregation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 301-937-3666 or Treasurer Ellen Cotts at 301-572-3983.

THANK YOU TO CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Thanks to all committees and event organizers whose diligent planning led to an effortless production of the 2010-2011 Church Calendar. Next year's events will be visible on our website by the end of next week, if not sooner. Visit www.pbuuc.org and click on calendar for current events!

PAINT BRANCH 2010-2011 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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

WE'RE ALMOST THERE! Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated team of Visiting Stewards, we are very close to completing our Stewardship Campaign for the coming fiscal year.

In this year which finds us facing many fiscal challenges, both in our personal lives and as a church community, we are pulling together to share the commitment to a future filled with promise. Thanks to all of you who have already made your pledge. We appreciate the time you have taken to consider what Paint Branch means to you. We will be sharing your comments with the Board of Trustees and our minister, Diane Teichert. Your thoughts will be helpful as we move ahead to develop the faith community we desire to have.

If you have not yet made your pledge, we will be continuing our effort to include you in this campaign. We know that circumstances and timing may have prevented us from reaching you before now. The important budget planning which is continuing this month calls for participation by everyone. Each pledge, whether large or small, is vitally necessary as we move ahead. We want you and need you to be part of the renewing energy at Paint Branch.

Please feel free to contact Pat Tompkins at 301-474-3858 or by email at candgptom@msn.com with any comments, questions - or PLEDGES!

HUZZAH - HOORAY- HALLELUIA and THANK YOU
 VISITING STEWARDS

John Bartoli
 Steven Bernheisel
 Abby Crowley
 Ellen Cotts
 Peter Dowling
 Don Henderson
 Jeri Holloway
 Tim Illig
 Michael Leger
 Jonathan Mawdsley

Mike McMenamin
 Rene McDonald
 Sherry Mitchell
 Ken Montville
 Tricia Most
 Penny O'Brien
 Marge Owens
 Raman Pathik
 Deb Rubenstein
 Susannah Schiller

Theresa Shute
 Will Snyder
 Mike Stark
 Jenny Story
 Dave Trout
 Jane Trout
 Carol Carter Walker
 Peter Wathen-Dunn
 Paul Wester
 Bettie Young

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

The next Social Action Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, in Room 1 of the RE Building.

At our last meeting, Fred Teal gave us a report on legislation affecting the environment in the 2010 MD legislative session. We also learned about the "Clean Currents" program through which our households can get 100% wind power for our electric needs with the church getting a \$ benefit for each person who signs up.

Recent special collections brought in \$280 for Little Friends for Peace and \$198 for DC Vote.

On Sunday, May 16, our special collection recipient will be for the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland, whose mission is to provide a voice for UU principles and values in discussions on public policy issues in MD. It is a statewide advocacy network of individual UUs, working collaboratively with other groups to advance legislation especially in the area of human rights. Envelopes will be provided for your cash or checks made payable to UULM-MD. If you can't attend church on May 16, you may send a check to the church office.

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Administration Notes

THANK YOU, JULIE DAHMER!

We say a heartfelt "thank you" and "best of luck" to Julie Dahmer, as she ends her tenure with the Office Volunteers. Julie has been a dedicated presence on Fridays, assisting with the proofreading and formatting of the Order of Service and Branches, coordinating the annual report, as well as answering phone calls and tirelessly doing other tasks that make our church office function so well. She will be genuinely missed, but we send our best wishes to her, and her husband Doug, as they prepare for their move to Maine.

We also thank Rene McDonald, Becky Nation, Elizabeth Scheiman and Will Snyder for their continued assistance in the church office.

SUNDAY SERVICE / BUILDING MANAGER NEEDED!



Would you like to make some additional cash and provide a vital service to your congregation? Consider becoming a Sunday / rental events manager. These

managers prepare and maintain the Meeting House for use during Sunday Services, as well as provide assistance to rental clients before, during and after a rental event – including room set-up and breakdown, stocking bathroom supplies, basic cleaning, assisting with audio/visual equipment and building security.

We offer a competitive wage, and flexibility in hours. Individuals considering this position should be able to lift at least 20 pounds, have their own transportation, be available on Sunday mornings, have some weeknight and weekend availability, and be willing to be on an emergency contact list for our security alarm system, (for which there is separate financial compensation). Familiarity with sound systems is a plus, but not required, and training will be offered. A full job description is available at the church office. Contact Daniel Everitt, Church Administrator, at 301-937-3666 for more information.

DO YOU HAVE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION?



If you've changed your address, phone number or email, and would like to have this information made available to the congregation, please send your new information to the church office at churchadmin@pbuuc.org. We'll list it here in Branches, as well as include it for the next edition of our Church directory. Thanks for your assistance.

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 is 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. 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

Denominational Affairs



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; and \$355 beginning May 1. You can go the uua.org GA blog to get information about 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 Gerson, Chair, Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC), or Carol Carter Walker, member, DAC.

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

BUILDING A COMMUNITY THROUGH SONG

On Saturday, April 3, the DARTTeam hosted a long anticipated guest to Paint Branch: Dr. Ysaye Barnwell. This member of both All Souls, Unitarian and the popular folksy-soulful music group, 'Sweet Honey in the Rock,' gives regular workshops throughout DC/MD/VA that aim to encourage people to integrate the gift of song/singing/music into their everyday lives in profound ways. Set in the main meeting room of the church, the workshop began with Reverend Teichert introducing Dr. Barnwell. Among other things, Reverend Teichert noted that, while music has always saturated Dr. Barnwell's life, she had actually made her formal career/living (prior to joining 'Sweet Honey in the Rock' presumably) in fields that applied her doctoral expertise in science-related areas. In my experience, such double-skill and/or talent are quite unusual/impressive. Hence, my interest in her was particularly peaked.



Dr. Barnwell's overall 'lesson plan' involved our metaphorically 'time traveling' with her through the path that the ancestors of African-Americans took from their West African homelands to the Americas. Hence, we started in Africa, made our way to the Caribbean, the Southeastern regions of the US, and finally, the Civil Rights Era. Each batch of

songs was interspersed with rich contextual narration/understanding from Dr. Barnwell. Among the first batch comprised of songs derived from Africa, one piece stood out for me. It was composed by people who live in the African rainforest and it literally and beautifully seemed to mimic the cacophony of the insects, leaves, animals, regular rainfall, etc., that are typically associated with life therein. Dr. Barnwell commented that these same people frame their rainforest home as their God. She then challenged us to imagine how the people throughout the world might treat the environment if we all framed it in such a sacred light.

Upon completion of the first batch of songs, we proceeded to the Caribbean. The piece that was highlighted here was composed in Haiti. It is sung in French and one line, as translated by Dr. Barnwell, leads the singer to soulfully call upon God to 'dwell in his/her heart.' Dr. Barnwell noted that that work is significant to her because the citizens of Haiti have been through a lot of tragedy, both in terms of recent earthquake-related hardships AND (implicitly) the long tradition of inhospitable treatment they've received from their Western Hemispheric neighbors since their ancestors' famous successful revolt against slavery. From there, Dr. Barnwell led us into understanding and singing 'Spirituals' the sacred work/life songs of those who were enslaved in the Southern United States. Interestingly, her take on these songs is that they were actually means by which the slaves maintained their basic West African spiritual aesthetic (hidden behind an Old Testament focus). Such syncretism, she asserted, was a crucial help for them in enduring the dehumanizing treatment/identities that were imposed upon them in America.

Dr. Barnwell then guided us toward deeper understanding and appreciation of the Civil Rights Era reality/songs. This culminated in our singing 'We Shall Overcome' while spontaneously, beautifully, and touchingly, joining hands and encircling her. The event was complemented by wonderful weather and food that enabled indoor AND outdoor dining, and great conversation at lunch. Overall, the workshop was a very enriching experience for me that I would recommend to any and everyone!

Kweli Powell



DIVERSITY/ANTI-RACISM TRANSFORMATION (DARTT) TEAM MEETS TUESDAY, MAY 4

All are welcome at the DARTT meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 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 formulating plans for the next church year. If you cannot attend, but would like to participate, please send your input to dartt@pbuuc.org.

MAY DIVERSITY DIALOGUES SUNDAY, MAY 9, DURING ENRICHMENT HOUR

This month we'll continue discussions based on the film "One Drop Rule" and its theme of color consciousness (a synopsis of the film is available at <http://newsreel.org/nav/title.asp?tc=CN0127>). We will pair this discussion with a number of companion articles:

- *"Harry Reid's comments were crudely put, yet true"*
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/11/AR2010011103066.html?referrer=emailarticle>
- *"Will Latinos check 'black' on the census?"*
http://www.salon.com/news/politics/2010/03/31/latinos_census/index.html
- *"Black or biracial? Census forces a choice for some"*
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jJrV2BQUjFwkxyFz6nGYlxZE2Rxd9F60UK00>

Join us as we explore the challenges and opportunities of transformation to stop racism and to embrace diversity in all its forms. For information contact the Diversity Dialogues co-leaders: Theresa Brown Shute at tbshute@gmail.com or Cynthia Robinson at crr@pipeline.com.

Green Sanctuary News



If you're looking for action, come to the Green Sanctuary Team meetings. Plans are underway for the locavore dinner in August. Fred Teal presented information about clean wind generated electricity which can be bought through either BGE or Pepco. The deadline has been extended to July 31, 2010, for responsible bill payers who sign up through their churches. The church will benefit \$10.00 per customer who signs up.

To keep up with what's happening: tune into the PBUUC website for the latest news. You can type in this specific address:

http://www.pbuuc.org/socact/green/PBUUC_Green_Site09/Charter.html or go to PBUUC.org on the left side under; 'our ministries', click on 'social action' then click on 'Green Sanctuary' about the third line down and read our charter. On the left side, near the bottom, you'll see a "Take Action", bar. Click here to read announcements about our next Green Sanctuary Team meeting and other projects we are working on.

Our next meeting is May 12. Come and join us!!!

Penny O'Brien, Green Team Member

"BRANCHES" IS GOING GREEN!

In an effort to promote good stewardship of our environment and our church financial resources, the PBUUC newsletter "**Branches**" will only be available in electronic form starting **July 1st, 2010**. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please provide your email address to churchadmin@pbuuc.org before July 1st. Each person in a household who wishes to receive the newsletter electronically will need to submit a separate email address. The newsletter will be sent to you as an email attachment in .pdf format. A limited number of paper copies will still be printed for those members who lack access to a computer. Please call the church office at (301) 937-3666 to request a printed copy.

Publicity and Outreach Committee

PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

The mission of the Publicity and Outreach committee (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.

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 daytime 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 will be May 27th at 7:00pm in Room 1, RE Building.

T-SHIRT CONTEST - TIME TO VOTE!

PBUUC's Publicity and Outreach Committee is grateful for all design submissions! Entries have been narrowed down to the top three designs. The designs will be on display in the front lobby April 25 – May 9th with an opportunity to vote for your favorite (one vote per person).

The selected design will be unveiled at the June congregational meeting – on the T-shirt, ready for you to take home!! The Publicity and Outreach Committee has coordinated with the church to make T-shirt sales part of the fund raising needed for Reclaiming Our Space – so, not only will you have a PBUUC T-shirt to wear with pride, but the sales will also be helping to support the church!

In order to pick up your shirt in June, we will be accepting pre-orders now through May 9th. Shirts will be \$15 each and checks may be made out to PBUUC.

In and Around Paint Branch

MUSIC TOGETHER MONTGOMERY CLASSES THIS SUMMER AT PBUUC

We are pleased to offer Music Together classes at Paint Branch for mixed ages birth through 5 with parent/caregiver on Wednesdays beginning June 23, from 10:00-10:45 am in the Kelley Room with Christiana Iheadindu. Her bio can be found on the Teachers page of the Music Together Montgomery website.

Tuition is \$160 for 6 weeks of classes and includes an illustrated songbook, 2 CDs of the music used in class and parent education support materials.

Christiana currently teaches on Thursday mornings at Maranatha Fellowship Church, 3828 University Blvd., in College Park, Maryland. You are welcome to visit the home page of our web site and register for a free demonstration class before deciding to register for summer classes.

Music Together® is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and the adults who love them. First offered to the public in 1987, it pioneered the concept of a research-based, developmentally appropriate early childhood music curriculum that strongly emphasizes and facilitates adult involvement.

Music Together® classes are based on the recognition that all children are musical. All children can learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate with confidence in the music of our culture, provided that their early environment supports such learning.

Adults, regardless of musical skill level are empowered to embrace their role as music teacher for their child simply by modeling the disposition to love making music. Our mission is to bring the joy of family music making back into the homes of families in our community.

*Nancy Nuttle, PBUUC Friend
and Director, Music Together Montgomery
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MUSIC AT PAINT BRANCH CONCERTS NEED YOU



The Arts Council at PBUUC needs volunteers to help with the *Music at Paint Branch* concert series in various capacities. Could you arrange a reception? (Guidance and reimbursement will be provided!).

Could you help with reception set-up and clean-up? Could you sit at the Welcome table? Could you help with PR—fliers, bulletin notices, newsletter articles? Please consider contributing your talents to our excellent concert series and contact Music Director David Chapman or Julie Dahmer (jcdahmer@comcast.net) if you have further questions or would like to become involved in one of these capacities.

2010 MUSIC AT PAINT BRANCH CONCERT – SUNDAY, MAY 2, AT 7:00 PM

(Please Note: this concert was originally scheduled for 4 pm.) The next *Music at Paint Branch* concert will feature world-class cellist Barbara Brown with PBUUC Music Director and pianist David Chapman. The concert will feature works by Bach, Shostakovich, Brahms, and Cassado. A reception will follow. As are all the Music at Paint Branch concerts, this concert is *free*, although donations are gratefully accepted.

Julie Dahmer

TWedHULLK TO MEET WEDNESDAY, MAY 19



The Third Wednesday Hyattsville Area UU Lunch Klub will meet on Wednesday, May 19, at 1:00 pm at the Greek Village Restaurant at the intersection of Randolph Road and New

Hampshire Ave, next to the Giant Food Store in the shopping center at the northwest corner of this intersection. If coming from the neighborhood around our church, take Cherry Hill Road to Rt. 29; cross over Rt. 29 and continue on Randolph Rd.; make no turns; at New Hampshire, enter the shopping center. If you are free for lunch that day and like Greek food contact Marge Owens on lowellowens@comcast.net or 301-345-1572. Or just show up.

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

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!



Do you enjoy playing golf? Does your golf game deserve compassion even though you are a hacker? Do you get down on your knees and pray while you line up a putt on Mother Nature's beautiful greens? If you enjoy the game of golf as much as Tim Illig, then join him and the rest of PBUUC Golf Club for a round of golf on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 AM at Paint Branch Golf Course. Located on University Boulevard, this nine hole course is the easiest course around so golfers of all abilities are welcome to join us. Who knows, if there is interest, we could rotate courses each month.

Please RSVP to Tim Illig at tillig@comcast.net or 410-707-6678 and be added to the PBUUC Golf Club list.

ART GALLERY NOTES

The current exhibit of watercolors is by the Monday Watercolorists. It includes paintings by four women who have been painting together for several years. Their names are: Donna Aldridge, Anne Harter, Marie Robinson and Jane Trout. A list of the paintings can be found on the pillar on the left side of the sanctuary.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE GARDENERS

The spring burst of floral beauty is upon us. The good news for aspiring PBUUC gardeners is it's not too late to get involved in PBUUC gardening. Opportunities include everything from helping maintain existing gardens to installing a whole new garden. For more info, contact Lowell Owens (lowellowens@comcast.net or 301-345-1572).

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.

ALL SOUL'S UNITARIAN IN DC INVITES US TO:

*My Big Fat Gay Wedding Reception
Saturday, May 8, from 7-10 pm*

The Marriage Equality Bill of the District of Columbia is now law and it's time to celebrate with the wedding reception you've always wanted—cake, age-appropriate bubbly, door prizes, magician, and dancing with the popular wedding band Northeast Corridor!



This event is a fundraiser for All Souls Church, Unitarian. 10% of all net proceeds will be donated to DC Clergy United for Marriage Equality. Ticket prices are \$50 for an individual, \$100 for a family—two adults and children under 18. They are available online at www.all-souls.org. All Souls Church is convenient to 16th Street bus lines, Columbia Heights METRO and the Target parking lot at 14th Street and Park Road.

For parking and other information, please visit the All Souls website (www.all-souls.org) or call the church at 202-332-5266.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Life Line Screening is renting space from PBUUC in order to offer preventive health screening for the local community. The screenings will be offered, in prices ranging from \$119 to \$149, on Wednesday, June 16 at the PBUUC meeting house. The screenings can test for stroke risk, vascular disease, and bone density. Call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information and to pre-register.



UUSJ NEWS

LGBTQ: LIFE AT HOME AND WORK: ALLIES AND ADVOCACY

This is a program of the Baltimore – Washington DC – Northern Virginia Chapter of the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ), and cosponsored by the UUA Washington Office.



This program will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. The church is located at 4444 Arlington Blvd., in Arlington, VA. Directions can be found on the church's website at <http://www.uucava.org/page/locations-and-directions>.

Bill Briggs, Executive Director of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Metro DC Chapter, and Jon Blair, CEO of Equality Virginia, will be participating with panels focused on family, work, youth, and congregational networking concerns. UUs and other area people interested in this work are invited to attend. A free-will offering for UUSJ will be taken.

Please register by Monday, May 17, at info@uusj.org or call 301-588-1951, or visit the UUSJ website at www.uusj.org. You may also mail in a registration request to UUSJ, 8605 Cameron St., Suite 200, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Please give your name, congregation, email and phone number. Please note on the registration if you would like to carpool with others registered from your area. Bus and metro information are available on the directions link listed above.

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