



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

April 2014

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.

APRIL 6

THE 9TH ANNUAL DANCE SERVICE: WE ARE ONE

The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director

The Erika Thimey Company, Classical Indian Dance, Hip Hop, and Salsa

Rev. Diane Teichert, Ken Redd, Worship Associate, Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration

We invite you to join us as we give expression through dance as a unifying spirit of many cultures. Dance has existed at all times, and among all people and ethnicities. When we dance – we are one. Today is Signing Sunday – for those ready to make the commitments of membership, please meet the Minister and Trustee at the chalice after the service.

APRIL 13

BE HERE NOW

Leo Jones, preaching, with Carol Boston, Worship Associate

We spend so much time thinking about the past or the future that we sometimes miss the many benefits of experiencing the present. How does living in the present improve the quality of our lives, increase our capacity for compassion, and help us to live our Unitarian Universalist values? Meet the guest speaker on page 6. The Special Collection will be taken for the Zero Waste Prince George's County (see page 6 for more information).

APRIL 20

EASTER SERVICE WITH A UU TWIST: AN ALL-AGES SERVICE

Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration, with Rev. Diane Teichert

Noel Monardes, Worship Associate, and the Choir

We will honor Easter by celebrating the cycle of destruction and creation that is a part of life, nature, and the most ancient of religions. There will be audience participation for anyone who wishes to become a part of the story. "All Ages" means that children and youth will participate for the full hour, with more arts and activity than usual. Easter Egg Hunt after the service, weather permitting!

APRIL 27

CIRCLE FOR THE PLANET: ANNUAL EARTH DAY SERVICE

Rev. Diane Teichert with Guest Speaker Professor Derrick Lampkin

Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate, and the Children's Choir

What can we learn from Terra's fast-changing "Big Ice" and why does it matter for the future of human life on our planet? Meet the guest speaker on page 6. PBUUC's Green Team will show "Chasing Ice" during Enrichment Hour (see page 6 for more information).

It's Spring!

**Invite a neighbor, friend or co-worker to refresh their spirits
with a visit to PBUUC with you one Sunday in April!**

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

☞ Officers and Board of Trustees ☞

Co-Chair	Don Gerson
Co-Chair	Don Mitchell
Vice Chair	Theresa Myrdon
Vice Chair	Alice Tyler
Trustee	Peter Dowling
Trustee	Melody Lawrence
Trustee	Evangeline Wells
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Carol Boston (2013-16)	Ken Redd (2011-14)
Jonathan Mawdsley (2012-15)	Mary Wester (2013-16)
Noel Monardes (2013-16)	Bettie Young (2012-15)

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Jeri Holloway
Lynn Johnson
Mike McMenamin
Will Snyder

☞ We Care Coordinators ☞

Esther Nichols
Fran Caughey

☞ Chartered Committees & Task Forces ☞

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
Auction	Jane Trout (Visual Arts)
Budget Leadership Team	Mark Shute
Buildings & Grounds	Theresa Myrdon
Capital Campaign	Lowell Owens (Acting)
DARTT (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Denominational Affairs	Carol Carter Walker
Electronic Communications	Emma Sure Gaines-Gerson
Ethnic Dinners	Don Gerson (Acting)
Finance	TBD
Green Team (co-chairs)	Marilyn Pearl
Leasing	vacant
Legacy Fund	Penny O'Brien & Will Snyder
Membership	Church Office
Ministry	Ken Montville
Nominating	Polly Pettit
Personnel	John Bartoli
Religious Exploration (co-chairs)	Susannah Schiller
Site Improvement	Jim Flaherty
Social Action	Tabitha Pierzchala & Elizabeth Porter
Spirit of Life Center	TBD
Stewardship	Nancy Boardman
	Raman Pathik
	Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans

☞ Groups and Activities ☞

Bookstore	Carol Carter Walker
Bridge Group	Penny O'Brien
Chalice Dancers	Wendy Schlegel
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	contact church office
Community Café	Esther Nichols
Food for Thought	Mary Tyrtle Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Marj Donn
Listserv & Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Marriage Enrichment	Don Fairfield
Mediation Program	David Haberman
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Men's Retreat	Michel Léger
Moms of Young Ones	Renée Katz
Mystery Book Club	Kathy Kearns
Nature Spirituality Circle	Tabitha Pierzchala
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Paint Branch Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Poetry Out Loud	Shantida
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Tyrtle Rooker
Simplicity Circle	Raman Pathik
SINKS and DINKS	Kathy Kearns & Jan Montville
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
TWedHUULK	Marge Owens
Ushers	Esther Nichols
Warm Nights	Sabrina Jones
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Carol Carter Walker
Women's Group	Wendy Schlegel
Women's Retreat	Wendy Schlegel

☞ Staff ☞

Please contact the Church Office at **301-937-3666** for Staff listed.

Minister	Rev. Diane Teichert
Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Director of Religious Exploration	Dayna Edwards
Youth Coordinator	vacant
Director, Chalice Dancers	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles Bury
Administrative Assistant	Alexis Saunders
Bookkeeper	Debra McCann
Sunday Service/Building Managers:	Donovan Bynes
Child Care Providers:	Wyatt Rexach
	Beth Judy
	Jazmin Balbuena

The Minister's mUUsings...

Looking at my Multifaith Calendar today, thinking about the “wheel of the year” in PBUUC’s liturgical life, I was struck by the long list of holidays and observances in April. So I counted them, and then those in the other eleven months. Only October has as many. Interesting. What do these two months have in common to explain this? Though they are six months apart, they are not equinox or solstice months.

Why would there be a convergence of religious rituals in those months? Is it just happenstance, since many rituals occur, partially or completely, not on a solar Gregorian calendar (in which the specific date is fixed – like December 25), but according to a lunisolar calendar (in which the dates can be comparatively early or late in a given span of time – like Passover or Diwali), while the Muslim calendar is not seasonal at all (this year Ramadan, for example, is from June 28 to July 28, but next year it starts ten days “earlier” on June 18)?

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from many sources, which include the world’s religions. We believe there is that of truth in each of them. So we tend to be curious about them. I think it is especially helpful to know about and appreciate the religions of our literal neighbors. In Adelphi alone, there is a Hindu Temple, a Quaker Meeting, several Pentecostal congregations, two Baptist churches, a Presbyterian church and, of course, our Unitarian Universalist congregation – and among them are Spanish and Creole-speaking congregations. Extending not far away into Silver Spring or Greenbelt or Beltsville, there are more of the same plus other Protestant churches, and Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Christian evangelical, and Baha’i houses of worship, and many different languages.

Honoring their holy days in our worship is a way to learn about and appreciate other religious traditions. Another way is to visit their houses of worship. For decades, maybe even fifty years, Unitarian Universalists have been introducing our middle school students to other religions through study and visits. Early on, the curriculum was called “The Church Across the Street;” twenty or so years ago, we began calling it “Neighboring Faiths.” It’s usually one of the easiest curricula for which to recruit teachers, because adults want the experience too!

Our Director of Religious Exploration and RE Committee are planning that the next time we offer Neighboring Faiths at PBUUC, it will be as a multigenerational pro-

gram. So, you won’t have to sign up to teach in order to have the experience!

Perhaps our future studies will help us to understand more about this year’s preponderance of religious festivals in April and October. In the meantime, for our climate at least, I think maybe it’s because April and October are months of bursting color - spring blooms and autumn’s leaves – plenty of reason to celebrate! Bring it on, April! Our spirits await your rejuvenation!

I hope to see you on Sundays,

Diane

The next Newcomers Gathering with the Minister in her office will be on Sunday, May 4 after the service .

Child care provided in Room 5.

Child Dedication Ceremony Sunday, May 11

The next Child Dedication Ceremony will take place during the May 11 Sunday Service.

In this lovely ceremony led by Director of Religious Exploration Dayna Edwards and me, the parents dedicate themselves to raising their child to “do the work of love and justice in our world,” the congregation (including its children and youth) dedicates itself to the nurturing of the child, and the child is offered a blessing and a “rose without thorns.” A certificate is presented to the parents.

This is the Unitarian Universalist ritual of welcome, in which parents and congregation dedicate themselves to the spiritual and ethical development of children; it does not symbolize cleansing or initiation as a baptism might. It takes place in the context of a normal worship service in the place of the Together Time so that all of the children and youth are present for it. The participating parents may invite family and friends to attend, who are welcome to, but are not required to, stand with them for the ceremony.

Are you interested in this opportunity for your family? It is appropriate for families with infants and any new family whose children have not yet been dedicated.

If your family would like to participate on May 11th or another date, please contact Dayna or me.

Rev. Diane Teichert– 301-937-3666 – minister@pbuuc.org

Board of Trustees Column

Board Chair Column, April 2014:

Happy March. Here's hoping there is some truth to the saying coming in like a lion going out like a lamb. Seems we may have two lions for this end of winter season. As individuals and a caring congregation we have had a trying month with the unfortunate event involving Esther. Her grace and capacity for understanding and forgiveness are truly immeasurable and an example from which we can all learn and hopefully replicate in some small way. We have had several members with unforeseen hospital stays and our thoughts and wishes go out to those members and their families. This time last year our board chair was recovering from heart surgery and we wish him a continued success in recovery.

As everyone is aware our stewardship campaign is in full swing and it is going well. We have lots of members increasing their pledges in order to support the mission of the church for the coming year. Please help the campaign where you feel called to do so and please consider increasing your pledge if you have not already done so. Let's have our stewardship campaign come in and go out like a lion.

We also want to announce that we are now an active participant in the Amazon Smile program which means that by using the following link smile.amazon.com and selecting Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church as your supporting organization a small percentage of your purchase is donated to the church. Thanks to Dave Nation for getting this set up and working.

The Board of Trustees holds open Executive Committee meetings and Board of Trustees meetings. The Executive Committee meeting will be held in the Minister's Office on April 22 at 7:30 pm and the Board meeting will be held in Room 4 of the RE building on April 29th at 7:30 pm. 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, come to the Exec Com 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 experience of visiting the BOT meetings, see the following page on the PBUUC website: <http://www.pbuuc.org/bot/visitors.php>

Charles Towe & Don Gerson
Board of Trustees Co-Chairs

An additional personal note from Charles -

As many of you know I have been commuting from New York to Maryland for the last 9 months while the boys have attended a new school and Karine has begun a small farming operation. Everything has gone very well for the family on the home and school fronts and we have decided to relocate in a more permanent way. This means that I have applied for jobs with shorter commutes and I have decided to take a position at the University of Connecticut that begins the Fall of 2014. We are also closing on a farm property where Karine is expanding her business with more livestock and, hopefully, more permanent fencing. We are hoping to spend less time rounding up the pigs from the woods in the coming years.

I say this because in the next few months I will not be making the commute from New York to Maryland with any frequency and as such I have resigned my board co-chair position effective April 1st. Don Gerson remains as board co-chair and Don Mitchell has been nominated and unanimously elected as board co-chair for the remainder of this term and Theresa Myrdon has been nominated and unanimously elected as vice chair the remainder of this term. Please accept this short note as my sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve this congregation. It has been my sincere pleasure. Also note that though my family and I are moving on from this community in terms of geography we will never leave this community in terms spirit and common aspiration.

Charles Towe

Our Caring Community

The We Care Coordinator for April is Fran Caughey (pronounced Caw'-ee). If you or a congregant you know is in need of rides, meals, cards or visits, please contact Fran at 301-766-9648.

We are looking for one or two more We Care Coordinators, including one who has on-line capability, to join Esther Nichols and Fran Caughey who do not. Please let me know if you are interested

Rev. Diane Teichert- 301-937-3666 - minister@pbuuc.org

Religious Exploration

Recently, the words “Multi-Generational Religious Exploration” have been on the tips of the tongues of the RE Committee. Diane even mentioned it in her column in last month’s Branches, stating that it would be one of her priorities if she were in charge of how the budget money was allocated. The obvious question is what does Multi-Generational Religious Exploration (MGRE) look like? I have combined the ideas from the congregation (from the November DRE start-up), ideas from the RE Committee, and one or two of my own ideas to create a Top 7 list of what MGRE might look like in our faith community.

Here’s a Top 7 List of MGRE opportunities for our faith community:

1. Leaning-into our practice of inclusiveness, to embrace talking to Millennials where they are talking – social media, the internet, blogs.
2. Adapting to what adolescents of the 21st Century are benefiting from in their learning and spiritual experiences – making learning more hands-on and experiential.
3. Offering practical and spiritual supports to each generation as they navigate the passages and transitions specific to their space in the life cycle. For example, hosting a support group for people in the “sandwich” generation – those caring for elderly/aging parents, while raising growing children.
4. Designing worship experiences that connect spiritually the specific needs of underserved groups in our church (particularly people in their 20s-30s, and people of color).
5. Offering adults opportunities to participate in Religious Exploration programming in creative ways that may not include teaching every Sunday, but instead sharing strengths and interests for a few Sundays in a row.
6. Supporting year-long RE programming, and the continuation of the Wonder Box and Together Time throughout the summer.
7. Using technology in conjunction with in-person classes to support religious, ethical, and moral literacy for ALL generations, throughout the entire week so people feel connected and inspired to live to their highest potential.

PBUUC is poised to become a leader in Multi-Generational Religious Exploration, because this is an idea that is still in the laboratory phases in many ways. We are only 14 years into the new century and the world is going through great changes. If you find any of the “Top 7” ideas intriguing or

energizing, or have ideas of your own, talk with our 2014-2015 RE Committee co-chairs, Ebeth Porter, Tricia Most or me about how you become a part of the MGRE movement.

For more information on how other religions are addressing 21st Century Faith Formation, here are two interesting resources: <http://nyti.ms/PBwxvF> (An article from the NY Times entitled, *Synagogue, Rebooted*) and www.21stcenturyfaithformation.com (a Christian-based website that offers insights into how to integrate the generations).

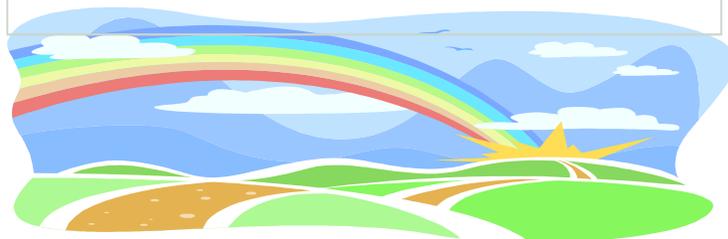
Yours In Faith,

Dayna Edwards,

Director of Religious Exploration

Attention RE Volunteers!

You deserve some appreciation. Join the RE Committee for tea and pastries during Enrichment Hour on Sunday, April 6. Anyone who has volunteered with the children and youth throughout the year is welcome to attend.



In April the Pre-K through 5th grade Spirit Play classes are exploring the Indigo Rainbow Promise: Insist on peace, freedom and justice for all.

Here is a short chalice lighting that you can say as a family to celebrate the Indigo Promise. (You may wish to change the words "worship together," to "eat together," or "read together.")

Come into this circle of love and justice

Marilyn J. Sewell

Come into this circle of love and justice,
Come into this community where we can dream and
Believe in those dreams—
Come into this holy space where we remember who we are
And how we want to live.
Come now, and let us worship together!

Source: Association Sunday 2009

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

Looking ahead to some important social justice activities:

On Saturday May 3 and Tuesday, May 13 please save the dates, to join others in gatherings to help make a difference in our UU world.

On Saturday, May 3 a Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) program called Economic Inequality Matters: Moving Towards Fairness – will be held from 9:30 am – noon at the UU Church of Arlington. Paint Branch is an active member of UUSJ. At this program UUSJ will join with partner groups to get timely information about the widening wealth divide in the U.S. and focus on actions to address it. In our PBUUC social justice priorities survey last spring this issue ranked as #2 for SAC. More details will be coming soon as this program is still in the planning stages. Please plan to join us, as SAC will arrange for carpools to the Arlington Church on May 3.

Then on Tuesday evening, May 13 at 7:30 pm, SAC will welcome Alice Rothchild to Paint Branch for a screening of her new film VOICES ACROSS THE DIVIDE – followed by a discussion and sharing of ideas with her in the Kelley Room. She is a physician and Middle East peace activist, author/blogger and now film-maker. Her first book, BROKEN PROMISES, BROKEN DREAMS: Stories of Jewish and Palestinian Trauma and Resilience, came out in 2007. Her new film, which she will screen at Paint Branch and other locations during her week's stay in the DC area, shares the voices of Palestinian families affected by the Jewish settlement of Israel in the late 1940's (the Nakba) and was recently shown in the Boston area. For more information about Alice you can go to alicerothchild.com. SAC will be publicizing her visit outside Paint Branch and we hope to welcome new faces to this important gathering. It is clearly a sensitive area to explore as the US government works towards brokering a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians in their decades long conflict.

An Update on SAC Meeting Dates: Some recent changes have been made to our meetings, which are always on Saturday mornings from 10 – 12:30 in Room #4 of the RE Building. The meeting dates for the final three months of the church year are: Saturday, April 26; Saturday, May 31; and Saturday, June 21. Please join us as we live out our UU values together in Social Action work and causes!

News Items from Nancy Boardman – SAC Chair
Tel: 301-982-3450 or SAC@pbuuc.org.

Next Social Action Committee (SAC) Meeting:

Saturday, April 26, from 10 am to 12:30 pm
in Room 1 of the RE Building

Special Collections News

Our February collection for Family and Friends of Incarcerated People brought in \$676. Our April 13 collection will benefit a local group called Community Research, which has a project on Zero Waste in Prince George's. Did you know that the Prince George's County landfill has room for only 2 years worth of garbage at the present rate? We hope to have flyers about the work of this group as an insert for that Sunday.

Other upcoming Special Collections will be for CWS/Crop Walk in May, the UU-United Nations Office in June and Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light in July.

Meet the Guest Preachers

On April 13, we welcome PBUUC member Leo Jones as our preacher. He is a former Worship Associate and a current member of the Committee on Ministry. He has preached at PBUUC numerous times and also at a Racial Justice Conference of the Joseph Priestley District of the UUA. He and Sabrina (Finlay) were joyously wed last fall at PBUUC. Professionally, he works in education reform and was formerly an attorney.

On April 27, Professor Derrick Lampkin will join Diane in the pulpit for our annual Earth Day Service. Dr. Lampkin is Assistant Professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Studies at the University of Maryland-College Park. He studies "big ice" (large ice sheets like Antarctica and Greenland) which affects and is affected by planetary energy balance, ocean sea level, heat flux, currents, and atmosphere. He and his wife Jelena Srebric, also a UMD professor, recently moved with their toddler to Maryland from State College, PA.

Green Team

"Chasing Ice" to be screened in Enrichment Hour Sunday, April 27

The Green Team will show this acclaimed film in Room 2/3 thanks to Don Gerson who has lent us his personal copy. Two years of time lapse photography forms the basis of this scientifically constructed study of the status of the Arctic ice layers and what this means for the Earth. The film was nominated for an Academy Award this year. James Balog, the photographer and editor, was once a skeptic about climate change but as his work collected such overwhelming evidence, he presents the findings in this beautiful, alarming video. Bring your coffee with you and join us.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

2014 Joseph Priestley District Assembly

A People So Bold

Friday evening April 11 and Saturday April 12

Featured Keynote Address - *Kindling Hope in a Difficult World* by Rev. Kathleen McTigue, UUUCSJ, Director

At ACE Conference Center, Lafayette Hill, PA
(north of Philadelphia)

- **17 Interactive Workshops** covering many topics of interest - many different offerings. So many great ways to enhance your personal and congregational vitality!

- **Interactive Worship** on Friday and Saturday led by Rev. Peter Friedrichs (UU Church of Delaware County) and Rev. Kent Matthies (Unitarian Society of Germantown), respectively.

Friday night concert by Reggie & Kim Harris
(www.kimandreggie.com)

Children's programming will be offered on Saturday and complimentary childcare will be provided throughout the conference. For more information, visit www.jpduua.org

Sunday, April 27, 2014
at 1:30 pm

PAUL EHRlich

Will speak on **Ethics, the Environment, and Avoiding the Collapse of Civilization**



at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda. Followed by reception in the Fellowship Hall. More information at www.rruuc.org/

Committee on Ministry

Focus on Ministry

By the time you read this article, the online Ministry Survey sponsored by the Committee on Ministry will be complete. We will be busy compiling the answers and analyzing results during the first part of April.

Our next step is to host focus groups for discussion of survey results and what ministry means to each of us. Members and Friends are invited to attend these Enrichment Hour focus groups on Sunday, April 13 or Sunday, April 27.

We strongly believe that "ministry is the central activity of any congregation." In the focus groups we may ask questions like: "In what ways is this church different from how it was 5 years ago? How has the Minister contributed to this change? How has the Congregation contributed to this change?"

We hope you are as excited as we are to see what these conversations will show.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) serves to nurture the ministry and the spiritual health of the congregation. The COM meets monthly with our minister, Rev. Diane Teichert. Current members are John Bartoli, Susannah Schiller, and Leo Jones.

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

--John Bartoli, Chair

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

DARTT Now Meets On Saturdays

We want to see more people at DARTT meetings. We now meet once a month on Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon. See the upcoming Sunday Bulletins for specific dates.

Reverberations Returns April 6 **UPDATE: The APRIL 6 Session will be held in the MH**

Beginning April 6 during Enrichment Hour, DARTT will sponsor a monthly Reverberations Session in Room 4, Religious Exploration Building. These sessions will focus on some specific aspect of personal experiences relating to racial and cultural identities. There is a gold box in the Meeting House Foyer where you can drop ideas and topics for upcoming sessions. You can also send these to DARTT@pbuuc.org

Call for Participants for DARTT Summer Worship Service.

The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team has submitted an idea for a Summer Service based on the well-received 2013 Summer Service on National Public Radio's Race Card Project. You can go to theracecardproject.com to get more information about this initiative. If you'd like to participate in planning or being in the Service, please contact Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson or Carol Carter Walker at DARTT@PBUUC.org.



In and Around Paint Branch



STEWARDSHIP

Our annual Stewardship Campaign got off to a great start in March with a wonderful all ages Commitment Sunday service followed by a delicious luncheon. The "Helping Hands, Loving Hearts" in the

Paint Branch community have been very evident as within a week of our kick off we had already received pledges totaling over \$200,000. The campaign moves into April with our Visiting Stewards continuing to meet with members and friends. Please welcome them when they contact you and give as generously as you can. If you have any questions please stop by the Stewardship Table in the lobby after any service this month or send us an email at stewardship@pbuuc.org

Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

Come to a PARTY!!!

Join Don Gerson and his family and friends in a Celebration of his 80th Birthday. It's Saturday Evening, April 26 beginning at 5 pm. All are invited, but we need to know who is coming. Please call (240-293-6570) or e-mail donaldgerson@yahoo.com. Also, if you would like to bring a dish to serve 6 it would be appreciated, but not required. Again, we need to know what you are bringing. Please respond by April 15. We are looking forward to your being there. NO GIFTS PLEASE.



Women's Group April Meeting

After a very successful retreat last month, in April the Women's Group will be turning our attention to the making of food. On Sunday April 13, during Enrichment Hour we will meet in Room 3 for conversation and a recipe swap. So plan on bringing that favorite recipe you got from your grandmother or the one you just made last week that your family just could not stop raving about. What, you say, you don't have a favorite recipe or you don't cook! Come anyway for some fun fellowship. Who knows? You might go home with a recipe that you just can't wait to try out.

Please bring several copies of your recipe with you, and we will spend some time sharing what makes the recipes special to us. Any kind of recipe is welcome, and if it is portable and finger food, the women probably will not complain if you bring a sample. Please also bring that favorite family recipe for your special holiday meal, so we can just imagine what it would taste like. Besides a paper copy that you can take home, please provide an electronic copy to be included in a document that will be distributed to the group after the meeting.

If you can't come but would like to share a recipe please send it to Wendy and she will share it at the meeting.

Contact Wendy Schlegel at waschlegel@gmail.com or 301-649-4976 for additional information.

TWedHUULK at the New Deal Café Wednesday, April 16, at 1 pm

The Third Wednesday Handy UU Lunch Klub will return this month to the comfortable, vegetarian/vegan/omnivore-friendly spot in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center, across from the old movie theater. The Mediterranean menu has something for everyone: homemade soups, exotic appetizers, wonderful desserts, and fresh pita. Prices are modest, parking plentiful, and we will be in the back room where we can have a good conversation.

If you need a ride, or can give a ride to someone else, please contact Marge Owens at 301-345-1572 or lowellandmarge@verizon.net.

Getting to Know UU

A class for newcomers wanting to know more about Unitarian Universalism and PBUUC

Saturday, April 5 from 1 – 4 pm
With our Minister and Lay Leaders

TO SIGN UP CALL 301-937-3666
OR EMAIL MINISTER@PBUUC.ORG

Do you have feedback for the 2014-2015 Budget?

Hearings on the Preliminary Budget will be in the RE Building:

- ◇ Sunday, April 6 11:30 am – 1 pm, Room 4
- ◇ Wednesday, April 16 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Kelley Room
- ◇ Sunday, April 27 11:30 am – 1 pm, Kelley Room

These hearings will be open to all. Anyone or group wishing to speak must sign-in and will be given a 5-8 minute block of time in the order of arrival. Should anyone require additional time, they must wait until everyone on that day's sheet is done and use the time remaining (in 5 minute blocks).



WE ARE ONE

9th Annual Dance Service

Sunday, April 6th, 10 am

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783

301-937-3666

The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers

Sharon Werth, Director

with

The Erika Thimey Dance Company

Classical Indian Dance

Dance In Time (Salsa)

Hip-Hop

Rev. Diane Teichert, Minister with Ken Redd, Worship Associate

We invite you to join us as we give expression through dance as a unifying spirit of many cultures. Dance has existed at all times, and among all people and ethnicities. When we dance – we are one.

"You cannot find a single ancient mystery in which there is not dancing..."

Andrew Lang

Note to Our Readers:

The Church Administrator is responsible for the production of the newsletter.

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

The Leadership Directory, (on page 2 of this issue), will contain names only. For more contact information, please consult your Membership Directory or call the Church Office at 301-937-3666. All submitted articles will contain phone numbers and/or email addresses for contact if listed. You may choose to list your email address only as a point of contact, and if requested, an email specific to individual PBUUC committees, groups, or teams can be created.

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.
- 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**.
- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** should be submitted in their final form, and content should be **120** words or less. Please try to keep announcements one paragraph with a clear headline or topic sentence. Please include day, date, location, time, and contact information. Announcements should be PBUUC related, non-PBUUC events must have explicitly stated UU connection.

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.

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