

# BRANCHES

## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

MARCH 2011

### Sunday Services at 10:00 am

*Families with children are invited to sit in front for a better view.  
Nursery care is provided in **Room 5** 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.*

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### March 6

### For Us *and* for Others

*Rev. Diane Teichert, with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate, the Choir and Chalice Dancers*

Ministers are encouraged to occasionally “get the view from the balcony” and so, as we kick-off our Annual Stewardship Drive, our still relatively new minister will reflect on what she “sees” with heart, soul, mind and body.

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### March 13

### Freedom Is Coming, but It Won't Get Here by Itself

*Rev. Diane Teichert, with Abby Crowley, Worship Associate, and the Choir*

The streets of Cairo and elsewhere in the Middle East have been alive with protest, much like ours were in civil rights movement days. Now, as then, the media portrays movements as spontaneous. Not! We will commemorate both Black and Women's History Months by lifting up the role of women in the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-56. During Enrichment Hour, in Room 4, Diane will show an Al-Jazeera/English video about the organizers of the freedom movement in Cairo and the origins of their non-violence.

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### March 20

### Good Good-Byes

*Rev. Diane Teichert, with Don Mitchell, Worship Associate*

“Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending,” said Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a Unitarian. We are artists of endings, all our lives up to and including at the end. Our Special Collection for the month will be taken today for the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice.

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### March 27

### The Sensitive Buddha

*Rev. Michael Relland, with Tish Hall, Worship Associate and the Choir*

We all possess a masculine and feminine spirit, which, like the culturally androgynous Buddha, can guide us to a full understanding of ourselves. Put simply, we become whole through the full acceptance of the many parts of ourselves. (See “Meet the Guest Preacher” on page 4.)

***Are you a newcomer to PBUUC? There's a class for you! Please see page 4.***

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## *The Minister's mUUsings...*

A few weeks ago I was eating supper with my mother, who is blind, in her assisted living dining hall. As usual, there were flowers in the little vase on her table. They looked especially fresh, so I lifted the vase to my nose to find out if they had any aroma. The carnations certainly did, sweet and fragrant.

“Oh, Mom,” I said to her, “these carnations in the little vase on your table smell so fresh. It reminds me of when we were little and Dad ushered at church. He always wore a carnation for a boutonniere, remember?”

“Oh, yes, I do,” she said. (I was glad to hear her say that, because she doesn’t always remember such things, these days). “I always loved their fragrance,” I told her.

“Here, you smell them.” And I lifted the vase near her nose. “I don’t smell it,” she said. I lifted it closer, so that her nose was in the carnation, literally. “I don’t smell it,” she said again. “Oh, Mom, you can’t smell it?!” She shook her head, no.

I returned the vase to the center of the table, more troubled by this revelation than she seemed to be. Her attention moved elsewhere. Maybe it’s just as well she can’t see the flowers, I said to myself bitterly.

How awful. To be blind. To be losing her hearing as well as her ability to make and keep memories. And, also, not be able to smell? I felt upset all the way home and whenever I thought of her.

While meditating the next morning, though, I had an insight. I discerned for myself a new truth about suffering.

First, I recalled back eighteen months ago, to a time soon after my mother first became blind and was very, very ill. Troubled, overwhelmed, very sad as were all my siblings, I asked myself then, what is the purpose of suffering? It came to me that the purpose of suffering is to elicit love. So, I then realized, the purpose of her suffering is to elicit love for her from those who know her. I knew that I wanted to be an instrument of that love, and I have been ever since.

Having recalled that earlier insight, during my meditation time it came to me that she is not suffering as much from her losses as I am now. Whether it’s her dementia or a spiritual kind of acceptance, it didn’t seem to faze her that she can’t smell the flowers, but it hit me hard. So, if the purpose of suffering is to elicit love and I’m the one suffering, then I should love myself more. I felt my anxiety and pain subside at once. How simple: If I am suffering, love myself more.

If you are suffering, and especially if you suffer as you care for someone else, I hope my simple insight will lighten your burden. Love and care for yourself. I would be honored to talk with you about it if you’d like and, at least, will hold you in my heart. I know that your church community will do the same, if you let us know.

Hoping to see you on Sundays,



minister@pbuuc.org

## Meet the Guest Preacher for March 27

Rev. Michael Relland has preached at various churches in the DC area since 2008, following a career as music teacher in the public schools. His mission in ministry seeks to provide a welcoming presence through serving in multiple roles such as chaplain, music director and religious educator. Currently, he is the Consulting Minister for the UU Fellowship of Southern Maryland, which has served Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties since 1993.



## Shall we have a Passover Seder this year?



Let's envision it as a family-friendly potluck with traditional foods (recipes provided) on Sunday evening, April 17, which is the day before Passover. I'm looking for leaders: two or three PBUUCers of Jewish heritage to plan the meal, table settings, and Haggadah (I have samples) and to officiate; and another couple of people to orchestrate the sign-up, set-up and clean-up. Interested? Speak with, call or email me at [minister@pbuuc.org](mailto:minister@pbuuc.org) by March 13.

*Rev. Diane Teichert*

## Are You a Newcomer?

If you want to learn more about the congregation and our faith tradition, if you would enjoy a more relaxed setting than coffee hour for getting to know people, or if you are considering becoming a member...

... then you are cordially invited to our upcoming "Path to Membership" class, to be held on Saturday, March 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Meeting House (child care will be provided with advance registration).

This is a wonderful opportunity for relatively recent arrivals to get to know more about Unitarian Universalism in general, our congregation in particular, and each other (as well as the lay leaders and staff who will be speaking).

What will it be like? In addition to our minister's presentation on the journey of Unitarian Universalism in the context of the world's religions over time (necessarily abbreviated!), there will be time for you to reflect on how it intersects with your religious journey. Staff and lay leaders will talk about the history of PBUUC, how it is organized, and ways to discern how you might be called to be involved at this time in your life. Light refreshments will be served.

If you plan to attend, you may RSVP to the office at 301-937-3666 or [churchadmin@pbuuc.org](mailto:churchadmin@pbuuc.org). It's also okay to just show up!

If you need childcare, we need to know no later than the previous Sunday, March 13, please contact Lynn Johnson at 301-890-1852 or [lynnjohnson@hers.com](mailto:lynnjohnson@hers.com).



## *Religious Exploration News*

### **Caring for the Earth and Celebrating Our Seventh Principle**

**I** grew up along the shores of Lake Erie and what I remember most was spending endless days on Orchard Beach in Vermilion, Ohio, with my best friend, Jeri.

Whenever we could, we'd race down the rickety iron staircase leading to the beach after breakfast and stay there until we heard our mothers calling us for dinner. On school days, we'd hurry home after the bus dropped us off at the mailboxes along Lake Road, change our clothes and meet at our special place on the beach. No matter what the weather, we'd be there.

It was during those times on the beach that I first discovered a connection to something larger than myself. There, I experienced a peacefulness and wholeness that I did not encounter elsewhere in my life. At the time, I'm sure I wouldn't have called it a spiritual experience but that's the closest I can now come to putting the experience into words.

I no longer live a stone's throw from Lake Erie but I treasure those wonderful beach memories and have since discovered a love and reverence for the many faces of nature. As a result, I hold a special place for our 7<sup>th</sup> Unitarian Universalist Principle – caring for the independent web of life, of which we are all a part.

This month and next, our elementary Religious Exploration classes will be exploring our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle in their classrooms and beyond. Our teachers and I will be drawing from several wonderful multi-age curricula. They include [Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities](#); and [Journey for the Planet: Creating an Earth-Friendly Life](#).

We're also planning to involve the children and interested youth in creating vegetable and flower gardens to the right of the deck. And planting flowers along the path of markers honoring former Music Director Robert Holloway, and former DREs Lillian Lee, Marj Donn, and Abby Crowley.

In addition, we'll also be looking at our stewardship of water, drawing on activities from the Unitarian Universalist Association's multi-generational [Tapestry of Faith](#) curriculum, [Gather the Spirit](#). (<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/153473.shtml>) as well as [Project Wet](#), a curriculum initially funded by the US Interior and Environmental Protection departments along with private foundations.

As part of that effort, we are looking into partnering with the Anacostia Riverkeeper since the stream behind the church runs into the Anacostia River. The Anacostia Riverkeeper works to protect and restore the Anacostia River for all who live, work, and play in its watershed, and to advocate for a clean river for all its communities (<http://www.anacostiariverkeeper.org>). *(continued on next page)*



I hope you'll consider sharing your time and talents with our children and youth as we explore our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle. Meanwhile, take some time this month to enjoy nature. I'll close with these words, attributed to Chief Noah Sealth).

This we know. The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.  
This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.  
All things are connected.  
Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.  
We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it.  
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

Blessed be,



Karen Lee Scrivo  
Interim Director of Religious Exploration

*(Editor's note: Chief Noah Sealth is also known by the Anglicized version of his name, Chief Seattle.)*

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## Religious Exploration Notes

**March Parent and Teacher Tea** – The RE Committee invites parents and teachers to join them on March 6 during Enrichment Hour in the Kelley Room to catch up on what's happening in our RE classes. Light refreshments will be served and child care is available.

**Green Thumbs and Gardeners Wanted!** -- Our elementary RE classes will be focusing on our 7th Principle: Caring for the Earth in March and April. As part of that effort, we'd like to create vegetable and flower gardens. We're looking for a few green thumbs and gardeners to help guide and inspire us. Contact IDRE Karen Lee Scrivo at [idre@pbuuc.org](mailto:idre@pbuuc.org) if you're interested in sharing your time and talent. Gardening supplies also welcome!

**Call for Curriculum Review Members** – The Religious Exploration Committee is looking for people to review possible RE curriculum for the 2011-12 church year. An organizational meeting is set for March 13 during Enrichment Hour when curricula and evaluation sheets will be distributed. Curriculum recommendations will be made at a second meeting on March 27 during Enrichment Hour. For information, contact RE Committee Co-chairs Sarah Michailof at [minnesarah@yahoo.com](mailto:minnesarah@yahoo.com), or Sonny Katz at [www.katz.sanjeev@bls.gov](http://www.katz.sanjeev@bls.gov).

**A Reminder:** Child Care is available during Enrichment Hour in Room 5 from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Please let our paid childcare providers, Kamini Wickramaratne or Beth Judy, know if you will need child care during this time. They also provide loving care for our youngest members in Room 5 during our services.

## From the Board

**A**t the end of January, as the snow lay fresh on the ground, the Board of Trustees got together for a warm retreat focused on leadership. In preparation, we all read a little book called *Serving with Grace – Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice* by Erik Walker Wikstrom. This book, and our group discussion during the retreat, has inspired me to think differently about my contribution of time to the church. I'd like to share some of those thoughts with you.

I grew up believing that, in addition to contributing money to the church, I should give of my time. The church is an organization that runs on volunteers, so it's my obligation to do my share of volunteering. Now, I also realized that I'd made friends through my volunteer activities, and those friendships enhanced my worship experience on Sunday mornings. But I separated my church activities into two categories – those things I did for me, and those things I did because it was my responsibility to be a good church citizen.

*Serving with Grace* suggested that I should approach my lay leadership activities as a part of my spiritual practice, rather than as selfless giving. I should say “yes” to roles that make me come alive, and say “no” to roles for which I'm not suited. The book demonstrated that this isn't selfishness, but rather showed that when people step into roles that are right for them, they will do those things enthusiastically and well.

I certainly encourage everyone to give of their time to the church and its programs. But I also suggest that you choose to work on things that resonate with you, will help you to grow spiritually, and work with the other constraints in your life, so that your volunteer activities make you come alive instead of wearing you down.



*Susannah Schiller, Co-chair, Board of Trustees*

## Administrative Corner

**M**any thanks to Ellen Cotts and Jeri Holloway for their wonderful job on re-writing our rental policies and simplifying our fee schedule. This process took several months, involved numerous interviews and several draft re-writes. The result is a much more complete rental policy, which helps PBUUC to be a desirable location for weddings, memorial services, workshops, and a noted location for concerts in the DC area, as well as other types of private events. If you are aware of friends, family or work colleagues needing space for a short term rental, please promote our space. This is yet another way to help bring in additional revenue. Our new rental policy and fee schedule can be seen on our website at [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org), and click on “rentals”. Please see Ellen and Jeri's article on pages 16-17 for more information on our policy.

Also many thanks to Paul Young and the Buildings and Ground Committee for their management of several important facilities issues, such as major deck repairs, which involved the hiring of private contractors to do much needed restoration alongside faithful volunteers. Water Heaters and the Commercial Dishwasher also received needed replacement parts.

A new computer will be arriving this week to replace the office volunteer computer – which was shifted over to the church administrator's desk when the old administrator computer had its melt down after 6 years of faithful service.

A second year of successful, accurate tax letters went out earlier in the year, in addition to stewardship letters. Ongoing maintenance of the church directory continues (need an updated directory? Call the office!) All of the above are effectively managed by Rebecca Birnie, and facilitated by our office volunteers (a heartfelt thank you to them!). The administrative engine keeps churning – and we are always on the lookout for volunteers to come to the office. If you would like to help, please feel free to call me Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

*Daniel Everitt, Church Administrator*

## Financial Notes

I have been on much work travel the last few months, so my second quarter report on the fiscal year to date (July to December) became a July 2010 to January 2011 report. Without further ado, the income and expense table below summarizes our financial state.

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$198,524.63	\$211,864.35
Expense	\$193,853.15	\$200,812.91
Net Income	\$4,671.48	\$11,051.44

As in the first report, this table shows that our expenses are within budget. This is typical of Paint Branch. Unfortunately, our income is down. This is pretty much across all categories of income, but we were particularly optimistic in projecting rental income from weddings and other events. We are also slightly behind in pledge income, so if your pledge is behind, please try to catch up. And if hard times are at your door, please let Diane or a Pastoral Care Associate know. Keeping us finance folk informed is a minor point; more importantly the church cannot be supportive if it does not know your situation.

We are about to launch our Stewardship Campaign, and Diane has asked in her letter to the congregation that, in addition to whatever pledge you would normally make, to try to add a little to allow people in economic hard times to reduce their pledge without guilt. Let me say right now I approve this message.

On our own pledge, I had originally thought to hold steady, as President Obama had frozen Federal pay and my health care deductions went up by \$1,300 a year in January an increase seemed to be a reach. At this writing I have not talked this over with my wife Kim, but I am considering an increase of \$5 a week to fulfill Diane's excellent idea.

This seems such a small amount, but if half the pledging households at Paint Branch make a \$5 a week stretch over their normal increase (or standing pat) we will raise \$16,000 to fill the gap caused by the effect of this economy on our members. For me, this means one fewer beer at the New Deal Café each week. I think I can manage.

*Mike Stark, Treasurer*  
*mstark@pbuuc.org*

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### Stewardship 2011 Building a Caring Community Keeping our commitments

***Enthusiasm abounding - energy rising  
- spirits lifting!***

This spiritual home we call Paint Branch inspires us and supports us in so many ways. In our Paint Branch community of spirit we gather to honor the values we share. We gather to comfort and to celebrate the defining moments of our lives. We gather in groups large and small, sharing and learning, working and growing.



We have a beautiful setting which opens its doors for us to worship together on Sundays. It provides joyfully sunny spaces for our young people as they begin their own spiritual explorations. It welcomes community meetings and warms the nights once a year for the less fortunate. We have the most wonderful professional staff to guide, encourage and support us.

**Everything we have here at Paint Branch has been made possible because we have made a commitment in the form of our yearly pledge.** We are Paint Branch. It is our financial support that pays the salaries of our dedicated staff. It is our financial support that keeps the lights on, the heat pumping and the telephones ringing. It is our financial support that buys the supplies and produces the printed materials we use in worship, in the classrooms, and in our committee work.

Beginning Sunday, March 6, we will be talking with each of you and inviting you to become a sustaining member of our Paint Branch community. We will ask you to consider what Paint Branch means to you and the part you can play in strengthening and growing our church home as we work to care, not only for ourselves, but for the welfare of the wider community.

Your expression of commitment in the form of a financial pledge will allow us to formulate a budget and make concrete plans for the coming year. **Every pledge is important.** If you already pledge we urge you to consider how much you can increase that amount. If your circumstances will allow only a more modest sum we want you to know that whatever you can pledge does make a difference. **We welcome and need everyone's participation** at whatever level works for you and your family. Your pledge amount can always be adjusted if your circumstances change.

Please welcome the call from your Visiting Steward. We want to hear about you and your connection to Paint Branch. We are Paint Branch. What we do matters to each other and to the wider community.

Send your questions or comments to [stewardship@pbuuc.org](mailto:stewardship@pbuuc.org).

*For the Stewardship Committee,  
Pat Tompkins*

**Fun - Food - Fellowship**  
**Friday, March 4**  
**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](mailto:stewardship@pbuuc.org).

**Summer Worship Services  
Planning Meeting,  
Sunday, March 13,  
during Enrichment Hour in the  
Left Side of the Kelley Room**

When February's temperatures reach into the 60's, do they make you think about summer? The Worship Associates certainly hope so, because we are preparing for our first meeting to get your Summer Worship Service ideas. If you have a well-thought-out idea for a worship service that you or your interest group would like to present during the summer months, come and tell us about it on Sunday, March 13, during the Enrichment Hour. Our practice of careful planning and congregational contributions has given us many summers of excellent lay-led summer worship. We invite you to be a part of this tradition. For more information, contact one of the worship associates listed in the leadership directory of this issue of Branches.

*Tish Hall, Worship Associate.*

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**Wheel Of Life**

**Rev. Virginia Knowles** died on January 23. She served as PBUUC's Interim Minister in 1991-92, the year following Reverend Richard Kelley's retirement. Later, she signed the Membership Book and was active until her illness made it impossible. From then until Virginia's death, Marge Owens was a faithful visitor. A memorial service will be held for her in the Meeting House on Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 pm with Rev. Teichert officiating. A reception will follow.



**Judy Staples**, mother of **Eileen Haines**, died unexpectedly on January 22. As long-timers will remember, Judy joined the church in the early 1960's and remained a member until 1994 when she moved out of the area. A memorial service will be held at Wyoming Valley UU Church the weekend of May 21. Another may be scheduled at PBUUC as well.

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

### **Embracing Marriage**

*This month, the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team is pleased to offer Tish Hall's Chalice Reflection from the January 30 worship service: "Standing on the Side of Marriage" for the Journey Toward Wholeness Column.*

When I learned that I would be the Worship Associate for today's service, I was at something of a loss. I have been a supporter of Marriage Equality for a long time and I wasn't sure what I could say to you that I have not already said. But I have grown and changed in my years of marriage advocacy and I have come to the conclusion that I do not believe in "Gay Marriage." I also do not believe in "Traditional Marriage." These phrases are simply buzz words and are often used to obfuscate, rather than clarify, the speaker's meaning. I believe in Marriage. I believe in "You and me, babe; by our powers combined, we make a family" marriage. I do not believe that people have to be one man and one woman to be a family. They do not have to have children to be a family.

I do not believe that marriage, the institution, is in trouble. I do not think it is threatened. I do believe that it is being challenged, but challenge is good. Marriage, the institution, is doing what it has always done and adapting as society changes.

Individual marriages on the other hand can be threatened, and there are forces in our society that do marriages a great deal of harm. Violence harms marriages. Unemployment harms marriages. Incarceration harms marriages. Alienation and isolation harms marriages. Mental illness and addiction can harm marriages. Debt can harm marriages. Same sex couples do not harm marriages. If we want to "save marriage" we need to stop arguing about who can and cannot get married and start looking at what we are doing to uplift married people.

There may come a time when a legal marriage contract will be only one of the viable options for organizing a family, but right now it is just about the only one that matters in law. Denying legal marriage is a way of saying "your family doesn't count." As devastating as illness or violence or incarceration can be to a family, the presence of a legal marriage contract gives spouses and children rights and protections that are denied to same-sex couples. And a state-sanctioned marriage or civil union means nothing if the federal government will not allow a foreign-born spouse to stay with a same-sex husband or wife, or allow two married federal employees to keep their family medical plan when one spouse is transgender. We harm marriages by allowing these things to happen.

I believe that marriage is a leap of faith, followed by step after countless deliberate step. As a member of this church, and groups like PFLAG and the national Center for Transgender Equality, I have met many people whose lives together are rich and tender and strong and long-lasting and not legalized. Real marriage equality means that when people are willing to take that leap and walk that walk, we put our faith in them and show them that their marriages are good and their families are worthy.

*Tish Hall*

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### **Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) agenda planning and planning meetings for March**

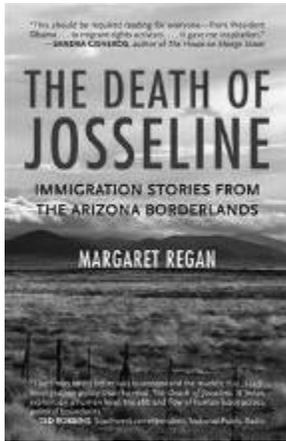
DARTT has implemented a new way of preparing the agenda for its monthly planning meetings. We now have an agenda planning meeting by teleconference to set the agenda for the formal planning meeting. This method has resulted in more productive meetings, which have been well attended, modeled diffuse leadership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

The March agenda planning meeting took place by teleconference on February 22 to develop the planning meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 1. This agenda planning meeting will be from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in Room 1, Religious Exploration Building. As always, please use [dartt@pbuuc.org](mailto:dartt@pbuuc.org) to submit ideas, feedback, etc., at any time.

**Social Action Committee (SAC) and Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) co-host book discussion on Immigration**

***Social Action Committee News (SAC)***

**Marriage Equality Update**



Mary Dancy and Carol Carter Walker are facilitating a book discussion on The Death Of Josseline: Immigration Stories From The Arizona Borderlands by journalist Margaret Regan. The sessions are taking place on four Sundays, February 27, March 6, 13, and 20, from 7 to 9 pm, in Room 1,

Religious Exploration Building. 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 act of reading alone.

You can purchase the book for \$15 from the Paint Branch Church Bookstore on Sunday, March 6, and on subsequent Sundays during the discussion period. 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. You can join the discussion at any time.

A sign-up sheet for the discussion group is available in the Meeting House Foyer. You can also sign up by e-mailing [josseline@pbuuc.org](mailto:josseline@pbuuc.org). Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

What a powerful and uplifting time for Paint Branch, as we have partnered with Equality Maryland and others to work together to make marriage equality for same-sex couples a reality in Maryland! As this is written we are just one vote short in the state Senate for passage. And hopefully by the time you read this the *Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act* will have passed the Senate and be under consideration in the House of Delegates. There the prospect for passage is strong, and Governor O'Malley has said he will sign the bill.

Paint Branchers have dedicated much time and effort to passage of marriage equality legislation in Maryland. And we need to keep at it! This was voted as one of our top two priorities in the October Social Action Kick-Off - and that importance has been matched by our deeds. We are the hosts of a weekly Monday evening phone bank with Equality Maryland, where calls are made to supporters encouraging them to contact their legislators for a favorable vote for marriage equality as well as supporting transgender anti-discrimination legislation. Paint Branchers have been at rallies at the State Capitol and meetings with our legislators on both January 31 and the annual Valentine's Day rally on February 14 - where 20 of us "Stood on the Side of Love" (and distributed our nearly 100 bright red valentines to our district legislators) with hundreds of others as reports emerged of legislators swinging their votes to our side.

Some of us also attended the State Senate hearing on the marriage equality legislation on February 8 - where the opposition arguments against same-sex marriage were so "appalling and disgusting" that a state senator changed his mind and now supports the bill saying, "... I just heard hate and venom coming out of that hearing." (Quoting the *Washington Post* on February 15.)



Paint Branchers attending share that feeling and believe the opposition helped our cause and deeply hurt their own.

And of course our Minister Rev. Diane Teichert's profound sermon on Marriage Equality on January 30 - with Worship Associate Tish Hall's heartfelt chalice reflection on this topic she has dedicated herself to for years, followed by the Community Conversation on marriage in a World Café style led by Beth Lyons we shared during Enrichment Hour – all added to our sense of commitment to this most basic of UU values. On February 13 our Sunday service on *Speaking of Commitments* again reminded us of why this issue is so central to our faith (and brought tears to some of us), as gay couple Michael Leger and John Sebastian and mixed race couple Mark Shute and Theresa Brown Shute shared what these life commitments mean to them, to their life at Paint Branch, and how being legally wed or not impacts their commitment to each other.

Indeed – it has been quite a month! And looking ahead – our efforts together must continue for legalizing same-sex marriage in Maryland and passing transgender anti-discrimination legislation. Hearings and votes will come up on short notice which we will let you know about - so together our voices can be heard and/or seen in Annapolis. Our weekly phone bank with Equality Maryland continues every Monday evening from 6:30 - 9:00 in rooms 2/3 of the RE building. And frankly we would appreciate more Paint Branchers joining our visiting callers and Equality Maryland staff at the phone bank. We need to keep the pressure on Annapolis until these bills pass! Even then, within two months most likely, the opposition will try to get enough signatures (55,000) to put the issue on the ballot. This means our phone bank will be busy until mid-June or so making “decline to sign” calls so we can work to let the legislation stand as passed by the Maryland General Assembly.

So stay tuned and please stay involved! We're close to having a major victory for our GLBT members and friends. Please do what you can to help make it a reality!



### Other SAC Events

- **Schedule Change – Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) April 16 Program on GLBT Changed from Paint Branch:** We previously announced this UUSJ program on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues would be held at Paint Branch on Saturday, April 16. UUSJ then changed it to Cedar Lane on April 30 because of some schedule conflicts. In the latest UUSJ notice that April 30 date also does not work due to Youth Pride Day. So please remove April 16 or 30 from your calendars for this UUSJ program. And stay tuned – for the next installment of this late spring program. It's a very busy time in our denomination for GLBT issues! And once finalized we hope many Paint Branchers will attend this important UUSJ event.

- **Network of Spiritual Progressives:** As many of you may recall, Paint Branch/SAC used to host the monthly meetings of the Maryland Chapter of the Network of Spiritual Progressives. Recently the Maryland Chapter merged with NSP members from District of Columbia and Virginia to form the New NSP-DC Chapter. Paint Branchers are invited to the Kick-off of this new NSP chapter. It will be held on Monday, March 14, from 7-9 pm at Busboys & Poets at 14<sup>th</sup> and V streets in Washington DC. NSP is led nationally by Rabbi Michael Lerner and this gathering will also celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Tikkun Magazine* which Rabbi Lerner edits. Contact Nancy Boardman for more information at [sac@pbuuc.org](mailto:sac@pbuuc.org). To RSVP, please contact James Lee at [nspmaryland@gmail.com](mailto:nspmaryland@gmail.com).

- **Prince George's Peace and Justice**

**Coalition:** please come to an **open house Sunday, March 6, in Greenbelt**, at the New Deal Café (Roosevelt Center, 113 Centerway). Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition will host this free event, starting at 2:30 pm with refreshments and informal networking. At 3 pm Jean Athey, coordinator of Montgomery Peace Action, will begin a presentation in two parts:

1. First, a slide show entitled ***The Militarization of America: At What Cost***, produced by Montgomery Peace Action, will be shown which graphically portrays and critiques the military/industrial federal budget. Jean will narrate it live and take audience questions.
2. Then the good news, an up-close view of **Fund our Communities - Bring the War Dollars Home**. Jean will explain how the coalition supports its participant groups in state, county and local advocacy for changing national priorities.

*Nancy Boardman and Jessica Sharp, Co-chairs*

## **Warm Nights 2011: Power Outages and Blizzard No Match for PBUUC!**

Warm Nights 2011 at Paint Branch was a great success and it was all due to your wonderful response to our calls for food and help during the entire week. I've been counting up our volunteers and I've got over 85 different names on my various lists. You worked at over a hundred different jobs from buying food to serving dinner to staying overnight. We served seven nights of hot meals for 17 to 25 men, women, and children. And that's seven days of breakfasts and seven days of bag lunches too.

The highlight was Wednesday night's blizzard, also known as "Commutegeddon," the night when transportation all over the DC area just stopped in its tracks. Seven of you brave members made it through with hot dinner and supplies.

Five of you abandoned your cars and walked the last half mile to the church. And though the power was out, and the van with our guests did not arrive until 9 pm, we had hot food waiting for them to eat by candle light.

When we decided to host our guests all day Thursday, there was no shortage of offers of assistance. My cell phone logged in over 40 calls from Paint Branchers asking how they could help. While potato soup was cooking on the stove and with the wonderful smell of fresh bread coming from the oven, I knew our guests would be safe in the arms of a warm and friendly family.

Responsible for all the arrangements and the smooth accomplishment of all the tasks was Stuart Speaker, a soft spoken man who worked incredibly hard all week long while still maintaining his job as a school teacher. He was the calm center of the storms that kept cropping up: the dishwasher difficulties, the hot water heaters going awry, the alarms going off in the middle of the night, the blizzard, and the power outages. Through it all, Stuart, along with his son Henry, kept the process going.

For me, it was a great feeling to sense all of us working towards the same goal. I learned a lot about our guests from observation and long talks with the CCSI counselors. What surprised me was how much I learned about us Paint Branchers. When we asked for help, you responded. It was a true giveaway of your time and talents. What a powerful force we can be when we all pull together! Thank you all for your commitment and service.

So how can we keep this magical feeling going during the rest of the year? Got any ideas? Let's share them.

*John Bartoli*



**Last minute, fast-breaking news:  
Upcoming Job Fair at High Point High  
School Needs Us!**

It will be held April 11-15 (Monday-Friday) from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. More details to follow as we learn more.

Email [HPS@pbuuc.org](mailto:HPS@pbuuc.org) if you can participate or organize!

1. Can you participate for a few hours one or more of those days, talking with interested students about your job or profession, how you prepared, what skills and aptitudes are needed? Even if your employer does not expect to hire anyone in the coming months, your participation will be fruitful.
2. Can you be one of two or three good people to take on the short-term project of organizing our participation? You would interact with HPS staff about what they need from us, publicize the event in the congregation, schedule and orient volunteers, and attend the Job Fair once (or more). After the organizers sum up how it went and what we learned, for next time, your job is over.

If you want to get involved, email [HPS@pbuuc.org](mailto:HPS@pbuuc.org)! Or, call the office and leave word for the minister.

*Rev. Diane Teichert*

***With Gratitude...***



From Diane - My heartfelt thanks to John Bartoli and Penny Murray for the new and hand-decorated gong to use at the start of our services. It has a lovely sound and the chalice on it is just right! Thank you to

Sharon and Fred Worth for the temporary gong that got us started.

Joann Alexander would like to send her heartfelt thanks to all who have sent cards to her during her convalescence. She has since moved to Manor Care, 2501 Musgrove Road, Rm. 123, Silver Spring, MD 20904, and would welcome cards or a call at 301-538-9096.

***Green Team News***

Please join us on Sunday, March 13, during Enrichment Hour to explore with us our foci for the next 12 months. Two of our main foci for 2011 will be the stream and composting. We look forward to this open discussion and participation from anyone interested.



Right now we continue to focus on recycling; we really need the church membership base to consider how their individual part can make recycling in the church a success. Our current obstacles focus around the

trash and recycling in the kitchen, we are finding recyclable items too often in the trash cans. Anything placed in a black trash bag will go to the dump, not the recycling center. Almost everything is recyclable now with the exception of Styrofoam and food waste. All the disposable cups, plates and utensils purchased by PBUUC are recyclable. In addition, we would like to see every event organizer putting an emphasis on recycling since we have noticed after events that everything utilized is going into the trash instead of everything in recycling. Wiping food off plates and putting used plates and cups in recycling is fine, especially given that all trash/recycling is carried out after events and not left sitting in the kitchen! A little effort goes a long way, please think twice before you put something in the trash can.

*Karine Bouis-Towe,  
Co-coordinator  
Green Sanctuary Team  
[greenteam@pbuuc.org](mailto:greenteam@pbuuc.org)*



## Denominational Affairs

### The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe District and UUA Annual Meeting Information

**P**aint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (PBUUC) is part of the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). There are 67 congregations in the JPD located in southern New Jersey, central and eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, and northern Virginia. We are also one of 1,048 member congregations of the UUA.



Each year, both the JPD and the UUA hold annual meetings to conduct the denomination's business. These assemblies also provide multiple opportunities for worship, social witness and workshops for lay leaders and clergy. The JPD Spring Assembly will be Saturday, April 9, to Sunday, April 10, in Harrisburg, PA. The

UUA General Assembly will be Wednesday, June 23, to Sunday, June 27, in Charlotte, NC.

PBUUC is entitled to four lay delegates at each gathering. If you'd like to be a delegate for either or both meetings, please contact Michael Léger, Trustee Liaison for Denominational Affairs, or Don Gerson, Chair, Denominational Affairs. The links for more information and registration are <http://www.jpduua.org> and <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly> respectively. Talk to Nancy Boardman, David Chapman, Marj Donn, Don Gerson, Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson, Leo Jones, Tricia Most, Karen Scrivo, Mike and Kim Stark, Reverend Teichert and Carol Carter Walker, among past PBUUC delegates, if you'd like some first-hand information about attending.

*Carol Carter Walker*

### Election Notice for Our Representative to the UUA Board of Trustees

This spring, the Joseph Priestley District will be electing a new representative to the UUA Board of Trustees. We have three candidates in this contested election: Natalia Averett from the UU Church of Arlington, VA; Elyse Reznick from the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, DE, and Ken Shilling from Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation in Bowie, MD. The election will take place in Harrisburg on Saturday, April 9, as part of the annual business meeting at the District Assembly.

The winning candidate will serve on a UU Board considering potential major changes in our denomination over the next few years. Included in those changes are a possible reduction in the size of the UUA Board and the end of the election of Board trustees from specific districts; this could indeed be the last trustee elected from our JPD. Included also are possible changes in the organization of the UUA with an emphasis on regionalization rather than on our current district structure. We may also be looking at biennial General Assemblies with fewer delegates. All of these changes would come before the General Assembly for a vote because they would involve revisions to the UUA Bylaws. But any changes would be filtered through the UUA Board first, and our trustee as a member of that Board would have a voice in the final recommendations.

These decisions are critical to the future health of our religious movement. The forums offer you the opportunity to hear our candidates on the issues and thereby send an informed delegation to District Assembly. Plan to attend one:

- February 27, 3-5 pm,  
at the UU Congregation of York, PA**
- March 13, 2-4 pm,  
at the UU Congregation of Fairfax, VA**
- March 26, 2-4 pm,  
at the Unitarian Society of Germantown, PA**
- April 2, 11 am-1 pm,  
at the UU Church of Silver Spring, MD**

## ***In and Around Paint Branch***

### **Announcing a New PBUUC Group: the 'Head and Heart History Group'**

This article will (hopefully) be the first of many that document the progress of the new PBUUC 'Head and Heart History Group' (H3G)! The Board of Trustees approved H3G's charter at the January, 2011 meeting. H3G's mission is to "encourage and inspire the members of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (PBUUC) community to draw upon insight into the past to inform, inspire and energize their participation and support for our spiritual tradition and principles."

The initial inspiration for the group was rooted in my interest in increasing congregational enthusiasm for the need to co-construct and continually update our ever unfolding church history. However, as someone who has drawn substantial personal benefits from having historical/contextual insight into my various life situations, I came to realize that many of my other activities and interests at PBUUC (and beyond) fall into the realm of history.

Hence, the group has three unique chartered objectives:

- A. To initiate and sustain endeavors that stimulates growth in knowledge of immediate church history,
- B. To initiate and sustain endeavors that stimulates growth in knowledge of the deep historical past (i.e., events since the written word arose within the past 10,000 year, etc.),
- C. To initiate and sustain endeavors that stimulates growth in knowledge of the deep past (i.e., the Big Bang, evolution, and other theories that have deep temporal implications).

My personal interests have led to my involvement in many PBUUC activities that fall into the above categories. Two said projects center around new initiatives slated to begin within the upcoming months. One is a covenant-style monthly reading group centered upon gleaning more linear, historically contextualized perspectives on the Buddha's life and teachings. Another is a monthly 'History and Fellowship Meeting', during which all are welcomed to attend and listen to or share reflections on various personal experiences of our church's past. Please email [headhearthistory@pbuuc.org](mailto:headhearthistory@pbuuc.org) for more information on these and other H3G initiatives.

*Kweli Powell, Coordinator*

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### **Facts and information about the Committee on Ministry (COM)**

The Committee on Ministry provides a setting in which all aspects of Diane's ministry and the ministries provided by congregation members' activities can be discussed with candor and confidentiality. The COM consists of three members of the congregation in addition to Diane. Current congregation members are Peter Dowling, incoming Chair; Wendy Schlegel and Muriel Morisey, outgoing Chair. The Board of Trustees appoints COM members after consultation with Diane and the other existing COM members. The COM is also charged with conducting a periodic evaluation of the minister. That process will begin later this year. COM members welcome feedback, concerns and questions from anyone in the Paint Branch community.

*Muriel Morisey, on behalf of the COM*

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### **New and Improved Rental Policies (We Hope)**

Over the last few months the two of us have been reviewing and updating the PBUUC rental policies. In the process we interviewed Diane, Daniel (twice) and all of the Rental Managers. Jeri called a number of other local churches to compare our rates to theirs.

Ellen obtained a statement from our insurance carrier about what is required from renters. And we obtained the policies of another UU church to see what things they included.

The result is a rather long document which we think covers all the things that need to be made clear to renters. It was approved by the Board of Trustees at their January 2011 meeting. We hasten to say however, that we expect this to be a living document. As with all policies and procedures, things will crop up from time to time that need to be clarified. So the board can and will be updating the new policy from time to time as the need arises.

The new policy relates only to one time or occasional renters. Any contract for a long term rental will be negotiated with that specific renter in mind and will doubtless include things not relevant for the occasional renter. We hope that the new policy will make it easier for Daniel to administer the rentals and that the renters will be clearer about what they can and cannot do in our facilities. If you want to read the new document, ask Daniel for a copy.

*Ellen Cotts and Jeri Holloway*

### **Paint Branch Church Leasing Team Needs Your Help to Lease Lower Level, Religious Exploration Building.**

Your Leasing Team is redoubling its efforts to find 24/7 tenant(s) for the Lower Level, Religious Exploration Building. We are looking for a single renter but will consider two separate leases. We cannot consider commercial enterprises given both our zoning and our tax status. You can help in this critical initiative by sending us any leads you may have for tenants and any suggestions for e-mail lists and other venues to market the space. You can talk to any member of the Leasing Team: Brenda Anna, John Bartoli, Becky Sheehan and Carol Carter Walker; or send your information and questions to [lease@pbuuc.org](mailto:lease@pbuuc.org).

*Carol Carter Walker*

### **Music at Paint Branch Concert Series**



The Music at Paint Branch Concert Series, sponsored by the Arts Council, has some exciting events planned for the Spring series. Please save the following dates:

- **Sunday, March 27, at 5 pm** – Triptych Piano Trio: John McCaray - piano, Sonya Hayes - violin, and Barbara Brown – cello. Music of Haydn, Dvorak, Shostakovich
- **Friday April 29, at 7:30 pm** – Audrey Andrist – Piano,
- **Sunday, May 8, at 5 pm**, Third Millennium Ensemble,
- **Sunday, May 22, at 4pm** – Michelle Howard-Hanson – soprano, Allison Hughes – mezzo-soprano

*Jeri Holloway*

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### **Art Gallery News**

The current exhibit of Fabric Art is by Rhoda Taylor. She tells us,

*I have been working with fabric and fibers most of my life (making clothing, crocheting, knitting, embroidering, and cross-stitching). In 2002, following retirement from my career as a university professor of biology, I began taking quilting classes and started making quilted wall hangings and other small pieces. In 2007, I joined the Fiber Arts Guild of Pittsburgh. Interaction with Guild members and a number of workshops through the Guild and the Pittsburgh Society for Contemporary Craft taught me new techniques and gave me the inspiration and confidence to make my own fabrics and design my own works of fabric art. Several techniques that I utilize are hand dyeing, bleach discharge, and rust-printing to pattern my own fabrics. I am delighted with the results.*

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*One of the most exciting things to me is ironing the wet dyed, discharged or rusted fabrics and seeing the wonderful patterns develop serendipitously! It is then a challenge to design artistic works to use these fabrics, and I often combine my own resist discharged, hand dyed, and rust-printed fabrics with commercial fabrics that are complementary to the colors and patterns that I have produced.*

This exhibit will be on display from Sunday, March 6, through Wednesday, April 20. If you have any specific questions you may contact the artist at [vwmret@zoominternet.net](mailto:vwmret@zoominternet.net). General questions may be addressed to Jane Trout at 301 572-2898 or [jd\\_trout@msn.com](mailto:jd_trout@msn.com). *Jane Trout*

**12-Day Human Rights Trip to Israel/Palestine, including East Jerusalem and the West Bank  
July 16 – 27**

**Sponsored by Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East  
Led by Don McInnes, immediate past President of UUJME, his 4<sup>th</sup> UUJME Human Rights Trip**

Join the tour for an extraordinary and unforgettable experience. Meet with Palestinian and Israeli peace activists and political leaders, Israelis from both ends of the political spectrum, and members of Hamas and Fatah.

Visit one or more Jewish settlements and the separation wall/ fence and experience checkpoints. Visit:

- East Jerusalem, including the Old City and Western Wall,
- the Dome of the Rock,
- the Al Aqsa Mosque, and,
- the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Spend two nights in Palestinian homes and tour several West Bank cities as well as Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Nazareth, and the Galilee area. Provide moral support for those working on the ground for a just peace, then return energized and informed to work more effectively for a just peace from here.

Estimated cost \$2,400, including comfortable hotel rooms with private bath, ground transportation, guide, meals, gratuities, and trip leader fee. Does not include air fare or transportation to and from airport in US or in Tel Aviv.

For more information and/or to join the trip contact Don McInnes at 617-661-9000 or [don@3mlaw.com](mailto:don@3mlaw.com). For more information about UUJME, visit <http://www.uujme.org>.

**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](mailto: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."

**Paint Branch Bookstore Open Sunday, March 6**



The Bookstore will be open right after service. There are books for kids and adults to build your library or for gift giving. Your purchases help add to the church's income.

Ellen Cotts, Carol Carter Walker and Liese Wright are the current volunteers.

## Nature Spirituality Circle (NSC) News and Events

The Nature Spirituality Circle explores Earth-centered religions of various traditions. We celebrate the turning of the Wheel of the Year with Sabbat rituals that draw upon a wide variety of pagan traditions. Starting in March, NSC will be offering a Wicca 101 class led by Tabitha, a Wiccan Priestess in the Georgian Tradition.

On Sunday, March 6, the first Wicca 101 class will meet during Enrichment Hour in the Religious Exploration Building on the lower level. We will discuss the history of Paganism and Wicca as well as the general philosophies of British Traditional Witchcraft and Eclectic American Wicca.

On Sunday, March 20, the Wicca 101 class will focus on Magickal Ethics and general rules of etiquette in the pagan community. This gathering is also during Enrichment Hour in the Religious Exploration Building on the lower level.

Our Ostara ritual will celebrate the Rites of Spring on Sunday, March 20. We will gather at 6 pm in the Kelly room for a family friendly ritual to focus on what seeds we wish to plant this year. Potluck to follow.

All interested seekers are welcome to attend all NSC events. For additional information on the Nature Spirituality Circle, please visit our website at <http://www.pbuuc.org/worship/naturespirituality/index.html> or join our listserv. All Nature Spirituality Circle events are posted on the Circle's main listserv: PBUUC-NSC@yahoogroups.co. This mailing list can be joined by sending a blank e-mail message to PBUUC-NSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

*Tabitha Pierzchala, Nature Spirituality Circle*



## Mature Job Seekers Workshop at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda on Saturday, March 5, from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Just as dating has changed over the past 15 years, so has job seeking. Job postings live online for months after a job has been filled. Companies use electronic scanners instead of people to review resumes. This one day workshop is designed for the mature individual who is unemployed or under-employed seeking to re-enter the workforce or anyone considering a job change.

Workshop will include:

### How to look for employment opportunities

- o Online searches
- o Networking
- o Employment agencies

### How to write a resume template

- o Why a template
- o Understanding acronyms
- o How to match key words
- o How to write a cover letter

### Next steps

- o Submitting the resume
- o Follow-up
- o Preparing for the interview
- o The interview
- o After the interview

**Presenter:** Tracey Stein

**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**Fee:** \$10 (Scholarships are available to those in financial difficulty).

**To register contact:** Jeannette Wilson, at [jjwilson@cedarlane.org](mailto:jjwilson@cedarlane.org) or 301.493.8300.

### Location:

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church  
9601 Cedar Lane  
Bethesda, MD 20814-4099.

## PBUUC Leadership Directory

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- Abby Crowley 301-345-2663
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- Shantida (co-leader) 301-593-0417
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### ☞ Committees ☞

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Visual Arts	Jane Trout	301-572-2898
We Care Network	Jeri Holloway	301-982-0758

### ☞ Groups and Activities ☞

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Choir	David Chapman	301-937-3666
Coffee Coordinator	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Community Café	Esther Nichols	301-864-2068
Ethnic Dinners	Marilyn Pearl	301-805-1218
Friends & Family Social	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Golf Club	Tim Illig	410-707-6678
Handcraft Circle	Marj Donn	301-572-4679
Marriage Enrichment	Don Fairfield	301-552-4330
Mediation Program	David Haberman	301-498-7086
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn	301-270-2391
Mystery Book Club	Kathy Kearns	301-277-3211
Nature Spirituality Circle	Cory Carter	301-982-4520
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- April Edition – Friday, March 18
- May Edition – Wednesday, April 20

**A few new (and some old) emails appearing in this edition:**

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