



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

July 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.

JULY 6

PERSONAL SOURCES

Service Leader Carol Boston; with Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration
Unitarian Universalist congregations share a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from many sources. On this Independence Day weekend, join PBUUCers as they reflect on the varied beliefs and practices that contribute to their personal spirituality, including Andy Myrup and Neil Davidson on Johrei, the practice of channeling light; Mary “Tyrle” Rooker on shamanism and mysticism; and Shantida Joseph and Lynn Johnson on meditation. Stay to explore some of these practices yourself during Enrichment Hour.

JULY 13

SINGING IN THE SPIRIT

Service Leaders: Members of VoiceExchange (Beth Lyons, Amado Ohland, Paris Kern, and Taunya Ferguson);
with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate

The impulse to make music is as old as humanity itself, and the singing voice is the original musical instrument. Join us for an exploration of what it means for all people to be naturally endowed with this ability to make music—how it helps to create bonded community, comforts the sick-at-heart, and inspires transcendent wonder. Guest presenters VoiceExchange will speak on these aspects of singing together, and more importantly, lead us in joyful, tender, and uplifting experiences in song. Let’s raise our voices in song together!

JULY 20

HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Service Leader Mary “Tyrle” Rooker; with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

Many of us want to make minor or major dietary changes for any number of reasons, but we struggle with how to make short-term or long-term change. How can we make it easier and succeed? What spiritual aspects apply, and how can they help? If you’re still hungry, come to the Enrichment Hour Reverberations discussion for a second helping .

JULY 27

OUR FAMILY MATTERS

Service Leaders Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Janet Overton, and Bekki Ow-Århus;
with Bettie Young, Worship Associate

A family is as strong as each member’s ability to accept and appreciate all of its members. A family is secure when all can share their thoughts and feelings and know they are heard. A strong family doesn’t denigrate its members for being different, and stands against those who do. As a church family, we at PBUUC have issues to come to terms with. This DARTT Summer Service and the Enrichment Hour Reverberations discussion that follows aim to create a more inclusive family in which all can thrive. Please join us as we examine the effects of assumptions and prejudgments on everyone. (For more about this service, please see page 6)

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2014-2015 🌀

Trustee	John Barr
Trustee	Ethelyn Bishop
Trustee	Liz Citrin
Trustee	Peter Dowling
Trustee	Melody Lawrence
Trustee	Don Mitchell
Trustee	Theresa Myrdon
Trustee	Alice Tyler
Trustee	Carol Carter Walker
Secretary	Shantida
Treasurer	David Nation
Assistant Treasurer	Marilyn Pearl

🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

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
Melody Lawrence

🌀 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
DARTT (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Denominational Affairs	Carol Carter Walker
Electronic Communications	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
Ethnic Dinners	Don Gerson
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	Patricia Most & Elizabeth Porter
Sustaining Our Ministry	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Stewardship	Nancy Boardman
	SOM@pbuuc.org
	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
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
Widowed Persons Support Group	Jeri Holloway
Women's Group	Wendy Schlegel
Women's Retreat	Wendy Schlegel

🌀 Office Volunteers 🌀

Elizabeth Scheiman (Tues), Will Snyder (Wed), Alice Tyler (Thur)

🌀 Staff 🌀

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

Minister	Rev. Diane Teichert
Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Director of Multigenerational 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

Here's a quick preview of services for the rest of the 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)
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

Board of Trustees Column

For the Board of Trustees, the month of June began with much on our plate. We had a much better idea of the condition of our Minister, Rev. Diane Teichert, and her long, but promising road to recovery. With full realization that she will not be able to resume her Ministry by summer's end, the Board formed a team to plan for an Interim Minister. The team consisting of John Bartoli, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, and selected as Chair of this search committee, Carol Carter Walker, a veteran of several ministerial search committees, and myself, Don Gerson, Co-Chair of the Board. We quickly renamed ourselves the Sustaining Our Ministry (SOM) team, to best describe our objectives. We now have a list of five candidate Ministers and their résumés to examine. This will not be a quick procedure, and we do have the right to request additional résumés. Please note that just as I was preparing this column, John Bartoli, who had done exceptional work getting us this far, resigned from the SOM team and has been replaced by Jonathan Mawdsley. Jonathan has had vast experience in this role.

On June 8 we had the much-anticipated Annual Congregational meeting. It was well attended, and with one exception ran very smoothly. Minutes of the meeting will be available; here are a few significant items. Muriel Morrissey delivered the Nominating Committee report, and the nomination and election of new Trustees: Liz Citrin, Ethelyn Bishop and John Barr followed. Carol Carter Walker was then nominated from the floor, and was elected to fill a two-year vacancy on the Board. This will make for a full Board of nine Trustees for the first time in several years. We received a detailed report from John Bartoli on Rev. Diane's recovery process, which is very encouraging. Unfortunately it has become clear that she will not be able to completely fill her role as our Minister by September. That is what led to the formation of the SOM team described above. Board Co-Chair Don Mitchell explained the newly expanded role of Dayna Edwards, our Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration. Don also explained how the Roland Bequest had reached a final resolution removing the past expenditures from the budget and

establishing a goal to fund the remaining portion of the bequest. Trustee Melody Lawrence gave a presentation on the need for a Board Secretary; the post has not been filled since Melody became a Trustee a year ago. To much applause, Shantida Joseph volunteered to fill the role. Board Co-Vice Chair Alice Tyler presented a potential Bylaws change, which would have eliminated the requirement to send postal notification of the Annual Meeting to all Congregational Members, by allowing those who agree, to receive the notice by electronic mail. Here was the exception to the smooth running of the meeting. After much discussion this simple cost saving amendment was tabled until next year. The meeting ended with an extensive discussion of the new budget.

The final Board meeting of this Church year took place on June 17. It was a full house, since all current members of the Board, plus the newly elected members, and staff members were present. Key items were the finalization of the new budget, an extensive discussion of the Church Administrator's expanded role, and the desperate need for building managers. It was also the time for welcoming the newly elected Board members and farewell to the outgoing members. Since the latter category includes myself, this will be my final Board Chair's Column. I have really enjoyed these three years on the Board, and it has been a fulfilling experience to me. There has been great satisfaction in the feeling of being part of a group of dedicated Church members who are willing to work hard to meet the needs of our Church. And being accepted as a leader amplifies that feeling. The fact that no decision can satisfy everyone is an anticipated part of the position, but satisfying everyone is not, nor should it be. The goal is to meet the needs of our Church and our Community. There is much left to the new Board. I leave with the hope that: Leadership Development, Increased Membership, and long-range goals of the Site Improvement Committee will be pursued into the future, and that we will expand our ability to serve our Members and our Community.

Thank you!

Don Gerson.

Board of Trustees Co-Chair, 2013-2014

Religious Exploration

Summer is upon us. Social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) are filled with pictures of people at the beach with their family and friends. The air smells of grills, mosquito repellent, and sunscreen. Summer has its very own hustle and bustle as people prepare for and return from vacations. Though different from other seasons, it can still be busy. Here at PBUUC fifteen volunteers have committed to spending some of their precious summer time strengthening the Summer RE Program.

The RE program is excited to be offering our Summer of Service Program to both elementary school-aged children and middle/high school youth. Both groups are using hands-on activities to learn about water-equity and in August they will be doing some fundraising to contribute to a water pump for a community in need. It is inspiring to see the values of service and community be passed from one generation to the next at PBUUC.

Summer also offers our community an opportunity to gather outside in our beautiful Glen. Several families have taken advantage of the shade of the Glen to enjoy their Sundays while the children play around the creek. The RE Committee even hosted a wonderful Loving Day Celebration with people of all-ages and abilities venturing down into the Glen to enjoy a barbeque, bubbles, and music.

Before you know it, fall will be creeping back, and we will be bombarded with back-to-school commercials and back-to-school shopping lists. The RE Committee will again be asking for volunteers for RE programming for the fall/winter. We have many new ideas and we are excited to welcome new members into the RE community. For the moment, let's enjoy the understated hustle and bustle of summer.

Yours In Faith,

Dayna Edwards,

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

Here is a prayer to honor the four elements, as our children and youth spend their summer learning about one of them: water.

Water! Earth! Air! Fire!

*Water: nurturer of life, sustainer of growth,
basic to every living thing;*

*Earth: where every seedling takes root; the ground of our being,
our home and point of outlook;*

*Air: in every breath we acknowledge the atmosphere wherein we live;
the elixir of our existence;*

*Fire: thwarter of cold, light against the darkness,
symbol of the burning human spirit.*

Water! Earth! Air! Fire!

These signify the larger unity of all life and the glory of creation wherein our spirits are embraced. Use this prayer as a chalice lighting or a meditation with your family.

Source: UUMA Worship Materials Collection; adapted

Intergenerational Fun!

When members of the congregation gathered for the DRE Start Up, the desire for more intergenerational activities was one of the identified goals. One such tradition has been the intergenerational holiday "Warm-Up" party during the first weekend of December, when Paint Branchers of all ages gather to decorate the Meeting House, enjoy food, and sing at the piano with Music Director, David Chapman.

On a mid-June Saturday, we celebrated Loving Day, beginning what we hope will become another annual tradition for intergenerational fun. Loving Day Celebrates the June 12, 1967 Supreme Court Loving v. Virginia decision that struck down all anti-miscegenation laws. It was a beautiful afternoon for a barbeque/potluck picnic with comfortable temperatures, and lots of shade in our glen.

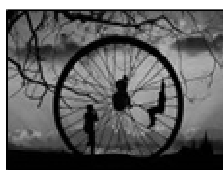
How do you like the idea of Paint Branchers of all ages celebrating together during their birthday month? Or maybe you have some other ideas about how different ages in our congregation can engage with each other. The RE Committee is looking for one or two people who would like to join the committee to help plan these and/or other intergenerational events. If you are a person who enjoys bringing people together to share ideas about ways to celebrate, please consider joining the RE committee. To share ideas or gather more information, talk to or email Tricia Most at patricia_most@msn.com or Director Dayna Edwards at DRE@pbuuc.org

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 July is Fran Caughey

If you or a congregant you know is in need of rides, meals, cards or visits, please contact Fran at 301-776-9648.



Wheel of Life — Ebeth Porter's father-in-law, Neil Q. Porter died of a heart attack on June 5, 2014. The memorial service was held at PBUUC on June 12.

Sandra Keach-Doyle gave birth to a baby boy on May 23, 6lb. 13 oz. He is named Primo after his Italian great-grandfather, who just turned 93 this year.

HELP WANTED

We Care Coordinators: Help our caring community by matching volunteers with congregants in need of rides, meals, calls, cards, visits; and host memorial service receptions. Coordinators rotate monthly, for a two-year term. They meet with the minister once every six weeks to review and plan. Contact: Fran Caughey 301-776-9648 or Genie Van Pelt ggvp@netzero.net

Office Volunteers: Join our team of volunteers that work in the church office once a week or every other week, answering phones, greeting visitors, and performing clerical duties. Contact: Chuck Bury churchadmin@pbuuc.org

Welcome Table Greeters: We're looking for people who would agree to greet on a specific Sunday. Greeters also cover the early and late Christmas Eve Services. Schedules can be arranged to fit with other Sunday morning duties; e.g., Choir, Chalice Dancers, Ushers, Coffee. Contact: Carol Carter Walker carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net

Coffee Volunteer Coordinator: Coordinate the schedule for the volunteers that set up and cleanup refreshments after Sunday services. Contact: Melody Lawrence mgandml@verizon.net

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

Year 'Round Housing Crisis Study Group Forming

Copies of the June Newsletter from the Washington Peace Center are available in the foyer or from Marge Owens on request. This eight-page tabloid-style report on the diminishing stock of affordable housing in the entire Washington area is full of surprising information about who is homeless, where, and some of the why's.

What can groups and their allies do to be effective in bringing this crisis to the attention of the fellow citizens of those who are affected directly? Three allies we can learn from and give support to are: CCSi (Community Crisis Services, inc.) who have operated the Warm Nights program under a contract with the Dept. of Social Services; H.I.P. (Housing Initiatives Partnership) who are responsible for foreclosure prevention, packaging funds for affordable housing for special needs tenants, refurbishing transitional housing; and UCAP (United Communities Against Poverty) who operate the year round main shelter for women and children (Shepherds Cove) and one for men, as well as work with the Prince George's Housing Authority.

Konrad Herling, a member of the Greenbelt City Council as well as PBUUC, and Marge Owens are arranging meetings with staff of these agencies over the summer. If interested, contact Marge at lowellandmarge@verizon.net

Next Social Action Committee (SAC) Meeting:

Saturday, September 20, from 10 am to 12:30 pm
in Room 4 of the RE Building

Green Team

Answers to Environmental Questions You Never Thought to Ask

The Green Team's July Films: Tar Sands and the Keystone XL Pipeline

"To the Last Drop – Part 1" What's all this talk about Tar Sands? This story began before there was a Keystone XL Pipeline with its several routes bringing the Tar Sands of Alberta, Canada through the United States. Their ultimate destination: a refinery in Port Arthur, Texas from which filthy, refined oil can be shipped for sale to countries lacking oil needed to make electricity. It started when residents of one Canadian town were engaged in battle with promoters over the dirtiest oil project ever known. What was this project and why were the residents battling it?

Viewers are first shown where the Tar Sands are located in Alberta, and what they actually look like. Then the story is told of how this biggest deposit of oil on the planet, but also the dirtiest, became promoted as a great asset to Canada. — *Al Jazeera English* (23m)

"Witness: To the Last Drop – Part 2" This film focuses on 'small town' Canada facing consequences of being the first to witness the impact of the Tar Sands project, which may be the "tipping point" for oil development. — *Al Jazeera English* (24m)

"Keystone PipeLIES Exposed" On February 25, 2014, the Center for Media and Democracy released a film to debunk the many false claims used by Keystone XL pipeline promoters, e.g., TransCanada Corporation, builder of the Pipeline and some US politicians who have financial gain involvement. Their talking points, many of which are repeated without verification by mainstream media sources, have corrupted any reasonable public discourse on the pipeline, and the film's producers hope that using the video medium to expose the mistruths will lead to better public understanding of the true risks of the pipelines.

The film takes a close and critical look at both ends of the proposed pipeline — from the open pit tar sands mines in Alberta to the toxic refineries in Port Arthur, Texas. But, the meat of the film looks at the pipeline itself — the route, the construction jobs, the spill risks, the communities and ecosystems that have been hurt and those that will be made vulnerable.

While traveling down the pipeline, the film pays special attention to the falsehoods ~ the massively inflated job creation claims, promises of lower gas prices that are constantly repeated by those who stand to profit from the pipeline's construction & often by a mainstream media too lazy to verify them. Emmy Award-winning journalist and lawyer Dave Saldana wrote, directed, and produced the film.(23m)

All to be shown July 18, starting at 7:30 pm. For information on how to be part of the screening and discussion audience, call Judith Grady (Hamburg), hostess, at 301-794-8221 or 240-486-1210 for directions to her home.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Upcoming UUSJ Social Action Events:

(more info at <http://uusj.net/wp/category/news/events/>)

Peace Alliance Lobby Days- July 21, 22, Washington, DC

From Nigeria and the Ukraine, to Syria and our own backyards, the need for proactive peacebuilding is all around us today.

We've got a roadmap to get there, but we need your help. We need your voice. And we need YOU at Lobby Days in DC July 21-22nd.

Transgender Lobby Day – July 13-15 Washington, DC

Sunday, July 13, 2014 - Tuesday, July 15, 2014
Washington, DC, 20005

The National Center for Transgender Equality is proud to announce the 2014 Transgender Lobby Day. Building on the historic Senate passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) in fall 2013, over 200 transgender and ally advocates from across the country will convene in Washington, DC to educate their members of Congress and lobby for ENDA's passage in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every participant will receive training to ensure our members of Congress listen to our stories of workplace harassment and violence.

Meet Our New Member



Kate Earle joined Paint Branch UU Church on February 2, 2014 after a conversation with a friend from the state of Washington who was interested in finding their nearest UU congregation. Kate decided to do the same, and realized upon finding Paint Branch that it was the

same location where she had attended Pagan events over ten years ago. She grew up in southwest Louisiana and has lived in Burtonsville since 2012. After serving in the Air Force for the last 20 years, she is getting ready to retire in the fall! Her work in the Air Force is in intelligence, and she is looking forward to another career in medical billing after retirement. Kate enjoys making jewelry, and has a new rescue puppy named Quinn. Welcome to Paint Branch, Kate!

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

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

Our Family Matters : A DARTT Summer Service



In 2011 the PBUUC family adopted a resolution "To more fully realize our Unitarian Universalist Principles [by transforming] all aspects of congregational life in ways that affirm our multicultural identity." Toward that end, on July 27 DARTT will present its summer service based on "**Defying Definitions**" a website co-sponsored by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and the Maryland Humanities Council in partnership with several Maryland organizations. The website provides a platform for people to share their stories about identity, stereotyping, and diversity; to connect with others; and to spark dialogue.

One part of the website features stories of people responding to the statement/question "I am ____./Does that mean I am ____?" It challenges participants to reflect on how they perceive themselves, their experiences with how they are perceived by others, and what these perceptions and experiences help them understand about themselves and our society. The goal of our service is to continue deepening our communal understanding of and commitment to intentional multiculturalism. DARTT has asked several members of our church family to share their stories with us; and a few brave souls have accepted the challenge.

For those who continue to affirm the commitment to build bridges of understanding and trust throughout our church family, please attend this thought-provoking service and the Reverberations session after the service, and take that opportunity to express your thoughts and feelings about diversity here at PBUUC.

Please contact Carmelita Carter-Sykes, service leader, at DARTT@pbuuc.org if you have any questions or wish to participate.

Communications Update

Starting this month, the Yahoo ListServ run by Ken Montville will cease operation. Members are encouraged to instead post announcements to the [PBUUC Facebook Group](#), and/or to submit them as Bulletin announcements (see last page of this issue for submission policy) which will then be grouped and forwarded late Wednesday or early Thursday to PBUUC Members and Friends currently receiving the email edition of this newsletter.

In and Around Paint Branch

SUMMERTIME ETHNIC DINNER ~ EL SALVADOR

People warned us! Don't try to do something in the summer at PBUUC; no one will come. But when we planned a Hawaiian Luau, it obviously had to be in the summer. One hundred people attended that dinner. When we combined forces with the Green Team and the RE committee to create a Maryland Locovore dinner, it had to be when Maryland's fresh produce was being harvested and crabs were in season. Held at the end of August, it drew over 75 people. When we first discussed a dinner featuring El Salvador (where it is always summer), the appropriate season again determined itself.

El Salvador is a tiny Central American country, smallest in the Americas, tucked between Honduras and Guatemala on the west coast. We found no Salvadoran cookbooks and very few dishes specifically Salvadoran, so except for everyone telling us about *pupusas*, we had a hard time planning this menu. Five of us actually had to go to a Salvadoran restaurant to do what we call "research" (sometimes, this job can be really tough!). Then my daughter's Salvadoran neighbor attended my granddaughter's graduation party, where I shamelessly took full advantage of his knowledge of the cuisine.

So we have a menu and we have a date – Saturday, **July 12 at 6:30 pm**. Ticket sales began in June and will continue through July 6. If you don't have yours yet, either purchase them then or call by Tuesday, July 8 to make reservations. Please make reservations even if you are only considering or hoping you can come. We have a leftover sale for excess food, but no way to feed more people than we expect. If you are a newcomer who received a coupon for a free Ethnic Dinner and want to use it for this one, please exchange it for a ticket on July 6 or call in a reservation and tell us you have a coupon. This guarantees you will also be included in the head count so we enough food for everyone.

While we allow call-in or email reservations to discourage unexpected walk-ins, too many call-ins neglect to also be volunteers. A successful Ethnic Dinner (both in terms of fun and funds) has about 40 different tasks which must be performed. Some are major like running the bar (Thank you Mike and Sonja!), some less major but essential, like cooking, tending the door, setting up or cleaning up, some minor (unless they don't get done) like laundering tablecloths, helping cooks get their dishes ready for serving, or providing recorded Salvadoran music. Some Paint Branchers have been attending the dinners for almost the entire 25+ years, and have helped a lot, but are no longer able to do so (I'm getting to that point myself), so we always need more folks to step up and pitch in to keep them going.

Ethnic Dinners are a fun social event, a multi-cultural dining experience, and an essential fundraiser for Paint Branch. Consider inviting some friends. One of these dinners could

be the perfect way to introduce someone to Paint Branch and introduce Paint Branchers to your friends or family. The dinners are always more fun when well-attended.

For questions, to make reservations (by July 8) or volunteer to help, contact Marilyn Pearl at buffalo_gal@verizon.net or 301-805-1218.



Lunch at Fratelli's on July 16, at 1 pm

Everybody is welcome to have lunch with the Third Wednesday UU Lunch Klub at this quiet Italian place located a few feet to the right, off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Hwy 202 in Landover. It offers a restful scene out the windows since it is on the top of a hill in front of the old Howard Johnson's Motel. We have always been welcomed with smooth accommodations. Let Marge Owens know if you will need a ride or if you can offer a ride for someone living fairly close to you; 301-345-1572 or lowellandmarge@verizon.net.



Church Camp Out

On July 25 and 26, Mothers of Young Ones will be hosting a multigenerational campout in the Glen. Bring your own tent and equipment. Contact Tina Van Pelt for more information at cvanpeltah@aol.com.

On Exhibit in the Meeting House: "Tiles for Tykes" by Artist Sophia West

Sophia West is an artist who is adept at various medias. 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. To raise funds for such programs, Sophia decided to create a campaign called "Tiles for Tykes." With her tiles she mixes inspirational messages, breathtaking photography and eye catching crystal inlaid energy mandalas. All proceeds from the sales of the tiles go to the Good Knight Network's Outreach Program to give away free safety materials to families.

Tie-Dye Day!!

Save the date of Sunday, July 27. During RE, the children will be making tie-dye shirts. Bring a clean, white or light-colored shirt to dye. Children should wear clothes that can get dirty.



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 **200—600** words. Please submit the name of the author and any other contact information as necessary. **Reminder: Articles significantly over the 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**. Beginning in July, announcements will be emailed to all email recipients of Branches.
- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** should be submitted in their final form to bulletin@pbuuc.org. 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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