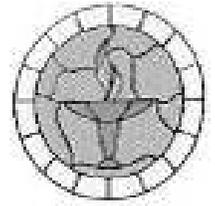




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FEBRUARY 2011

Families with children are invited to sit in front for a better view.

*Nursery care is provided in **Room 5 (new location)** every Sunday from 9:45 to 12:45.*

Coffee and Fellowship after the service, then Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45, with child care provided.

February 6 **Self-Discovery and Anti-Racism**

Rev. Preston Mears, Worship Leader, with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate

Our commitment to civil rights and social justice is often tinged, if not tainted, by condescension. Our commitments can be a doorway to discovering ourselves in new ways in others and to promoting social justice. Rev. Mears' recent trip to see family in Guangzhou, China just may come up (see article on p. 4)!

February 13 **Speaking Of Commitments**

*Mark Shute & Theresa Brown Shute, John Sebastian & Michael Léger, Lowell & Marge Owen, s
with Shantida, Worship Associate, and the Choir*

On the eve of Valentine's Day (and the annual marriage equality Lobby Day in Annapolis) and in the season of reflecting on what PBUUC means to us, we asked three couples to muse aloud on their commitments to their life partner, on if/how being legally wed or not impacts their commitment, and on how their commitments to our church may differ from or be similar to love.

February 20 **Babble: A Modern Bible Story A Service for All Ages**

*Rev. Diane Teichert and Karen Lee Scrivo, Interim Director of Religious Exploration,
with John Sebastian, Worship Associate*

Join us for this All-Ages service loosely based on the biblical story of the Tower of Babel in the book of Genesis. What happens when ambition and greed overshadow our common purpose? What's the cost of seeking results over relationship? Come and help us tell this timeless tale that reminds us that success is empty without love and the warm spirit of community. This month's Special Collection will be taken today for College Bound (see article on p.14).

February 27 **Lilies and Sparrows**

*Rev. Diane Teichert, with Tish Hall, Worship Associate,
and youth dancers Lillian Enoch, Mary Wester and Nirvana Lutchman*

When you feel anxious or are carrying heavy burdens, how do you find rest and relief? Jesus gave advice that sounds amazingly contemporary, so it must be that human beings have been stressed out for at least two millennia! This is the last in a series of three services connected to the Bible Stories theme in our Religious Exploration program. Please plan to stay for the annual Congregational Town Meeting after the service.

Word of mouth is how churches grow - please bring along a friend or neighbor this month!

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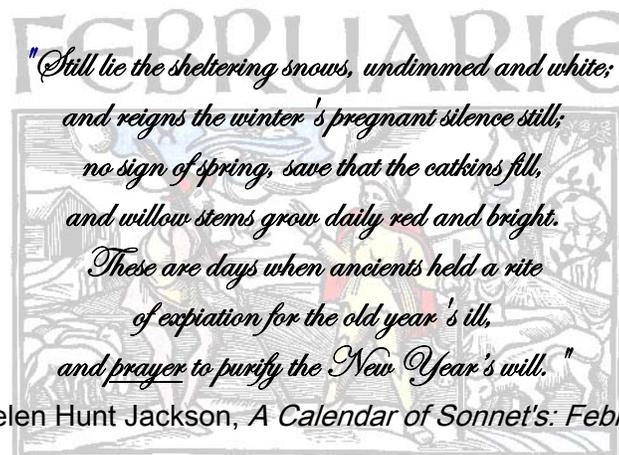
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The Minister's mUUsings...

Two years ago this week, I got my first-ever glimpse of the PBUUC Meeting House. It was full of cots!

Yes, my weekend of interviewing with, and preaching for, your Ministerial Search Committee was during Warm Nights 2009. My husband, Don Milton, and I were met at the airport on Friday afternoon (I recall the MSC's first hospitable gesture: a bottle of cold water in the car for each of us – and I drank mine right up!) and driven to our hotel. We met with the committee for a potluck dinner that night at the home of one of the members (which, it so happened, was two doors away from the house we ended up renting come July). The interview took place at another MSC member's home on Saturday morning through lunchtime (I felt at ease from the beginning because their Chalice Lighting words happened to be one of my all-time favorite poems, "To Be of Use" by Marge Piercy). After lunch we went to the church for a tour of the buildings, which is when I first saw the Meeting House, followed by a driving tour around the area. On Sunday morning, I led worship at Goodloe Memorial UU Church in Bowie so that MSC members could experience me as a worship leader. We talked over lunch afterwards at another MSC member's home, and then I met up with Don and some Baltimore friends before heading home to Massachusetts, feeling hopeful about a positive outcome, knowing I had enjoyed the hospitality.

Looking back on that weekend, I remember some disappointment that I didn't get to see the Meeting House as it would be on Sunday mornings if/when I became your minister. But I also remember being quite impressed: you had been hosting homeless people overnight all week, would be doing so again that night, and would transform your homeless shelter into a sanctuary by 9:00 am the next morning! Talk about "being of use"!

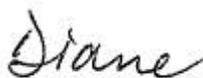
I was down with a flu bug during Warm Nights 2010, so this year I am experiencing Warm Nights first-hand for the first time. The Meeting House does look like a homeless shelter right now. In the vicinity of where the choir usually sits, there are eight cots set up behind a screen to give a family with six young children some privacy. The other cots are set up in two rows, separated by a long row of dining tables for thirty. Our volunteers serve dinner (prepared by other volunteers) each night and breakfast each morning; and at least one spends the night there.

On Sunday night, I enjoyed meeting the guests, sitting with them at dinner, and playing with the kids. At one point, a guest waved a copy of our Sunday Bulletin at me and said she had "something to discuss with me." It turned out that she had seen our insert about Marriage Equality and wanted to know, "how can you, being a reverend, support *that?!!*" In the long conversation to follow, we asked each other many good questions. I answered some of hers by drawing on my sermon from that very morning, "Quoting the Bible." In response early on, she shook her head incredulously. "I believe everyone has a right to their opinion," she later said, and in the end she commented, "God wants us to be happy. He really does." I think she perhaps was considering the possibility that being able to marry would make gay people happy. "Pray about it," I suggested.

There are many ways to "be of use" but being hospitable has to be one of the best. We welcome strangers – be they ministers or neighbors – and find out they are people just like us though different. Pray about it.

You know, come to think more about it, our Meeting House is a shelter every Sunday morning all year long.

I hope to see you there on Sundays,

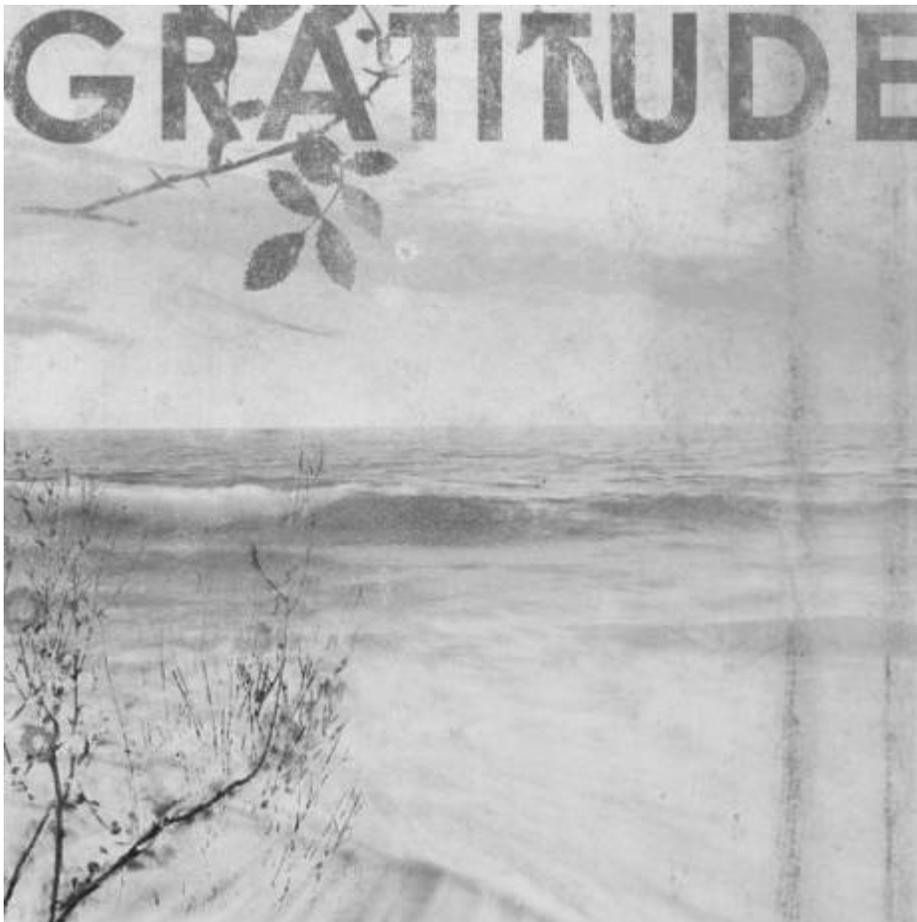


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The minister will be away for professional development from Saturday, February 5, through Sunday, February 14. As was the case with her vacation in November, one of the two Sundays she will be away is her Sunday off for the month; the other is a vacation Sunday. This means she will lead worship twice during this summer when the minister is normally off for vacation or study leave. A UU minister will be on-call for pastoral needs. Please contact a Pastoral Care Associate (Carol Boston, Lynn Johnson, Teresa Meeks, Deb Rubenstein) for support or to request that the on-call minister contact you. For other matters, contact the church office or BOT co-chairs Susannah Schiller or Bettie Young.

Meet the Guest Preacher

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Preston Mears on Sunday, February 6. He was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1966. After eight years of parish work, he moved his ministry to the social welfare field, first in New England and then as a Senior Analyst with the Food and Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture. He and his cradle-Unitarian wife Laurie became involved with Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church in Camp Springs, MD, fifteen years ago because of its active commitment to being an inclusive congregation. Theirs is a multi-generational family membership that includes their daughter, her partner and three grandchildren (with whom he gets to practice his Together Time presentations!).



With Gratitude...

Ben Peery's daughter, Yvany, wants to express the family's heartfelt appreciation for his beautiful memorial service and the lovely reception afterwards. Special thanks to the PBUUC choir, soloist Ebeth Porter, speaker Marilyn Pearl, reception coordinator Alice Tyler and all the helpers before, during and after!

The minister wants to thank the coordinators of all recent "food events" because such occasions do so much to help create the sense of community we cherish at PBUUC: Esther Nichols for Forest Williams' memorial service on Sunday, December 5; Amy Steiner and Raman Pathik for pizza, salad and beverages for the Family & Friends Social on December 10; Jan Montville for the Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 19; Renee Katz for the Kwanzaa Pot-luck; and Alice Tyler for Ben Peery's Memorial Service

on Saturday, January 15. While many helpers are necessary, a few people to take the lead are also always needed! By the way, if hospitality is your passion, please let a We Care Coordinator know because they would love your assistance with receptions after memorial services.

Religious Exploration News

The Gift of Bible Literacy

I was raised Catholic and acquired only a passing acquaintance with the Bible from the two short readings before what was usually a lengthy sermon. The first reading was sometimes from the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament as it was called. The second was always a story about Jesus from one of the four gospels in Christian scripture or New Testament.

That would have been the extent of my knowledge of the Bible but for my maternal grandmother. Raised Greek Orthodox Catholic, she became a “born again” Christian after listening to the fiery radio evangelists of her day.

So while my Roman Catholic grandmother gave me magenta rosary beads blessed by Pope John XXIII for my 8th birthday, my maternal grandmother gave me my first Bible – a King James Version with Holy Bible embossed in gold on the front of its black leather zippered cover.

Since I loved to read and quickly grew bored with the repeated “Hail Marys” and “Our Fathers” of the rosary, I found myself fascinated by the Bible stories. I started reading the New Testament and quickly learned more about Jesus than I had heard in my Catholic catechism classes, which centered on Catholic beliefs and doctrine.

After finishing the New Testament, I dove into the Hebrew Bible and met Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Moses on Mount Sinai receiving the 10 Commandments, the Israelites struggling to reach the Promised Land, Noah building the ark, Daniel in the lion’s den, Jonah inside the belly of a whale, poor long-suffering Job, wise King Solomon and David and his poetic psalms.

While I didn’t agree with my grandmother’s theology then or now, I am grateful for the wonderful gift she gave me – knowledge of the Bible and its many stories. I appreciated this many years later when I became a Unitarian Universalist and teaching an elementary religious exploration class. We were talking about battles with siblings and I mentioned Cain and Abel. I was met by a lot of blank stares and a chorus of “Who?”

Most Unitarian Universalists would like our children and youth to be familiar with the beliefs and practices of other religions. Still we’re sometimes uncomfortable teaching the Bible stories to our children, notes UU religious educator Michelle Richards, author of [Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting](#), available from PBUUC’s Bookstore.

“Clearly if we do not teach our children stories from the Bible, then someone else will,” Richards says. “By choosing to be the ones who share the information with them, we can make sure our children learn the stories in a loving, safe context and from a Unitarian Universalist perspective.”

And that’s what we’re trying to do in our elementary RE classes this month as both the early and upper elementary classes learn some of the familiar Bible stories. This will culminate with our Children’s Chapel on March 6, when our Upper Elementary class will recreate one of the Bible stories it studied.

Richards goes on to say, “Furthermore in a world where Christian fundamentalists cite the Bible as God’s word and hold it up as sacred above all else, our children and youth need to be armed with knowledge of exactly what these writings say. They need to understand the Bible so they can challenge the rigid interpretation of those who would use it as a basis for oppression.”

Even if we do not believe the Bible stories literally as my grandmother did, we can find meaning in their metaphorical truths that tell us something about life and the world as it truly is.

“The story of Cain and Abel thus becomes a parable of sibling rivalry and jealousy,” Richards says. “The story of Jonah and the whale reveals the necessity of following one’s calling despite misgivings. The nativity story can underscore the divinity in each child who is born.”

In *When Children Ask About God*, Rabbi Harold Kushner says the Bible with its less-than-perfect cast of characters also shows us, “You don’t have to be perfect to be good.” And this, he says “is one of the most important lessons the Bible has to teach a child – about himself, his parents and teachers, his friends. A mistake, even a serious one, doesn’t necessarily disqualify a person from the possibility of being a fine and decent human being.”

These are lessons for all of us, regardless of our age. And Rev. Diane Teichert will be exploring some of these lessons in some of her sermons this month as well.

Rev. John Buehrens, a former Unitarian Universalist Association president, also talks about what we can learn from the Bible in his book, *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers and Religious Liberals*, which is available at PBUUC’s bookstore. Buehrens looks at the Bible critically as a human text much like those Renaissance and Reformation scholars, who were interested in discovering “the human experience of the Holy, of God, of enduring truth and wisdom lying behind the veil of the ancient texts

This is an approach that resonates for me as I revisit the Bible this month. Meanwhile, I am thankful to my grandmother for that gift of a Bible so long ago.

Bible Resources for Children, Youth and Adults

Children

- *Meet Jesus: The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher*, by Lynn Tuttle Gunney. This illustrated book follows the life of Jesus, including many of his parables. At the bottom of page, there is a reference to the corresponding Bible passages. At the back of the book are there are excerpts from the actual Bible passages. (Ages 4-8)
- *The Pilgrim Book of Bible Stories*, by Mark Water. This book roots the familiar stories in their historical context. Based on the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible, these stories feature gender-inclusive language for God and humanity. A “Read-the-Story-for-Yourself” section on each page highlights corresponding Bible references to the overall text. (Ages 4 and up)
- *International Children’s Illustrated Bible*, stories retold by Selina Hastings. This child-size retells the stories of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles in a lucid style that retains the original feel and poetry of the Bible, while appealing to contemporary young readers with clear, lively language. The illustrations on every page are complemented with maps and photographs of artifacts, plants, biblical places, animals, people, and architecture. (Ages 8 and up)
- *Nelson’s Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Bible*, edited by John Drane. This is like owning an entire library of Bible background works and historical reference tools-in one convenient volume! The “Atlas of Biblical History” provides an overview of significant turning points in biblical history, with maps, timelines, and key people and places. The “Peoples and Empires” section offers insights on the nations that influenced the culture of the Jews and early Christians. The book also contains information on the life, ministry, and message of Jesus and a survey of life in Bible times. (Ages 10 and up)

Youth and Adults

- Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals, by John Buehrens. Aimed at helping empower skeptics, seekers, nonbelievers, and those of a liberal and progressive outlook reclaim the Bible. Early chapters focus on the why, who, which, and how of bible understanding, followed by thematic chapters covering the core of the Hebrew Bible and the Christian scriptures. The book includes chronologies, maps, and helpful suggestions for further reading. (Available in the UUA Bookstore at PBUUC!)
- A Wind Swept Over the Waters: Reflections on Sixty Favorite Bible Passages, by John Nichols. Well-known and beloved verses from the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, plus reflections on how these passages speak to our daily lives.
- Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, by Marcus Borg. A professor of religion, Borg describes an alternative to fundamentalists' so-called "literal" readings of scripture. Borg calls his approach a way of "taking the Bible seriously without taking it literally." The book begins with a history of recent conflicts regarding biblical interpretation and navigates the minefields of this subject with sensitivity and precision. Throughout, Borg writes with calm assurance and respect for those who would disagree with him.

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to the remainder of our time together. And all the exciting new places we'll go this year.



Karen Lee Scrivo
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RE Notes



Monthly Parent-Teacher Teas: The RE Committee invites you to join them for these monthly conversations about what's going on in our RE classes. They are held on the first Sunday of the month. February's tea will be Sunday, February 6, in the Kelley Room.

February 20 All-Ages Service: I hope you'll join us for this All Ages service as we tell a modern version of the biblical story of the Tower of Babel. If you'd like to lend a hand in telling the story or setting up, get in touch with IDRE Karen Lee Scrivo at idre@pbuuc.org.

Elementary Assistants Needed for February: If you enjoy working with our children, our elementary teachers could use your help. We need assistants for both our preschool and early elementary classes this month since some of our regular assistants have other commitments. No lesson planning or advance preparation required since teachers plan the lessons. This is a wonderful way to get to know our children.

Nursery Room Move: To accommodate our growing nursery population, the Nursery has moved back into Room 5. The Preschool class is now in Room 6 and will be using the Kelley Room for activities that require more space.



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (PBUUC) is accepting applications for a half-time Director of Religious Exploration (DRE) to begin in August 2011.

Job Description:

Goal

Our congregation is seeking a Unitarian Universalist with energy, vision and comfort in multicultural settings to provide leadership and support to our small but growing program. The DRE will foster Unitarian Universalist identity within our Religious Exploration program, recognize and support different learning styles, encourage faith development, and maintain a positive working climate for the Religious Exploration staff and volunteers.

Overview of our Church and its Religious Exploration Program

PBUUC was founded in 1954, and currently has approximately 200 members. The Religious Exploration program nourishes approximately 45 children and youth. In addition to the Director of Religious Exploration, we currently have a paid RE assistant (8 hours/week) and a paid nursery provider. We are located on five acres of beautiful property that includes woods, a creek, an open gathering space by the water, and a playground. The classroom building also houses staff offices, kitchen, and a meeting room.

PBUUC has one Sunday service followed by coffee and conversation and then Enrichment Hour activities (primarily for adults). Every service begins with 15 minutes of together time (all ages worship in the sanctuary). The Religious Exploration takes place following together time and lasts for the remainder of the service. We have a few multi-generational services throughout the year, usually on holidays, when there are no RE classes. Other RE program worship includes Children's Chapel, Coming of Age, Roots and Wings, and Our Whole Lives (OWL) courses.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Provide leadership for the Religious Exploration program
 - Recommend program changes as necessary, based on church needs and interests
 - Review, recommend and adapt curricula
 - Communicate regularly and effectively with the minister, the RE committee, the Board of Trustee's, teachers, parents, and the congregation
- Recruit, orient, develop and support volunteers
 - Recognize and develop skills in RE program volunteers
 - Coach teachers on classroom challenges
- Manage Sunday morning RE programs and activities
 - Maintain presence on Sunday mornings – except when Sundays are scheduled days off
 - Help plan multi-generational services (6 per year) and together times to the greatest extent possible given work hours.
 - Incorporate children with special needs
- Carry out administrative duties
 - Collect, organize and maintain records and reports
 - Purchase, organize and maintain RE supplies in accordance with budget
 - Oversee RE budget

- Other tasks and responsibilities as assigned by RE committee or minister

Experience, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities needed

We are seeking a person who is approachable and open-minded, friendly and energetic, sensitive to the needs of others and has a good sense of humor. In addition we are interested in the following

- Able to recognize and access the skills and interests of others
- Experience with volunteer recruitment and management
- Experience or knowledge in teaching methods and teacher training
- Expertise and enthusiasm for liberal religion and Unitarian Universalism
- Able to work effectively with many personalities and ability to remain flexible and problem solve
- Excellent communication skills
- Prefer a credentialed DRE

Accountability and Compensation

PBUUC's religious education program is the joint responsibility of the DRE and the RE committee. The DRE reports to the Minister, who is Chief of Staff. The DRE serves at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Salary and benefits are consistent with Unitarian Universalist Association guidelines, based on half time, with the exception that professional development is at 5% of salary.

To Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume by email to the Search Committee: DREsearch@pbuuc.org or by mail to:

DRE Search Committee
Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783

Candidates will be subject to a background check.

Please visit our web site at www.pbuuc.org to learn about our mission, history and activities.



Financial Notes

Wax On, Wax Off

This month marks my learning of the last item on Ellen's checklist of Treasurer's tasks (verifying that staff W-2s are done correctly) and Marilyn Pearl's learning of how to do the Sunday deposit. It's provoked me to think a bit about teaching and learning.

One of my favorite movies is the first Karate Kid, not the least for its unconventional approach to learning, where Mr. Miyagi has Daniel-san painting the fence doing the brush strokes in a particular way, waxing his car in a particular way, and so forth. Only at the end, when Daniel-san is getting sick of being free labor, does Mr. Miyagi say that all is not as it appears and show Daniel that he's been learning karate all along.

Well, finance does not require quite as cryptic approach, and you are far better explaining your reasoning as you go along when teaching UUs. Nonetheless, there is a germ of truth in there; the student needs to trust the teaching process for it to work.

Neither Ellen nor I teach quite like Mr. Miyagi; Ellen sat me down at the computer or at a table with reports and walked through how she does things, and my approach is to put Ellen's approach into written procedures, start by teaching exactly to the procedure, and once trained the student is able to put their own variations on the theme. In turn, Marilyn in turn has suggested improvements to the procedures, so that when both of us are done with our respective jobs we leave good documentation of how they are done for our successors.

This brings me to my monthly plug for Finance Committee volunteers, with a caveat. At another point in the movie, Mr. Miyagi says "Walk on road, hmm? Walk left side, safe. Walk right side, safe. Walk middle; sooner or later get squish just like grape. Here, karate, same thing. Either you karate do "yes" or karate do "no." You karate do "guess so," just like grape. Understand?"

It's the same with finance. If you have the interest, we can teach you everything you need to know. If you have no interest, as Diane put it in her column a few months back your "no" is as sacred as your "yes". I have no desire to see congregants "squash just like grape", but would welcome any interest in learning about PBUUC finances.

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Stewardship Campaign 2011-2012 **Building a Caring Community** **Keeping our Commitments**

The Budget Leadership Team will soon begin its work developing a budget proposal for our 2011-2012 fiscal year. They will be tasked with matching our needs and hopes to the actual amount of income we will have. The bulk of that income figure is derived from the annual financial pledges we make to the church.

Our church community survives and thrives because each of us has considered the balance we can maintain as we share our time, our talents and our treasure with each creating a caring community.

In the weeks before our kick-off event on **Friday, March 4**, you will hear from some fellow congregants about the meaning of their connection to Paint Branch. Please take the time to consider what Paint Branch means to you. **We** are Paint Branch. What we do matters. We make a difference to each other and to the wider community.

During our Stewardship Campaign you will each be asked to set aside an hour to talk with a Visiting Steward. You will have a chance to share the stories of your spiritual journeys. You will share information about Paint Branch and your hopes and dreams for our community as we look to the future. As part of the conversation you will be invited to make a pledge of financial support to Paint Branch. We depend on each other, we need each other. We all play an important part in the nurturing and sustenance of our spiritual home.

FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011
6:30 to 9:30 pm
Paint Branch Meeting House
All ages welcome

Please join us on Friday evening, March 4 to celebrate Paint Branch and launch the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign.

We will share a simple meal - Enjoy special musical presentations - Have some good laughs. We will consider together the future we want for Paint Branch and how we can make it a reality.

Questions, comments, suggestions always welcome at stewardship@pbuuc.org



All knowledge is sterile which does not lead to action and end in charity.

Désiré-Joseph Cardinal Mercier
Archbishop of Mechelen, Belgium

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

Education as a Social Justice Issue

Each school day, 11 DC high school students drop out of school. Fewer than half the students who enter the 9th grade at DC schools will receive a high school diploma, and fewer still enter college.

To me, this is not just about education. It is also a social justice issue. Many of those who drop out are African American and Latino children who will be treated as second-class citizens without an adequate education. That is why I am very pleased that PBUUC's Social Action Committee has chosen to work with High Point High School. And I am also proud to have served for the past three years as a member of the board of directors for College Bound.



College Bound helps middle and high school students in DC public and charter schools to get into and thrive in college. Each student in the program works with an individual mentor and receives help with

preparing to take the SAT, access to college admissions fairs and campus tours, and many other services. College Bound also provides scholarships of up to \$4,000 to high school seniors who complete the program and gain admission to college.

More than 97% of College Bound seniors get into college. This success is driven by the dedicated staff, volunteer mentors, and many others who care about the young people in our community. As a board member and a member of the program committee, I know that College Bound's services help more than 150 students each year get the help they need to be successful.

PBUUC members can help College Bound by becoming a tutor or mentor, by joining our 11 Campaign—which raises funds for student scholarships and other services—or by contributing to the SAC's special offering for College Bound that will take place at PBUUC on Sunday, February 20. More information about College Bound available at www.collegebound.org. Feel free to contact me at 301-486-4631 or by e-mail at kereddo1@yahoo.com to find out more ways you can help this worthwhile organization.

Ken Redd, *DARTT Member*

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Agenda Planning and Planning Meetings for February

DARTT has implemented a new way of preparing the agenda for its monthly planning meetings. We now have an agenda planning meeting in order to set the agenda for the formal planning meeting. This method has resulted in more productive meetings, which have been well attended, modeled diffuse leadership and began and ended on time!

The February agenda planning meeting took place on Tuesday, January 25, in order to plan the agenda for planning meeting on Tuesday, February 1. The meetings begin at 7:30 pm in Room 1, Religious Exploration Building. Both are open to all. As always, please use dartt@pbuuc.org to submit ideas, feedback, etc., at any time.

Screen for the Dream: A Film and Discussion Series on Diversity 2011 Fifth Sundays: January 30, May 29, July 31 and October 30; 6:45 - 9:00 pm, Kelley Room.

With a new year we have launched a new DARTT program. The former monthly Diversity Dialogues series has been merged with the Journey toward Wholeness Film series for this new 2011 initiative called *Screen for the Dream: A Film and Discussion Series on Diversity*.

The sessions will run on the four 5th Sundays of this year: January 30, May 29, July 31 and October 30. These will be evening events, running from 6:45 to 9:00 pm. Each session will feature a documentary that explores some form of racism, followed by a guided discussion. The first film will be [American Cultural History: Racism](#).

Please mark your calendar and join us to explore diversity from personal, community, and societal perspectives. For more information, contact the program co-coordinators: Cynthia Robinson at crr@pipeline.com or Theresa Brown Shute at tbshute@gmail.com.



Social Action Committee (SAC)

First off, the Social Action Committee has a new email address! Co-chairs Nancy Boardman and Jessica Sharp can now be reached at sac@pbuuc.org. Many thanks to Daniel Everitt for making this happen.

Marriage Equality: Paint Branch Actions match its Commitment to Marriage Equality

In October, at our Social Action Kick-Off for the year, we voted to have lobbying for the implementation of MD marriage equality legislation one of our top two action items.

And action is what we have had – both in January and looking ahead to February! Working in partnership with Equality Maryland organizers we held a very successful Marriage Equality Campaign Kick-Off at Paint Branch on Wednesday, January 12. Nearly 40 visitors, Paint Branchers, and organizers gathered to plan for the coming campaign to persuade Maryland legislators to pass marriage equality legislation this year, as well as an anti-discrimination act to support equality and fairness for the transgender community. Ideas were shared and volunteers signed up for different activities, including a weekly Monday evening phone bank at Paint Branch – which started the next week on January 17.

The first phone bank got off to an excellent start – with over 300 calls made to folks who had already signed up to support Equality Maryland. The phone bank volunteers had information, provided by the Equality Maryland organizers who led the phone bank, about the legislative districts of the people they called. The volunteers would then ask the person they called to contact their state legislators in support of marriage equality legislation. With the exception of the Monday evenings on January 31 and February 14 – when there will be lobbying in Annapolis for marriage equality and transgender anti-discrimination legislation, our Paint Branch phone bank will be in operation in rooms 2/3 of the RE Building for at least the next two - three months. (More on the lobby days below.) Each phone bank begins at 6:30 and goes until about 9:00. The Equality Maryland organizers provide training and suggested wording for the calls to be made. And pizza and soda too! We hope that many Paint Branchers will join the visitors who come to take part in the phone bank. It's a critical part of having the state legislators feel the urgency and strong support that exists for passing this legislation this year!

In order for Equality Maryland to have a good idea about how much contact information they should bring to each phone bank for the volunteers to base their calls on – they ask that you please RSVP Adrian Matanza.

He is a regional field organizer for the phone bank and can be reached at 702-526-7105 or by e-mail at adrian.matanza@hrc.org. At Paint Branch we are hosting this important undertaking - with our Social Action Committee as the coordinator. Please contact Nancy Boardman for further information at 301-982-3450 or sac@pbuuc.org.

The bills on Marriage Equality and Transgender Discrimination are moving through the Annapolis process rapidly. That means our lobbying and other shows of support must be done earlier than expected. On Monday, January 31, a rally will take place at Lawyers Mall at 5 pm. For up to date information go to equalitymaryland.org. After the rally we will go to talk with our Delegates and Senators.

On Monday, February 14, at 5 pm a rally will take place, also at Lawyers Mall. Again people will meet with Delegates and Senators afterward. There will be car pools both of these days as well as at other times when hearings are scheduled. To arrange transportation contact Marge Owens at lowellandmarge@verizon.net or 301-345-1572. There is also the possibility of arranging to have some of us ride the bus to Annapolis that is being arranged by a group at Cedar Lane. Please contact Marge very soon, as we need to give Cedar Lane our expected number of riders.

Looking further ahead in February, on Thursday the 27th, there will be an Equality Maryland Prayer Breakfast and Faith Leader Lobby Day in Annapolis that Rev. Teichert will attend, along with SAC Co-Chair Nancy Boardman. This will be held at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Annapolis – with breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by lobby meetings with faith leaders and legislators. If anyone is interested in joining Diane or Nancy at this gathering please get in touch with one of them.

Community Outreach: Our Relationship with High Point High School continues to blossom

Though the scheduled community meeting on combating truancy at High Point High School had to be postponed due to inclement weather, SAC, DARTT and hopefully Paint Branch as a whole are still committed to fostering fellowship between our church and the nearby school. Rev. Diane spoke of her friendly meetings with High Point's principal, Michael Brooks, in her sermon on Sunday, January 16, and during that service's special collection Paint Branch raised \$776.00 for scholarships and incentive programs at High Point. Way to go!

The meeting will hopefully be rescheduled, and everyone is welcome not only to attend, but also help promote it in our surrounding neighborhood. And as we delve deeper into our outreach initiative with High Point, which was one of the top two issues voted on at the Social Action Kick-Off in October, we hope that this will become a true congregational effort, rather than just the Social Action Committee.

Corporate Influence

Thanks to generous sponsorship by the Social Action Committee, PBUUC will host a public teach-in on *Citizens United vs. FEC* and ways to mitigate the effects of the Supreme Court decision, including amending the Constitution, on Sunday February 6, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Meeting House. Speakers will be Congresswoman Donna Edwards, Senator Jamie Raskin, Public Citizen's Anna White, and PBUUC's own Jessica Sharp. Free child care will be available in Room 5.

Special Collections

Thank you, Paint Branch, for raising \$776 dollars on MLK Sunday for college scholarships and educational incentive programs at nearby High Point High School! This show of generosity is an important step in showing High Point that we intend to "go deep" in our support of its needs.

The Special Collection for Sunday, February 20, will support College Bound, Inc., a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization that provides free tutoring, mentoring, test preparation, and other services to underserved youth in our area. For more information about College Bound, please go to the Web site <http://www.collegebound.org>. PBUUCer Ken Redd is a member of the College Bound Board of Directors.

Other Upcoming Events

***Understanding Immigration as a Moral Issue: From UU Principles to Effective Action.* Saturday, February 26, 8:30 am-12:30 pm at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA.**

The program will open with worship led by our host minister, Rev. Kate Walker and a plenary with Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith, Rev. Scott Sammler, Michael and Terry Steichen. Leading workshops will be Kathy Doan of the Capital Area Immigrant Rights (CAIR) Coalition, Lisa Johnson-Firth of Immigrants First, Edgar Aranda-Yanoc of the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO), and Helen Melten of Casa de Maryland. To register, visit www.uusj.org

The LGBT Task Force of Cedar Lane UU Church, in collaboration with Interfaith Fairness Coalition of Maryland and The Family Diversity Project in Amherst, MA, is now hosting Peggy Gillespie and Gigi Kaeser's exhibit – *Pioneering Voices: Portraits of Transgender People*. It will be available for public viewing at Cedar Lane until Monday, February 14. Invited viewings are being planned for persons and support groups who wish to join in an ongoing conversation about gender variance and the human spirit. Groups who might wish to use this poignant and informative teaching tool to educate about and celebrate human gender diversity are welcome to attend these discussions. In co-ordination with the exhibit, former surgeon, Dana Beyer, who retired from her surgical practice to serve in the Montgomery County political arena, will address the Cedar Lane UU Church forum, Sunday, January 30, at 10 am.

Her forum topic will explain the significance of the gender anti-discrimination bill and how it impacts on transgender people. This opportunity is also open to all interested persons. For further details about the exhibit and forum, please contact D. Susan Staff at dstaff44@comcast.net.

Social Action Committee (SAC) and Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) to Jointly Host Book Discussion on The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands.

For four Sunday evenings, February 27, March 6, March 13 and March 20, from 7 to 9 pm in Room 1, Religious Exploration Building, Mary Dancy and Carol Carter Walker, will facilitate a book discussion on The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories From The Arizona Borderlands by journalist Margaret Regan.

You can purchase a book for \$15 from the PBUUC Church Bookstore on Sunday, February 6, and on subsequent Sundays. Each of the four sessions will cover a portion of the 226-page book, so you'll have plenty of time to read and reflect on the topic.

Margaret Regan presents a series of intimate stories from immigrants, activists, human rights workers, and border patrol people. Her book has been selected by the Unitarian and Universalist Association (UUA) as a congregational common read; i.e., an opportunity for us to have a place for conversation and more discernment than would be possible by the solitary act of reading.

The book discussion will help educate us as we prepare to comment on *Immigration As A Moral Issue*, the Congregational/Study Action issued approved at the 2010 General Assembly as the topic for four years of study and reflection, culminating in a Statement of Conscience, the official position of the UUA on immigration.

A sign-up sheet for the discussion group will be available in the Meeting House Foyer beginning Sunday, February 6. You will also be able to sign up by e-mailing josseline@pbuuc.org. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Paint Branchers to Discuss Denominational Study/Action Issue On Immigration Sunday, February 20, during Enrichment Hour

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) social witness process is the method by which we as UUs use our fifth principle, the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process, to study, reflect, witness and act on the great social issues of our times. Currently, the process begins with an invitation to all congregations to submit an idea that will begin as a draft Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) and then four years later, if finally approved, culminate as a Statement of Conscience, reflecting the thinking of a significant number of UU congregations and related organizations.

At its 2010 General Assembly (GA), delegates chose *Immigration As a Moral Issue* from among the top 10 proposals. This choice is especially meaningful as 2010 GA delegates debated and finally approved continuing with plans to hold the 2012 GA in Phoenix, AZ, home of the most anti-immigration state law and site of protests involving the arrests of UUs, including our UUA President Peter Morales.

On Sunday, February 20, during Enrichment Hour, members of the Denominational Affairs and Social Action Committees will host a meeting to discuss the immigration CSAI. If you prefer, you can submit your comments to denom@pbuuc.org. Go to the following UUA link to see the draft CSAI and related materials. - www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/152647.shtml.



Green Team News

Did you know the Towson UU Church received a \$5,000 award, July 2010, on their reduction in energy use? At the January meeting, the Green Sanctuary Committee learned of the activities of this church, and what the Cedar Lane UU, River Road UU, Reston UU and other churches have done in the process of achieving accreditation from UUA for Green Sanctuary Status.



Here at Paint Branch,, we've had ethnic dinners focusing on greener local produce, worship services on ethical eating, and the invasive weed warriors have been at work on our grounds; all of which have contributed to our

becoming accredited as a Green Sanctuary . Jennifer Robinson is writing the program assessment to be sent to UUA.

You might want to save Sunday, April 10, for a Wildflower Walk on our grounds, led by the Hedin's.

Next Meeting: Enrichment Hour, February 13. Following a brief 11 min film on the efforts of a Buddhist community in Northern California to save trees, Becky Hedin will lead a discussion, *Compassion in Action*, about paper recycling, it's importance and how we can do it more easily. Can spiritual values be found in recycling? If you've not met with us before, this might be an interesting first meeting for you. We hope you'll join us.

*Penny O'Brien, Green Sanctuary Team
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*Editor's note: To find out more about the Green Sanctuary Program, part of the numerous programs offered by the UU Ministry for Earth, please visit their website, located at:
http://uuministryforearth.org/green_sanctuary_resource.*

In and Around Paint Branch

Ethnic Dinners ~ Just A Tasty Bite or Two, My Dear!

Transylvania! For many people this may evoke thoughts about *Count Dracula*, a real person purported to be a vampire! UUs with some knowledge of our history also recognize Transylvania as the birthplace of Unitarianism. Because 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the merger of the Unitarianism and Universalism, we are bound to hear more of their history this year, and perhaps even a bit about Transylvania, but maybe not much about its food. So Ethnic Dinners will attempt to fill that gap on Saturday, February 19, at 6:30 pm – note the earlier time.

Except for these two claims to fame, Transylvania might be unknown. For a long time it was just a region in Hungary and, at the end of WWII, was transferred to Rumania. The cuisines of all 3 are very similar, and will provide ample choices for our dinner. Perhaps we can even find a Gypsy recipe or two to add to the variety. As this is being written, the menu-planning meeting is still a week away, but preliminary research reveals some must-haves. This part of the world generates many hearty, stick-to-the-ribs, cold weather dishes. The otherwise bland food found in other places is spiced up in this area with the generous use of Hungarian Paprika. Hungarians found a way to tone down the heat while maintaining the taste and color, and it is hard to find a savory dish without it. Some favorites which may appear on our menu include *Gulyas* (Hungarian Goulash), *Chicken* (or anything else) *Paprikash*, dumplings, great soups, wonderful breads, substantial vegetable dishes and delectable desserts such as *Apple Strudel* and *Dobos Torte*. And did you know Hungary produces some fine wines?

Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children, are available following Sunday Services January 30, February 6 & February 13. If you even *think* you *might* be coming, please obtain your tickets or make reservations by Wednesday, February 16, to ensure enough food for everyone. If you want free child care at the church, please let us know a week before the dinner.

Volunteers are needed. To encourage more cooks, we'll rank the recipes by difficulty. If you like to cook and are up for a challenge –take on one of the more difficult dishes. If you don't cook or want it as simple as possible (like purchasing and cutting up cheese or bread) maybe you could do 2 or 3 such dishes. If you're fairly good at cooking, but afraid of unfamiliar dishes, try 1 or 2 like making salad or cookies. Want no part of food preparation – we need people to set-up starting at 5 pm, a couple door-of door tenders, help with the bar, making coffee, and cleaning up afterwards. We are also in need of recorded music (CDs), such as Litz's Hungarian Rhapsodies, folk music, gypsy music, or anything else like that you think appropriate and can loan us for the evening.

We want to serve food as authentic to the theme as possible, but will try to accommodate you if you have allergies, intolerances, or prefer vegetarian or vegan choices. Please let us know about this when you get your ticket, and definitely before the cooks are contacted on Wednesday, February 16. For information, reservations, child care, to volunteer, or donate music, contact Marilyn Pearl, 301-805-1218 or buffalo_gal@verizon.net.

Auction Total tops \$25,000!

The 2010 Auction garnered \$24,550 gross and \$22,806 in net proceeds to the church. These totals do not include the generous donations of professional printing and catalogue design services, food for dinner and desserts. It truly took a village to do all of the work leading up to, on the day of and the weeks afterward. However, without Jan Montville's leadership the auction could not have happened. Thank you to all who operated in front of and behind the scenes to make for such a rousing success.

We will be meeting sometime in early Spring for a feedback session and to begin early planning for the 2011 Auction.

We are invited to a Community Meeting for High Point High School Monday, January 31, at 6:30 pm Library Media Center High Point High School 360 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD

Principal Michael Brooks will lead a community discussion on how to further reduce truancy. School staff and district police will speak about current efforts to combat truancy and then the principal will open up the conversation to everyone, to discuss how the community can help. At the minimum, attendees will be given a phone number to call if High Point HS students are seen in the community during school hours, but it is hoped other ideas will be generated. Parents were invited via automated calls in English and Spanish and community residents are encouraged to attend. Civic associations and elected officials are also expected to be present.

Paint Branch Bookstore Opens Sunday, February 6



The Bookstore will be open right after service. There are books for kids and adults for building your library or for gift giving. Now is the time to pick up your copy of The Death of

Josseline: Immigration Stories From The Arizona Borderlands. This book will be the basis of a four-session facilitated discussions beginning Sunday, February 27. (See related article in SAC section of *Branches* for more details.)

Ellen Cotts, Carol Carter Walker and Liese Wright are the current volunteers. Come talk to them about the books we have and the books you'd like us to order.

Cotts Farewell Reception on Saturday, March 12



Ellen and Ron Cotts are relocating to Colorado to be closer to family. They will be departing the area sometime in mid-March. There will be a farewell

reception to honor their service to Paint Branch and to the wider Unitarian Universalist movement throughout the Joseph Priestley District. The party will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 2 to 5 pm in the Meeting House. A donation of \$15 is requested to cover refreshments and a gift to Paint Branch in their honor. Please RSVP to Carol Carter Walker at carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net or at (202) 636-8138. Checks may be mailed or delivered to the Church Office, made payable to PBUUC and marked, "Cotts Reception."

TWedHUULK Meeting at the Seven Seas for the Buffet

On Wednesday, February 16, at 1:00 pm, the Third Wednesday Hyattsville UU Lunch Klub (TWedHUULK) will choose from the big Asian buffet while we have good conversation at the large round table of this reliable College Park restaurant. The Seven Seas is located at 8503 Baltimore Ave., in College Park. As you drive south on Baltimore Avenue, it is on the left just before you reach the campus. There is plenty of parking along the side of the building. If you are able to join us contact Marge Owens at lowellandmarge@verizon.net or 301-345-1572. Or just come.

Gas barbeque disposal

For some years, a gas barbeque of unknown provenance or working condition has been occupying space on the deck near the shed. Would someone like to claim it? If there are no claimants, it will be disposed of. Please Lowell Owens, of the Buildings and Grounds Committee at lowellandmarge@verizon.net or 301 34501572.

Summer Services Planning Seesions

"Wait! Wait! It's still winter!" "No, no, summer is coming!" Yes, our high quality lay-led summer services are in the first thoughtful stages of planning. Around what theme might you like to plan a service? About what topic might you want to speak? Are you on a PBUUC committee or in a PBUUC group that would like to present a service?

The Worship Associates will help a lot. Dates for our annual Summer Service Planning Sessions, at which you can present your ideas, are coming in March.

River Road UU Church hosts performance of Indian music and poetry.



On February 5, international sitar artiste Alif Laila, accompanied by Monir Hossain, tabla, will perform traditional Indian ragas, interspersed with poetry selections from Rumi and Tagore and brief periods of meditative silence. The performance will start at 5:30 pm Saturday, February 5, at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road (at Whittier), Bethesda, MD. The presentation is free and open to the public. For directions or more information visit www.rruuc.org or phone 301-229-0400.

CedarLame UU Church 4th Annual Super Bowl Party

Please join us for the SUPER BOWL XLV party Sunday, February 6, at 6:00 pm, in the Cedar Lane auditorium. Bring snacks to share, and we'll provide the pizza and beverages. All NFL attire and paraphernalia welcome! We'll watch the big screen in the auditorium, vote for best commercials, and there will be mock betting. All ages are encouraged to join us with their families for this no alcohol event. For more information, contact Archene at archene@gmail.com or John at johnedaniel@comcast.net.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Women's Retreat
Strengthening Our Community,
Honoring Our Creativity



Saturday, February 26, 2011
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
 3215 Powder Mill Road
 Adelphi, MD 20783
 Church Office: 301-937-3666
 Church Website: www.pbuuc.org

This all-day retreat for women at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church will offer three sessions of inspirational workshops as well as open time to connect and network. Enjoy a home-cooked vegetarian breakfast and lunch. Take free-time to walk in the woods behind our beautiful sanctuary... write in your journal... draw in your sketchbook... or knit/craft with others. Dress comfortably. Come with an open mind!

The day will begin with breakfast at 8:00 am and continue with a gathering of all women present. Lunch will be served after the morning workshop. Participants may choose from a variety of workshops, which may include: crafts, dance, writing, discussions, and other creative ways of stimulating the mind, body and spirit. Plenty of "open space" will be given for participants to create independently or cooperatively. You may want to bring a journal, a sketchbook or other creative materials. We will end with a gathering to share our experiences in community.

You are welcome to join the organizers and others on Friday evening, February 25, in the Meeting House after 6:00 pm for "hang out time and potluck snacks," and to spend the night there if you wish.

REGISTRATION \$20 made payable to **PBUUC** (please write "Women's Retreat" in memo line). Your fee includes breakfast and lunch and child care. **Childcare is arranged on an as needed basis, so please let us know by February 13.** Some workshops will have small materials fees, payable to the workshop leaders. Registration fee discounts or scholarships are available if needed.

For more information and details about the retreat contact:

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Please register on or before Sunday, February 13.

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Ethnic Dinners	Marilyn Pearl	301-805-1218
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- **March Edition - Friday, February 18**
- **April Edition – Friday, March 18**

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