



BRANCHES

PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

JULY 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, 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.*

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, especially 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?

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*I loafe and invite my soul,
 I lean and loafe at my ease...
 observing a spear of summer grass.*
 ~ Walt Whitman

The Minister's mUUsings...

Our caring community scatters a bit in the summer months. With the warmer weather and school vacations, Sunday outings beckon, weekends away are more feasible, and many of those who are lucky enough to have jobs save vacation time for the summer.

So, attendance on Sundays drops somewhat and, with it, opportunities for connecting with each other, learning of each other's joys and sorrows, and expressing spontaneous care and concern. Also, I take most of my vacation and study leave in the summer, so my pastoral care attention wanes for that period. All of this means that it will take a little more intentionality than usual to be truly supportive of one another over the summer.

The most important caring that happens among us is the informal, unstructured expressions of care and concern in which the congregation engages just because that's who we are. It happens best in person: on Sunday mornings, in the Meetinghouse before the service starts, during the greeting time, and in the foyer and on the deck after the service (seek out the quiet person especially – what seems like a cold shoulder may be introversion) or when we bump into each other on the Metro or at the grocery store (it's fine to say, "I recognize you from PBUUC, but I just can't recall your name. What is it and how are you?"). And, a phone call when you are concerned about someone is almost always appreciated!

The caring community happens least well via email and Facebook. Electronic communications are the easiest, but the least effective, ways to reach out for support. Mentioning your joy or sorrow in an email, especially with an unrelated subject line, may leave you disappointed in the lack of response – just think of all the emails that remain unread! Posting your joy or sorrow on your Facebook page is too easy to do, as is a quick response – the exchange can't possibly touch you like the sound of a caring voice, so be brave and call someone or ask for someone's attention on the deck after the service. While I'm on the topic of Facebook, let me add that it is not the place for the conduct of church business nor are unkind remarks any more appropriate there than in the Meetinghouse.

As important as the informal, unstructured caring community is... we also have some structures in place, thanks to some WONDERFUL volunteers. The Pastoral Care Associates have created a weekly schedule for being on-call in my absence (please see page 11), during which you may call one of them for support through a trying situation, and through whom you can connect with the on-call UU minister in the event of a serious accident, sudden illness or death. Our We Care Coordinators (please see page 13) rotate by the month, receiving requests for rides or meals for congregants, and arranging for check-in phone calls and greeting cards as needed.

While we have enough Pastoral Care Associates (deep thanks to Ethelyn Bishop and Mike McMenamin for joining Teresa Meeks and Lynn Johnson, as Carol Boston and Deb Rubenstein step down), we are in need of a couple more We Care Coordinators (who are now Jeri Holloway, Esther Nichols, and Iris Peabody). If you like to be helpful, are comfortable making phone calls, and can attend a daytime meeting once every six weeks or so, please be in touch with Jeri Holloway for more information.

I hope you will attend our July Services, and I look forward to seeing you myself in August,



Diane
minister@pbuuc.org

Summer Service Offerings

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.



Notes from the Board

Awed by Generosity

After the Budget Leadership Team met at the end of April, I (Susannah) was thoroughly depressed. The financial projection for the upcoming year was so grim that I had visions of leading the toilet cleaning brigade each Sunday after service.

But then the generosity of Paint Branchers kicked into gear. Jonathan Mawdsley and Diane Teichert reached out to a number of our members and asked if they could dig deeper this year, and they did. This was followed by a request at the Congregational Meeting for everyone else to give what they could, and many responded enthusiastically. I was so impressed by this community! As a result, our budget is actually in better shape this year than last year.

However, a very important point was raised at the meeting – we can't do this every year. The Leasing Team has been expanded, and they are committed to getting steady rental income from leasing parts of the RE building. A Marketing Team has been formed to work in close coordination with them to improve the visibility of the space we have to rent, both for long-term rental and for one-off events (like weddings or recitals). We are very optimistic that these teams will be successful this year.

In other Board news, a new church year has begun. The membership of the Board this year is: Susannah Schiller and Bettie Young, co-chairs; Michael Leger and Don Gerson, co-vice-chairs; Peter Wathen-Dunn, Don Henderson, Mark Shute, Charles Towe and Evangeline Wells, Trustees; Melody Lawrence, Secretary; Mike Stark, Treasurer; and Marilyn Pearl, Assistant Treasurer. We will meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 4. These meetings are open to the church community at large, and I encourage everyone to attend one!

Susannah Schiller, Co-chair Board of Trustees

Financial Notes

Show me the Money, Part III

This is the last part of my three part series on how the church's finances are organized. The first two columns (in April and May) introduced the operating budget, and the balance sheet areas of assets, liabilities and equity. In this column we will put numbers to the equation $ASSETS = LIABILITIES + EQUITY$ using the Roland Bequest as an example.

The Roland Bequest was left to PBUUC in the will of Frank Roland, who died in 2002. He left the spending of the bequest to the discretion of the Board of Trustees, expressing the strong preference that the money be used to serve those in need of housing, and that it be spent for the church itself only in emergency situations. One can read the PBUUC balance sheet and see how Mr. Roland's wishes have been carried out.

A brief review may be in order here. In our equation above, the assets side tells you which accounts the money is found in, the liability and equity side tells you where the money is allocated. For the lay member who is not deeply involved with finance, reading the equity part of the balance sheet gives the essence of the story.

The table below shows the equity associated with the bequest. Each line tells a story. Since its formation, you can tell the original size of the bequest. How much money has been dispersed, and how much interest has been earned. The "Transfer to Retained Earnings" requires some explanation; this money was used to address the financial consequences of our 2003 RE building fire.

3040 • Roland Bequest (FR)	
3041 • Interest Earned on Bequest	20,952.90
3042 • Donations from Bequest	(29,302.54)
3044 • Transfer to Retained Earnings	(30,996.11)
3048 • Original Principal	<u>182,860.09</u>
Total 3040 • Roland Bequest (FR)	<u><u>143,514.34</u></u>

This, however, is not the whole story. The more observant might ask "interest on what"? To answer this, one looks at the assets, as shown below. Up until June of 2010, the fund's assets were held in a Vanguard money market fund (which continues) and a loan to the Unitarian Universalist Affordable Housing Corporation (now merged and named Open Door).

The reader will note that the assets associated with the bequest do not match the amount in the equity. This does not mean the money doesn't exist; it only means that if all \$143,000 were to be called at once that the church would find the money from other accounts.

1650 • Roland Bequest Assets	
1650.1 • VG MM (Roland Bequest)	6,776.66
1650.3 • Due from PBUUC	<u>103,443.24</u>
Total 1650 • Roland Bequest Assets	110,219.90

In June 2010, the church decided to call the UUAHC loan and loan money to itself to reduce our mortgage payments by roughly \$1500 a month. This means that the church eventually has to pay itself back from the operating budget, just as we pay the bank back. For the first year we paid interest only, in subsequent years both principal and interest will be paid.

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The last question one might ask is how much do we owe? That is found by looking at the long-term liabilities. The liability amount for both the mortgage and the bequest loan is reduced as principal is paid off.

This “show me the money” series gives a taste of how the church’s finances work. Those interested in greater detail can attend monthly finance committee meetings or monthly Board meetings. And if you are meeting phobic or prefer a more direct approach, simply contact me at mstark@pbuuc.org and either ask your question or arrange to talk to me. You can even talk to me after Sunday service, after I have a cup of coffee in hand.

Mike Stark, Treasurer

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

The Congregation Passed the Resolution!

[This article includes the amended wording of the resolution embedded in the presentation made at the June 12, 2011 Annual Meeting by DARTT Co-Chairs Carol Carter Walker and Tricia Most.]

In September of 2007 a formal letter to the congregation announced that “The Board of Trustees of PBUUC is excited to formally endorse and support the congregation’s Anti-Racism Initiative and invites you to enter, rejoice, and come on the journey.” During the 4 years since then, many friends and members of our congregation have written columns for the Branches Newsletter sharing their perspectives on their own personal journeys.

On May 22, when our minister, Rev. Diane Teichert delivered her sermon, *Towards An Intentional Multicultural Congregation: Next Steps In The Journey*, nearly everyone in the congregation stood up to indicate their participation in one of the many DARTT book discussions, film series, covenant groups, diversity dialogues or worship services. As she said,

It’s time for every aspect of church life to engage in reflection and action on diversity, anti-racism, multicultural goals so all aspects of congregational life contribute to and are ready for multiculturalism.... In every aspect of congregational life, we can intentionally plan with a multi-cultural future in mind. In everything from readings and sermons to buildings and grounds; in our music, visual arts, and dance; to who we hire for what, where we advertise, how we invest our money; what we teach our children; and what community projects we engage in and/or support financially. Those who have planned and attended DARTT programs can be resource people, and there are many sources of support and information, both UU and beyond.

With this resolution we affirm our intention “to plan every aspect of congregational life with a multicultural future in mind,” to signal our readiness to plan for, welcome, and include more than the people who are among us today. The resolution is:

To realize our Unitarian Universalist Principles more fully, we, the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church community, declare ourselves an Intentionally Multicultural Congregation. Therefore, we commit ourselves, the Board of Trustees, staff, committees, affinity groups and lay leadership to actions that transform all aspects of congregational life in ways that affirm our inclusive multicultural identity as the foundation of the church's strength.

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This is not part of the formal resolution, but we want to close our presentation by thanking all of those who made comments in person and by e-mail and by re-reading the chalice lighting that opened our June 7 DARTT meeting:

“Spirit of life, come to us to break down barriers; to widen horizons; to make us less judgmental. Help us to see the larger picture and the kinder conclusion; to love and let live; to embrace and forgive; to sustain and care. Help us to reach out to our better selves, that we may love more and hate less, care more and reject less, that bound together by understanding we may sustain each other through trial and tribulation, through joy and happiness, through sickness and health. Help us, O Spirit, to be joined in a common purpose of hope and fulfillment. Renew and revive us. We seek a common, holy ground for one and all.”

Patricia Most, Co-chair



SCREEN FOR THE DREAM FILM SERIES
Sunday, July 31, 2011
6:45 - 8:45 pm, 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)

Strong Congregational Support for SAC Recommended High Priority Issues at the Annual Meeting on June 12, 2011.

SAC Co-Chairs Nancy Boardman and Jessica Sharp gave a brief summary of SAC activities over the past church year and then presented the recommended two high priority issues for the coming church year that the committee had unanimously voted for at their May SAC meeting. They were (1) for SAC to continue working towards securing GLBT human rights – with a focus on the rights to Marriage Equality in Maryland Law and the inclusion of transgender people in Maryland Law upholding non-discrimination in areas including their employment, contracting, public accommodations, and education, And (2) SAC will focus on our UUA study/action issue of immigration as a moral issue, especially exploring how we can effectively engage in immigration activities in our continued outreach to neighboring High Point High School.

SAC is also in accord with the resolution which passed on June 12 that Paint Branch declare itself an intentional multicultural congregation. SAC intends to strive to incorporate this goal in all its activities, as together Paint Branch moves forward to more fully realize our Unitarian Universalist Principles in this way.

After the Co-Chairs presentation there was a time for Q & A as members expressed views on a variety of matters – including the complexity of these high priority issues and their importance. Other issues were also raised as being significant, such as public financing of elections. The point was made that SAC needed to prioritize to be effective and that SAC had members who were willing to commit their time to these matters. (Other SAC activities, such as community café and special collections, would be ongoing, as would short term efforts such as letter writing and having a presence at conferences and festivals.) But these two high priority activities were the ones SAC had voted to focus on most intently.

In order to get the congregation's views on these two issues, a hand-out was given to each person, with the high priority activities written out, and a line to check indicating whether or not they would support SAC effort for that activity. Space was also provided for members to write in other specific or general issues they would like to see reflected in SAC's work.

The result was full support for SAC's two high priority issues! All of the 51 forms returned had these two issues checked - indicating support for continuing work by SAC on GLBT/Marriage Equality and a new effort to address immigration as a moral issue – focused on our continued outreach to neighboring High Point High School. Additionally, comments on other issues were written in on 17 of the returned forms. SAC has a meeting set for Thursday, July 28, at 7:00 pm to begin planning around these matters and for another Social Action Kick-Off in the fall. Knowledgeable speakers will address these issues to help us better understand the challenges and complexity they pose. We will then consider what actions we can best take to make a difference in moving ahead with positive solutions to these very important and difficult issues. SAC hopes that many of our members and friends will join us in these efforts as, together, we live out our UU values, by actions we take for social justice as we more intentionally build ourselves into a multicultural congregation.

Paint Branchers proudly march in the Capital Pride Parade on June 11 with Nearly 100 UU's from Area Churches!

It was an amazing and uplifting show of UU support for our GLBT friends and families. NPR reported that the parade had over 1,000 participants - and our UU contingent was one of the largest there! The streets were lined with thousands of onlookers who shouted and waved their support and appreciation; with welcoming voices that so often called out "thank you" to us.

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Smiles were what we saw as we tossed out 800 leis with UU cards and candy attached - to the thousands lining the streets in the Dupont Circle area of Washington DC. We Paint Branchers had a great time – many of us in our PBUUC t-shirts we had found from our 50th anniversary a few years ago. We loved marching with our amazing and wonderful music director David Chapman and his partner Richard Coté, and with PBUUC members and friends Michael Léger and John Sebastian, Tish Hall and her husband Gavin Brennan, Nancy Boardman, Rene McDonald, Jane Hudson, and ethnic dinner leading lady Marilyn Pearl joined in too. About mid-way through the parade in ran Jeri Holloway to join our group! Metro back-ups had unexpectedly delayed her. Then, as we were marching along, our own Doyle Nieman suddenly appeared to quickly greet us, as his wife Karen Morrill waved and yelled out “Yeah Paint Branch” from the sidewalk.

All in all it was such an exciting, happy, and uplifting time; so well organized by the UU churches in Arlington, Bull Run and the UUSJ (Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice). There was a special spirit between our UU folks as we marched together. UUs also had a booth at the festival on Sunday afternoon where Paint Branch brochures were handed out. All something to remember and build on for next year’s Capital Pride Parade and Festival. We in SAC hope participating in it continues as a strong Paint Branch tradition for years to come!

Special Collections: The Social Action Committee is thankful to the community of PBUUC for their generous donations for the special collections that were held in May and June of this year:

Date	Recipient	Amount
May 15	CROP/CWS	\$542
June 5	Community Café	\$602

We welcome the involvement of the PBUUC Church community in making suggestions for special collections. If you would like to make a suggestion, please send your information to Mary Dancy at mdancy63@gmail.com.

July Special Collection for Beacon House

In early July (date TBD) there will be a special collection to benefit the Beacon House Camp Leap summer camp program. The program serves children from low-income and unemployed families in the District of Columbia. Due to a deficit, the district government cut its funding to Camp Leap this year by half. As a result, Beacon House has to raise approximately \$32,000 in order to serve those children who are already enrolled in its summer camp program. Your support will help make a difference in the lives of these at-risk youth.



August Special Collection and Food Drive

Summer is here! School is out and families are taking the vacations they planned for all year. But for many kids in the Washington metro area, summer is a time when they do not have access to school meals. Many families struggle every day just to get enough food to eat, and when children are home for the summer, it becomes even more challenging.

That is where the Capital Area Food Bank steps in. Through its Kids Cafe® program the food bank helps to fill the food gap all year, but particularly during the summer. Kids Cafe provides well-balanced hearty snacks and dinners for more than 2,000 children in the DC area who are enrolled in summer enrichment programs at recreation centers, churches, schools and community centers.

This August, there will be a food drive to support the Kids Cafe program and a special collection for the Capital Area Food Bank, whose mission is to feed those who suffer from hunger in our community. The date for this activity has yet to be determined. Stay tuned for more details!

Nancy Boardman, Jessica Sharp and Mary Dancy

Green Team News

- Yay! Our application for Green Sanctuary Status has been received by the committee in Boston, who will review our application and give us an answer by the end of July. Thanks to all of you for the positive, enthusiastic vote supporting our application to obtain Green Sanctuary Status with the UUA, that took place at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 12.
- Plans are taking shape for a Green Team Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 1, so you're your calendars. Details will be forthcoming in future issues of Branches.
- Here are some questions that the Green Team has for members of the congregation, for which we would appreciate a prompt reply at greenteam@pbuuc.org:
 - Do you or anyone you know own land in Western Maryland or Pennsylvania?
 - Have you been approached by any group concerning your mineral rights?
- Congratulations to the RE children and Youth Groups for their garden? Have you noticed it as you walk into church? Were you lucky enough to have a garden when you were young? What lessons do you remember?
- Have you seen the new recycling bins in the Meeting House Kitchen and in the RE Building, and the handy recycling information posted above them? Have you made use of them yet? Do you have any questions about recycling at PBUUC? If not, we encourage you to please check out locations of recycling bins and the easy way in which we can now place all listed recyclables into one bin. A complete list of acceptable recyclables is listed above each bin. Feel free to ask any member of the Green Team your questions about recycling and recycling bin locations. It's hoped that recycling, will become as much a part of our daily routine as tooth brushing. Many thanks to Karine Bouis-Towe for getting us started.



Penny O'Brien, Green Team

In and Around Paint Branch

Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) has completed its evaluation of our minister, Rev. Diane Teichert, and reported to the Board of Trustees that Diane was rated very highly

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church has never had an evaluation of its standing minister. The COM researched how the evaluation was done at other UU churches. The committee then discussed what we thought were the pros and cons of each of those we found and settled on a method called "Appreciative Inquiry". Our evaluation was based on this method with some additions and adjustments.

The Appreciative Inquiry method called for a meeting of a cross section of the congregation to have an open discussion with the minister. The participants were also asked to complete a questionnaire rating Diane's performance in Sunday services, pastoral care, adult religious education, organizational/leadership development, staff supervision, and initiative, decision-making, communication, community building and breadth of vision.

The cross section represented the Board of Trustees, a member of the paid staff, older members, newer members, members with children in RE., members who taught RE or were on the RE committee, people of color, members representing church missions such as Social Action, We Care, Buildings and Grounds, and the Arts, to name a few. Some people selected represented more than one constituency. We met for two hours of open discussion. The discussion was productive and Diane was found to be well liked and highly rated.

Peter Dowling, Chair

Member Esther Nichols Honored by Hyattsville CROP Walk

At a Dedication and Celebration on June 5 held at the Greenbelt Community Church, PBUUC member Esther Nichols was recognized for her thirty-one years of service to the Hyattsville CROP Walk, a passion she shared with her late husband, Les. The certificate of appreciation awarded to Esther reads, "To honor your outstanding efforts in support of the Church World Service mission to eradicate hunger in the world. On behalf of those whose lives you touch, 'Thank You.'"



In addition, she was presented with the "Burst of Energy" plaque on which Paint Branch UU Church is honored as the first congregation cited since 1996. Our predecessors are Landover Christian Church, Cottage City Mennonite, St. John's

Lutheran, Lanham United Methodist and Cheverly United Methodist.

CROP Hunger Walks take place around the country in the spring and raise money to "end hunger one step at a time – world-wide." It is a program of Church World Service. Locally, the Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk takes place at Lake Artemisia, this year on May 1. Esther said she hopes that receiving the "Burst of Energy" plaque will cause more PBUUCers to join in on CROP Hunger Walk in the future.

Both the certificate and the plaque will be hung in the Meetinghouse hallway for all to see.

Rev. Diane Teichert



Pastoral Care Associates July On-Call Schedule 2011

If, during one of our minister's absences over the summer, you or someone in your immediate family is hospitalized or if a PBUUC member or friend is dying or has died please call the Pastoral Care Associate on call for that week. They can be of support and also will know how to connect you with the UU minister on call.

July 4-July 1	Deb Rubenstein	301-891-2071
July 11-July 17	Teresa Meeks	301-774-8151
July 18-July 24	Lynn Johnson	301-890-1852
July 25-July 31	Teresa Meeks	301-774-8151

Ethnic Dinners ~ Where Do They Go From Here?

Paint Branch's Ethnic Dinners began almost 23 years ago as a fund-raiser to complete the kitchen in our new building. Two years later the kitchen was finished along with that building and fully equipped. Then, because the dinners were fun, tasty, addictive, and the money was nice, we kept doing them. They became Paint Branch's second largest fund-raiser, and an essential source of income in the church budget. We still try to plan them by focusing on their roles as a social activity, a community builder, and a way to learn about, appreciate and respect other cultures, but we can't escape basing the success of each dinner on its net income.

In that respect, this past fiscal year has been the most successful yet, with its 4 dinners netting over \$4,000 total. So, where do they go from here? There are several possibilities, and we invite (*beg*) your input.

Maintaining the current trend would be nice, but there are some problems. First, we produced 4 dinners in less than 10 months, something we can't continue to do.

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The growth in attendance, and therefore earnings, for each dinner (approximately 30% over previous years) was probably due to the earlier start time of 6:30.

But, volunteers have not increased proportionately, *and we can't do dinners for 90 with the same help we had for 70*. We need 2 people instead of 1 to tend the door, ditto for the bar. We need maybe 50% more cooks because each has to prepare more food for more people and have it at church an hour earlier. We need 6 – 8 people to arrive at 5:00 and do set up. We need more to do clean up, signing-up ahead of time, rather than being recruited during dessert.

Failing all that, we could go back to the way it was – 60 to 70 people, starting at 7:30 and earning about \$600 - \$700 per dinner. Not bad, but after this past year's success, we don't really want to regress, especially not now.

Or we could opt for a third possibility, exploring totally new territory. As Paint Branch decides to intentionally become a multi-cultural congregation, is there a role for the dinners in this objective? That may not be as definite as it would appear. The dinners have helped us learn about people of other cultures, but not how to get them to learn about and be drawn to us. That will take some study and discussion. If whatever comes of that involves an expanded role for the dinners, there will have to be more people willing to take charge of the additional tasks.

Please give this some thought. Let me know what comments or suggestions you may have. If it seems indicated I will arrange an Enrichment Hour meeting to discuss this sometime this summer. Marilyn Pearl, 301-805-1218, buffalo_gal@verizon.net.

Meanwhile, we seek ideas for themes for upcoming dinners. The next one, in October, should probably be another regional American theme. We have been considering Chicago or Philadelphia. So let us know what you think, but pass on all ideas because there will be more dinners after that. If you'd like a list of what themes we've done so far, just ask. Beware, there are 57 of them! *Marilyn Pearl, co-coordinator*

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. The NSC is sponsoring Wicca 101 classes on fourth Sundays during the summer. Class will be held 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 July 24, the Wicca 101 class will be on the Psychology of Magick. How are positive affirmations, spell working and placebo effect related? Come find out! Please contact Tabitha Pierzchala at tabidee@aol.com ,or 206-290-9831, for additional information.

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 list serve. All Nature Spirituality Circle events are posted on the Circle's main listserve: <PBUUC-NSC@yahoogroups.com>. 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

We Care Needs Your Talents

You don't have to sing or dance; you just need to be an organized person. Share those talents and join the team of "We Care" coordinators. We have only 3 monthly coordinators at this time; 2 more people would be very welcome. If you have already been a volunteer for "We Care" you know that you usually receive a call from the monthly coordinator to perform a needed service. The names of volunteers for various tasks are organized by skill: rides, meals, cards, or other tasks. All you have to do is make the calls or send Emails. We meet usually every other month with the minister. Please join our friendly, caring and helpful team!! Contact: Jeri Holloway (301) 982-0758 or Rev. Diane Teichert (301) 937-3666.

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

This month's major H3G events encompassed the monthly meetings of (a) our African American Women's Reading Circle, (b) our Historical Buddha Reading Circle, and (c) our Making History Fellowship (MHF) Gathering.

All three events went well. The African American Women's Reading Circle met at the church in late May. Our readings from our 'book of focus' at this meeting led to very rich discussion; particularly towards the end. Our Historical Buddha Reading Circle met in early June at the church. This meeting also gave rise to very deep thinking and reflection; particularly with respect to sharing our various experiences and perspectives regarding ways to practice and appreciate the Dharma. Finally, the MHF gathering took place on Saturday, June 11, instead of its typical Second Friday slot of June 10th (due to complications it had to be pushed back one day). That meeting's slated 'virtue of focus' was 'Courage'. Thus, per our usual practice, our discussion centered on ways by which our various experiences at PBUUC have informed our understanding and appreciation for this characteristic.

For more information on the above and any other H3G events (including our Celtic Women's Reading Circle slated to re-start on a new book this July or August), please email us at headhearthistory@pbuuc.org. *Kweli Powell*

Middle Eastern Lunch for Wednesday, July 20, at 1:00 PM

The Third Wednesday Handy UU Lunch Klub plans an Afghan kabob lunch again. The Food Factory – Kabob House is located in the Campus Shopping Mall at 8145G Baltimore Avenue in College Park, located just south of Navahoe Street. This small, family-run restaurant and carry-out has been located in the same spot for many years. Prices are reasonable and the food is tasty. If you can join us please contact Marge Owens on lowellandmarge@verizon.net or 301-345-1572. Or just show up.

The We Care Coordinators are sharing duties for July.

Please contact one of the coordinators listed below if you or a PBUUCer you know needs help with rides, meals, or other support

Jeri Holloway	301-982-0758
Esther Nichols	301-864-2068
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*He that would make his
own liberty secure,
must guard even his enemy
from opposition;
for if he violates this duty
he establishes a precedent
that will reach himself.*

~ Thomas Paine

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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
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
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens	301-345-1572
PB Facebook Page	Tish Hall	301-681-1457
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