



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

September 2012

SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Nursery Care in Room 5 from 9:45-12:45

Refreshments and Fellowship after the service

Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45 - Childcare until 12:45

Families with young children are invited to sit in front for a better view until the Sing-away Song.

September 2

Annual Poetry Service

Don Mitchell, Worship Associate

For our final Summer Service, poets among us, - led by Shantida - will share in ways diverse and colorful, and the kids will enjoy Summer Fun one last time.

September 9

Celebrating the Sources of Our Living Tradition

Ingathering Service for All Ages with Water Communion

Rev. Diane Teichert and Erica Shadowsong, Director of Religious Exploration,

All Worship Associates, the Chalice Dancers, and the Choir

Children and youth participate for the entire service – Nursery care is provided for the youngest.

We rejoice to come together after summer's diversions and introduce our theme for the year: the Six Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Please bring a small amount of water representing your summer's most meaningful story (for newcomers or those who forget, pitchers of water will be available). Music Director David Chapman will direct the choir once again! Stay for the Involvements Fair during Coffee Hour and learn about the many ways to participate in PBUUC life.

September 16

The First Source: Our Own Experience

Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associates Celinda Marsh and Jonathan Mawdsley

Religious Exploration for pre-school through high school starts today.

Our direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life, and from this we may know faith. A Special Collection will be taken for the Anacostia Watershed Society (see page 7). Newcomers are invited to meet for informal conversation with the minister from 11:30-12:30 in her office.

September 23

Sustaining the Long View

Guest Preacher Rev. Louise Green with Ken Redd, Worship Associate, and the Chalice Dancers

Erica Shadowsong, Director of Religious Exploration

It's easy to lose perspective while immersed in the immediate---in our day-to-day lives and relationships, in professional and congregational work. Join Rev. Louise Green (see bio on page 8) as she explores how to keep a grounded sense of the long haul, and maintain our spirits. What might nature teach us about sustaining the long view?

September 30

What Do I Believe? The Coming Of Age Class Speaks!

The Coming of Age Class with their Parents, Mentors and Class Facilitators

Director of Religious Exploration Erica Shadowsong, Rev. Diane Teichert, and the Choir

Carol Carter Walker and Montana Monardes, Worship Associates

Today some of our 7th- 9th grade youth will share their Credo Statements. It is also Signing Sunday – for those who are ready to sign the PBUUC Membership Book, meet the Minister and Board member at the chalice after the postlude.

**TELL A FRIEND, CO-WORKER, OR NEIGHBOR ABOUT ONE GOOD THING THAT HAPPENED FOR YOU AT PBUUC
AND INVITE THEM TO COME WITH YOU ON A SUNDAY!**

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Note to Our Readers:

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR BRANCHES: All future submissions for inclusion in Branches should be submitted by email to: branches@pbuuc.org.

The **Leadership Directory**, now listed on the last page, will contain names only. For more contact information, please consult your Membership Directory. All submitted articles will contain phone numbers for contact if listed. You may choose to list your email address only as a point of contact.

Editorial Guidelines

- The deadline for submission of articles and other content to Branches is on the **20th day of every month**, except during the holidays. Mary Dancy is currently acting as coordinator of text and graphics for the newsletter.
 - * Articles should be submitted in their final form and content should be **250 words or less**. Please submit the name of the author and any other contact information as necessary. **Reminder: Articles significantly over the 250 word limit may be returned to the author for re-editing.**
- The deadline for submission of announcements and other content to appear in the Sunday Order of Service bulletin is **every Wednesday at 12 noon**.
 - * Announcements should be submitted in their final form **using the Times New Roman font, 12 point size**, and content should be 120 words or less. Please include day, date, location, time, and contact information.

All deadlines are now on the web calendar. Go to www.pbuuc.org.

Scroll down to "This Week" and click on "More Upcoming Events."

Click on the Calendar grid to the left to advance to the next month.

The Minister's mUUsings...



Is summer over?

Yes, the excitement is high at PBUUC as we get ready for our annual All Ages Ingathering Service and on September 9, recruit teachers

and assistants for the start of the Religious Exploration Program on September 16 and welcome back our Music Director David Chapman after his recovery from cancer treatment!

Is summer over? Yes, most children, teachers, college students and professors are back to classes. Yes, the mid-August nights have been unusually cool. Yes, the days are getting shorter. Yes, Election Day, with its numerous important referenda and presidential election, looms close.

But, NO, summer is not over! Not until September 22 will summer be over, and I try to remember that as the busyness sets in along with the excitement. Let's not leave summer before it's ended, just as the children in kindergarten should get to BE in kindergarten rather than spend the year getting ready for first grade. If we are always so busy preparing for the future that we lose the present, when we get to the end of our schooling, our career, our life - when there is nothing more to prepare for - we will have forgotten what it is like to live.

Let us live life to the fullest this day, this hour, this moment. Let us let our children be who they are now, rather than push them now to be what they will be later. Summer is NOT over! The joys of summer still linger. For me, chief among them are local corn and peaches picked today. Mmm! So, I share with you this poem by Li-Young Lee, published in *Good Poems*:
Selected and Introduced by Garrison Keillor.

*From blossoms comes
this brown paper bag of peaches
we bought from the boy at the bend in the road where we
turned toward
signs painted Peaches.*

*From laden boughs, from hands,
from sweet fellowship in the bins,
comes nectar at the roadside, succulent
peaches we devour, dusty skin and all,
comes the familiar dust of summer, dust we eat.*

*O, to take what we love inside,
to carry within us an orchard, to eat
not only the skin, but the shade,
not only the sugar, but the days, to hold
the fruit in our hands, adore it, then bite into
the round jubilation of peach.*

*There are days we live
as if death were nowhere
in the background; from joy
to joy to joy, from wing to wing,
from blossom to blossom to
impossible blossom, to sweet impossible blossom.*

I look forward to catching up on your news, inquiring about the state of your spirit, and meeting the friend, neighbors, or co-worker who came with you when you invite them to experience for themselves what you love about Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

See you on Sundays,
Diane

Note to Newcomers

Meet with the Minister Sunday, September 16
after the Service

An informal opportunity for Q&A
Contact Rev. Teichert at minister@pbuuc.org.

Wheel of Life

Joyous update on our Music Director David Chapman who has been recovering from cancer treatments that began in March: he is returning to work! He will conduct the choir's first rehearsal of the church year on Thursday, August 30 at 7:20 for warm-ups, and he will be the pianist for our Ingathering Service on September 9 at 10:00 am.

We rejoice and welcome Cecilia Charlene "Charlie" Kovac, born on August 3, daughter of Criss and Peter Kovac, and little sister to Anya.

Our hearts go out to Abby Crowley and her family on the July 18 death of her mother, Selma Winkler.

Belated congratulations on the marriage of Holly and Paul Hack on June 24 in the Meeting House with Diane officiating.

We received a card from Penney Hughes that she, Joe Dever, and their three children are temporarily living in Dulles, VA. They are between assignments, heading to Senegal. Contact her at bloomingwyldeiris.blogspot.com or via Skype or get her address from the PBUUC office.

Religious Exploration

Returning to Community



Dear beloved community:

I hope you'll allow me to call you that!

After a restful summer and an exhilarating week with colleagues at a retreat in New Jersey, I am truly excited to be returning with you to this beloved community. Can you feel it coming? It's that "hit the ground running" feeling that comes with the fall, with the back-to-school season, and for us, the many church-year events that are a part of the seasonal life of PBUUC.

As I process all I've gained at the retreat, including two Renaissance Modules, one on UU History and the other on RE Administration, as well as ongoing virtual training on interim DRE ministry, I find myself filled with reflections on the nature of leadership in congregational life.

At this time of the year, it is natural and inevitable that the one thing on the minds of all RE staff and volunteers is "OMG! Teacher recruitment!" All congregations face the same uncertainties, the same misgivings, the same struggle between trusting the process of the congregation to rise up where it sees a need and fill it, and plunging proactively after every adult who makes eye-contact with us before they can escape to the restroom or their cars.

A few thoughts I'd like to share with you, that I hope will help change the way we look together at this real, living, seasonal need that comes banging on our door like clockwork.

Why do we always need teachers? Well, first, because, like our children, our volunteers grow spiritually and move on. Last year, we had a strong array of experienced, dedicated, and even confident individuals who heeded the call from your interim DRE and the committee... and who *had* been heeding it for a long, long, long... long time. These volunteers are just like you: committed to many aspects of Unitarian Universalism, and it's time for them to give some attention to other callings.

Second, hesitation, usually from lack of information, seems to hold some people back from volunteering. This is the most important thing to address, because volunteering for RE *looks like* whatever it is created to look like based on who answers the call! The more players, the more the possibilities. Some fear that they will have to be responsible for a

lesson every week. Well... not necessarily. Can you do one? Do you, perhaps, have a special area of interest or expertise that would go well with one particular lesson? Then you can teach!

Some think they will "miss church" every Sunday if they join the RE volunteer group. Well, that depends on the previous consideration, as well as this one: What exactly is our definition of the "church" experience? Which brings me to three...

Finally, people don't know what they're missing. I often find, when I talk to people who ask questions about the RE program, that, despite the fact that we staff and volunteers spend so much of our time and energy being a part of this vital experience, others do not similarly see the RE program as the center of PBUUC life. If I were, say, a Social Action committee member or a choir member, my experience of PBUUC might instead revolve around that. It does surprise me that the RE program, for all that happens within it, still seems to some to be this mysteriously quiet entity over "there." How is that even *possible*, the rest of us wonder?

The bottom line? There's a need, folks, and it's not a one-sided one by any stretch! There's something over here, something happening, and it belongs to all of us. What is it? Well, for one, as new youth Margaret Pitman said last year in the youth-led service, there are young people who really, truly want to change the world... but they need your guidance, your experience, and simply your *time*. For another, there is a *Neighboring Faiths/Building Bridges* class in the middle school, where kids have the opportunity to visit other UU congregations, as well as other houses of worship! Who will step forward and experience this with them? In the preschool, there are two devoted parents who have developed an incredible teaching partnership... but who will relieve them now and then, and let them know that their children will have a chance to sing the opening song with other adults, too? Who will let them know that they are part of a great, extended family, a community of people, who loves to engage in play and wonder about the world?

I think you'll surprise yourself this year. This year will be it. This year, the answer is *you*.

Warmly,

Erica Shadowsong

Director of Religious Exploration

Board of Trustees Column

Hello, Paint Branch!

This promises to be an exciting year for us! At this writing, the Board anticipates voting on the ratification of the Oshixay Home-School Cooperative lease at the August BOT meeting. And as concrete steps marking progress on two BOT Goals from last year (Facility Improvement and Membership Development), the BOT will be reviewing a contract with a landscape architect to develop first drafts of a site-improvement plan, into the development of which process the Congregation as a whole will be invited in the near future (thanks again, Karine!); and the new Membership Team is up and running under the dedicated leadership of Polly Pettit as Chair of Chairs/Project Manager with strong assists from Melody Lawrence, Sabrina Finlay and others!! As the French say; "Chapeaux!!" (hats off to you!!)

THIS year, the BOT has chosen as its Goals the continued support of membership development, and the continued commitment to Intentional Multiculturalism. We have developed lists of practical actions we will pursue and encourage to those ends.

In order to develop those actions, in the area of Intentional Multiculturalism, the BOT took time for a very lively discussion on the topic at its annual retreat. I found the discussion both personally moving and eye-opening in its revelation of the multiple cultures MOST of us inhabit. I feel challenged not only to continued focus on multicultural considerations having to do with race and ethnicity, but also to broaden my vision to consider the multiple minority cultures this beloved community includes.

The BOT will also consider ways in which we can institutionalize the shared commitment of the Board and Committees, Affinity Groups, and other organized groups at PBUUC, to ensuring that the life of our Church at every level maintains

its focus on the periodically refined vision of PBUUC and on its annually articulated Congregational Focuses. In the revisions to the Charter Template that we will consider is how to institutionalize the BOT's oversight of every Group's performance in keeping focus on Congregational Resolutions (such as the Intentional-Multiculturalism Resolution), along with institutionalizing regular BOT oversight of committees' (and other groups') performance in furthering the mission of the Church.

It is this BOT's intention to continue its commitment to the 2011-2012 Resolution on Intentional Multiculturalism. The 2012-2013 BOT Covenant affirms this BOT's commitment.

The Board of Trustees holds OPEN Executive Committee meetings and Board of Trustees meetings. Typically the Executive Committee meeting, at which the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting is finalized, is held on the THIRD Tuesday of each month, (usually in the Minister's Office), and the full Board of Trustees meeting is held in Room 4 of the RE Building on the FOURTH Wednesday of each month (these dates change in June, November, and December). We welcome visitors: if you wish to request an item be added to the agenda, please let the Chair or one of the Vice-Chairs know no later than the Monday before the Executive Committee meeting, or come to the meeting; if you wish to observe or to speak to an item on the agenda, come to the BOT meeting itself. For more information about the BOT meetings, see the following page on the PBUUC website:

<http://www.pbuuc.org/bot/visitors.php>.

On behalf of your 2012-2013 Board of Trustees: Don Gerson and Charles Towe, Vice Chairs, and Trustees Evangeline Wells, Alice Tyler, Don Henderson, Mark Shute, and Don Mitchell, I wish you all the best!

Michel Léger
Chair, Board of Trustees

Facts and Information about the Committee on Ministry (COM)

The Committee on Ministry (COM) serves to nurture the ministry and spiritual health of the congregation. The COM encourages direct and constructive communication among the members of the congregation and between the congregation and the minister. There are three members of the COM who are appointed by the Board of Trustees. The COM meets monthly with the minister. Current members are Wendy Schlegel, Chair; Theresa Brown-Shute and John Bartoli.

We encourage anyone with comments or suggestions about our ministry to contact one of the members or send Email to com@pbuuc.org.

PBUUC SAC/DARTT/Green Team

Our Third Annual Kick Off

Saturday September 29, 2012 10 AM to 3 PM

Registration and Continental Breakfast 9:30 AM Meeting House

All Day Child Care Provided

10 AM Opening Words by Rev. Diane Teichert

Introductory Presentation

The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) will address the awkwardness, even fear, that many people feel when race and ethnicity are discussed, in a presentation based on the *The Anti-Racist Cookbook*.

Morning Session: Our Three Action Areas

Moderator:

Carol Carter Walker

Marriage Equality/ Dream Act Referendum

Nancy Boardman

We're into countdown for the November 6 Election Day referenda on *Marriage Equality* and the *Dream Act*. We need to do all we can to have these win at the ballot box! A statewide leader from the Marylanders for Marriage Equality Coalition will brief us on how we can best continue our Paint Branch involvement.

Tutoring Program

Carmelita Carter Sykes

Join together with other Paint Branchers to work toward living our UU Principles in our wider community. As we plan our new tutoring/mentoring program, we will be creating diverse respectful relationships, promoting racial and social justice and honoring the contribution of everyone toward the common good.

Site Improvement Project (Green Team Directive)

Karine Bouis Towe

The newly chartered Site Improvement Committee will report on **1)** meetings with implementation engineers for the new parking lot ; and, **2)** the hiring of a Landscape Architect and Ecologist for the Overall Site Analysis, as well as for the Phase 1 discovery process and final implementation drawings.

Lunch Noon to 1 PM in the Kelley Room

Bag Lunch, with vegan and vegetarian options.

\$10 donation includes Continental Breakfast

Afternoon Break-out Sessions 1 to 2 PM in the Religious Exploration Building

Choose one one-hour break-out session to explore how you can best support these important social justice and environmental issues.

Marriage Equality/Dream Act Referenda on November Ballot

Tutoring, fuller exploration of the program, with a short survey for areas of interest

Site Improvement Project Further discussion and steps to implementation

Closing Plenary 2:15 to 3 PM

Each breakout session will report on their recommended action. Then we will conclude by signing on for the issue where we can best put our UU values to work in the coming year!

Please join us on September 29!

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

Special Collections Update

The August special collection was taken on Sunday, August 5, to support Kids Cafe of the Capital Area Food Bank. Kids Cafe provides after-school and summer meals to children ages 5-18 in the Washington metropolitan area, including Prince George's County, Maryland. Your generous donations yielded a total collection of \$389. Thanks!

**Monthly SAC Meeting, Saturday, September 15
10 AM - Noon, Room 1, RE Building**

Special Collection for September

On Sunday, September 16, there will be a special collection taken for the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS). The mission of AWS is to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities. For example, in 2011, AWS was responsible for:

- * removal of 95,773 sq. ft. of invasive plant cover equal to almost two football fields!
- * 61 tons estimated total weight of trash removed from the Anacostia Watershed, or 13 full-grown elephants!

Checks may be made payable to: **Anacostia Watershed Society.**

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

Talking about the November 6 Same-Sex Marriage Referendum

Maryland is likely to have a very high voter turn out on November 6 – just 9 ½ weeks from now. We know that most Maryland voters are not Unitarian Universalists and that they need to hear from us. Our conversations with non-UUs **must be effective** in order to encourage thoughtfulness and respectful consideration of the real people and families who need this law to go into effect in January 2013.

In the same-sex marriage hearings in Annapolis, opponents of the bill ranted in long angry, arrogant tirades of self-righteousness while proponents of the bill spoke respectfully and carefully illustrating the details of their personal, emotional stories – stories that often involved loved ones coming to recognize and respect the demonstrated love and commitment of the same-sex couple. Respect, dignity and love won the vote on the same-sex marriage bill. And these are the values inherent in the principles of Unitarian Universalism.

We must allow our faith to lead us to connect, respect, listen patiently and be interested and curious about the people we talk to about the same-sex marriage referendum. Effective conversations involve behaving as if we are gracious, welcoming hosts.

Listen for common ground that can be the basis for connecting their values to the values we associate with our first

principle of Unitarian Universalism. Make no judgments or arguments about their perspective. Just make “I” statements about what compels you to feel the way you do. Share your personal journey to becoming a Marylander for marriage equality. How does your faith call you to stand on the side of love in support of the loving commitment and dignity of all couples and their families?

For more information about how you can encourage FOR votes for the same-sex marriage referendum, contact Tricia Most at DARTT@pbuuc.org.

Submitted by Tricia Most, Co-Chair
Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

ATTENTION!

Please Register for Marylanders for Marriage Equality Phone Bank

Paint Branch will resume its phone banking to encourage support FOR Referendum Question #6. We will meet on Monday nights from 6:30 – 9pm in rooms 2/3 in the Religious Education Building beginning on Labor Day, **September 3** until the eve of the election. Please contact Tricia Most DARTT@pbuuc.org or [301-452-1366](tel:301-452-1366) to register for which Monday nights will work for you. Advance registration is requested.

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DARTT (continued)

BRING ON THE ENDORPHINS!



Wake up and smell the coffee and the chocolate! The Site Improvement Committee is doing some long and shorter-range planning for ecological improvements to our buildings and grounds that will also provide for increased mobility ramps, an improved parking lot, an outdoor elevator, a memorial garden, rain gardens to handle water run-off, etc. (You will hear more about initial efforts on **September 29** at the Social, Racial, and Earth Justice Kick-Off.) All of these projects will cost money, naturally, and that's where the endorphin-inducing coffee and chocolate comes in.

We'd like to enlist the help of volunteers to sell free trade coffee and chocolate in the lobby (along side scrip sales, perhaps) after worship. You may be interested in this sit-down job and/or you may have other fun ideas for raising money for these exciting projects. Please email Tricia Most at DARTT@pbuuc.org or call her at **301-452-1366**.

In and Around Paint Branch

PBUUC Annual Involvements Fair - September 9 During Enrichment Hour!

Whether you are NEW to this beloved community or firmly established in the life of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, here is your chance to discover your next adventure! Learn about how YOU can nurture the vibrant life of your spiritual and religious home! Join representatives of Committees, Clubs, and Affinity groups, the Membership Team, and the Board of Trustees and learn how you can contribute the treasure of your time and talents to these various enrichment opportunities!



NEW EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY!

The oil paintings on display in the meeting house starting September 9 and through October are by Richard Neff of Fairfax. He began his work life teaching mathematics but art has always been his avocation and now, retired from teaching, his main interest. Most of the paintings were started in plein air (on location). This is the second time he has exhibited at Paint Branch. If you would like more information about the paintings and how to contact the artist please look on the left pillar at the back of the sanctuary.

Submitted by Jane Trout, Visual Arts Committee



Meet the Guest Preacher

On **September 23**, we welcome to the pulpit the Reverend Louise Green. She has been a Minister and community organizer for twenty years. She most recently served for eight years at All Souls Unitarian in Washington, DC. She is now on staff with the Maryland IAF DREAM Campaign through the November election.

In addition, Louise is a yoga educator, spiritual director, and retreat leader.



Going... Going... GONE! The **AUCTION** will be here and gone before we know it, so now is the time to plan. Not only what you will give, but what you will buy. Remember, the auction is our second largest fundraiser, and we all have a responsibility for its success. The good news: We've already received some stunning hammered metal art objects from Haiti, as well as a hand carved large wooden bowl. The auction will be

here **November 10**, so it's time to pull together. Not going, going gone, but **bigger, Bigger and BETTER!**

Submitted by Penny O'Brien

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING HOUSE BASEMENT CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM



A portable waste receptacle will be set up to collect items to be discarded during the cleanup process. We need volunteers to help with this focused church community project. Pizza and water will be served at noon! You may come for as little or as long as you are able. To sign up, contact Peter Wathen-Dunn at peter.wathen-dunn@ed.gov.

ETHNIC DINNER UPDATE



Summer's winding down and fall fast approaching, signaling the start of a new Ethnic Dinner season. The next dinner is Saturday, **October 20**.

"What's the theme?" you ask? We've been soliciting suggestions, and two

people, unbeknownst to each other, suggested a German Oktoberfest. I patiently explained that before there were Ethnic Dinners we'd done Oktoberfests about 6 years in a row, and in the almost 24 years we've been doing Ethnic Dinners, we've done 2 more.

Why is it that Paint Branchers love their Oktoberfests so?

I considered trying Austria instead – sort of, but not exactly like Germany. My concern is that the starring dishes of Austria are those concocted by the very competitive "Iron Chefs" of Vienna during its heyday as the capital of the Hapsburg Empire.

They out-did Paris with the Haute Cuisine which could be daunting to tackle, whereas most German fare is simple. I've heard back from about half the Ethnic Dinner committee and the majority is voting for Oktoberfest.

Some of them feel it is time to revisit the earlier themes that many of our newer folks have never experienced. We've actually done Greece, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Mexico,

England, Hungary (Transylvania), and even New Orleans twice. But that makes them easier to do again, and I'm all for easy.

So, your assignment is, put **October 20** on your calendar now so you don't miss this dinner (whatever it turns out to be). Then, let us know what you'd like the theme to be – Oktoberfest or something else, but let us know as quickly as possible.

The menu planning meeting is **September 16** and we need to know a couple weeks before that what the theme is. This meeting, by the way, is open to anyone who would like to come and help create the menu. Tickets for the dinner will be available starting **September 30**.

And we'd like your input on something else. We've decided to drop the February dinners. Both the weather and the attendance are too uncertain, uncontrollable, and therefore stressful. So, would you like us to do just 2 dinners a year – October and May, or 3 dinners, October, March and July?

To respond to any or all of the above questions, contact Marilyn Pearl at [301-805-1218](tel:301-805-1218) or buffalo_gal@verizon.net. But remember, regarding the October dinner theme, the earlier the better.

Anyone who wishes a list of all 60 dinners done so far can request it through the above email address. Watch September Sunday bulletins and October *Branches* for results and updates.

Submitted by Marilyn Pearl

Choir Welcomes New Voices!

Anyone interested in joining the choir, please meet up with David Chapman, Music Director, at the piano after the service on Sunday, September 9 or any Sunday thereafter.

The choir rehearses from 7:20 to 9:30 pm on Thursdays and sings in the service usually twice each month.



Submitted by David Chapman

Notice of Cancellation!

Please note that the table reserved by Peter Dowling for the Takoma Park Folk Festival on **Sunday, September 9** (see August *Branches*) has been **CANCELLED** due to a scheduling conflict where the PBUUC In-gathering Service and Involvement Fair both take place on the same day.

Paint Branch Arts Council Presents . . .

Music at Paint Branch, 2012/2013

Music at Paint Branch begins the fall season with a line up of exciting recitals beginning on **Sunday, September 30 at 4 pm.** Pianist Audrey Andrist will present a program of piano classics; her playing will dazzle, thrill and inspire every listener. Audrey was our guest pianist through the month of July and we know you will not want to miss her in this special recital. There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated. A reception will follow for the artist and all of our guests. Plan to come and bring friends and family.

Two weeks later on **Sunday, October 14 at 4 pm** a vocal recital entitled "Saints, Sinners and Sweethearts" will feature mezzo-soprano Ingrid Cowan and tenor Ole Hass with pianist Susan Ricci. They "will make you love, laugh and pray with an array of songs and duets from four centuries. The mezzo-soprano and tenor have assembled an all-English language

celebration, finding the serene and the silly in works of such contrasting composers as Henry Purcell and Gilbert and Sullivan, Benjamin Britten and George Gershwin, Samuel Barber and William Bolcom." The husband and wife team Cowan and Hass are familiar to many at Paint Branch as they live in Greenbelt. Reception to follow.

Pianist San-Qing Lu-Bennaman will present a recital on Sunday, **October 28 at 4 pm.** Ms. Lu-Bennaman has appeared at Paint Branch on many occasions; her prizewinning performances are a musical occasion. Plan to attend with friends and family; a reception will follow.

Just remember to save these dates: **September 30, October 14 and October 28.** All are on Sundays beginning at 4 pm.

Submitted by Jeri Holloway

PARTNERSHIP: THE DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DAC) AND THE HEAD AND HEART HISTORY GROUP (H3G)



The Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC) is chartered to formally meet four times per year; in mid September, late November, late March and late May. This committee's core objective is to cultivate optimal awareness among PBUUCers of UU-related enrichment endeavors beyond our specific locale.

Given this goal, the DAC and the History Group have drafted a joint sub-charter-addendum mapping out a formal partnership called 'Appreciating History for Denominational and Church Affairs' ('AHDeCA'). Its rationale is rooted in the sense that insight into the past interests and passions of a given community can inform optimal means of conveying information thereto. Thus knowledge of the past can directly inform and enrich the present; a message that speaks directly to the History Group's core objective.

Members and associates of the DAC (and thus 'AHDeCA') will meet this month to hear updates from those attuned to our denomination's national and regional affairs. We will also discuss plans for enrichment projects that directly link to national or regional UU endeavors. For instance, at last year's May-meeting, some expressed interest in the DAC holding events to support the UUA's 'Change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day' movement.

Also, given awareness of the UUA's 'UUs for a Just Economic Community' (UUJEC), others were interested in forging a support network for grassroots business endeavors (i.e. to convert 'anti-corporate' logic into PRO-grassroots action).

Finally, our group will discuss ways to reach the long-term goal of forging an elected decision-facilitating-counsel for optimally furthering our endeavors. Please email: denom@pbuuc.org or headhearthistory@pbuuc.org for more information on the DAC and H3G respectively.

Submitted by Kweli Powell

Special Notice: PBUUC Building Manager Needed!

There is an immediate opening for a PBUUC Building Manager. The Building Manager is responsible for opening and closing the Meeting House and the RE Building on Sundays on a rotating basis and also must be available to work rental events. If you or someone you know is interested in the part-time position, please contact the Church Administrator at churchadmin@pbuuc.org.



Spirit of Life Center

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
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Spirit of Life Center is the place for the neighborhood community to come together to experience, learn and enjoy simple activities through a variety of classes and workshops. Join us to explore and grow your own spirituality, health, and community through an open and accepting environment of friends.

Meditation Workshop: by Lynn Johnson/David Howard/Raman Pathik. **Saturday 9:30am-11:00am.** Understand yourself and gain inner clarity and use the power of your Imagination to create what you want in your life.

(Suggested donation \$5.00/ requested)

Laughter Yoga-mix Class: by Tina McCloud. **Saturday 9:30am-10:30am.** A fun and gentle yoga mix of breathing, poses, stretches, meditation, and laughter therapy. All physical levels are welcome, as we are able to modify any limitations (mat, floor, wheel-chair) or skill levels. No experience necessary. (Suggested donation \$10/class or \$32/4 classes)

Quality of Life Workshop: by Raman Pathik. **Saturday 11:00 am-12:30 pm.** Explore the meaning of quality of life for you and develop a blueprint to implement better habits that will improve balance in your life. Experience how to connect with your true self, nature, your family, your community, your finances, your body, health and the world. (Suggested donation \$5 requested)

The Artist in You Circle: by Jane Trout. • **Hiatus until the fall** • Artists of all levels are invited to work in an open studio. Inspiration and encouragement from fellow artists, an opportunity to explore your own inner artist and maybe an occasional field trip to a museum or show. Artists will provide their own materials and clean up. (Suggested donation \$5 requested)

Zumba Class: by Shawna Webster. **Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm.** An exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning class that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Suggested donation \$10/class or \$32/4 classes)

Dancing Within Class: by Sharon Werth. **Thursday 6:45pm-7:45pm.** The Dancer in You! Discover the movement that is in your body. Let the dance of your inner spirit out! No experience necessary. Please note day change. (Suggested donation \$10/class or \$32/4 classes)

Try a six week commitment to improve your Quality of Life and cultivate new habits: Donations of \$150.00 for all: Quality of Life Workshop (6 sessions), Meditation Workshop (6 sessions), Laughter Yoga Mix or Zumba or Dancing Within Classes (6 sessions), and Simplicity Circle Workshops (6 sessions)

The Spirit of Life Center offers a summer camp special for families during July and August on Saturdays 9:00AM – 1:00 PM

Adults can choose from the following activities:

- * Quality of Life workshop (6 sessions) 11:00am- 12:30pm
- * Meditation workshop 9:30am-11:00am
- * Laughter yoga mix class 9:30am-10:30am
- * Zumba class 11:00am-12:00pm
- * Simplicity circle workshop (6 sessions) 11:00am-1:00pm
- * Child care for babies and toddlers. 9:00am-1:00pm

Older children can choose from the following activities:

- * Laughter yoga mix class 9:00am-9:30am
- * Story telling class 9:30am-10:30am
- * Nature walk class 10:30am-11:30am
- * Zumba class 12:00pm-12:45pm
- * Breathing Meditation Workshop TBA

Suggested donation of \$150 each month for the whole family or \$40 each week for the whole family.

Individual classes and workshops are available at a suggested donation of \$10/class and \$5/workshop.

Pre-registration requested.

PBUUC Leadership Directory

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