



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

June 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.

JUNE 1

RE SUNDAY WITH ANNUAL FLOWER COMMUNION

Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration

with Bettie Young, Worship Associate; and the RE Choir and Band

Join us for a celebration of color and flowers as the Religious Exploration program shares its wonderful gifts with the entire congregation. This All-Ages Service will include a flower communion, so bring your flowers to share. At an All-Ages Service, children and youth are invited to remain in the Meeting House for the entire service. The RE Choir and Band will perform .

JUNE 8

LOST AND FOUND

PBUUC Youth Group; with Mary Wester, Worship Associate

This annual youth-led service features music, dance, and drama, as we explore the topic of loss, and the opportunities that arise from it. **THE PBUUC 2014 ANNUAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE, PLEASE ATTEND!**

JUNE 15

THE 2014 ANNUAL CHOIR SERVICE

The PBUUC Choir led by Music Director David Chapman;

with Worship Associate Jonathan Mawdsley

You don't want to miss the annual choir service! Come and enjoy an eclectic mix of musical pieces - some familiar, some brand new.

JUNE 22

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT

Guest Speaker Rob Boston of Americans United for Separation of Church and State

with Ken Redd, Worship Associate; and Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration

This sermon examines ongoing controversies over the meaning of religious freedom. Rob Boston of Americans United for Separation of Church and State will discuss how Religious Right-led attempts to redefine religious liberty would affect LGBT rights, reproductive rights, access to health care, and the equal treatment of all Americans, religious and non-religious. (See page 3 for more information on our Guest Speaker.)

JUNE 29

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS/BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS: AN ALL-AGES SERVICE

Guest Speakers Jonathan Mawdsley and Cory Carter; with Carol Boston, Worship Associate

Join us for a celebration of the animals in our lives—our animal companions, animals that serve us, and the wildlife around us. Please bring your well-behaved cat, dog, or other animal friend, or a picture of an animal that was or is special in your life. At an All-Ages Service, children and youth are invited to remain in the Meeting House for the entire service. (See page 3 for more information on our Guest Speakers)

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

☞ Officers and Board of Trustees 2013-2014 ☞

Co-Chair	Don Gerson
Co-Chair	Don Mitchell
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Vice Chair	Alice Tyler
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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)

☞ Pastoral Care Associates ☞

Jeri Holloway
Lynn Johnson
Mike McMenamin
Will Snyder

☞ We Care Coordinators ☞

Esther Nichols
Fran Caughey

☞ Chartered Committees & Task Forces ☞

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

☞ 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
	Amy Steiner
Spirituality Circle	Marge Owens
TWedHUULK	Esther Nichols
Ushers	Sabrina Jones
Warm Nights	Mark Shute
Webmaster	Carol Carter Walker
Welcome Table Greeters	Jeri Holloway
Widowed Persons Support Group	Wendy Schlegel
Women's Group	Wendy Schlegel
Women's Retreat	

☞ Office Volunteers ☞

Elizabeth Scheiman (Tuesdays), Will Snyder (Wednesdays), Alice Tyler (Thursdays), and Carol Carter Walker (Fridays)

☞ 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
Director, Chalice Dancers	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles Bury
Administrative Assistant	Alexis Saunders
Bookkeeper	Debra McCann
Sunday Service/Building Managers:	Donovan Bynes
	Wyatt Rexach
Child Care Providers:	Beth Judy
	Jazmin Balbuena

Paint Branch 2014 Summer Services At a Glance

As always, our Summer Services will be described in full detail on the front page of each month's Branches and at www.pbuuc.org. If you like to plan ahead, here's a quick preview of the whole summer. All-ages services (adults, youth, and children together) are marked with an asterisk (*); Together Time (children starting in the service, followed by Religious Exploration classes) will be offered on all other Sundays. Child care/nursery will be available for the youngest. All services begin at 10 am.

Date	Topic	Service Leader(s)
June 22	<i>Religious Freedom: What It Is and What It is Not</i> —How do efforts to redefine religious liberty affect us all?	Rob Boston
June 29*	<i>Blessing of the Animals</i> —Bring your well-behaved dog, cat, or other animal, or a picture of a special animal.	Jonathan Mawdsley and Cory Carter
July 6	<i>Personal Sources</i> —Hear PBUUCers speak about the sources that help shape their spiritual identities.	Carol Boston (coordinator)
July 13	<i>Singing in the Spirit</i> —Explore the experience of singing in community.	Members of Voice Exchange (Beth Lyons, Amado Ohland, Paris Kern & Taunya Ferguson)
July 20	<i>Hungry for Change</i> —Get support and suggestions for making dietary changes.	Mary "Tyrle" Rooker
July 27	<i>Our Family Matters</i> —Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team service examines the effects of assumptions on everyone.	Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Janet Overton, and Bekki Ow-Ärhus
August 3	<i>The Challenge of Couple Relationships</i> —Growing beyond our limitations through relationships	Barbara and Don Fairfield
August 10*	<i>Celebrating the Arts</i> —Join PBUUCers in reflecting on creative processes and do some creating yourself.	Carol Boston (coordinator)
August 17	<i>Young Adults and International Justice Work: More Fun Than a Rugby Game</i> —Highlights from the annual seminar sponsored by the UU United Nations Office	Marge Owens and Sophie Bernheisel
August 24	<i>Moral Tribalism or "Can We All Get Along?"</i> —The Quest Discussion Group explores ideas from Joshua Greene's book, <i>Moral Tribes</i> .	Tess Morrison
August 31	<i>Now Let Us Sing!</i> —Hear and sing favorite hymns from diverse religious traditions.	Carol Carter Walker and David Chapman

Meet Our Guest Speakers for June

June 22 —Rob Boston

Rob Boston is the Director of Communications at Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Rob, who has worked at Americans United since 1987, also serves as editor of AU's "Church & State" magazine. Rob is the author of three books: "Close Encounters with the Religious Right: Journeys into the Twilight Zone of Religion and Politics" (Prometheus Books, 2000); "The Most Dangerous Man in America? Pat Robertson and the Rise of the Christian Coalition" (Prometheus Books, 1996) and "Why the Religious Right Is Wrong About Separation of Church and State" (Prometheus Books, 1993; second edition, 2003).

June 29—Jonathan Mawdsley & Cory Carter

During a 20-year career, Jonathan's work with wildlife conservation has taken him throughout the US, Europe, and sub-Saharan Africa. His work has included "on-the-ground" research and "in-the-office" efforts to improve wildlife monitoring systems and advance conservation policy overall. He has also authored or co-authored over 60 journal articles. Jonathan has a B. A. from Harvard University (Biology) and a Ph.D. from Cornell University (Entomology). Cory is a long-time PBUUC member who has been involved in several past summer services, including a previous Blessing of the Animals service. Her other church involvements include the Nature Spirituality Circle. She works developing software for Earth observing satellite systems.

Board of Trustees Column

Fellow Paint Branchers:

Kobi Yamada once said, "Sometimes you just have to take the leap, and build your wings on the way down."

I've often felt over the last month that it feels more like having a chasm open up under us instead of taking a controlled leap, but we're working on building those wings. In an effort to keep you updated on the way forward, the BoT compiled the following list of who is responsible for what during Rev. Diane's absence:

- Acting Head of Staff (in coordination with the Board): Dayna Edwards, DRE

- Worship Services (through August): Lay led services coordinated by the Worship Associates

- Pastoral Care: the Board is working with the UU Minister's Association to hire an 'On Call' Minister to provide pastoral care as well as cover weddings and funerals.

We've come to understand based on reports from Rev. Diane's husband that she will not be rejoining us in September. Therefore, the Board appointed a Hiring Committee to find an Interim Minister. Jon Bartoli, Carol Carter-Walker, and Don Gerson have agreed to serve on this committee. They are working with the JPD Staff to go through the process of finding an Interim Minister to nominate for Board of Trustees approval. Our intent is to have an Interim Minister for September.

This list will be updated regularly and any changes announced during Service on Sunday, in the Bulletin, in Branches, updated on the Website, and posted on the Church's Facebook group. If you can think of anywhere else we should be sharing this information, please tell us! If you have questions or updates, please contact me.

Thank you!

Teresa Myrdon, Board of Trustees Vice Chair
(301-421-0958 or tmyrdon@yahoo.com)

Religious Exploration

One of the first ideas that drew me to Unitarian Universalism in my early twenties was the concept that community service and social justice could be a spiritual practice. Growing up in an atheist/socialist household, social justice was the closest we got to religion. When I found Unitarian Universalism I was elated to find a place where social justice WAS the premise of the religion. Now that you know a bit about my background, it will come as no surprise that social justice will be a large part of PBUUC's first ever attempt at year-round Religious Exploration programming.

In June we are launching the PBUUC Summer of Service. I'd like to use this space answer some of your questions. As you read the questions and answers below, please keep in mind the affirmation by Unitarian Minister, Edward Everett Hale:

I am only one
But still I am one
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Why year-round Religious Exploration for Children and Youth?
Offering meaningful programming all year round was one of the biggest goals that came out of the DRE Start-up in November 2013. Parents felt that it is hard to get the out of the habit of church in the summer and then re-start in the fall. The continuity of programming is especially important for our middle and high school youth.

I don't have kids, why should I care about the Summer of Service?
You have wisdom that needs to be passed down to the next generation. You have gifts to share. Additionally, volunteering with our young people is a great way to deepen your own spiritual understanding and practices. James Fowler has developed a spectrum of spiritual development that shows the religious exploration is doesn't end when your 18, in fact, that's when the fun can begin for many of us. Join us for the Summer of Service and you will grow spiritually as much as the children.

I've never taught kids before. How can I possibly help?
You can help by sharing your gifts and knowledge with our children and youth. If you are passionate about social justice, if you have experience organizing, if you love hanging out with kids, we need you. We don't need "teachers," we need facilitators, guides, helpers, though-provokers. There are 10 RE Sundays this summer. If you help out for five Sundays, we'll be well on our way to a thriving Summer of Service.

What are we going to be doing with the kids?
We will be using a hands-on, fun, experiential curriculum developed by Heifer International (an economic sustainability non-profit). I have adapted the curriculum to meet our needs and time constraints. The children and youth will learn about how to create economic sustainability and fund-raise to purchase an animal for someone in an underserved area of the world.

Ok. You've convinced me. How do I sign-up?
Go to <http://tinyurl.com/pbuuc14> to sign-up using Sign-Up Genius. You can all so email me at dre@pbuuc.org or see me after a service on Sunday to ask more questions.

Yours In Faith, *Dayna Edwards*,
Director of Religious Exploration

Subject Matter Experts needed for Fall Youth Program

Do you have an expertise in the arts, justice, woodworking, gardening, evolution, alternative energy, knitting, anything??? If so, consider sharing your time and talents with our amazing and motivated youth. We have flexible volunteer opportunities. See our RE Committee recruitment advisor, Tricia Most or the DRE Dayna Edwards dre@pbuuc.org for more information. Act now to get priority volunteer dates!

Meet Our New Members



Lynn Louison's first service at Paint Branch UU Church was the 2013 annual Youth Service. She was impressed with the service and came to another one, which happened to be a service about aging. These two services made a good impression on Lynn and she ended up joining the church on Nov. 10, 2013. A former member of Cedar Lane UU Church, Lynn was not able to attend services for a long period of time because she was working on Sundays. After moving from Montgomery to Prince George's County, she was feeling a need for community, and she learned about the church from Paint Brancher Ed Crowley. Lynn is now an alto in the choir, and her husband Jerome plays the saxophone in the House Band. She lives in Lanham with Jerome, and recently her mother became a member of their household. Lynn is a physical therapist who works mainly with children with sensory processing disorders, and she also works part-time at a Prince George's County Public Schools early childhood center. Mom to three daughters and grandmother to two grandsons and a granddaughter, Lynn likes to read, garden and play golf. Welcome, Lynn!

Mary "Lynx" Schmidt has lived in the area all her life, and learned about Paint Branch UU Church through friends. At one point, she saw the rainbow flag out front while driving by and a voice inside said, "Yes! You belong there!" She signed the Membership Book on January 5, 2014. One of the experiences she is most proud of is the volunteer work she did from 1993 to 2006, serving patients with advanced AIDS at Whitman-Walker Clinic. She was a companion to these men during their dying process and through their final passage. Before that, she helped the cause as an attendant to the AIDS Quilt. Lynx wrote a novel called *Persephone's Song*, which was published in Los Angeles in 1992. She continues to enjoy writing prose and poetry, as well as gardening. Lynx has a 10-year-old cat named Graycie, one of many feline friends she has known throughout her life. Welcome to PBUUC, Lynx!

Submitted by Renée C.M. Katz on behalf of the Membership Team



You Are Invited to a Loving Day Celebration!

When: June 14, 2014 12:00pm

Where: Paint Branch UU Church
3215 Powder Mill Rd.
Adelphi, MD 20783

RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/lovingday2014>

Bring: a side dish to share AND
Your awesome friends and family

Join us for a FREE family-friendly barbeque with music, face-painting, wedding-themed games and crafts, as we celebrate the anniversary of Loving V. Virginia, the court case that legalized inter-racial marriage in the U.S.

RSVP:



Social Action Committee (SAC) News

Join Area UU's in the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday Afternoon, June 7 in Dupont Circle!

Nancy Boardman is collecting names for the PBUUC count of participants in our overall UU parade contingent - as we march together in solidarity in this year's parade. Its theme is Build Our Bright Future with an estimated 150,000 spectators along the route! The parade steps off at 4:30 pm on June 7 at 22nd & P Streets NW Washington DC and travels 1.5 miles through DuPont Circle and 17th Street, passes Logan Circle and ends. along the revitalized 14th Street corridor at S Street. The area-UU line-up starting location will not be known until June 2nd. So please give Nancy (Tel: 301-982-3450 or SAC@pbuuc.org) your e-mail or phone number for notification of the UU parade starting location. Plans are to gather there about 3 pm to find each other and stage ourselves. We're hoping to carry our new PBUUC banner! And please wear a PBUUC t-shirt or Standing on the Side of Love t-shirt you may have. The parade route will take about two hours to walk. So bring water and sunscreen – the parade will be held whether it's rainy or sunny. Our UU parade organizer recommends the Dupont Circle Metro Station on the Red Line as the closest subway station to the parade. Thanks so much for your support! Here's to a large Paint Branch parade group joining with other UU's in this very special annual Capital Pride Parade!

Another Round of Getting Out the YES Vote for Transgender Rights

Equality MD and the UU Legislative Ministry are preparing to counter another round of efforts to put one of our newest laws on the ballot by referendum. The MD General Assembly session that ended in April, passed and Governor O'Malley has signed, the law ensuring civil rights for transgender people. The law says no one can be kept from earning a living or renting or buying a home, or being served in a public place simply because of gender identity. Paint Branch has been a site for a phone bank in two rounds of efforts to counter a referendum on marriage equality and then again one to turn back the Dream Act for certain young college students. Both times the referendum vote reinforced the MD stance for fairness and a coalition of churches and other organizations were hard workers. Now we may need to do it one more time. Contact Nancy Boardman, Chair, or any member of the Social Action Committee to offer to help, or come to our meetings Saturdays, May 31 and June 21 from 10 to 12 noon.

Next Social Action Committee (SAC) Meeting:

Saturday, June 21, from 10 am to 12:30 pm
in Room 1 of the RE Building

Paint Branch Community Learning Center

PBCLC Completes Its First Term

On May 11, 2014 PBCLC completed its first term through the efforts of many Paint Branchers. Participants worked toward achieving their life goals by improving their English language skills. When you see them: *Thank James Alexander, Nancy Boardman, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Kim Keyes, Janet Overton, and Kathy Yu for teaching; Thank Carol Carter Walker, Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson, Melody Lawrence, Bekki Ow-Arhus, and Lucette Smoes for assisting in classes; Thank the Administrative Team who registered and tested students, created and maintained records, and handled logistics: Carol Carter Walker, Leo Jones, and Kathy Kearns; Thank the Publicity Team who designed, posted and distributed flyers: Nancy Boardman, Melody Lawrence, and Rene McDonald; Thank the childcare providers Beth Judy, Marina Miguel, and Milan Monardes; Thank the Building Managers Donovan Byne and Wyatt Rexach.*

The PBCLC will begin again in the fall.

Green Team

Environment Film Series Continues

The film series that began with the showing of "Chasing Ice" during Enrichment Hour on April 26, continues. The screenings will be at the home of Judith (Hamburg) Grady— 7021 Storch Lane, Seabrook, MD 20706.

On June 21, our selection will be "The Great Warming - a Call to Action" by the National Wildlife Federation. "We are living at the dawn of a new epoch. Year by year, degree by degree, Earth is growing warmer... a legacy of the Industrial Revolution, population growth, and our addiction to technology, speed and power... Just as other generations spoke of a Great Plague and a Great Depression, our children will be compelled to endure The Great Warming - and find a way to conquer its consequences." Filmed in eight countries on four continents, endorsed by dozens of the world's leading scientists, this is the most factually accurate, visually stunning and wide-ranging production ever mounted about this complex, fascinating subject. Narrators are Keanu Reeves and Alanis Morissette.

The Green Team plans to continue the series with potential films on other topics such as coal-burning power plants, tar-sands oil and the Keystone XL pipeline, natural gas and fracking, the Fukushima nuclear disaster, what is happening to our water supplies, the dangers of vinyl siding, and renewable energy technology.

Please RSVP to Judy at 301-794-8221 (h), 240-486-1210 (c), or judithann.hamburg@gmail.com.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Committee on Ministry

Beacon House Academic Olympics

Over the past 20 years, Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church has been a great supporter of the Beacon House Community Ministry. Beacon House is a non-profit, community based organization that provides tutoring, mentoring, cultural, athletic, recreational and nutritional programs to at-risk children, ages 5-18, who reside in and around the Edgewood Terrace community in Ward 5 of Washington, D.C.

Now is the opportunity to see Beacon House in action at the First Beacon House Academic Olympics & UU Challenge Grant Event:

Saturday, June 7 — 2 pm to 5 pm
Noyes Elementary School
2725 10th St. NE Washington, DC 20018

Come watch as Beacon House scholars square off in friendly games of knowledge and academic skills and support the Beacon House Camp Leap summer program! The Fund for UU Social Responsibility will award Beacon House \$10,000 if we match it with new gifts from Unitarian Universalist congregations and individual UUs. Meet Beacon House scholars and athletes and enjoy food and games. Questions? 202-529-7376 or beaconhousedc.org.

Barbara Clarke, Volunteer Coordinator
 Beacon House Community Ministry
 601 Edgewood St., NE, Suite 15
 Washington, DC 20017

Committee on Ministry Thanks Everyone Who Took Part In Our Online Ministry Survey and Focus Groups!

We want to thank all of those who participated in either our online survey or our in-person focus groups. We had 84 survey responses: 54 online and 30 on paper. In addition, thirteen people attended one of our two focus group sessions.

At this writing, we are still busily working on our report to the Board. We can say that most of our online survey respondents are Paint Branch members who attend Sunday services regularly and have been here for more than 10 years. Our Focus Groups provided us with good information on what members wanted in terms of the intellectual and spiritual experience offered by Sunday services. They also provided us with many suggestions about new ways to increase the congregation's positive experiences with both Multicultural and Multigenerational interaction.

Our prayers and thoughts continue to go out to our minister, Rev. Diane Teichert, who continues her recovery. We stand ready to help further the ministry of our church in any way we can.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) serves to nurture the ministry and the spiritual health of the congregation. Current members are John Bartoli, Susannah Schiller, and Leo Jones. We encourage anyone with comments, suggestions, or praise for Diane's ministry to contact one of the members or send Email to com@pbuuc.org.

--John Bartoli, Chair

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

Meetings

Our next meeting is Saturday, June 7 from 10 am to 12 noon in Room 4, Religious Exploration Building. All members and friends are invited. We now meet once a month on Saturdays and will continue to meet during the Summer. Our meetings are generally in two parts: confidential sharing of joys and concerns relating to the implementation of the congregation's intentional multicultural resolution and planning events and activities to advance that resolution.

Reverberations

Sabrina and Leo Jones facilitated an intriguing Reverberations Session on May 18. Who's In Your World? We used beads of various colors to show the variation (or lack) in our world. As is usually the case, this sparked a conversation among us that was deep and unfinished. Watch upcoming Bulletins for announcements about the June Reverberations. If you/your group have ideas or would like to lead a discussion, please contact Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson or Carol Carter Walker or write to DARTT@pbuuc.org



In and Around Paint Branch



STEWARDSHIP

The final results from this year's Stewardship Campaign are in. Overall, the Stewardship Campaign resulted in projected pledges totaling \$302,000 for church year 2014-2015, a 5% increase over the previous year. While there were a fewer number

of pledges compared to last year (118 to date vs. 130 last year), the total amount pledged was higher due to the increased generosity of the congregation. The average pledge increased by almost \$300 to \$2,507 and the median pledge also increased \$260 to \$1,660. These efforts would not have been possible without all of the work from a strong committee and a large host of volunteers. Our thanks go out to everyone who shared their "Helping Hands, Loving Hearts" and helped to make the annual campaign a great success.

Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

June Art Exhibits

The photographs of Paris by Don Gerson will be on display in the Meeting House through Sunday, June 8th.

On the following Sunday we will have ceramic tiles by Sophia West. She is a painter, portrait artist, photographer, potter and graphic designer. Her main passion lives not in art, but in the protection of children, not just her own, but in those of global community. She has portrayed Snow White, Queen of the Good Knights since 1994 teaching families how to stay safe from bullying, abduction, crime and violence. She uses the fairytale format to inspire kids and parents to become their own champion and protectors of others. If you are interested in purchasing any of her tiles you may contact the artist at 442-804-3760 or Michaelasgrotto.west@aol.com. The ceramic tiles will remain in the MH through July 12.

We schedule exhibits throughout the year, so if you know of someone who might like to display their work at Paint Branch (it usually would require 20 to 25 pieces of art) please either tell them about PBUUC or give their contact information to Jane Trout of the Visual Arts Committee.

Do When The Spirit Says Do aUUction 2014.

That's the theme of our 2014 Auction to be held on Saturday, November 8. The Auction is the church's second largest fundraiser and the challenge is how to have fun and build community while raising money for our budget.

Mark Shute will reprise his role as Auction Coordinator for 2014. His 2013 stats show that the 107 tangible items, or things we sold to each other, raised only 13% of the revenue; while the 56 intangible items, including gift certificates for services, theater, a sermon, etc., raised 87% of the revenue.

So, the idea is to concentrate on services—special meals, baked goods, cleaning, organizing, nature walks, etc.—that are more personal. We also want gift certificates to shops and services that you patronize. Tickets to the theater and concerts are also good possibilities.

Start thinking about how you can contribute to aUUction2014's success by living up to its theme!

\$28.75 From AmazonSmile!



PBUUC will be receiving a check for \$28.75, reflecting .5% of the money spent by those who enrolled in AmazonSmile and made purchases from January 1 through March 31, 2014. This is the easiest way we know to raise money for Paint Branch while going about your life. You can purchase more than just books and music from Amazon. It sells a little bit of everything.

If you haven't done so, please take a few minutes to enroll in AmazonSmile and designate Paint Branch as your charitable organization. You can just type AmazonSmile into your browser and you will be given simple instructions—very simple if you already have an Amazon.com account. Here is the link to the sign up website. smile.amazon.com

If you need assistance in signing up, please contact Dave Nation or Carol Carter Walker.

Exciting News!!

Year-long religious exploration for children and youth is coming to PBUUC this Summer! Bring your kids for great programming all summer!

What can you expect:

- Wonder Box/Together Time at every service
- Several "family-friendly" All-Ages Services
- Structured, fun, project-based curriculum adapted from Heifer International.
- DRE on-site most Sundays
- A Tie-Day and a Water Party Day

In and Around Paint Branch, continued

Juneteenth Seder - June 14

The second annual Juneteenth Seder will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 6 pm, in the Meeting House. The evening will feature music, poetry, first-person narratives, and historical records that commemorate June 19, 1865, when the slaves of Galveston Island, Texas, learned of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863.

Tickets will be sold following worship services on June 1 and June 8: adults and children 12 or over, \$15, children 3-11, \$5, children under 3, free. 36 tickets will be available for sale. Only payment will serve as your reservation.

For more information, contact Leo Jones at 301-776-1175 or s.leo.jones@gmail.com.

Pan Asian Buffet for Wednesday, June 18, at 1 pm

The TWedHUULK group will have another buffet event for the first summer get-together at the Gah-Rham, one of our favorite places. They feature sushi as well as Korean BBQ and every Asian dish you ever heard of. It is located at 5027 Garrett Ave. in Beltsville. If you drive north on Baltimore Ave. (Route One) go two blocks past Behnkes Nursery and turn left on Garrett. The Third Wednesday Handy UU Lunch Klub is always eager to have recommendations for future eateries. If you need a ride or can give a ride to someone else please contact Marge Owens on 301-345-1572 or lowellandmarge@verizon.net.

Our Caring Community

During Diane's recovery if you have a pastoral care need such as the death of a loved one, serious illness, hospitalization, or other immediate crisis, please contact one of the Pastoral Care Associates Lynn Johnson, Jeri Holloway, Will Snyder or Mike McMenamin who will be in touch with the on-call Minister if they cannot meet your concerns. Their contact information is in the Directory. In emergency situations, feel free to contact the church who will notify a Pastoral Care Associate or the Minister on-call.

The We Care Coordinator for June is Melody Lawrence.

If you or a congregant you know is in need of rides, meals, cards or visits, please contact Melody at 301-379-3864.

Wheel of Life —



Just before press time, we learned that Esther Nichols son, Ralph Nichols passed away earlier this week. Services in New Hampshire are pending. Cards may be sent to Esther's new residence at Riderwood, 3148 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

ETHNIC DINNER – TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Funny how that immortal question of Shakespeare's seems applicable to so many other situations! The Ethnic Dinner committee is pondering it, and with this notice it is being passed on to the rest of the PBUUC community for feedback.

We stopped doing dinners in February because the uncertainty of the weather made it impossible to schedule 5 consecutive weekends - a menu meeting, 3 weeks of ticket sales, the dinner and the leftover sale - not knowing if any of them would have to be cancelled. Moving that dinner to March meant we also had to move the usual May dinner because it's too close to March. Our March dinner this year had fairly poor attendance. Whether that was due to the theme (Russia, about to host the Olympics when we chose her, but badly misbehaving by the night of the dinner) or too many people who just had other plans, is unknown.

However, juggling these dates meant there were only 2 dinners in fiscal year 2013/2014 and we therefore must have another before October. My suggestion of July was received with skepticism regarding a summer event, but both the Hawaiian Luau and the Maryland Locovore dinners, held in summer months, enjoyed good attendance. When I asked the committee to set a July date, it was soon after Diane was hospitalized and the uncertainty that presented was foremost in everyone's mind. I insisted we only needed to reserve the dates, and could deal with additional details later. Later is now here!

The reserved date is Saturday, July 12, and El Salvador is the suggested theme. So we invite anyone with an interest in and/or knowledge of El Salvadorian cuisine to provide ideas, recipes, music – whatever you think would make this an appealing and authentic ethnic dining experience. The July 12 dinner date means the menu meeting should be no later than June 15, and the following 3 Sundays will be for ticket sales. One problem is that I will be out of town June 14 -21. I have told the Ethnic Dinner Committee the menu meeting can be done without me or, barring that, be rescheduled for an earlier date.

If asked to categorize Ethnic Dinners, many may think of them as social events, even elements in our intentional multiculturalism. And they are! But that's in addition to the fact that they began as, and still are fund-raisers, funds we'd rather not have to do without. For them to continue in any of these roles, additional help at the "behind the scenes" level is absolutely critical. Please consider how you might be able to help keep them going.

Watch Sunday Bulletins and July's Branches for updates, but put July 12 on your calendars now. For suggestions, questions, or offers of assistance, contact Marilyn Pearl, buffalo_gal@verizon.net or 301-805-1218.

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 an 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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