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

September 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.

SEPTEMBER 7

INGATHERING SUNDAY *

Worship Associate Team; with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate;

Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; The Chalice Dancers and The Choir

Our first service of the new church year, Ingathering, will be a celebration of community and recognition of the transitions that occur as we move from summer to fall. Bring water for our Water Communion and your backpack for our Backpack Dedication. **This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Care for the youngest is provided in the Nursery.*

SEPTEMBER 14

DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WHOLE?

Rev. Russ Savage; with Bettie Young, Worship Associate

Life sometimes places us in difficult or painful situations. How are we to respond? Perhaps the most valuable lesson is that these situations will teach us something about the world and ourselves, will transform us into something new.

SEPTEMBER 21

WILDFIRES BURNING

Rev. Rebekah Montgomery, guest preacher; Noel Monardes, Worship Associate

and Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

Rev. Rebekah Montgomery is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. She is a chaplain, and has served in Afghanistan.



SEPTEMBER 28

A FAITH FOR TODAY

Rev. Russ Savage; with Carol Boston, Worship Associate

Research tells us that the number of Americans who do not identify with any religion is growing rapidly. What are people seeking that faith traditions are not providing? Let's consider why our Unitarian Universalist faith might be a faith for the world and the times we live in. *This is a Signing Sunday (see below).*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM:

Two events will be scheduled regularly on the fourth Sunday of each month, unless there is a conflicting congregational event:

Signing Sundays. The Minister and a member of the Board of Trustees will be happy to greet anyone wishing to sign the Membership Book. They will be available by the chalice after the Sunday service, ready to welcome new members wishing to make this important commitment to our church community.

Meet the Minister. Rev. Savage and a member of the Membership Team will host a gathering of any visitors or friends who would like to find out more about PBUUC and our particular approach to Unitarian Universalism. This is an opportunity to have a personal conversation about our unique church and our activities. These will be held in the Minister's Office in the Religious Exploration Building after the service and after any new member signings.

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2014-2015 🌀

Chair	Theresa Myrdon
Vice Chair	John Barr
Vice Chair	Melody Lawrence
Trustee	Ethelyn Bishop
Trustee	Liz Citrin
Trustee	Peter Dowling
Trustee	Wendy Schlegel
Trustee	Carol Carter Walker
Secretary	Shantida
Treasurer	David Nation
Assistant Treasurer	Marilyn Pearl

🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

Genie Ahearn (2014-15)	Van Summers (2014-17)
Carol Boston (2013-16)	Carol Carter Walker (2014-17)
Jonathan Mawdsley (2012-15)	Bettie Young (2012-15)
Noel Monardes (2013-16)	

🌀 Pastoral Care Associates 🌀

Jeri Holloway
Lynn Johnson
Mike McMenamin
Will Snyder

🌀 We Care Coordinators 🌀

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	contact church office
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	Susannah Schiller
Religious Exploration (co-chairs)	Muriel Morisey
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	Katherine Earle (contact)
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	Pat Behenna
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
Interim Caretaker Minister	Rev. Wm. Russell Savage
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:	Romeo Ndonfak
	Wyatt Rexach
Child Care Providers:	Beth Judy
	Jazmin Balbuena

Ministers' Page

From the Interim Caretaker Minister:

I've had a delightful time during August learning how things are done at Paint Branch UU Church and meeting so many nice people here. I've been in the office several days each week, participated in all the Sunday services, and taken part in a number of evening and weekend events. Here's a sample of some of the things I've been doing:

- ☞ Met with the Committee on Ministry
- ☞ Learned lots of things about the office from Chuck Bury
- ☞ Met with the Pastoral Care Associates
- ☞ Met with Membership Committee Chair Polly Pettit
- ☞ Met with the Worship Associates
- ☞ Attended the Worship Associates Orientation
- ☞ Met numerous times with Multigenerational Religious Exploration Director Dayna Edwards
- ☞ Met with Music Director David Chapman (whose family name I share; my mother was a Chapman)
- ☞ Attended the Worship Staff Meeting
- ☞ Made several home visits
- ☞ Attended the Board Retreat
- ☞ Attended the August meeting of the Board Executive Committee
- ☞ Attended the August meeting of the Board
- ☞ Met with Diane both by phone and at her home.

Since I'm serving another UU church part-time while I serve PBUUC, one of my duties is to arrange for another minister to preach on the third Sunday of each month, when I won't be here. I've lined up a great list of ministers who will bring variety and energy to PBUUC. Be sure to be here for the service on September 21, when the guest preacher will be the Rev. Rebekah Montgomery. Rebekah is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve. She is a chaplain and has served in Afghanistan. She has a fascinating story to tell.

I'm working hard to connect names and faces as I get oriented here at PBUUC. I promise to wear my name badge on Sunday mornings, and it would be a great help to me (not to mention visitors and even regulars who may not know all the names) if you would wear yours, too.

Blessings. See you in church. *Russ.*

Rev. Russ Savage
Interim Caretaker Minister
ICM@pbuuc.org

From Diane: Dear PBUUC Members and Friends,

I am very much looking forward to my first visit to Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church! It will be on Ingathering Sunday, September 7. Here's the plan: I won't have a role in leading worship, but I will speak with all of you after Coffee Hour has been set up. I've asked that small chairs for the children be arranged in front of the front row of regular chairs so that I can see their bright faces. And then, with a microphone, I will share with you all how it feels to me to be in your midst again for the first time since my stroke on April 18. I will also try to answer the questions I anticipate you will have for me about my recovery and about what I've experienced during it. In talking with Rev. Russ Savage about my first visit, he and I decided that rather than greeting individually any of you who would so wish, I will speak after the service to everyone who remains, as a group.

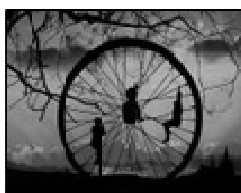
I anticipate that just being there and doing even that much will be very exciting but also draining, so also standing or even sitting in my wheelchair for the time it would take to greet you individually doesn't seem possible yet. But that day will come, I'm sure!

I am very grateful to the Board of Trustees for their creative and unique idea of hiring a "Caretaker Minister" and I am absolutely delighted that Rev. Russ Savage was chosen for the position! I am quite confident that he will be a very good Minister for the Congregation and that he will also be someone with whom I can communicate easily and readily. It's a relief to know he is on board!

Hoping to see you on Sunday, September 7th! Take care,

Diane

Our Caring Community



WHEEL OF LIFE Our minister Rev. Diane Teichert recently enjoyed an outing to Lake Artemesia, where she was able to climb 12 steps to an observation platform to see some turtles; let us continue to send her healing thoughts as she recovers from her stroke.

Lynn Johnson is returning from Juneau, AK, where she was hospitalized while on one of the trips which are part of her spiritual journey; send caring thoughts to her and to Shantida as he continues his concern and care for her. Judy Grady is at home recovering from a fractured pelvis suffered during a fall. Don Gerson recently competed and won his age group in Race Walking at the National Senior Olympics, just four months after his knee replacement surgery. Many have reported the loss of a loved one or a friend in recent weeks; we hold them in our hearts as they work through their grief.

The We Care Coordinator for September is Melody Lawrence. Please contact her if you, or a PBUUCer you know, is in need of meals; rides to church or medical appointments; visits; or cards. You can call her at 301-379-3864.

Board of Trustees Column

“It was a very good year!”

Based on all that was accomplished at the retreat on August 16, I expect to look back in August 2015 and be saying that about this last year at PBUUC.

First, we welcome Wendy Schlegel to the Board of Trustees. I have many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their efforts in finding a new member for the Board. We are looking forward to working with Wendy!

The Board began the retreat by drafting a Covenant. This was a very important process for the Board. We are all different individuals from various walks of life. Writing a Covenant together helped us come together and make promises to each other on how we will act toward each other during our work. Once the Covenant is approved at our next meeting, we will be sharing it with you.

The Board also began working on a Vision for the next year. We tried to answer the question, “What do we want to accomplish this year? How do we tell if we’ve succeeded?” Included in this vision are the following:

- * Multigenerational inclusion
- * Improving Connections
- * Financial Sustainability
- * Membership Involvement & Vibrancy
- * Engagement with the UUA, JPD, & SERG

We’re also expanding the Sunday Morning role for the Trustees. We’re calling it the **Trustee on Deck**. They will be at the end of the deck to Greet everyone, are available to sign the membership book, will attend the new-comer session, and listen to concerns & announcements during coffee hour.

Finally, PBUUC turns 60 this year! We will be having a small celebration the weekend of October 18 & 19, 2014. The Board asked Marilyn Pearl to organize an Ethnic Dinner for Saturday, October 18 – look for more announcements from Marilyn & her committee. On Sunday, October 19, the Board will host a recognition ceremony for Founding Members and past Ministers during the Service. Cake will be served during Coffee Hour. We hope you can join us in the Celebration.

Sincerely,

Theresa Myrdon

Chair, Board of Trustees

Committee on Ministry

Gathering Back Home

This year has already been very challenging. We are extremely lucky to have Russ Savage serving as our Interim Caretaker Minister. He will be our minister who preaches on Sundays, takes care of our Pastoral Care concerns, and works with the DRE, staff, and the Board to keep things going while Diane continues to recover from her stroke.

Speaking of Diane, a recent photo of her at Lake Artemisia on the CaringBridge website shows her leaning on a railing for support as she enjoys the sunshine after negotiating a set of stairs that 3 weeks ago she would not have been able to manage.

Diane plans to visit us for the first time on Sunday, September 7, for our annual Ingathering Service. This visit will be a time for us to enjoy being with each other. This is not a time for work or the business of the church—Rev. Russ is taking care of that. So please just sit and enjoy each other’s company. Let’s laugh and joke and re-connect with the Diane we know and love.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) serves to nurture the ministry and the spiritual health of the congregation. The COM encourages direct and constructive communication among the members of the congregation and between the congregation and the minister. There are three members of the COM who are appointed by the Board of Trustees. The COM meets monthly with our minister, Rev. Diane Teichert and with our Interim Caretaker Minister, Rev. Russ Savage. Current members of COM are John Bartoli, Chair, Susannah Schiller, and Leo Jones.

We encourage anyone with comments, suggestions, or praise for the church's ministries to contact one of the COM members or send Email to com@pbuuc.org.

–John Bartoli, Chair

Stewardship Committee

Save the Date!

On Saturday, November 1st from 9:30 to 4:00, PBUUC will serve as host for the Joseph Priestly District (JPD) Fall Stewardship Workshop. The workshop will be facilitated by Joan Priest, the JPD Development Director, and will open to teams from other area Unitarian Universalist churches. The workshop will focus on the themes of Stewardship, Planning/Running an Annual Campaign, and Planning a Capital Campaign. More information on registration will be available next month. This will be a great opportunity to network with other UUs on a variety of Stewardship and fundraising topics.

Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

Religious Exploration

There is beauty in transition, if you look for it. As we transition from summer to fall, from “last year” to “this year,” from endings to beginnings, I am filled with anticipation, excitement, and energy. At the beginning of the church year, the community is a bundle of possibilities, plans, and opportunities. The Multigenerational Religious Exploration Program of the church is very much alive with potential this fall!

Let me share with you some of the ideas the Multigenerational Religious Exploration Team (MRET) (formerly the RE Committee) is enacting in the upcoming year. Some of our best programming will remain fundamentally the same, and we will leverage some of the strengths of the community to increase the connections across the generations.

Nursery: Both of our beloved paid nursery care providers will be continuing with us this year! Jazmin Balbuena and Beth Judy continue to be a steady force of consistency for our youngest children. They are assisted by one volunteer every Sunday.

Spirit Play: Spirit Play, is a popular Montessori-based religious exploration program that worked very well for our Pre-K through 5th graders last year, and we will continue to use it this year. The children listen to a story that is told with a script and uses small props to illustrate the key elements. Then, the children independently respond to the story using art materials or other hands-on materials. We will have two classes, one for three to six year olds, and another class for seven to ten year olds.

Youth Program: Our youth program will be expanded this year to include ages 11-17 and will include a series of interactive, experiential workshops on leadership and stress reduction! If you are a youth, you are in for a real treat!! Workshops will include Reiki, dream interpretation, full-body relaxation techniques, and tons of other options. Additionally, we will offer fieldtrips to a ropes course and a climbing wall, to start the year.

Enrichment Hour: One of our biggest strengths here at PBUUC is our Enrichment Hour, a time to gather in smaller groups and connect to each other in a meaningful way. The MRET will be increasing the multigenerational offerings during Enrichment Hour. We will offer a monthly Glen Gathering, a multigenerational handicraft circle, and a Camp Beagle club (which will explore the natural world with an emphasis on religious naturalism, evolution, and the scientific method).

Multigenerational Events: PBUUC has a great history of offering events around the various seasons. The MRET and I plan to increase the number and depth of events. Look for “Trunk or Treating” in the fall, caroling in the winter,

more use of the Glen for spring and Summer events and fieldtrips to various events throughout the year. Our goal is use these events, as opportunities to connect with each other as well as expand our reach into the community.

There is an amazing energy and enthusiasm in the MRET and the community of children and parents at PBUUC right now. I invite you to become a part of this robust group and contribute your strengths. We have room for volunteers in a variety of capacities and commitments. Join our movement to connect the generations. Contact me at dre@pbuuc.org to discuss the opportunities available.

Yours In Faith, *Dayna Edwards*,

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

ATTENTION STUDENTS of all ages, stages, and abilities.

Bring your backpack (or other school supply) to the Ingathering service on September 7, for a special Backpack Dedication and community blessing ceremony. If you have an extra new or very gently used backpack, please bring that as well, and it will be donated to a local PGCPs school.



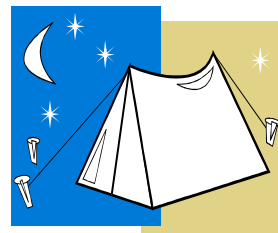
Bring water from your travels to the September 7, Ingathering Service. The water will be collected at the beginning of the service and used during a water communion ceremony.

Register your children and youth for Sunday School Religious Exploration. When you register, you will receive critical information on events and programs, inspiration, and your child will receive well-wishes on his/her birthday. To register, use the link <http://tinyurl.com/pbuucereg> or this QR code:



Volunteer Training: If you are interested in joining our Spirit Play community as a Storyteller or Doorkeeper, please plan on attending our in-person or online training. In person training will take place Sunday, September 14 11:45 am – 12:45 pm and online training will take place Thursday from 8 pm – 9 pm. Contact Dayna Edwards at dre@pbuuc.org for more information.

October 4 - 5, Moms of Young Ones will be hosting a multigenerational campout in the Glen. Bring your own tent and equipment. Rain date: October 25 –26. Contact Tina Van Pelt for more information .





The Wider UU Universe

The People's Climate March

On September 21, [The People's Climate March](#) will take place in New York City. The March is planned to take place right before the UN Summit on Climate Change. The organizers are calling it the largest climate march in history and hope it will create the political will for leaders to address climate change. Thousands of Unitarian Universalists, including the UUA, UU Service Committee, UU-United Nations Office and other UU groups will attend and march alongside world leaders, pray with people of many faiths, and witness for climate justice. You are invited to [join the UU contingent: RSVP here!](#)

UUs will be attending events throughout the city and come together for several in particular, in addition to the March:

- ⇒ Interfaith Prayer Service in Central Park featuring UU President Rev. Peter Morales, Sunday morning
- ⇒ Unitarian Universalists Unite: Debrief at Community Church, Sunday from 3:30—5:30 pm
- ⇒ Raucous but Reverent: Interfaith Young Adult Worship Service featuring Tim DeChristopher, Saturday at 10 pm
- ⇒ Prayer Service at Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, Sunday at 6 pm

For more information, check out the [UU Meetup page](#) and the People's Climate March [website](#). Also check out the UU-UNO's [Climate Change Portal](#) and the UUA's [environmental justice pages](#). NOTE: [Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light](#) is coordinating multifaith bus transportation to the March, including a pickup location at the Greenbelt Metro station. For more information, or reserve a seat on one of the buses visit gwipl.org/pcm/bus-ride/.

UU United Nations Office

The special collection taken at the August 17th Sunday service totaled \$57. Those talking about the UNO and especially about the annual Intergenerational Seminar were Sophie Bernheisel and her father, Steve; Marlene Berg from Cedar Lane UU Church; Jeanne Judd reading her and Chris Evans' daughter's essay; and Marge and Lowell Owens. The UNO is directed by Bruce Knotts, a retired but not retiring, U.S. Foreign Service Officer, who has spoken at PBUUC. During his five years at the helm of the UNO he has accomplished outstanding changes in the UN Committees he sits on. For the first time some of the language accepted for inclusion in international agreements states that the rights of the LGBT community will be respected in all signatory countries. Many other ground breaking tasks have been accepted for study, partly due to our representation within the working apparatus of the United Nations. The only other paid staff is a whiz named Kamilla Jacobs who assigns satisfying projects to a roomful of young interns. Thanks to all who contributed. It is never too late to help this arm of our denomination.

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

Affordable Housing Tour and Overview

On Friday, September 12, at 10 am, a group from Paint Branch will see the Artists Apartment House on Route One (Baltimore Ave.) in Hyattsville and a seniors' building in Cottage City. Housing Initiatives Partnership (H.I.P.) completed these projects several years ago and continues to handle the contract for management of both. Both are available to people under a certain income. Both are beautiful and contribute to the attractiveness of the area where they are located.

If you are interested in joining us as a prelude to identifying action we can take to promote affordable housing in our area, contact Marge Owens at 301-345-1572 or lowelland-marge@verizon.net. We plan to eat together in one of the many restaurants in the Arts District of Hyattsville, after the tours and an information meeting with staff of H.I.P. Maryann Dillon, a member of Cedar Lane, has spoken at PBUUC in the past. She is the Director of H.I.P. and the Assistant Director is Stephanie Proestel also a member of Cedar Lane. Many of us remember Mosie Harrington, who started H.I.P. nearly thirty years ago. She is a member of the Adelphi Friends Meeting and retired several years ago.



Special Collection for September

The special collection on September 14 will benefit College Bound, Inc., a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization that provides tutoring, mentoring, college preparation, and college scholarships middle and high school students in metropolitan DC public and public charter schools. The program makes college a reality for more than 100 low-income students. Each year, 100 percent of College Bound high school seniors attend college. For more information about College Bound's services, please go to collegebound.org. Checks may be made payable to College Bound, Inc.

Submitted by Ken Redd

Next Social Action Committee (SAC) Meeting:

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

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Monthly Meeting Saturday, September 6 at 2 pm.

The September DARTT Meeting will be to plan activities for the church year. It will take place on Saturday, September 6, from 2 to 4 pm, in Room 4, Religious Exploration Building. If you'd like to suggest projects, initiatives, etc. for DARTT to undertake in the new church year, but cannot attend the meeting, please e-mail your ideas, comments, etc., to DARTT@pbuuc.org.

In and Around Paint Branch

The Third Wednesday UU Handy Lunch Klub



On Wednesday, September 17, at 1 pm we will return to the Curry Leaf, the Indian place in Laurel, on the right side as one drives north on Route 1. It is in a shopping strip next to a Red

Robin shoe store. We have been there before and liked the buffet, but we can order from the menu, also. There is some parking in front of the restaurant as well as plenty of parking behind the strip (which involves walking up a rather steep incline for a relatively short distance. We will have their party room which means we can have some 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. Everyone is invited.

Women's Group Fall Planning Meeting

The Women's Group needs to make plans! OK, first we need to meet those of you who will be joining us for the first time. Then we need to gab about our summers a bit and marvel at how great it is to see so many of us in one big group! And then, we need to make plans! Sunday, September 21, during enrichment hour in the Kelley Room is the time and place for sharing suggestions for Women's Group activities, deciding what we will do at each of our monthly meetings and who will take the lead for each event, and setting up the monthly schedule. We will also (ta da!) choose the date for our best ever Women's Retreat.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Schlegel at 301-649-4976 or waschlegel@gmail.com

ETHNIC DINNERS ~ THE LAST ONE AND THE NEXT ONE

We thought an El Salvadoran dinner would work best in a summer month, and despite misgivings about attendance at that time of year, scheduled it for July. As we started researching the cuisine, we encountered more misgivings about this theme. It is the smallest among the 7 small countries that make up Central America, a part of North America which is itself, only 1/3 the size of Mexico. Beyond everyone suggesting pupusas, we found little information about its cuisine and no dedicated cookbooks. So research was limited to the internet, a visit to a Salvadoran restaurant, and interviewing my daughter's neighbor Elvis who migrated from El Salvador when he was 16. Evidently, that was enough; we came up with a full menu and about 56 people who wanted to sample it.

So thank you first to ex-pat Elvis, and yes, I made sure my daughter let him know how much we appreciated his help! We learned early that to make good pupusas you must be experienced, so Jeri Holloway and Melody Lawrence researched and purchased pupusas for this dinner along with their accompaniments of curtido (cabbage relish), salsa roja (red sauce) and horchata (rice & cinnamon drink). Ethelyn Bishop tended the door. Mike Stark and Sonja Meredith did their usual great job of finding, purchasing and serving the wine, beer, rum and other beverages. Set up was done by Don & Beth Henderson, Margaret McLellan, Anita Williams, Eric Most and Tess Morrison. Cooks included Mea Whittle, Harry Schomberg, Margaret McLellan, Alice Tyler, Elaine Shell & Ed Greville, Cathy Helmold, Tricia Most, Penny O'Brien, Jane Trout, Marilyn Pearl, Tess Morrison, and Ethelyn Bishop. Richard Côté recorded Salvadoran music for the evening, Chuck Bury assisted with the sound system and Don Gerson took pictures. Clean up was done under the direction of building manager, Wyatt Rexach by Margaret McLellan & Ali Mohamed, Ethelyn Bishop, Mike Stark & Sonja Meredith, Melody Lawrence, Don Gerson & Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson, Cathy Helmold, Marilyn Pearl, Ed Greville & Elaine Shell, David Chapman & Richard Côté, Patty Daukantas & friend, Nick, Sandy Roberts and friend, and Alice and Bob Tyler, and all who laundered tablecloths and dish towels.

Thanks to all who attended, to all who visited the leftover sale, to Muriel Morisey & Peter Wathen-Dunn who contributed extra, and to the many cooks who waived reimbursement, this dinner netted \$986.75!

OCTOBER'S DINNER ~ BREAKING NEWS!! We have moved around some of the months in which we produce Ethnic Dinners, but October remains a constant. This one will be special. PBUUC is celebrating our 60th anniversary, and Ethnic Dinners will be a part of that with a very unique dinner. On Saturday, October 18, we will serve a plethora of tasting samples of the many ways the nations of the world prepare a variety of foods wrapped in some other food (thanks to Carol Carter Walker for the idea) – spring rolls, ravioli, cannoli, Dolmathakai, tacquitos, pasties, gyoza, crepes, pierogi, etc. We may call it *Multiculturalism, All Wrapped Up*. Those listed above are a few of the dishes we thought of off the tops of our heads. We will peruse the menus of past dinners for more, but want suggestions from you as well – appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, desserts, sweet or savory, anything wrapped in something else, and ethnic in origin. The menu meeting will be on September 21, so all suggestions must be in before then. And please feel free to attend that meeting during Enrichment Hour to present your ideas and recipes. Email ideas with their country of origin to Marilyn Pearl at buffalo_gal@verizon.net.

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**. Announcements received by the deadline will be sent 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.



PAINT BRANCH COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sign up in the Meeting House Foyer to be a teacher, teacher assistant, administrator, flyer distributor, registrar, or child care provider, etc. for the fall term. Call Carmelita Carter-Sykes at 202 236 8783 or email at cartercarmelita@aol.com

Be in community with all of us who want to make a difference in the world person by person.

FALL CALENDAR

REGISTRATION *Sundays Sept 7, 2014
 Sept 14, 2014*

TRAINING *Saturday Sept 13, 2014*

CLASSES START *Sunday Sept 21, 2014*

PBUUC INVOLVEMENTS FAIR

**Sunday, September 14,
during Enrichment Hour**

**On the deck, unless rain moves us
to the Kelley Room**

This is our annual “show our stuff” extravaganza. It’s an excellent way for PBUUC to showcase involvements of all kinds and for visitors and new members to speak personally to those already active in those groups, teams and committees.

Tables will be set up all-around the Deck before the service by the building manager. Group leaders are encouraged to select a table and set up colorful and informational displays before the service.

This is a fun and informative way to show the many ways PBUUC members and friends can become involved. Visitors and newcomers are especially welcome.

Bring friends and family!