



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

**October 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.*

**OCTOBER 5**

**IDENTITY**

*Michel Léger, guest speaker; with Jonathan Mawdsley and Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associates*

How DO we speak about a topic that is at once so vast and so focused, so PERSONAL? How can we untangle the Gordian knot that is at the heart of who we are as a political people, who we are as a nation, who we are, each individually, from the inside...from the outside? How can we as a spiritual movement open our doors and our hearts to an expanding diversity while maintaining a spiritual IDENTITY? I make no promises about reaching conclusions that will satisfy my own (or YOUR) desires for neatness; but I'll offer my reflections in any case—as my contribution to the conversation.

**OCTOBER 12**

**RICH MAN, POOR MAN**

*Rev. Russ Savage; with Bettie Young and Van Summers, Worship Associates*

We see it all around us; maybe we even experience it. People with no job, or with a low-level temp job which pays little and offers no benefits and no security; and people with plenty, far more than enough, building houses like castles behind closed gates. This past June at the General Assembly, the UUA adopted a Congregational Study Action Issue entitled *Escalating Inequality*. Let us examine how our faith interacts with the social and economic reality in which we presently live.

**OCTOBER 19**

**HOLY GROUND**

*Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael and Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael, guest preachers;  
with Carol Boston and Genie Ahearn, Worship Associates; and the PBUUC Chalice Dancers*

Rev. Scott and Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael honor our congregation's 60th Anniversary by exploring the nature of "Holy Ground" - the lands we consecrate with our beliefs and our intentions. Their reflections draw on their encounter with the disputed lands of Israel and Palestine. This service will include a ritual honoring PBUUC's remaining founding members.

**OCTOBER 26**

**THE STRUCTURE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Russ Savage; with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate*

Forgiveness is not a simple social act, but a complex psychological and spiritual process with a definite structure and necessary steps. Let us examine this structure in light of our own personal needs to forgive and be forgiven, and in light of the current world situation. This sermon topic was selected by Ken Montville, who purchased it in the 2013 PBUUC Auction. *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 host a gathering of visitors or friends who'd 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 activities. These will be held in the Minister's Office in the Religious Exploration Building after the service and after 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
Assistant Secretary	Tess Morrison
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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	<a href="#">contact church office</a>
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
	<a href="mailto:SOM@pbuuc.org">SOM@pbuuc.org</a>
	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	<a href="#">contact church office</a>
Community Café	Jeri Holloway
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.

<u>Minister</u>	Rev. Diane Teichert
<u>Interim Caretaker Minister</u>	Rev. Russ Savage
<u>Music Director &amp; Pianist</u>	David Chapman
<u>Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration</u>	Dayna Edwards
Director, Chalice Dancers	Sharon Werth
<u>Church Administrator</u>	Charles Bury
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Alexis Saunders
<u>Bookkeeper</u>	Debra McCann
Sunday Service/Building Managers:	Romeo Ndonfak
	Wyatt Rexach
Child Care Providers:	Beth Judy
	Jazmin Balbuena

## Ministers' Page

### From the Interim Caretaker Minister:

September was a busy month at PBUUC! The choir is back from its summer break. Religious Exploration has started its fall activities. The Paint Branch Community Learning Center has started its second term teaching English as a Second Language. Things are in full swing! Perhaps most important, our minister Rev. Diane Teichert was able to visit the ingathering worship service on September 7. Seeing and hearing her was a breath of fresh air and hope for everyone.

Among my many activities I paid a visit to the Riderwood Retirement Community. Riderwood UU Chaplain Rev. Bruce Marshall showed me around and told me about the active community of 100 or more UUs at Riderwood—including quite a few who are active at PBUUC. How fortunate we are to have such a good option for retirement living so close to our church!

PBUUC celebrates its 60th anniversary this month. It was on Sunday, October 17, 1954, that the very first service of the College Park Unitarian Center was held. Meetings were held in a temporary building on the campus of the University of Maryland. Rev. A. Powell Davies, minister of All Souls Church in Washington, DC, was the minister; his sermons were heard at the College Park location over a telephone line. As we observe our 60th anniversary on Sunday, October 19, guest ministers Revs. Anya and Scott Sammler-Michael will bring the message. Rev. Anya's church, the UUs of Sterling, VA, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, so she has been thinking a lot about anniversaries lately. Do come and hear their message.

World events have not been encouraging of late. There seems little doubt that the U.S. must respond somehow to the threat posed by the Islamic State, with its cruel tactics of mass murders and even televised beheadings. But the prospect of our nation being drawn into yet another protracted and unpredictable conflict in the Middle East is disheartening. Let us continue to hope and pray for a time in which all men and women will be able to see one another as brothers and sisters, despite the differences in belief and culture which may separate us. May it someday be so.

Blessings.

*Russ,*

Rev. Russ Savage  
Interim Caretaker Minister  
[ICM@pbuuc.org](mailto:ICM@pbuuc.org)



### Meet Our Guest Preachers:

For PBUUC's 60th anniversary Sunday, the sermon will be given by husband and wife ministers Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael who serves as minister of the Accotink UU Church in Burke, VA; and Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael who is the minister for the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling, VA.

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael is a lifelong UU who first felt the call to the ministry in YRUU. Before answering the call, she worked as a fine art photographer and chef. Anya lives her devotion to interfaith engagement through involvement with the Loudoun Interfaith Bridges, based in Leesburg, VA.



Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael is a native of Bel Air, MD. In 2007 he founded TUUL-Belt Ministries, a practical ministry training people with construction experience to respond to natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina. Scott and Anya cherish these opportunities to worship together (as they normally spend Sundays apart).

## Our Caring Community



### WHEEL OF LIFE

It's been an eventful month for our minister Rev. Diane Teichert. On August 29 she suffered a seizure at home; as a result she had to spend one night in the hospital and she and Don were forced to cancel a Labor Day weekend trip they had planned. All was quickly well, however, as Diane was able to visit the PBUUC worship service the following Sunday, September 7; adults and children alike were charmed by her presence and her ready explanation of how things are going. Kay McGraw is preparing for a second knee replacement surgery, and hoping it will provide relief from the pain she has been experiencing.

Fran Caughey has been suffering from migraines recently. Judy Grady is still recovering from the fractured pelvis she suffered in July.

Marilyn Pearl reports with pride that three of her grandchildren are college freshmen, one is a junior, and one is doing post-grad work.

Emma Sue Gerson reports the birth of a great-granddaughter, Lelani Renee, on September 2; mother Danielle (Emma Sue's granddaughter) and father Greg are both in the military.

It's been good to see Lynn Johnson back in church in recent weeks; Lynn says, "It's good to be back in this loving community."

—Rev. Russ Savage.

### The We Care Coordinator for October is Fran Caughey

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 301-776-9648.

## Board of Trustees Column

### ***The new year has begun!***

The last two Sunday services have been wonderful experiences. It was a pleasure to once again sing with our choir and see our Chalice Dancers. It was very reassuring to see and listen to Diane as she spoke of her journey in recovery. I was happy to hear Carmelita Carter Sykes and Russ acknowledge those who assisted with last year's English tutoring program, Paint Branch Community Learning Center. These leaders were recognized and thanked by the congregation. The first class this year began on September 21. It was so moving to speak with family members of those registering for the class. The tremendous effort by our congregation in assisting and teaching the program is truly appreciated by the students.

The Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting will now begin at 7 pm and is usually held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Minister's Office. This meeting discusses and forms the agenda for the following week's Board of Trustees meeting. Any agenda requests need to be sent to a member of the Executive Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours before their meeting. The Executive Committee officers are Theresa Myrdon, Chair; John Barr and Melody Lawrence, Vice Chairs. The Board of Trustees meetings, usually held on the fourth Tuesday, will now also begin at 7 pm in Room 4 of the RE Building. These meeting dates change in November, December and June. The agenda for the monthly Board of Trustees meeting will be posted online at our website, [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org), by Wednesday night of the week prior to the Board meeting. The Board would like any information or read-ahead documents for an agenda topic to be communicated to them by 5 pm on the Saturday before their scheduled meeting. Send any messages or information to the Board's new e-mail address: [boardoftrustees@pbuuc.org](mailto:boardoftrustees@pbuuc.org). We want to read and give our best thinking to information you wish to share. All of the previous Board meeting minutes and read-ahead documents for the Board years of 2013 and 2014 are placed within Board of Trustees binders for viewing in the Church office.

John Barr will be working on a review of our present Church policies. The Church Policy and Committee Charter binders are also on view within the Church office. All Church committees should have their "current Board approved charter" within this binder.

The Nominating Committee is presently working on the submission of a member for the ninth Board position. They have shared the wonderful news of Tess Morrison's nomination as the Church Assistant Secretary. Thank you Tess! We hope you will discuss your thoughts on any topic with a Board member, especially those items on the agenda for a Board meeting. We need your thoughts and suggestions to fully represent you.

Sincerely,

*Melody Lawrence*

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

## Membership Committee

### **Greeters Update**

Pat Behenna, who recently joined our church and plunged right into its life, is the new Greeter Coordinator. She is now responsible for recruiting, orienting, and scheduling a team of volunteers who are among the first faces that newcomers, members and friends see when they come on Sunday mornings. New greeters Sabrina Finlay, Sonny Katz, Iris Peabody, Jessica Sharp and Anita Williams join Mike McMenamin as part of the greeting cadre. Thank you.

Our deep appreciation to Carol Boston, Penny O'Brien, Deborah Penot, Theresa Brown Shute and Carol Carter Walker who are 'retiring' as greeters. Carol also served as Greeter Coordinator.

## Stewardship Committee

### **PBUUC to Host JPD Stewardship Workshop**

On Saturday, November 1 from 9:30 am to 3 pm, 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 be open to teams from other area Unitarian Universalist churches. The workshop will focus on the themes of Stewardship, Annual and Capital Campaigns, and Giving as a Spiritual Practice. This will be a great opportunity to network with other UUs on a variety of Stewardship topics. If interested in participating or helping to make and serve lunch that day, please see Mike or Chris after any service during the month.

*Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans*  
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

## Religious Exploration

Exciting news everyone! We are rolling out new multigenerational programming during Enrichment Hour in October! For those who may not know, Enrichment Hour is the sacred time from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm on Sundays when PBUUCers can deepen connections and enrich their understanding of spiritual topics and ideas. Some committees choose to meet during Enrichment Hour as well. Classes and discussion groups are often offered during that time. Until now, the offerings have been mostly adult oriented. As part of my expanded role as the Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration, and with the support and commitment from the multigenerational religious exploration team, PBUUC will now be able to offer programming to meet the needs of all ages. Three Sundays per month will include offerings that encourage participation by all-ages.

The first Sunday of the month will be left open for programming not organized by the multigenerational religious exploration team.

The second Sunday of the month will be dedicated to Glen Gatherings. During Glen Gatherings, people of all ages are invited down to the Glen behind the church to connect in a social setting with people of different generations. Kids love exploring the creek and playing outdoor games. As a “grown-up” there is nothing more fulfilling than helping a kid turn over a rock and seeing the wonder and awe in their eyes as they observe a completely new world filled with moving worms and bugs. Stay for a few minutes or an hour. There is no pressure to do anything but enjoy some time with cool people. Donations are accepted for those interested in having pizza and juice.

The third Sunday of the month we will offer a multigenerational handicraft circle in the Kelley Room. We hope to

make this a time where all are welcome to bring a craft project they are working on and continue to work on it within a community setting. There are some supplies available (yarn and knitting needles) for those who haven't yet started something, and want to be in community with other crafters. Imagine connecting with a six-year-old who can teach you how to make friendship bracelets or sharing stories with a 16 year-old that is knitting a scarf for his sister. Handicraft circles are a great way to build lasting relationships and participate in a meaningful spiritual practice. All types of crafters are welcome.

The fourth Sunday of the month will be Camp Beagle Sunday. Camp Beagle is a UU evolution-based church camp that was started at the UU Church of Annapolis. It is named after the HMS Beagle, which is the ship that Darwin sailed on to the Galapagos Islands. As a preview to a possible Camp Beagle at PBUUC, we will offer a Camp Beagle class once per month which will focus on evolution, religious naturalism, and science. All are welcome to attend, and if you have a specific lesson or hands-on activity that you'd like to share, we'd be happy to have you lead a session. Activities might include making volcanoes and learning about volcanoes, or making creatures that evolve over time, or practicing being “cavemen” and learning about what they needed to do to survive.

The addition of multigenerational programming during enrichment hour is just one of the fantastic changes that we are supporting as your multigenerational religious exploration team. If you have ideas, questions, or want to take a leadership role in any of these activities, please contact me at [dre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dre@pbuuc.org)

Yours In Faith, *Dayna Edwards,*

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration



## Youth Ministry Stress-relief and Leadership

**Can you minister to our youth? Do you have a hands-on workshop or service that will help our middle and high school youth relax in a healthy way?**

**Share your skill in a one-time workshop or once per month.**

**Can you offer any of the following?**

yoga, meditation, visual arts, performing arts, knitting, pottery, Reiki, food for stress relief, drumming, acupuncture, acupressure, etc.

To sign-up, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/refacilitators>

## Social Action Committee (SAC) News

### PAINT BRANCH COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER BEGINS ITS SECOND TERM



The fall term began on September 13, 2014 with the training of nine volunteer teachers by Heather Ritchie, Director of Programs and Services at



Montgomery Coalition of Adult English Literacy. Registration of participants started September 7th and continued over each Sunday in the month. Classes began September 21st. Our registrants included persons from Africa, Asia, and Central America. Kudos to Peter Dowling for picking up and installing the sign advertising our English classes on Powder Mill Road; to Nancy Boardman, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Carol Carter Walker, Chris Evans, Kathy Kearns, Melody Lawrence, Bekki Ow-Arhus, Rosie Rexach for registering our students; to James Alexander, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Carol Carter Walker, Lynn Johnson, Bekki Ow-Arhus, and Kathi Yu for agreeing to teach; to Jim Behenna for stepping in to assist when teachers had to be out; to Jazmin Balbuena and Milan Monardes for providing child care; and Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson for welcoming our students.

You can still sign up in the Meeting House Lobby to be a teacher assistant, administrator, or child care provider. Call Carmelita Carter-Sykes at 202-236-8783 or email her at [cartercarmelita@aol.com](mailto:cartercarmelita@aol.com).

*By Carmelita R. Carter-Sykes, PBCLC Coordinator*

### Economic Justice Initiative

As you may know, Escalating Inequality was chosen at this year's General Assembly as a Congregational Study/Action Item (CSAI). The CSAI study guide will be available later this Fall, and will be used to inform our work on this crucial issue. In the meantime, if you would like to be involved and informed about Paint Branch's work on economic justice, and receive a weekly email with information and advocacy opportunities, email Deb Rubenstein, our Economic Justice coordinator, at [hrrs95@gmail.com](mailto:hrrs95@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Social Action Committee (SAC) Meetings:

Saturday, October 25, from 10 am to 12:30 pm

In the Kelley Room of the RE Building

Saturday, November 15, from 10 am to 12:30 pm

In the Kelley Room of the RE Building

Saturday, December 20, from 10 am to 12:30 pm

In Room 4 of the RE Building

### Affordable Housing Trip and Discussion

On Friday, September 12, a group of PBUUC members toured two buildings developed several years ago by H.I.P. (Housing Initiative Partnership): An inviting, well designed seniors building for independent living in Bladensburg (Newton Green) and the Artists' Apartments in Hyattsville (Renaissance Square) across from Busboys and Poets restaurant on Route 1.

We were especially impressed by the use of green roofs, and by the artists' work on display in the small gallery as well as throughout that apartment building. Residents must be low income and working steadily and professionally at their craft, although a few residents also have a "day job" to make ends meet. A young group was practicing music this reporter couldn't identify precisely – but it sounded like it would be producing a good income for them. Classical music takes place, as well, and there are practice rooms for all comers.

The H.I.P. Executive Director, Maryann Dillon, a member of Cedar Lane UU Church, has spoken at PBUUC several times. Her Deputy, Stephanie Proestel, a member of River Road UU Church, has a long background in the administration of residential facilities. Both of these residences continue to be maintained and operated by H.I.P. as a term of the financing arrangement. They routinely work in cooperation with various non-profits as well as for-profit developers and the increasingly scarce governmental funds for affordable housing.

In the presentation after the tour, Ms. Dillon described the work of the counseling staff, now numbering over thirty, who work in several offices spread throughout the county. This work is supervised by another staff person who is a member of Cedar Lane. These counselors work to save family homes from foreclosure, help families prepare for home ownership, provide help in taking courses to advance their earnings in order to save for qualifying for a mortgage, and other aid as needed. They have purchased various homes in great disrepair, renovated them and sold them at a fair price and payment arrangement to a family in need. This is considered a neighborhood enhancement process since run-down, empty houses are an invitation to squatters and looters.

The original Executive Director of H.I.P., Mosey Harrington, a member of Adelphi Friends Meeting, retired after twenty-five years and many trips to Paint Branch to speak. The fact that all of the top leadership of H.I.P is now UU, is quite a coincidence that just gradually crept up on them.

As is well known to those who have read the pamphlet we have been distributing this summer from the Washington Peace Center, the availability of affordable housing has gone down steadily in the Washington and Baltimore areas over the past eight years. Prince George's County has prided itself on encouraging builders to concentrate on "Quality Homes". Washington has prided itself on gentrification. Montgomery County does have progressive local laws that encourage builders to include some more affordable units but even there it is woefully inadequate.

Please watch this space for ways that PBUUC members and friends can be of help with the problem of affordable housing and growing homelessness.

*Submitted by Marge Owens*

## Social Action Committee (SAC) News

### Update on Special Collections, past and future:

June's collection for the Greater Washington Power and Light's projects brought in \$344. In July we gave \$233 to the UU-backed Immigration Film Festival, which will occur the last full weekend in October (Brochures have arrived: pick up one in the foyer). In August we contributed \$410 to the UU-United Nations Office, and in September we gave, \$510 to College Bound, Inc.

October's special collection will benefit Doctors without Borders, which works around the world. Right now they are busy in Africa dealing with the Ebola crisis. Date to be announced.

In November, we will benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and, on Christmas Eve, as usual, our whole collection will go to Warm Nights (when we become a homeless shelter for a week). For more information, or to suggest a recipient, call Marj Donn at 301-474-1353. *Submitted by Marj Donn*

## Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

### DARTT News: Looking for a Few Good Groups and Individuals to Lead Reverberations

DARTT is inviting individuals or groups to facilitate a monthly Reverberations session during the church year. Reverberations are deep conversations about race and ethnicity focused on our Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist community. The sessions are held during Enrichment Hour once a month. Recently, Muriel Morisey and Peter Wathen-Dunn; Carolyn Byerly and Kate McGraw; and Bekki-OwArhus and I facilitated some powerful and well-attended sessions. We want to line up other facilitators for the year. If you, your Committee or Affinity Group are interested, please contact Carol Carter Walker in person, by telephone at 202-636-8138 or by e-mail at [carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net](mailto:carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net)

### DARTT Recommends: Wednesdays at WES

The Washington Ethical Society (WES) is inviting all UU congregations and other social justice advocates to stand with them for Ferguson and every community affected by systemic racist violence and injustice. Details: Wednesdays starting at 5:30 pm, ending at 6:30 pm. Teach-In for adults and children from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm inside. On the steps of WES, 7750 16th Street, NW, Washington. WES will be holding signs affirming that this problem is larger than Ferguson, that #BlackLivesMatter, and that Justice is for All! This action is co-sponsored by Family and Friends of Incarcerated. For more information, contact WES Coordinator Sandra Bishop at [sandrabishop@gmail.com](mailto:sandrabishop@gmail.com).



## The Wider UU Universe

### Do You Get the UU World Magazine?

#### Do You Enjoy It? Do You Read It?

The fall issue of the UU World arrived in early September to everyone who is a member of Paint Branch. Or should have. This issue seemed to me especially fun to read and got my enthusiasm for Paint Branch up and my plans for being part of the UU world wide movement firmer. I would like to know if this is a fluke on my part or have others had similar reactions to the mix of long articles, short news pieces, and even the interesting ads for UU-related organizations. The art work featured in many issues of the magazine have been memorable and this one is no exception. The featured long article (5 pages) is about the long history of intrusive U.S. Federal Government surveillance since the early 1950s, of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles and their Minister the Rev. Stephen Fritchman. This is the UU congregation that has joined a coalition of non-profits and advocacy organizations to bring a suit against the U.S. Government's National Security Agency.

Would some of us who do receive the UU World be willing to bring our copy to the table in the foyer? That way those who do not receive it could borrow or just take it home to digest and keep it. And if you are not receiving it four times a year and you are a Paint Branch member, something has gone wrong. Let anyone in the office know so they can look into it.

*Marge Owens*



### 13 Films in DC & around the Beltway! Including:

#### In America

Jim Sheridan and his daughters, Naomi and Kirsten, tell the story of their Irish family's struggle to start a new life in New York City. Seen through the eyes of the eldest daughter, the film shows how people can learn to overcome their pain and live for the future instead of dwelling on the sadness of the past. Nominated for three Academy Awards including Best American Screenplay, Best Actress for Samantha Morton and Best Supporting Actor for Djimon Hounsou. 7 pm Thursday, October. 23 Washington Revels Studio, Silver Spring MD

#### Which Way Home

Don't miss this gripping documentary that makes real the plight of the children on the border. True stories of kids struggling to make their way through Mexico hoping for a better life. In reaching the US border, they have overcome obstacles most adults will never have to face--dangerous train rides, abject poverty and predators at every turn. 5 pm, Sunday October 26, Mount Vernon, VA

## In and Around Paint Branch

### Currently on Exhibit in the Meeting House

We are delighted to be showing oils and encaustics by Dick Neff. This is the third time we have enjoyed his landscapes and floral paintings and this exhibit will be on display through Sunday November 9.

He says, "I have been actively painting in the area and have been accepted into the copyist program at the National Gallery of Art in D.C. Which means that I am allowed to set up in the Gallery and copy paintings that are currently hung in the Gallery. It is a great learning experience for me and I will bring several of these finished works for the show. Much of my work is displayed through the Vienna Arts Society where I am an officer. I have a website at [neffsfineart.com](http://neffsfineart.com).

As an added feature in the show, my wife Ava has offered to hang several of her fabric art pieces as well. I am looking forward to sharing my art work with the folks at PBUUC."

### TWedHUULK Lunch at Azteca in College Park

The Third Wednesday UU Handy Lunch Klub will try a new-to-us restaurant on October 15th at 1 pm. The AZTECA has a long list of Mexican and Yucatan dishes, moderate prices and parking is ok. It is located at 9505 Baltimore Ave. (Route 1) across the street from the Honda dealer and north of Greenbelt Road. If you are driving north toward Beltsville, it is on the right. Please contact Marge Owens at [lowellandmarge@verizon.net](mailto:lowellandmarge@verizon.net) or 301-345-1572 if you need a ride or can give a ride to someone else.

We need to find an alternate coordinator for the November meeting of TWedHUULK. It's an easy job and fun to help decide on a destination every month.



### Buildings and Grounds Beautification Day:

Saturday, October 11, 9 am – 2 pm

All are invited to join in the beautification of the meetinghouse, RE building, church grounds and parking lot. Come for as much or little time as you can to improve the beauty of our surroundings. Pizza will be served at noon. Contact person Lowell Owens, Chair of Buildings and Grounds committee.

### ETHNIC DINNERS PBUUC 60TH ANNIVERSARY ETHNIC DINNER ~ ALL WRAPPED UP

Carol Carter Walker noticed; maybe you have too – how many cultures around the world have dishes that consist of one food wrapped in another food. She suggested an Ethnic Dinner at which we would serve a variety of such dishes. I told her I'd also noticed and considered it, but was skeptical of so many different ethnic tastes at the same dinner. But then, when it was decided an Ethnic Dinner would be part of PBUUC's 60th Anniversary celebration, no one country by itself seemed to be appropriate for that, but this tasting of a wide multicultural sampling of wrapped foods suddenly did!

The Anniversary Weekend is October 18 & 19, the "Multiculturalism, All Wrapped Up" dinner will be the evening of Saturday, the 18th at 6:30 pm. Ticket sales will be Sunday mornings, September 29, October 5 & 12 in the lobby following the service, \$15 per adult, \$7.50 for children. If you received a coupon for a free ticket, and this is the dinner you'd like to use it for, please exchange that coupon for a ticket so that you are counted among those who will be attending. And everyone, keep in mind that an Ethnic Dinner is the perfect event for inviting a friend to Paint Branch

This menu was not so easy to come up with. At first we considered serving only a large number of appetizer type dishes, mostly savory, with some sweet for desserts, no soup and no salad. After further consideration, and much discussion at the menu meeting, we decided some of those choices will work better as main course dishes, we thought of a "wrapped" soup and salad as well, and we've even received a few suggestions for "wrapped" beverages! We also paid attention to vegetarian and gluten-free options. Curious? Intrigued? Be sure to visit the Ethnic Dinner ticket table, see the menu, purchase your tickets and volunteer for one or more of the 30 or so tasks it takes to make a successful, fun Ethnic Dinner.

We will of course need many cooks. We'll provide the recipes and reimburse the cost if you will make one or two of the proposed dishes. If you don't cook, can you come around 5 pm and help set up tables, around 6 pm to tend the door or help the cooks plate their dishes? We need someone to brew coffee, and two groups to stay later and help clean in the kitchen and the sanctuary. Someone who knows how to run our dishwasher is especially welcome! We also need recorded ethnic music (all kinds!) to play throughout the evening, and a few people to take home tablecloths and dish towels for laundering. It's very likely that you have the skills for at least one of these tasks.

The following day, Sunday, October 19, we will have our usual leftovers sale and there will be a few other activities planned to celebrate 60 years of Paint Branch. Be sure to attend this special weekend!

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the dinner, want to make reservations or volunteer to help, please contact Marilyn Pearl at 301-805-1218 or [buffalo\\_gal@verizon.net](mailto:buffalo_gal@verizon.net).



### Save the date!

aUuction 2014, the annual auction that raises money and builds community for Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, will be **Saturday, November 8**. This year's theme is **Do When The Spirit Says Do**. You may offer services and items for the silent auction. There'll also be some special donations auctioned live. There'll be food and drink (including a special children's menu); child care; entertainment; a 50/50 raffle; some recurring favorites as well as new donations. We'll have a return of Lia Kvatum, award-winning professional auctioneer, who enlivened our event last year.

## Do When The Spirit Says Do



## PBUUC aUuction 2014

The **Donation Form** is now available. You can tear off and use the paper copy below; or it can also be completed online at <http://www.pbuuc.org/auction/donate.php> (and you can download additional hard copies from there as well if needed). Print versions are in the Meeting House Foyer on top of the white cabinet. If you're looking for ideas, you can browse our previous catalogues that are also on top of the Foyer cabinet. If you've got questions, contact Mark Shute, the aUuction 2014 team leader. He's at [mshute@zoho.com](mailto:mshute@zoho.com)

# 2014 Paint Branch aUuction Donation Form

If you are unable to use the online Donation Form, please fill in the form below completely. The information you provide will be added to the auction software by one of our auction team volunteers.

Item Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Minimum bid ≈ 3/4 Value; Guaranteed Price ≈ 3x Value*

- Single Winner Donation
- Multiple Winner Donation
  - Max number of Winners: \_\_\_\_\_
  - This is a strict limit
  - I can squeeze in one more person if necessary

Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  TBD  N/A

Return this sheet to Van or Marguerite Summers, or to Mark Shute

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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