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PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

JUNE 2011

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

Families with young children are invited to sit in front for a better view until the Singaway Song. Summer Fun, with multi-age activities for children ages 5 and older, begins with the June 19 service and continues until September 11.

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.

June 5

¡Cantar! (Sing!)

The Paint Branch Choir, led by David Chapman, Music Director, with Rev. Diane Teichert and Abby Crowley, Worship Associate

In this annual choir service, the choir will be singing their hearts out in Latin, Italian, Hebrew, Spanish, and, of course, English. Featuring soloists Don Mitchell, Pat Tompkins and Allison Hughes; and John Lagerquist playing flute.

June 12

Celebrating Our Year in Religious Exploration

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

Join us for this All Ages service in which our children and youth share what they've learned about respecting everyone, celebrating our diversity, and caring for our earth. Featuring Youth Dancers too!

June 19

In My Father's Shoes

Rev. Diane Teichert with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate, and Men's Choral Ensemble

Join us for a variety of voices speaking (or singing) about having fathers, being fathers, and (gender-non specific) "fathering." After the service, the DRE Search Committee will introduce and host a reception for Erica Shadowsong, whose tenure as our new Director of Religious Exploration will begin the week of August 1

June 26

The 'Christian Nation' Myth.

Robert Boston, with Abby Crowley, Worship Associate

Recent polls show that a large number of Americans believe that the US Constitution offers special recognition to Christianity. How did the myth of an officially Christian America get started, and why does it continue to have such a hold over the people? Rob Boston of Americans United for Separation of Church and State will explore these questions and explain the true origins of religious freedom in America.

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“Oh, my love's like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June;

Oh, my love's like the melodie, That's sweetly played in tune”,

Robert Burns



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 12 pm

Dear Members and Friends:

I am writing to inform you about Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church's **Annual Congregational Meeting**, which will be held on **Sunday June 12, 2011, at 12:00 pm**.

At this meeting, we will have a number of items to discuss and vote on. In addition to elections, and resolutions from several important groups, we will be discussing the serious budget shortfall that is being projected by our Budget Leadership Team for the fiscal year beginning July 1. I believe it is vitally important that you attend this meeting, to vote on these major matters and participate in the discussion of our immediate financial future.

A light lunch of pizza and salad will be available beginning at 11:30 am. The Business meeting will begin promptly at 12 noon.

Please put the date on your calendar now -- Sunday June 12, 12:00 pm!

Sincerely,



Bettie M Young
Co-Chair, Board of Trustees



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PLEASE CONSIDER RAISING YOUR PLEDGE
OR GIVING AN ADDITIONAL
ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION
THREE POSSIBLE BUDGETS FOR 2011-2012:

- **WORSE-THAN-AUSTERE**

Based on the currently pledged level of support, we must make some drastic cuts: in **MUSIC** (no guest or substitute musicians, no sheet music); in **CLEANING** (budget cut by half); the **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** will have to raise all funding through special collections; RE will have to do without new supplies and teacher training funds; **No** budget for Guest Speakers, meaning that more lay-led services will be needed; no **FAIR SHARE** contributions; no increase for **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**.

- **AUSTERE**

We need additional revenue just to maintain the **SAME BARE-BONES BUDGET AS THIS YEAR**.

- **SUSTAINING**

Even more income is needed to achieve a budget that fully funds our programs and allows us to return to a **FULL-TIME CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR**, making our **FAIR-SHARE** contributions to **JPD AND UUA**, and to **BEGIN** repayment of principal to the **ROLAND BEQUEST FUND**.

Where do you want our church to be a year from now?
Come; let your voice be heard at the Annual Meeting
on Sunday, June 12, during Enrichment Hour,
where we hope to close the current budget gap that is necessitating
the Worse-than-Austere budget scenario.

Summer Service Offerings in July and August

- **July 3 - Blessing the Animals** - *Jim Flaherty, with Shantida, Worship Associate*
Well-behaved animals may come to church today! We encourage all to take care of themselves and families in deciding if you or your children will attend this service, esp. related to allergies.
- **July 10 - The Muse of Summer** - *Donald Mitchell, Worship Associate*
Join with us to celebrate the beauty of musical expression.
- **July 17 - Songs from Home** - *Leo Jones, with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate*
Members and friends will share the music, hymns, chants, that still resonate and remain an important part of who we are.
- **July 24 - Hello. Nice To Meet You. What Do You Do?**
PBUUC Men's Fellowship with John Sebastian, Worship Associate
Is there a way that we can accept a man for who he is rather than what he does?
- **July 31 - Many Religions - One Person: What I Like About My Neighbor's Religion**
Vanessa Landau with Tish Hall, Worship Associate
Are we a community that casts away the trappings of religion... or are we a community that draws from the many founts of religion?
- **August 7 - We Are All Migrants** - *Members of the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team and the Social Action Committee, with Don Mitchell, Worship Associate*
This service will lift up and link our immigrant stories.
- **August 14 - The Power of Our Stories** - *Rev. Diane Teichert, with John Sebastian, Worship Associate*
What is your story? What is PBUUC's story? Our new Director of Religious Exploration, Erica Shadowsong, will offer her first Together Time story.
- **August 21 - Homeless in Prince Georges**
John Bartoli and Community Crisis Services, Inc., with Tish Hall, Worship Associate
People are homeless all year long, not just in the winter. Come hear how Paint Branch made a difference last January, and how we can continue to make a difference and advocate for these men, women and children who struggle at the edges of our society.
- **August 28 - UU Perspectives on 12-Step Recovery**
Abby Crowley, John Sebastian, and Michael Leger
What insights can this spiritually-based program bring to UUs and to people who do not have addiction in their lives? Worship Associates Abby Crowley, John Sebastian and Michael Leger will share their experiences and insights.
- **September 4 - Poetry Service** - *Shantida, Worship Associate*
Today, some published and amateur poets among us will share their musings in ways diverse and colorful.

The Minister's mUUsings...

Just about anything can be a spiritual teacher. Even a strawberry patch.

We (my husband and I) inherited strawberries with the house we bought last June. Of course, the strawberry season was over by then so it wasn't until this spring that it became clear to us exactly what we had inherited. There are strawberries under the sour cherry tree and over to the fence in an area that is probably 20x6 feet, and strawberries thickly planted in a 4x10-foot raised bed. And, strawberries in what would be expected to be a flower bed in the back yard except that it's been taken over by strawberries!

All spring, we've been watching these strawberry plants develop. First, masses of snowy white flowers, then tons of tiny green berries barely visible hidden in the green leaves, and soon a few red ones began peeking out. You can imagine our excitement. We'd never had strawberries such as these! What a bounty it was going to be!



Well, the first few ripe strawberries were stolen (or should I say enjoyed?) by critters who left the remains around for me to find. My immediate reaction was indignation. Even though I knew that the mass of snowy white flowers and tons of tiny green berries foreshadowed a bumper crop of strawberries, I wanted to protect "our" strawberries from these bunnies, squirrels, birds, or perhaps the culprit was the woodchuck that burrows on the other side of our back fence, according to the neighbors who have seen it toddling through their back yard, or a rat such as the ones reported in the neighborhood. I had not done any more work deserving of strawberries than the wildlife (owning property doesn't count) – we didn't cut back or burn last year's plants as the former owner had suggested, nor had we weeded in early spring as we obviously should have – but still I was briefly annoyed at the critters' audacity in helping themselves. Now that we cannot pick fast enough to keep up with the ripening berries, I'm glad that the critters are helping themselves and I have to laugh at myself.

A family therapist would say that my "scarcity" reaction is the result of being the oldest of the six children in my family. But, a spiritual director would ask me what lessons I could learn from the strawberries. The strawberries teach me the spiritual practices of patience, gratitude and generosity. Even in the worst of situations, life has an abundance to give, if only we notice it (it may not be what we expect), partake of it and feel appreciation for it. And when there's a bumper crop of blessings, may we rejoice and share. Strawberries, anyone?

As our church faces the reality of an initial shortfall in pledges for next year, I'm reminded of the strawberries. I feel there is an abundance of generosity in our congregation. I'm confident the funds will come in, just like the strawberries. Maybe even more than we expect.

Hoping to see you on Sundays,
Diane

Diane

minister@pbuuc.org

Religious Exploration News

The Art of Saying Goodbye

By Karen Lee Scrivo, *Interim Director of Religious Exploration*

Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As I thought about saying goodbye after our two years together, I recalled a children's book -- *I Hate Goodbyes!* by Kathleen C. Szaj. It's about a girl named Katie who hates goodbyes and tries to make them make go away by singing very loudly, scolding her teddy bear or wiggling her loosest tooth. But nothing works. Instead, the goodbyes just hide inside her and sneak out in tears at unexpected times.

Like Katie, I too have always hated goodbyes and have done my best to avoid them or make them disappear. While I don't go around singing loudly when faced with the inevitable goodbyes of life, I have often tried to simply leave without being noticed. And, I've found that this approach works no better than the ones Katie tried.

I recently discovered some insight into why that is from Rev. Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins in their book, *Heart to Heart: Fourteen Gatherings for Reflection and Sharing* (available at www.uua.org/bookstore).

It's important to attend to the endings of our lives," they say. "The 'disappearing into the sunset without saying goodbye habit' may seem to prevent pain, but actually, all it does is drive pain underground where it can fester like an old infection.

A "good goodbye," acknowledges change and the many feelings it evokes but also gives us the chance to say thank-you and take care of any unfinished business in the relationship, they say. And it is in saying goodbye that we often realize how we have been transformed by the relationship.

For me, these past two years have been transformative in many ways and I have seen many transformations here during our two years together. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this interim process. I applaud the good work you've done in assessing and re-envisioning the religious exploration program at PBUUC as well as the realization that this is an ongoing process that the whole congregation needs to support.

You are fortunate in having in Rev. Diane Teichert, a minister who celebrates and supports religious exploration and a dedicated RE Committee -- Co-Chairs Sarah Michailof and Sonny Katz and members Matt Elliott, Jan Montville and Alice Tyler -- and wonderful RE Assistant Kweli Powell. Carla Monardes and Carole Valliere were also supportive as members of the RE Committee during the first interim year.

"An artful ending to a relationship, like the resolving chords of a symphony, often defines what has gone before," say Rev. Robinson and Ms. Hawkins. "Endings are a good chance to shape the meaning of our lives." They go on cite four parts to an artful ending -- disengagement, memory, resolution and blessing.

- **Disengagement** -- acknowledging that we may not meet again or if we do, it will be under changed circumstances. As part of this process, it is essential that I -- as your interim DRE -- say goodbye so that you can 'hello' to your new Director of Religious Exploration, Erica Shadowsong, who will be starting in August. Ms. Shadowsong, a seasoned educator and storyteller, will help you further articulate PBUUC's unique vision for the RE program in the years ahead. I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition. And I know that you will warmly welcome and support her. Meanwhile, kudos for a job well done to the DRE Search Committee, chaired by Marcie Washburn and including Karine Bouis-Towe, Abby Crowley, Matt Elliott, Tabitha Pierzchala and Evangeline Wells.

- **Memory** -- remembering the relationship and experiences. We had a chance to celebrate and share memories at the lovely Farewell Party you gave me last month and I hope you'll continue sharing memories. Please feel free to stop by or drop me a line. I'd love to see or hear from you before I leave on June 30. And thank you again for the beautiful Chalice art, created by Tina Van Pelt. I will cherish it always.
- **Resolution** -- acknowledging our imperfections and forgiving ourselves and each other. While we've accomplished a lot during this interim period, I know I've made my share of mistakes along the way. Thanks for overlooking them and moving forward in spite of them.
- **Blessing** -- blessing the people we care about and wishing them well. So I leave you with these words adapted from the Gaelic Runes and found in *Singing the Living Tradition* (#681)

Deep peace of the running wave to you
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you
 Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

Blessed be,



Karen

RE Events in June – Mark Your Calendar!

June 5 - RE Teacher and Volunteer Brunch – The RE Committee honors our fabulous RE teachers and dedicated RE volunteers with brunch from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Kelley Room.

June 11 – RE Sunday Rehearsal from 10 am to noon in the Meeting House.

June 12 – RE Sunday – Our RE classes share what they've been learning this year in this All Ages service that closes out the church year.

June 19 – Summer Fun RE Program Begins. This multi-age program for children ages 4 and up during our Summer Services runs until the In-Gathering service in September. Child Care is available for infants and younger children. If you're interested in volunteering, contact RE Co-Chair Sarah Michailof at minnesarah@yahoo.com.

June 30 – Interim DRE Karen Lee Scivo's last day.

Ongoing

A Gift for the New DRE – The RE Committee is working hard to have teachers and assistants in place for the 2011-12 RE program when the new DRE starts in August. If you feel called to teach or assist, please contact RE Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Michailof at minnesarah@yahoo.com or Sonny Katz at katz.sanjeev@bls.gov. For more information about curricula or other ways to share your time and talent with our children and youth, contact Interim DRE Karen Lee Scivo at idre@pbucc.org.

Summer Gardening – We'll need many hands to keep up the RE Garden this summer. If you're interested in helping out, contact Green Team Co-Chair Karine Bouis-Towe at ktowema@yahoo.com.

Meet our New Director of Religious Exploration

The DRE Search Committee: Marcie Washburn (Chair), Karine Bouis-Towe, Abby Crowley, Matt Elliott, Tabitha Pierzchala, and Evangeline Wells, and I are excited to announce that Ms. Erica Shadowsong will be our new Director of Religious Exploration for children and youth. With support from the Interim DRE, Karen Lee Scrivo, the committee has been meeting since last summer, assessing our needs and hopes with congregational input, writing a job posting and description, posting it on Unitarian Universalist websites and also on Craig's List, reviewing resumes, conducting interviews, and offering the position to Erica, who was thrilled to accept.

Erica is a professional storyteller, with BA in English and a Graduate Certificate in Folklore from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She is a Middle School teacher of English at the Sandy Springs Friends School where, her supervisor reports, she can enthrall a hall of seventy five students!

She wrote in a letter to the PBUUC Board of Trustees, "As I expressed to the committee in the interview, I knew that I was responding to a calling to teach and to serve, a calling so strong that I have followed it all my life... I am motivated very much by the opportunity to create, revise and develop a program that serves a spiritual community (especially its youth) in a dynamic way and in collaboration with others who are equally committed to such service. I believe that you will see this personal drive reflected in my educational, professional, and spiritual background."

She says that "my path as a nondenominational Christian growing up, my later liberal progressive Christian practice, my brief experience in a Unitarian Universalist congregation and with Quaker practice at the Friends School for three years, and finally, my personal path for the last four years as of practitioner of nature-based spirituality, I believe, all prepare me well for this position."

Erica will be introduced during the service on Sunday, June 19, with a reception immediately after the service providing opportunities to meet and welcome her, and to thank the DRE Search Committee. Erica begins her work the week of August 1 and will first offer the Together Time on August 14. Please look for more information about her in the August issue of *Branches*.

Rev. Diane Teichert

Financial Notes

Part III of "Show me the Money" will be deferred to next month, so we can talk about pledges.

First of all, if you are already writing checks for next fiscal year, which starts July 1, please write "2011-12" or some variation thereof on the check memo. This is the way, and the only way, that we can tell your intent.

Second, by now you should have received a report on your pledging for the current year – it was sent the second week of May. To have a check count against this year's pledge, it

1. Needs to be dated June 30 or before.
2. Needs to arrive at the church by the Sunday, July 10 deposit. Yes, even Treasurers get to go to the beach, so there will be no July 3 deposit. After July 10, we will close the books on the 2010-11 year.

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Third, by now you have probably seen the state of next year's budget in the order of service, or by attending the May 1 presentation by the Budget Leadership Team. We have had many generous pledges for the coming year; our median pledge is \$1200, with half the pledges falling in the range of \$600 to \$3000. [if you are a statistician, this is the inter-quartile range] However, the current state of things is that a "worse than austere" budget is the balanced budget of record. The BLT managed to preserve all the staff positions, but at the expense of program, too tight a building and grounds budget, and even cuts to the cleaning service.

So, if your finances permit, please think your pledge over one more time. And if your finances do not permit, do not feel guilty. It is important that people make pledges they can keep, both in the time they can volunteer and in the financial area. I believe there are enough of us, yours truly included, who have been blessed with the resources to fill this gap.

Mike Stark, Treasurer

2011-2012 Stewardship Campaign

April 17 brought to a close the successful first step in our budget planning for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. As this article is being written, the present pledge level is just over **\$280,000**.

THANK YOU VISITING STEWARDS for a completing a very comprehensive outreach effort to all of our members and friends. **HUZZAH TEAM MEMBERS:**

Steven Bernheisel	Michael Leger	Jan Montville	Jenny Story
Nancy Boardman	Jonathan Mawdsley	Penny O'Brien	Will Snyder
Carol Carter Walker	Mike McMenamin	Marge Owens	Alice Tyler
Don Henderson	Sherry Mitchell	Raman Pathik	Bettie Young
Tim Illig	Tricia Most	John Sebastian	Peter Wathen-Dunn

We also want to extend a **SPECIAL THANK YOU AND WELCOME** to our **NEWLY PLEDGED members and friends**.

Working together we have secured a firm base to build on as we look to the future.

The Budget Leadership Team has used these figures and has taken a good look at all the possible sources of income for the coming year. Working with the BLT the Board of Trustees has determined that we need additional help to close some significant budget gaps. They are asking us all to consider **where we want our church to be a year from now and the part can we can play in making that future a reality**.

Look again at what Paint Branch means to you. Not yet pledged? - we need you! Can you increase your pledge? - It will make a difference! **Every pledge, large or small, counts. Every increase will move us closer to the church community we are working to become.**

With deep gratitude,
Pat Tompkins and Sherry Mitchell
 Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

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

Towards An Intentional Multicultural Congregation: Next Steps In The Journey, A Personal Reflection

In her sermon on Sunday, May 22, our minister gently but firmly challenged the congregation to move forward in our journey towards becoming a more diverse community. Her challenge to us was to move from consciousness raising and awareness based on programs and activities presented by the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) over the past four years, to placing the goal of intentional diversity as a focus of every committee, affinity group and focus in the church. Intentional diversity should be part of every committee person's 'To Do' list.

One of the most powerful moments in the service occurred when Reverend Teichert asked everyone who had participated in at least one DARTT activity over the past four years to stand and virtually everyone in the sanctuary stood up. Nearly a third stood when she asked how many had coordinated, led or contributed to DARTT programs and activities. After her inspiring sermon, 22 of us gathered during Enrichment Hour to discuss next steps.

I was moved to tears by the sermon, but I was equally moved to a re-commitment to the concept of an inclusive, beloved community at Paint Branch by the Enrichment Hour discussion. We were able to talk openly about differences in perspective that might have never been expressed a few years ago or that might have led to leaving the meeting, if not the church. Those gathered felt comfortable enough to speak up and state their concerns and to hear those with a very different point of view. The ability to speak and listen freely will lead us, I believe, to being able to change and be changed.

Ultimately, more than music genre, worship style, or visual symbols, to me, the conversation is most important. Let us keep talking, in the spirit of the poet, Rev. Marta Valentín,

...knowing that our continued journey is never going to be perfect, is always going to demand resting places to make the journey doable, to carry us full circle from beginnings to endings and back again and again.

Carol Carter Walker, Co-chair



SCREEN FOR THE DREAM Film Series: Sunday, July 31, 2011 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., Kelley Room

Not sure what to do with that extra fifth Sunday in July?! DARTT is sponsoring the third installment of the PBS series ***Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*** The four-part series is being shown in 2011 on the four 5th Sundays of this year. The documentary focuses on the two questions: What made America? What makes us? Please join us next Sunday for viewing and discussion! You can watch Part I and II online at: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/facesofamerica/> though prior viewings are not required as each piece stands on its own.

If you have questions contact Cynthia Robinson at crr@pipeline.com or 202.215.1054 or Theresa Brown Shute at tbshute@gmail.com.

Social Action Committee News (SAC)

SAC at the Congregational Meeting:

At the June 12 Annual Congregational Meeting SAC will seek ideas for social action issues on which to focus. As in years past, the Social Action Committee will recommend issues to emphasize in the year ahead, as well as ask congregational members for their ideas about where the social justice focus should be for SAC in the coming year. After sharing these ideas SAC plans to ask members attending this important annual meeting to give an indication of where their social action priorities lie. This will help SAC in planning ahead, including inviting speakers for another fall Social Justice Kick-Off Event, such as was held in early October last year. The May 28 SAC meeting will focus on this June presentation to the congregation, with details worked out then for presentation at the upcoming annual meeting.

Paint Branch Cooperation with Equality Maryland (EQMD) Moves from Weekly Phone Banks to Hosting a Community Meeting on May 16 as Part of a Series of Statewide EQMD Meetings. These meetings are being planned by EQMD throughout the state to help them engage with communities and gather ideas about the best ways to move forward together in the coming year. Paint Branch hosted one of the first meetings, and others are planned statewide through early June. SAC will continue to be in touch with EQMD as these meetings progress. This will enable us to plan future cooperative undertakings – as we work together to expand the coalition of voices for marriage equality and the number of voters willing to contact their Maryland legislators urging support for marriage equality and GLBT civil rights in next year's Maryland General Assembly. As new activities and EQMD plans evolve, SAC will continue to be in partnership with them and keep Paint Branchers informed of developments we can be involved with.

June 5 Special Collection for Community Café

Community Café was launched by the Social Action Committee at Paint Branch some 20 years ago as an outreach activity to serve the neediest in our community. Paint Branch volunteers provide a hot meal that includes chili, pineapple, cookies and lemonade to as many as 50-60 day laborers and homeless individuals on the fourth Tuesday of every month. This effort was financially supported with funds from the annual Warm Nights collection. Due to a decrease in the collection for Warm Nights, Community Café is no longer able to adequately cover reimbursement expenses to volunteers for food purchases. The special collection for Community Café is intended to help defray the cost to volunteers for running this worthy program that embodies our UU principles for social justice. Please give generously. Checks may be made payable to PBUUC, with 'Community Café' in the memo line.

DC Pride Festival Update:

Mark Your Calendars for the Weekend of June 11-12! Paint Branch will be joining with at least 20 other UU churches in a UU contingent in the annual Capital Pride parade on Saturday afternoon that runs from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. This will be great fun!! The parade will start at 22nd and P Streets and go through Dupont Circle, Logan Circle, 17th Street and end up at 14th and N Streets. *Contact Nancy Boardman if you want to be in our UU parade contingent. And of course the more the better!* She is in touch with the parade coordinator for all 20 UU churches and will soon have more details about where and when to meet, what to wear etc. (Nancy's e-mail is nancyboardman3@gmail.com and her telephone number is 301-982-3450).

Then Sunday afternoon, from 11 am to 6 pm is the DC Pride festival on Pennsylvania Ave starting at 7th Street and heading towards the Capitol. Over 200,000 are expected for the festivities! There will be entertainment, music, food, drinks, education and lots of celebration! A donation of \$5 is encouraged, but there is no fee for entry. *(continued on next page)*

Area UU churches will have a booth, and are looking for volunteers to help out with it. The booth coordinator is Suzanne Bach who will schedule the volunteers. You can contact her at bach.suzanne@gmail.com to volunteer. If enough folks do volunteer, we may get a second UU booth. There will be lots of interesting & fun material to hand out about our denomination. By all means give this a try! SAC members donated funds for Paint Branch joining with other UU churches to be in the parade and having a UU booth at the festival. We hope many Paint Branchers will join in this very special weekend of celebration at the DC Pride events! What a great way to have fun together and so openly and clearly stand for our UU values.

Welcoming the Stranger: The Role of Faith in the Immigrant Experience.



This is an announcement from the UUSJ E-News letter. On Wednesday, June 22, from 7:45 – 9:00 pm the Interfaith

Conference of Metropolitan Washington will host a program on this topic. It will be held at the Masjid Muhammad Mosque at 1519 4th Street NW in Washington DC. With Immigration as a Moral Issue one of our UU denomination's study action issues, this seemed like a very relevant and important program for Paint Branchers to know about. Hopefully some of us can attend.

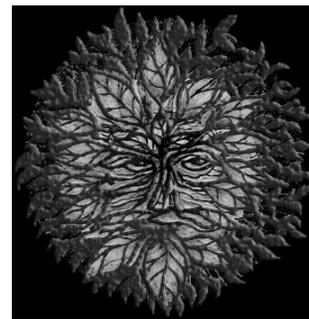
Social Action Committee will meet on Saturday, June 18, in the Kelley Room at 10 am.

Currently no SAC meetings have yet been scheduled for July and August, although some fall planning will likely be needed during those summer months. We always welcome new members! And would love to see some new faces join us as we work together to live out our UU values in social justice causes.

PBUUC's Information Table at the Greenbelt GreenMan Festival May 7 & 8

Thanks to Sandy Roberts, Nancy Boardman, and Conrad Herling for taking a shift at our table in the Greenbelt center. We gave out brochures about supporting the bill in the Senate that would limit corporate financing of political campaigns; encouraged letters to our MD Senators; supported LGBT issues, especially marriage equality and non-discrimination for Transgendered people; and had information available about PBUUC.

One interesting sidelight of this effort was a discussion with the main officer of the Maryland GreenMan organization (known as the Abbott). He and his family are members of the Cumberland UU Church. He spoke of the single-minded emphasis that their church's Social Action Committee has had this year on protesting the aggressive efforts being made to lease mineral rights so drilling for natural gas can be stepped up significantly in Western Maryland counties. A large payment is offered to families who have some acreage and many have sold the right to drill on their land. If anyone would like to organize a neighborhood viewing of the recent film "Gas Land," Marge and Lowell Owens (lowellandmarge@verizon.net) have a copy to loan. Or a movie night at PBUUC may be in the works.



Special thanks comes from Mike Tidwell, the Executive Director of Chesapeake Climate Action Network, to all those who contributed to the Special Collection of April
\$691.00 was raised on April 17
which will provide resources to continue fighting for renewable energy, green jobs, and reductions in global warming pollution.

Green Team News

"I move that the Paint Branch Congregation vote to submit the application for Green Sanctuary Accreditation to the UUA."

On Sunday, June 12, the PBUUC congregation will be asked to vote on the aforementioned motion to submit the application for Green Sanctuary status to UUA for accreditation.

Following the first vote, three years ago, to apply for Green Sanctuary status, the Green Sanctuary Team has been meeting monthly and has worked on a dozen or so projects in the areas of Worship, Religious Exploration, Environmental Justice, and Sustainable Living to meet the goals of the green Sanctuary program and our own goals of stewardship and responsible living.



PBUUC founders deliberately chose land that was forested and with a stream, chose a building plan with windows enabling the congregation to be part of nature. Following the fire, we again

showed our commitment to preserving our resources by investing in the geothermal climate control system, the installation of heat saving windows, sun tunnels, and roof insulation.

The following areas summarize our focus to continue responsible stewardship:

1. Worship services: Continue to devote at least two services each church year to the environment.

2. Child-Youth Religious Exploration: Continue units devoted to the environment, including appreciation and caring for the PBUUC grounds and the RE Garden Project. Broaden intergenerational grounds care projects such as invasive weed warriors or use of recycling and composting practices.

3. Adult Religious Exploration: Continue to partner with other church committees; e.g., Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, Social Action, and Denominational Affairs, on joint projects that increase environmental awareness. Continue adult reading and/or discussion groups on the environment. Continue discussions fashioned on Simplicity Circles guidelines.

4. Social Action: Continue supporting legislative action related to the environmental and eco-justice policies through letters, telephone and education efforts. Provide financial support to environmental causes through recommending several special collections each year.

5. Sustainable Living: Continue to consider green alternatives to all projects of PBUUC buildings and grounds, such as when surfacing the parking lot. Continue education enabling individuals to make green choices in goods and services, e.g. Clean Currents (gas usage). Continue use of green alternatives for office consumables and cleaning materials. Continue focus on local eating, recycling and composting as part of all church activities, particularly where food is involved.

6. Congregational efforts: Support and participate in PBUUC efforts that connect PBUUC environmental issues in discussions between PBUUC and a local high school to involve local students in local environmental hands-on actions.

Please read and think about these issues and attend the Congregational Meeting, 11:45 am Sunday, June 12. We need your vote to foreword this application to the Green Sanctuary Committee of the UUA. Talk to any committee member if you would like more information.

Penny O'Brien, Green Sanctuary Team

Denominational Affairs

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

On April 30, 2011, Emma and I attended “An Evening with Reverend John Buehrens,” at the UU Church of Annapolis. While Rev. Buehrens was in fact the principal speaker, the main agenda of the gathering concerned the UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD). This is an eminently worthwhile and important organization whose mission is to influence actions of the Maryland Legislature regarding issues of importance to UUs. Rev. Fred Muir, Minister of the UU Church of Annapolis, welcomed us, followed by an address by Betty McGarvie Crowly and Jan Bird, Co-Chairs of the UULM MD, who discussed its mission, and its need for funding to proceed on this mission.

Rev. John Buehrens, former President of the UUA, gave a wonderfully engaging, humorous, and fascinating talk that was appreciated by all. Rev. Buehrens spoke about his career, about those who had mentored him, and those he had mentored. He spoke about marriage equality, and how this issue had risen to its current importance in the Unitarian Universalist conscience. He then discussed the importance of UULM MD in making our values a reality.

Maryland Senator Rich Madaleno followed, and discussed the last legislative session in some detail, especially the narrow defeat of the Bill that would have permitted same sex marriages in the State of Maryland. He characterized it more as a temporary setback, emphasizing that we will be back next year, and will not make some of this year’s assumptions, or errors. He made a very interesting point, which began by asking if anyone was present from Paint Branch UU Church. Emma and I indicated our presence and were told that we should be very proud of our Minister, Diane Teichert, who single handed had convinced Senator Rosapepe to vote for the bill, using the Sermon “Standing on the Side of... Marriage?” which she delivered to us on January 31, this year.

We were indeed beaming with pride for our Minister. He continued stating that similar pointed effort needed to be used toward the delegates who had not voted on our side of this issue, but should be approachable next time. Then there was the matter of hate; the hate that was expressed by many of those in opposition to the marriage equality bill, including those who demonstrated at the State House during the vote. It served a real purpose; it convinced several of those who were originally opposed to the bill to vote in favor of it.

Others spoke more about the successes, and the mission, and as always, the need for more contributions and volunteer support. I volunteered to provide liaison between PBUUC and UULM MD, so please address me with your questions and suggestions.

We are thrilled to hear that next year’s principal speaker for this annual UULM-MD event will be former UUA President and current UUSC President, Rev. Dr. William Schulz. We have heard Rev. Schulz speak at a General Assembly, and he is a dynamic, fascinating speaker. He followed his UUA Presidency by becoming Executive Director of Amnesty International, and has accumulated vast field experience, including some of the most dangerous and difficult parts of the world. This is an opportunity that should not be missed. The exact date and location has not yet been announced, but it will likely be late April or early May. Please visit the website at: <http://uulmmd.org/> frequently to keep yourself aware of this very important UU ministry, and find out more about what’s going on in Maryland.

Donald J. Gerson, Denominational Affairs Chair.



In and Around Paint Branch

A New on-line calendar for the PBUUC website.

A cleaner presenting web calendar has been developed by our webmaster, Mark Shute, and is planned for launch mid-June to replace the current web calendar. It has many of the same features as our present calendar, while being much more user-friendly (good news for the church office). Additional features, not present on the current web calendar, are being planned. Let's take a good look at some of the existing features.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROP WALK AT LAKE ARTEMISIA Lake Artemisia • Sunday Service 10:00am-11:00am Meeting House • Youth Group 10:15am-11:15am Room 1 • Enrichment Hour 11:45am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Congregational Budget Meeting during Enrichment Ho Meeting House ◦ Meeting House Kitchen ◦ Room Reserved Rooms 2 & 3 ◦ Scrip Sales Meeting House Foyer ◦ Book Sale Meeting House Foyer ◦ Ethnic Dinner Ticket Sales Meeting House Foyer ◦ Nature Spirituality Circle Children's Maypole Glen ◦ Parent Teacher RE Tea Hospitality Room ◦ Kelley Room ◦ Quest Room 1 • Adult Religious Exploration Committee 1:00pm-2:00pm Room 1 • Head Heart History Group 6:00pm-8:00pm Room 1 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Maryland / SAC Phone Bank 8:00pm-9:00pm Rooms 2 & 3 • Private Rental 7:00pm-9:00pm Kelley Room • Building and Grounds Committee 7:30pm-9:30pm Hospitality Room 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living by Heart 10:00am-12:00pm Room 4 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinco de Mayo Rooms 2/3 in use 6:30pm-7:30pm Rooms 2 & 3 • Choir Rehearsal & Sectionals 7:30pm-9:30pm Meeting House Kelley Room 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Maryland / SAC Phone Bank 12:00am-12:00am 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalice Dancers Rehearsal 9:00am-11:00am Meeting House • Green Man Festival - Greenbelt 9:00am-8:00pm Greenbelt MD • Paint Branch UU 101 Class 12:00pm-4:00pm Meeting House • UUSJ / LGBTQ Youth Support 1:00pm-5:00pm Cedar Lane UU Congregation Bethesda MD • Japan Relief Fundraiser Concert 7:30pm-9:00pm Meeting House

A sample from the new web calendar, to appear mid-June.

- The new web calendar will provide full listings, with day, date, time and location clearly visible at first glance. No more having to click on an event to find locations – they are directly underneath each event.
- Sunday Enrichment Hour events will be clearly marked and organized for quick reference. A soon-to-be-added feature will be the ability to click on a particular listing and be re-directed to either the related Branches article or a web page providing more detail about the event or activity.
- Easy updating procedures allow for speedy-daily maintenance by administrative staff and volunteers. As events are added to the web calendar, bulleted updates also appear on our website's front in the upcoming Sunday Services, Enrichment Hour Activities and "Coming Up at PBUUC" sections, with quick links to the current and following month's calendars.

We will keep you up to date as to when this new calendar will be making its debut. Stay tuned to Sunday Bulletins and look for email announcements about this great new feature on our website.

Our thanks to Mark Shute for donating his talents in writing this calendar program, and to all those who offered comments and suggestions. Your efforts are appreciated! *Daniel Everitt, Church Administrator*

Ethnic Dinners Says "Arigato!"

It's said the way to conquer one's fears is to confront them. We'd always hesitated to do a Japanese Ethnic Dinner because so many of the dishes would be difficult to prepare in large quantities and in advance, even if we could find the ingredients. But, when it was struck by a massive earthquake, catastrophic tsunami and nuclear power plant explosion in March, Japan was suddenly in the news and on everyone's mind. This occurred just as we were searching for a theme for our May 14th dinner, so we confronted those fears, and decided to finally tackle this very unique cuisine.

That we managed to do so, quite successfully, is a tribute to the 80 people who attended the dinner and those who worked so hard to produce it. A special thanks to Erica Penn who, during her first visit to Paint Branch saw our announcement and recommended Japan, saying she often cooks this cuisine. She helped plan the menu and introduced us to an Asian market for ingredients. Despite other plans on the date of the dinner, she made one of the dishes and 48 small Ikebana flower arrangements to place on the tables. Rene McDonald and Carole Valliere made more Ikebana of fresh flowers for the buffet tables. Marj Donn, also unable to attend, answered the call for Origami, making about 100 folded paper cranes. Also special thanks to Pat Tompkins, who worked and lived in Japan for several years. She made two dishes for the dinner, brought in and displayed a collection of items from Japan, provided music, and drove to Annapolis to get the sushi.



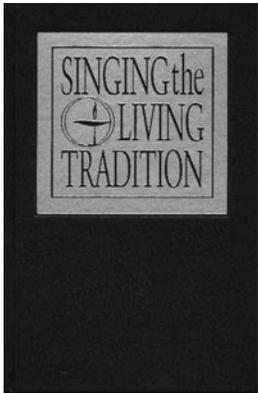
Many additional people performed all the routine, but essential, tasks. Mike Stark was there as usual, overseeing set-up, and supplying and tending the bar, bringing his friend Sonja Meredith to help. Assisting with set-up were Don Henderson, Nancy Boardman, Erika Teal, Jim Dietz, Liam Brennan (with two friends), Pat and Charles Tompkins, Mary Dancy, Lee Dudek, Sandy Roberts and Jeri Holloway. Carole Valliere and Penny O'Brien helped tend the door. Cooks included Teresa Meeks, Adeline Wilcox, Jeri Holloway, Erica Penn, Marcie Washburn, Cathy Helmold, Don Mitchell, Rene McDonald, Pat Tompkins, Wendy Schlegel, Lee Dudek, Melody Lawrence, and Marilyn Pearl. Penny O'Brien made the green tea, and Tina Van Pelt supplied fruit juices. Building manager, Chuck Bury operated the sound system, directed clean-up and, with Don Munro ran the dishwasher numerous times throughout the evening. Also cleaning up were Erika Teal, Jim Dietz, Nancy Boardman, Penny O'Brien, Marilyn Pearl, Mike Stark, Sonja Meredith, and Carole Valliere. Penny also laundered tablecloths and dish towels. Thanks to all, especially those who performed multiple tasks, and cooks who waived reimbursement. This dinner netted \$955.30, and collected \$35 for Japanese relief which was forwarded to UUSC for that purpose.

This completes the four dinners planned for the 2010-2011 church year. But, despite our scheduling more dinners, closer together, these four managed to draw more attendees and earn more money than in any year since the dinners began 23 years ago. There are a variety of ways to support Paint Branch, and obviously doing so while eating good food with friends is a really enjoyable way to do so! Next year we will return to our customary three dinners per year, but with even more attendees and volunteers (hint, hint), they can certainly continue to be just as successful.

Marilyn Pearl, co-coordinator

**Honor a loved one,
with the gift of MUSIC
Consider donating a hymnal!**

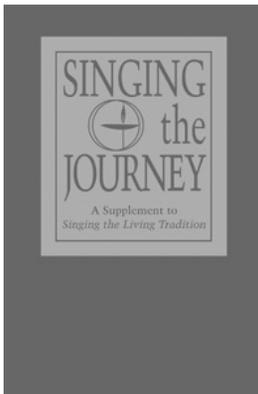
A time-honored way to remember cherished persons in your life is to donate either a pew edition or large-print edition of one of our UU hymnals, *Singing the Living Tradition* and/or *Singing the Journey*.



Singing the Living Tradition, also known as “The Grey Hymnal,” is the 1994 revision of earlier hymnals with many new hymns and readings.

There are two size options:

- a. Regular (hardcover) \$28
- b. Large Print (softcover) \$45



Singing the Journey, “The Teal Hymnal,” was published in 2005 and complements the Grey Hymnal, expanding our musical choices.

Two size options:

- a. Regular (softcover) \$18
- b. Large Print (softcover) - \$25

PBUUC has only two large-print editions of each hymnal. Additional large-print editions would enable more attendees with vision challenges to fully participate in our services. However, all donations, of either size hymnal, are genuinely appreciated; hymnals are regularly used items owned by the congregation and need to be replaced on a regular basis. Your generous gift affirms and assures the place of music at PBUUC.

If you wish, a book plate (decorated with the UU Flaming Chalice) will be affixed into the donated hymnal, with the name of the honoree and donor, (although donors can choose to remain anonymous).



You can place an order by phoning the Church Office during regular business hours, or sending an email to churchadmin@pbuuc.org. Please make out your check to PBUUC, and write “hymnal donation” in the memo. You will be notified when the hymnal(s) have arrived and are available for you to see the following Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Everitt, Church Administrator, at 301-937-3666. We hope you will partake of this wonderful way to esteem loved ones and benefit your congregation!

American Civil Liberties Union Dinner/Program



On Tuesday, June 14, the Prince George’s and Montgomery County chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will present their annual meeting/dinner program at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

The topic of that night’s presentation will be “New Media and Your Rights.” Speakers will include Officer Robert Collins, who had to give his private Facebook password to the Division of Corrections when he was interviewed for recertification. Reception is at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and FREE program at 7:30 pm. RSVP for dinner tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$15 for students. RSVP to Meredith Curtis at curtis@aclu-md.org. For more information, please call Lowell Owens, Chair of the Prince George’s County ACLU Chapter, at 301-345-1572.

Nature Spirituality Circle (NSC)



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. The NSC is sponsoring Wicca 101 classes on 2nd and 4th Sundays during Enrichment Hour in the lower level of the Religious Exploration Building. These classes are led by Tabitha Pierzchala, a Wiccan Priestess in the Georgian Tradition. The Wicca 101 classes will continue through the summer months.

On June 12, the Wicca 101 class will discuss Numerology. Come explore the use of Magical squares and the numerology of names. This class will also be a brainstorming session to develop the NSC Midsummer / Litha ritual.

On June 26, the Wicca 101 class will have Greg Lemich leading us as we explore energy sensing in nature. Join us to learn about and get in touch with the energetic field of plants, rivers and stones, right here in our own back yard.

Our Litha ritual will celebrate the Summer Solstice, date TBD. Date will be published in the list serve and in the church announcements when finalized. This will be a family friendly ritual, designed to incorporate children as ritual participants, as well as our inner child.

All interested seekers are welcome to attend all NSC events. For additional information on the Nature Spirituality Circle, please visit our pages on the PBUUC website, which can be found at <http://www.pbuuc.org/worship/naturespirituality/index.html> or join our list serve, PBUUC-NSC@yahoogroups.com, where events are posted. 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

Scrip Sales

Have you been wondering how you could add a few dollars to the Paint Branch UU Church budget? Do you know that we sell gift cards to buy groceries or prescriptions at Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse, the Greenbelt Co-Op and Super Fresh. For every card we sell we make a small percentage of what you pay. You get full value for your dollars. Everybody wins! You use it like a debit card at the checkout. If you would like any questions answered ask the person selling the gift cards in the lobby after service every Sunday. Bring your checkbook on Sunday so you can participate too. (Gift cards for Weis Markets will also be available soon!)

Jane Trout for the Scrip Sellers

Skinner House Books Announces Coming Out in Faith featuring Essay by former PBUUC Members!

Boston – At the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations Headquarters in Boston, Skinner House Books announced that in *May Coming Out in Faith* is a collection of 15 essays by LGBTQ UUs ranging in age from 80 to 17, describing the role faith has played in shaping and expressing their sexual identities. Among them are Ed Kobee and Al Usack, PBUUC members retired to Florida. This book is edited by Dr. Susan Gore and Rev. Keith Kron.

A vibrant collection of voices and perspectives, *Coming Out in Faith* debunks the false dichotomy drawn between religious identity and LGBTQ identity. These essays will educate readers about the lived experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer people of faith and raise awareness of the role Unitarian Universalism has taken since the mid-1970's in promoting a vision of humanity that not only embraces LGBTQ people, but actively seeks to learn from the unique strengths they bring to questions of personal and organizational vitality.

To order, contact the UUA bookstore at www.uuabookstore.org or 800-215-9076.

June Update: The PBUUC Head and Heart History Group (H3G)

This month's major H3G events encompassed the monthly meeting of the 'Historical-Buddha Reading Circle', as well as the monthly event that I've, thus far, been referring to as the 'History and Fellowship Gathering' (HFG).

The 'Historical-Buddha' meeting went well. Discussion was engaged and (quite lively at certain points) with respect to ideas put forth in the book *The Feeling Buddha* by the Buddhist psychologist, David Brazier (our current reading). This selection was chosen because Brazier's novel take on the Buddha's first spiritual lecture has profoundly revisionary implications both spiritually and historically-speaking with respect to this tradition. Hence, lively discussion amongst the long-time Buddhist practitioners in our circle was not unexpected.

This month's 'History and Fellowship Gathering' (HFG), at which the virtue 'Nobility' was our topic of focus, also went well. As mentioned, the goal of these monthly, self-contained gatherings is to cultivate amongst our congregation an appreciation for history as a living, evolving profound human storyline (rather than the relatively static, dates, names, battles, etc that we learn in school). In this sense, every moment that we humans have engaged in aspirations towards goals such as 'a world society with peace, liberty, and justice for all', etc, 'counts' as history (regardless of whether it 'makes it' into the formal textbooks, etc).

The particular focus of the gathering is to appreciate the ways by which history, in the above sense, was and is clearly made at PBUUC. Hence, to emphasize this nuance, I'm now considering changing the name of this event to the 'Making-History Fellowship Gathering' (MHFG); thus highlighting the continuity of this process right up to our present interactions. Our next such meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 10, and will center on positive PBUUC-linked insights we've gleaned with respect to the virtue 'Courage'. ALL are welcomed to participate!

For more information on the above and any other H3G events, please email us at headhearthisory@pbuuc.org.

Kweli Powell, coordinator

TWedHUULK to meet at J'Marie's on Wednesday, June 15 at 1:00

TWedHUULK is going for the Cajun menu at a large, new, beautiful restaurant across East West Highway from Prince George's Plaza. The Third Wednesday Hyattsville UU Lunch Klub will have a quiet couple of hours for sampling dishes most people would have to go to New Orleans to find. There is a lunch list that is reasonably priced. Next to the restaurant is a new parking garage that charges nothing to stay as long as you like.

Directions: Drive east on East West Highway toward the pedestrian overpass, connecting the shopping plaza with the Metro station. (If you are coming west from Riverdale on East West Highway, you will have to make a U turn to get into the lane that allows you to turn into entrance.) When you are near the pedestrian bridge, turn right into the curving entrance next to the large Staples store. Enter the parking garage. The restaurant's main entrance faces East West Highway but there is also a side door. The signs for the restaurant are NOT very prominent. Since this is our first trip to J' Marie's, we will try to have someone standing near the entrance to help you find our group. It's not as elusive as I am making it sound.

Please contact Marge Owens if you are able to join us on lowellandmarge@verizon.net or 301-345-1572, or just come. *Marge Owens, Coordinator*

Bridge Club

The Bridge Group meets each month, usually on the 3rd Saturday evening. We welcome people who are interested in a friendly game with an opportunity to get to know each other better. You don't need a partner and you don't have to be an expert. If you have questions or would like to join us on June 18, please call Jane Trout at 301 572-2898k, 301 572-2898 or Penny O'Brien at 301 586-9005.

Current Photo Exhibit – Three Summers in the Arctic, And A Reception

The exhibit that you see on the walls of the Meeting House consists of photos that I took in the Arctic during four trips in 1957-1959. How did I end up in the Arctic, and why was I there. Here's the answer. When I was quite young, I had a globe of the world, and it fascinated me. How much of it would I ever get to see? What could I identify? The most fascinating thing to me was some words that surrounded the point where the axis supporting the globe protruded from it – this was the Arctic, and the words were “unexplored.”

Move forward many years, and I was graduating from NYU with a degree in Meteorology. I was going to be a weatherman. However, as I was deciding what assignment I'd accept from the Weather Bureau, we were visited by Dr. Richard James, an NYU graduate, and the head of a research division at the US Navy Oceanographic Office in Washington, DC. He was there to recruit new graduates to become oceanographers. He told us about the research that was being done there, and then said the magic words “if you accept this job you will have to go to the Arctic.” As childhood dreams came rushing back, I could hardly believe what I was hearing. I immediately said “sign me up” and the rest is history. This was one of those moments that change your life forever. By the way, I'm now a Fellow of the Explorers Club and of the Royal Geographical Society.

The Navy was trying to learn as much as they could about forecasting ice conditions in the Arctic; a task that involved as much meteorology as it did oceanography. My assignment involved time-lapse photography of the sea-ice. From 1957 to 1959 I spent three months at Pt. Barrow, Alaska; four months at Cape Dyer, North West Territories, Canada; a month at Thule, Greenland; and five months on an ice flow deep in the Arctic Ocean. There were many more trips in the years that followed, but not for those long periods of time. The exhibit tries to depict what life was like in the late '50s in these very remote parts of the world.

Please come to a reception on Sunday, June 5, immediately after the Service, and we can discuss the pictures, have some refreshments, and I can bend your ears with details about the Arctic. You may contact Don Gerson at 240-293-6570 or dgersonphoto@yahoo.com for further information.

Don Gerson

Ashes to be scattered for Long-ago Member Emily Nutku

Her daughter, Ellen Roberts Young, and other family members of Emily Nutku invite those who remember Emily to join them on Wednesday, June 1, at 2:00 pm when they will gather in our Meditation Area to scatter her ashes. Mrs. Nutku, who signed our Membership Book in 1974, died in 2004.

Be part of our Summer Sunday Services

Wanted: Singers and other Performers for July 17. Our July 17 worship service, *Songs from Home*, will feature music from our religions of origin that still move us, despite our decisions to embrace Unitarian Universalism. We may not believe the creeds of the religious affiliations we left behind, but the music still touches us deeply. If there is a song you would like to perform, whether singing, dancing, or playing an instrument, please contact Leo Jones at sljonesmith@comcast.net, or (240) 965-6954. We hope to schedule a rehearsal for July 16.

Leo Jones

Your participation wanted for July 31

Many Religions - One Person--summer service on July 31--will address the teachings we treasure from religions into which we were **not** born. For example, are you a born-Christian that appreciates aspects of Buddhism? Are you a born-Jew that appreciates aspects of Catholicism? Are you a born-Hindu that appreciates aspects of Jehovah's Witness? Contribute your perspectives. Participation from the pulpit is welcomed but not required. Contact me at 301-742-2084 or butterflyinapril@yahoo.com.

Vanessa Landau

PBUUC Leadership Directory

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- Donald Mitchell 301-776-2359
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- Shantida (co-leader) 301-593-0417
- Carol Carter Walker 202-636-8138

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Social Action	Nancy Boardman	301-982-3450
(Co-chairs)	Jessica Sharp	240-280-2582
Stewardship	Pat Tompkins	301-474-3858
(Co-chairs)	Sherry Mitchell	301-796-2359
Visual Arts	Jane Trout	301-572-2898
We Care Network	Jeri Holloway	301-982-0758

☞ Groups and Activities ☞

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Chalice Dancers	Jennifer Grant	240-426-1277
Choir	David Chapman	301-937-3666
Coffee Coordinator	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Community Café	Esther Nichols	301-864-2068
Ethnic Dinners	Marilyn Pearl	301-805-1218
Friends & Family Social	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Handcraft Circle	Marj Donn	301-474-1353
Head Heart History	Kweli Powell	301-275-6360
Marriage Enrichment	Don Fairfield	301-552-4330
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Simplicity Circle	Raman Pathik	301-890-9072
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner	301-890-9072
TWedHUULK	Marge Owens	301-345-1572
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