



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

November 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.

NOVEMBER 2

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

Beth Baker, guest speaker; with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate; and Dayna Edwards, Director, Multigenerational Religious Exploration

Beth Baker, local author and member of Washington Ethical Society, will talk about grassroots efforts to live with more intention and community in the next chapter of life. These issues are explored in her latest book, *With a Little Help From Our Friends: Creating Community As We Grow Older*, which will be on sale after the service.

NOVEMBER 9

ORPHAN SUNDAY

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

Millions of children around the world are at risk. Either one or both of their parents are gone; they lack access to education and health care; sometimes families are so poor they put children in institutions because they cannot feed them. Many churches are observing Orphan Sunday this month to shed light on this topic and what can be done. What do our UU principles teach us to do about this problem? This sermon topic was selected by Kathi Yu, who purchased it in the 2013 PBUUC Auction.

NOVEMBER 16

FLYING BY THE SEAT OF MY PANTS

Rev. Richard Speck, guest preacher; with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

Life is like being a pilot. There are skills that you learn that help you navigate your journey. We will explore some of the similarities and what I have learned about living and flying. Fasten your seatbelts and get ready to soar!

NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING FOR LIFE

Rev. Russ Savage, with Carol Boston and Genie Ahearn, Worship Associates; and the Choir

Every faith tradition calls its followers to give thanks. We think of this especially at this harvest time of year, but it is true throughout the year. We are called to a spirit of gratitude by life itself. In this all-ages service, we will take up a special collection for the UU Service Committee's *Guest At Your Table* program, and we will share a harvest communion. *This is a Signing Sunday (see below). *This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 5.**

NOVEMBER 30

PRESCRIPTION FOR HOLIDAY STRESS

Rev. Russ Savage, with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate

The holidays are upon us once again, and often they are a time of stress. There are so many things to do, and so many expectations to fulfill, that it can be overwhelming. On this Sunday as the holidays get rolling full speed, I will share some tips I've learned over the years for dealing with the stress.

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
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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) Jane Trout (Visual Arts)
Auction	Mark Shute
Budget Leadership Team	Theresa Myrdon
Buildings & Grounds	Lowell Owens
Capital Campaign	Peter Wathen-Dunn
DARTT (co-chairs)	Carol Carter Walker Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson Don Gerson
Denominational Affairs	contact church office
Electronic Communications	Marilyn Pearl
Ethnic Dinners	vacant
Finance	Penny O'Brien & Will Snyder
Green Team (co-chairs)	Church Office
Leasing	Ken Montville
Legacy Fund	Polly Pettit
Membership	Susannah Schiller
Ministry	Muriel Morisey
Nominating	Jim Flaherty
Personnel	Patricia Most & Elizabeth Porter
Religious Exploration (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Site Improvement	Nancy Boardman
Social Action	SOM@pbuuc.org
Sustaining Our Ministry	Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans
Stewardship	

🌀 Groups and Activities 🌀

Bookstore	Carol Carter Walker
Bridge Group	Penny O'Brien
Chalice Dancers	Wendy Schlegel
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	contact church office
Community Café	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	Rene McDonald & Tess Morrison
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 & 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
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Child Care Providers:	Wyatt Rexach
	Beth Judy
	Jazmin Balbuena

Ministers' Page

From the Interim Caretaker Minister:

Doing research for our October 19 60th Anniversary service, I ran across the names of five ministerial interns who have served PBUUC over the years: Kenneth Del Po, Beth Cox, Patricia Blanchard, Sherri Cave Puchalski, and Jennifer Brooks. Some of these names were familiar to me and some were not, so I decided to look them up in the UUA directory. (By the way, you can look in the UUA directory any time you want: simply go to www.uua.org and click on UU Directory in the upper right corner. You can look up congregations, religious leaders including ministers, RE directors, and music directors, and many other facts.)

I already knew Jennifer Brooks is now the interim senior minister at the UU Congregation of Fairfax, where I recently served as associate minister for a couple of years. Jennifer had previously served several UU congregations both as a settled minister and interim minister. None of the other four names appear in the current UUA directory. I knew Ken Del Po; he was serving the UU church in Arlington, MA, in some capacity in the early 1990's when I was at the Harvard Divinity School. None of the other three names were familiar to me. It appears they are no longer associated with the UU ministry.

Thinking about all this made me appreciate the importance of training and nurturing the coming generation of UU ministers. My internship supervisor was Carl Scovel at King's Chapel in Boston; Carl retired later after serving King's Chapel for 32 years. Early in my ministerial career I was mentored by Terry Burke, who recently completed 25 years at the First Church (UU) in Jamaica Plain, MA. I learned a great deal from these seasoned ministers.

Over the years I've supervised and mentored a number of young ministers as their careers unfolded. I was mentor to Rev. Scott Alexander, one of the guest preachers at our 60th Anniversary service, and I'm currently mentoring Madelyn Campbell, who serves the Davies Memorial UU Church in Camp Springs, MD.

This work of supporting the formation of young ministers as they prepare to serve our faith is important

work. PBUUC can be proud of its record of hosting ministerial interns over the years. This is one of the things an anniversary celebration teaches us. See you in church.

Russ,

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



From Diane:

I am writing on the day after my second visit with you at PBUUC since my stroke on April 18. It was a total joy to be present for the 60th anniversary service and to see your faces, familiar and new, to hear the children's choir and the adult choir, to see the chalice dancers, and - especially - to soak in the warmth of welcome I received. The sermon by my dear colleagues, the Revs. Anya and Scott Sammler-Michael was multi- and deeply-layered, and personally meaningful for me. The weather was gorgeous and the leftovers from the Ethnic Dinner to buy and take home were yummy! What more could I have hoped for?!

I chose to walk from the handicapped parking space into the Meeting house with my cane and sit in a regular chair, rather than use my wheelchair, so that you could see that I've made some progress since the first time I visited on September 7. I could have walked in on that day, actually; I was physically able, but unsure of how it would feel. Yesterday I felt confident.

Though I have become more independent since I was discharged from the hospital on June 15, what I AM able to do takes me a VERY long time. So in some ways, it seems like these next six months may be more challenging than the first.

My recovery is still lots of work. I have five to six appointments at the National Rehab Hospital each week. Plus various medical appointments and procedures. I also do exercises and activities at home and errands and other outings with my personal trainer/assistant/driver.

While I am still seeing improvements in the use of my left leg, arm and hand, these improvements now are more subtle than they were in the first three months so it feels like there are fewer milestones to celebrate. In addition I'm having to unlearn some of the strategies that enabled me to become independent because they required me to over-use my right side. Now I need to focus even more than before on strengthening the connection between my brain and my left side and strengthen the muscles on that side too. Also, I am still not driving, and have been told that the earliest I will be allowed to even apply to drive will be six months from the date of my seizure on August 29. That is discouraging!

I very much appreciate my disability leave and the flexibility with which the congregation's leaders have responded to my stroke. Thank you!

I hope to visit again soon!

Sincerely,

Diane



Board of Trustees Column

It has been a busy month. Thank you to everyone who helped with and worked on the 60th Anniversary Ethnic Dinner, which was amazingly wonderful! It was wonderful to see our long term members in Church on Sunday Morning (as well as Reverend Diane).

The Board is busy with a few items that we'd like to share with you.

- First, the Board voted to replace the Meeting House doors! These will be entirely new doors that will be wired for handicapped accessibility. We expect them to have them completely installed within the next two to three months.

- Second, the Board is contemplating a proposal from the Site Improvement Committee over updating and improving our parking lot. As there are a lot of questions and details, expect this to take a few months.

- Finally, the Church has been approached by WSSC about an easement and by a Cell Phone company about installing a tower on our property. The Executive Committee has recommended to the Board that we seek input from the Green Team & the Building and Grounds committees as well as seeking legal advice.

This month we said hello to Tess Morrison as Assistant Secretary - we look forward to working with her. We also said farewell to Ethelyn Bishop, who has resigned due to family obligations. If you are interested in serving on the Board (we're down to seven members now), please see one of the Board Members or anyone on the Nominating Committee.

We hope to see you all at the Auction!

Theresa Myrdon
Chair, Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (BOT) holds open Executive Committee meetings and Board of Trustees meetings. The Executive Committee meeting will be held in the Minister's Office on November 11 at 7 pm and the Board meeting will be held in Room 4 of the RE building on November 18 at 7 pm. We welcome visitors: if you wish to request an item be added to the agenda, please let the Chair or one of the Vice-Chairs know no later than the Monday before the Executive Committee meeting, or come to the Exec Com meeting; if you wish to observe or to speak to an item on the agenda, come to the BOT meeting itself. For more information about the experience of visiting the BOT meetings, see the following page on the PBUUC website:

<http://www.pbuuc.org/bot/visitors.php>

Membership Committee

ARE YOU NEW TO PBUUC?

Come to Roots and Branches of PBUUC

A class for newcomers and anyone wanting to know more about Unitarian Universalism and Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

Saturday, November 15, 1 - 4 pm—Rooms 2/3 in the RE Building

You will learn about the journey of Unitarian Universalism: from its long-ago roots to how it evolved in the United States as it is today – in relation to your own personal religious journey, with ample time for getting to know other participants and their journeys.

You will hear a short history of how PBUUC came to be and what makes us a unique community. You will get to know a few of our own congregation's leaders as they describe how the church is organized. And you will learn how to get involved according to your interests, passions, gifts or personal goals - in activities that sustain the congregation, serve the community, or change the world.

Please reply to rootsclass@pbuuc.org or call the office at 301-937-3666. A sign-up sheet is also in the Meeting House Foyer. Childcare will be provided if requested by November 7.

Our Caring Community



WHEEL OF LIFE

Kay McGraw is home from a successful knee replacement surgery; Carolyn Byerly reports Kay is hard at work on healing and rehab exercises. Jeri Holloway's mother died peacefully on October 3. Kate Brett is regaining strength following knee surgery; she reports that Cora has now transitioned to a long-term residential treatment center in Utah. Our minister Diane Teichert has had a busy month: Peter Dowling ran into her (along with her caregiver) at Trader Joe's; and Esther Nichols reminded us (correctly) that Diane's birthday is October 13. Carmelita Carter-Sykes and many other Community Learning Center volunteers are excited that the second year of our ESL classes has begun. Theresa Myrdon reports with joy that daughter Maggie's eye surgery to correct a muscle alignment went very well and the doctor says she is doing great. Congratulations to Katherine Earle, who has retired after 20 years' service in the U.S. Air Force; she plans taking up other pursuits—after a trip to Disney World with family members. It was great to see Judy Grady in church recently, recovered from her fractured pelvis.

—Rev. Russ Savage.

The We Care Coordinator for November 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.

Religious Exploration

Last week I spent five days with my religious education colleagues in Decatur, Georgia, just outside of Atlanta at the Liberal Religious Educators Conference. For two of the five days, I participated in a workshop created by Beth Zemsky and sponsored by the UU Ministers Association called, "Who Are Our Neighbors." This workshop had significant meaning for me as I reflect on the ways that we are in community with each other at Paint Branch UU Church.

In the workshop, we learned about a developmental model of intercultural competency that all people move along in their lives. In the church setting, each person comes to our faith community with his or her own cultural norms. At the same time, as an organization or church is established, especially one that is 60 years old, like PBUUC, it develops its own culture. The challenge comes in integrating the culture of newcomers into the established culture. As Zemsky states, "becoming an intercultural organization requires making your current organizational culture transparent. This goal can be achieved by intentionally working to support your organization in becoming more proficient in order to see, think about, and interact with cultural difference in increasingly complex ways."

The "aha" moment for me occurred when I internalized the idea that intercultural competency is not two-dimensional. Just because a person has a strong intercultural competency in one area, for example ethnicity (one may be able to move between different ethnicities with ease and understanding) does not mean that the person has strong intercultural competency in all areas (one may have little understanding of how class or life-stage affects one's understanding of the world). Attending the workshop reminded me that there is always more work to be done in intercultural communication. The developmental spectrum is fluid, and no one is finished learning. Intercultural communication is like an ocean, the deeper you go; the deeper there is to go.

Churches in general, and our church in particular, has the capacity to become an intentional intercultural organization, but it is not always easy. To paraphrase, the Christian minister Rev. Jaqui Lewis, worship is the playful rehearsal for the creation of the Beloved Community. Rehearsal is the key word in the preceding phrase; rehearsal means we are going to mess up. We are going to need to start over. Our intentions will not always match our impact. In this messy work of intercultural communication, we must embrace the cycle of recognizing a miscommunication, making amends, and trying again. For those of us who face the sometimes painful impact of someone's actions or words (regardless of their intentions), we must forgive, accept apologies and try again, knowing that someday, the proverbial shoe will be on the other foot.

As we embark on the beginning of the holiday season, let's take a moment to reflect on how we can align our impact with our intentions. Let's have some open discussions about how we can make our organizational culture transparent so that each person who walks through our doors not

only feels welcome, but feels like they really matter.

Resources:

- ❖ Developmental Model of Intercultural Competency <http://www.deepseeconsulting.com/blog/getting-where-we-want-go-focus-key-developmental-shifts>
- ❖ The Intercultural Development Inventory <http://idiinventory.com/>
- ❖ Conflict Style Inventory <http://www.icsinventory.com/>
- ❖ Multicultural Welcome: A Resource for Greeters http://uua.org/documents/idbm/multicultural_welcome.pdf

Yours In Faith, *Dayna Edwards*,

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

UUs of Color Building Community

On September 21, UUs of color, multi-racial UU families, and allies met for a kickoff event at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda to begin building community together in the DC area. UUs of color are generally few in number in any UU congregation. Though welcomed and accepted, because UUs of color are so few in number they can sometimes feel marginalized. While well received in congregations and on church committees, their contributions can be drowned out by voices, opinions, and perceptions of the dominant culture.

The purpose of the kickoff event at Cedar Lane was to provide a safe space for the DC area's UU multi-racial families, self-identified youth of color, and leaders of color active in their congregations to join in spiritual and collegial support. The focus of the meeting was to discuss creating a small-group ministry to serve the specific needs of people of color. The strategy is to give UUs of color a chance to meet with peers in a facilitated gathering once a month. The kickoff gathering was officiated by Rev. Archene Turner, Community Minister at Cedar Lane. All who attended expressed a genuine desire to build community and strengthen their work in their own Unitarian Universalist communities; to have it understood and appreciated that UUs of color can offer a different and valuable perspective on all issues relevant to UU congregations.

Future small group ministry meetings will occur monthly. Please feel free to attend meetings with the affinity group with which you identify. Leaders of color meet first Sundays of the month and the UU Families with Children and Youth of Color meet third Sundays of the month. Meetings will be held at Cedar Lane UU Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. Groups will meet in the Chalice House on the Church campus, 2 pm to 4:30 pm. All UUs of color who serve in leadership roles in their congregations, members of multiracial UU families, and allies are welcome to join their affinity group. For further information about this ministry, please contact Rev. Archene Turner at aturner@cedarlane.org. Or you can contact Dayna Edwards, PBUUC's Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration at dre@pbuuc.org.

- Janet Overton

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

Special Collections Update

Paint Branchers Strongly Support Doctors Without Borders in the October 19 Special Collection! In a show of appreciation and support for the courageous work of *Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)*, as they struggle to overcome the Ebola crisis in western Africa, we collected over \$1,200 in this special collection. [If you missed the opportunity at church, you can still give through a Special Collection page PBUUC has set up with MSF via this link <http://tinyurl.com/DWB-SC1014>] They are often in the news as the world grapples with this tragic disease. And beyond the current health crisis in Africa, *Doctors Without Borders* are known world wide for their work in multiple countries which benefit from their critical services. Thanks so much to Paint Branchers for your strong support to this very worthy organization and its important work.

Our November 23 special collection will be for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). To quote from a recent UUSC mailing: "The rich diversity of the human family can be fully celebrated only when *all* of us defend the essential right of *each* of us to a life of dignity and justice. Your generous contribution to UUSC safeguards young women from sex trafficking in Kenya, helps struggling families in Haiti rebuild their lives, protects an indigenous community's clean drinking water in Guatemala, and helps us stand with other marginalized people in 15 countries around the world." In the past there were "Guest at Your Table" boxes distributed from UUSC - which is not the case this year. So instead, we will have special boxes decorated by our RE children during Spirit Play to distribute for this UUSC collection, along with our usual envelopes, to show support for this very important UU organization.

Warm Nights 2014- 2015 Underway!

We all remember the brutal polar vortex that struck our region last winter, and how wonderful Paint Branchers took up the call from Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI) to keep our sanctuary open all day.

The kick-off meeting of Warm Nights 2014-15, run by CCSI, took place on Monday, October 6, on an encouraging note: six more congregations have joined the fight against homelessness for the upcoming season, which began the last week of October. The sour note is that the number of homeless people in Prince George's County continues to grow.

Marge Owens, our long-time champion of the homeless who volunteered to drive, Tess Morrison, and I braved the commuter traffic and arrived on time at the gathering at Carolina Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Washington. The church is huge compared to Paint Branch.

Donny Philipps, manager of Warm Nights, and Laila Riaz, director of development, updated the attendees about the county agency's activities on behalf of the homeless. For twenty-three years, the week-long shelter provided by participating churches has included men, women, and children, unique in the DC area.

Ending on a happy note, it is with gratitude and relief that I introduce our co-coordinator, Tess Morrison, new to Paint Branch but well versed in the needs of the homeless. When I saw her in action last winter at Warm Nights, I hoped we had my replacement as co-coordinator.

She and I will be asking for your continued support in making our week, April 12 to April 19, 2015, another show of the best that Paint Branch can be.

We have been moved to the final week to allow our guests a chance for more space and privacy than in the dead of winter, when the numbers climb beyond our capacity to shelter them.

Gearing up for Warm Nights in April,
Rene McDonald, 2014-2015 Warm Nights Coordinator

Upcoming Social Action Committee (SAC) Meetings:

Saturday, November 15, from 10 am to 12:30 pm in the Kelley Room in the RE Building.

Saturday, December 20, from 10 am to 12:30 pm in Room 4 of the RE Bldg.



The Wider UU Universe

Celebrate the Crafts of Afghanistan and Support Afghan Literacy and Orphanages

Dinner & Silent Auction, Friday, November 7, 4 pm—6 pm

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

Tickets, \$50 per person

Featuring:

- Authentic Afghan dinner
 - Keynote speaker Mr. Craig Karp on his trip to Kabul and visits to literacy classes
 - Kabultec founder Nasrine Gross, 2014 activities
- Raffle of unique Afghan handicrafts (tickets, \$10)

- Silent Auction to include featuring hand-crafted items from large and small textiles to jewelry, pottery, blown glass and clothing—all from bazaars and women's groups throughout Afghanistan.

Proceeds will support couples literacy classes and several orphanages in Afghanistan through **Kabultec**. Nasrine has been working on Afghan women's rights since 1996.

Reservations deadline is Wednesday, November 5, 2014, but tickets may sell out sooner. Mail checks made out to "Kabultec" (a 501(c)3 organization) to: Eleanor DePaola, 7941 Inverness Ridge Rd., Potomac, MD 20854-4010.

Questions: email annettecedarlane@spamex.com

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team



DARTT November Meeting Moved to Saturday, November 29 from 10 am to 12 Noon

DARTT's November monthly meeting will be held Saturday, November 29 from 10 am to 12 noon in Room 4, Religious Exploration Building.

DARTT's major focus is to create a safe space for members of the PBUUC community to talk about issues of race and ethnicity by personal sharing; and by sponsoring services, events and activities designed to facilitate the congregation's implementation of its intentional multiculturalism resolution. We'll be discussing the PBUUC annual Kwanzaa Service and Potluck and working on our calendar of Reverberations for the rest of the year.

DARTT Recommends: Joseph Priestley District 10th Annual Racial Justice Conference: Inclusivity Through Joy & Creativity, Friday, November 7 – Saturday, November 8 at Sterling UU Church

DARTT is encouraging PBUUC members and friends to attend this conference. It begins Friday, November 8, with a shared meal and formally ends at 4:30 pm in the afternoon of November 9. (You'll have time to get to our Auction!) The cost is \$50.

Follow this link to a registration form and full details of the worship and workshops: <http://tinyurl.com/JPDRJC>. You can also get information from any DARTT Core Team member—Bekki Ow-Arhus, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson, Janet Overton or Carol Carter Walker—as well as from information in the Meeting House Foyer.

Little Orphan Annie Is Reborn



During Enrichment Hour on Sunday, November 30, the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team and the Religious Exploration program will be screening the 1982 version of *Annie*, a musical film adapted from the Broadway musical of the same name. The screening, which will take place in the Kelley Room and include popcorn and beverages, will be the prelude to Paint Branchers getting together to see the new *Annie*, slated to open in December. The 1982 version, which was nominated for multiple film awards, is based on the cartoon character, Little Orphan Annie, that became popular during America's Great Depression in the 1930's.



Little Orphan Annie was the title character in a daily comic strip that first appeared in 1924. The strip, created by Harold Gray, was a serial of Annie's adventures—from living in an orphanage run by a cruel woman who treats her badly to living in a mansion owned by a wealthy man who treats her like a much-loved daughter. All the adaptations follow, if loosely, the same story. Annie's signature characteristics are her bright-red curly hair, her can-do attitude, and her ever-optimistic personality. The comic strip was very popular among children and adults. In the 1930's, Annie spawned a radio show and two movies. In 1977, Little Orphan Annie was adapted as a Broadway musical that ran from 1977 to 1983. That version of *Annie* has been adapted as a film twice, as a movie in 1982 and as a made-for-television movie in 1999.

In every previous incarnation of Annie, she has been portrayed as originally drawn—a cute little white girl with a mound of curly red hair. In 2014, Annie will again be reborn in film but this time as a cute little black girl with a mound of natural hair. One online biography of Grady depicts him as “deeply conservative” and notes that after the New Deal was enacted under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, “Gray fell into the anti-FDR camp and Annie became much more explicitly right-wing.” One can only imagine what Grady would think of his creation recreated as a black child.

Comparisons of the 1982 *Annie*, set in 1933 America, and the 2014 *Annie*, set in today's America, could spark many lively discussions about similarities and differences between the Depression-era America in the 1930's and recession-era America in the 2010's, between wealth and poverty then and now, between wealth and power then and now, between racism and its practices, child welfare laws, and so on.

Please join DARTT and RE on both November 30, here at PBUUC, and again on December 20, at a theater to be determined later, as we enjoy the movies and explore their deeper implications and revelations and learn what these movies can teach us as a church, as families, and as individuals. If you are interested in attending the screening and/or seeing the movie as part of a PBUUC group, or if you have any questions or suggestions for discussion topics, please contact Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration, at dre@pbuuc.org or Janet Overton, DARTT Member, at janmo12@verizon.net.

In and Around Paint Branch

Original Fiberart by Rhoda Taylor

Rhoda Taylor is a western Pennsylvania artist who works mainly with fabric. She has drawn, painted, sewed fabric, knitted, crocheted, embroidered, and done some form of arts and crafts as long as she can remember. Following retirement from her career as a university professor of biology she took several quilting classes, fell in love with commercially available fabrics, and felt compelled to make fabric wall hangings. She joined the Fiber Arts Guild of Pittsburgh

As a biologist, Rhoda is fascinated by the patterns and colors which occur in nature and produces patterns on fabric by hand dyeing, bleach discharging, and rust-printing, and is delighted with the results. One of the most exciting things to her is ironing the damp dyed, discharged or rust-printed fabrics and seeing the wonderful marks and patterns develop almost serendipitously! She then "paints" with these patterned fabrics, assembling and stitching them and complementary commercial fabrics into works of art.

We are pleased to be hosting a second exhibit by this talented woman. Her fiber art will be on display in the Meeting House from November 16 through January 18. Please welcome her at a reception on Sunday, January 18th from 11:30 to 2 pm.

Jane Trout, Visual Arts Committee

PBUUC Women's Group Labyrinth Walk

The November program for the Women's Group is scheduled for 11 am on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel. A facilitator will give us information about the meditation process for walking the Labyrinth and lead us in the walk. As time and space permits, the facilitator will also give some history and a tour of the Memorial Chapel.

Directions: from Route 1 / Baltimore Ave. turn onto Campus Drive toward the main campus that leads to the big flower "M" circle, where you will go 3/4ths around the circle. Exit the circle onto Regents Drive (which may not be marked here with a street sign). You should be able to see the big beautiful chapel on top of the hill; go toward it. Turn right as you approach the Chapel. The parking lot for the chapel is Lot Y; adjacent to the back of the Chapel. The gates to the parking lot are open on Saturdays and no parking fee is charged. Carpooling is encouraged. Meet at the door to the Memorial Garden Chapel at the back of the building.

Afterward, for those interested, we will go to lunch at Jason's Deli in the College Park Shopping Center, at the corner of Route 1 / Baltimore Ave. and Knox Road.

RSVP, by Friday November 14, and questions: Alice Tyler 301-935-5279, Bobalice2@msn.com

TWedHUULK Returns to Busboys & Poets

Wednesday, November 19 at 1 pm, the TWedHUULK lunch group will return to the Hyattsville Busboys and Poets restaurant on the left side of Route 1 South about a mile beyond East/West Hwy. Everyone is invited. The spacious restaurant will easily accommodate our group. The menu selection is American casual. There is some parking on the side of the restaurant as well as plenty of parking behind. Elaine Shell is coordinating the lunch this month. If you need a ride, or can give a ride to someone else, please contact her at 301-776-4271 or elaine@greville.net.



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ВРЕМЯ, НОЯБРЯ 21

Come expand your horizons. Bring your family. Sample hors d'oeuvres from the Kremlin. Hear all about the cruises

through Russia that Nancy Boardman and Rene McDonald took (not the same month). Hear James Alexander lecture, briefly and between cultural interludes, on the history and current status of mother Russia. We plan music and folk crafts and various mementos for your pleasure. Are there some other travelers or scholars who can add to the evening? Contact any of the three presenters to be added to the plan. Or just come. Festivities will start at 6:30 and end around 8:30. This will be a program connected to our Paint Branch participation in the UU United Nations Office. This group within the UUA has always focused on young people since it began shortly after the UN began.

Green Team



Marilyn Moors, Western MD Super-Organizer Coming to PBUUC Sunday, November 2

The Green Team will host a reception and opportunity for discussion with the widow of the Rockville Minister. She and her husband bought a beautiful piece of real estate in Garrett County, near Deep Creek Lake, many years ago. After retiring, and after being widowed, Marilyn moved to the land, as she and her husband had always planned to do. She renovated the old farm house and did a very impressive landscaping of the area around the house. Only then did she find out that the previous owners, years ago, had sold the mineral rights to the land. Hello, frackers! Come join us right after the service, to find out how she emerged from disappointment and depression and started organizing. We will be in the Kelley Room, left-side. Light refreshments available but bring your coffee.

In and Around Paint Branch, continued

Get your aUUction 2014 Catalog after the service on Sunday, November 2. Study it and get your winning bid strategy together for our annual fundraising and community building event that will take place Saturday, November 8. The fun begins at 4 pm with the opening of the Silent Auction and Cash & Carry Sales, continues to Dinner and Entertainment beginning at 6 pm and finishes up at 8 pm when the Live Auction ends.

There'll be a Thai dinner with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options; mac 'n cheese for kids; and children's programming. Handicrafts, vacations, lessons, home repair, baked goodies, dinners, theater tickets—all are available for your bidding pleasure.

Bid on an opportunity for a reserved parking spot, a dance by the Chalice Dancers, a choral anthem of your choice, or a Sunday Service on your theme from our Minister or our Worship Associates.

Come and join the fun!

Do When The Spirit Says Do



PBUUC aUUction 2014



Source 1: Direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder



Source 2: Words and deeds of prophetic men and women



Source 3: Wisdom from the world's religions



Source 4: Jewish and Christian teachings

LOOKING UP!

We hope that you have been taking the time to LOOK UP at the windows between the lobby and the sanctuary in the Meeting House.

When you do you will see six beautiful stained glass pieces lovingly crafted by Susannah Schiller. Each piece is an abstract representation of one of the six sources which we draw upon as part of our living tradition.

As the light and color dance through the glass, we invite you to ponder the role that these sources play in your spiritual growth and in the life our beloved community.

The Welcoming Foyer Team extends a very hearty "Thank you – job well done" to Susannah for sharing her considerable talents. We look forward to continuing the transformation of the lobby space.



Source 5: Humanist teachings



Source 6: Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions

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.

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