



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

June 2015

SUNDAYS at 10:00 am

Nursery Care in Room 5 from 9:45-12:45

Refreshments and Fellowship after the service

Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45 - Childcare until 12:45

Families with young children are invited to sit in front for a better view until the Sing-away Song.

JUNE 7

A CELEBRATION OF MULTIGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration Dayna Edwards; with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate Let's vision together. We will explore the idea of living in multigenerational community and celebrate the work we have done to live into our multigenerational goal. Additionally, we will celebrate a "Tree Communion." Similar to the beloved, "Flower Communion," the Tree Communion will celebrate nature and our human connection to it. Please bring a piece of a tree (twig, leaf, branch, seed, flower, bark) - without harming the tree - to service on this Sunday.

JUNE 14

THE GLORY OF MUSIC—ANNUAL CHOIR SERVICE

Guest Speaker Bruce Baker; Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker; and the Choir

David Chapman, Music Director and Pianist will direct the Choir in presenting all six movements of Francis Poulenc's Gloria, one of the masterpieces of the 20th century choral repertoire, highlighting soloists Allison Hughes, Alexandra Dilley and Elizabeth Porter. Former Worship Associate Bruce Baker will reprise his commentary on the Poulenc Gloria.

JUNE 21

HOW TO SAY A GOOD GOODBYE

Rev. Diane Teichert; with Bettie Young, Worship Associate; Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; the PBUUC and Children's Choirs; The PBUUC Chalice Dancers; and other special music Why do our "goodbyes" so often feel incomplete or less than satisfying to us? Music, dance, and participatory rituals will be interspersed with Diane's reflections on our mutual feelings of sadness, on looking back at our time together, and on looking forward with hope for herself and for the congregation. We will celebrate a fond farewell as she resigns, for health reasons, as our Minister. (For other opportunities to say goodbye, see her column on page 2). *This service is designed for All Ages. Nursery care will provided for the youngest. Youth and children will remain in the sanctuary. Please plan to stay after the service for lunch and a Farewell Reception, during which lunch and child care will be provided for children.*

JUNE 28

HEY, THIS IS OUR BAY

UU Arlington visitors Dick Graham and Jane McKeel; with Worship Associate Noel Monardes; and Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration Dayna Edwards

Strong respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part—the 7th principle of our faith—fuels concern for the restoration efforts of the Chesapeake Watershed... and about a concerted attack on those crucial efforts at this very moment. Dick Graham and Jane McKeel developed this presentation in the form of a scripted television interview. Dick was founding director of the UU Affordable Housing Corp. in 1990 (now morphed into the Open Door Foundation). Jane is co-author of two UUA curricula, Living the Promise and Jesus & His Kingdom of Equals, and is a former Director of Religious Education at the UU Church of Arlington.

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2014-2015 🌀

Chair	Theresa Myrdon
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Trustee	Peter Dowling
Trustee	Wendy Schlegel
Trustee	Carol Carter Walker
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🌀 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)
	Jane Trout (Visual Arts)
Auction	Mark Shute
Budget Leadership Team	Kathi Yu
Buildings & Grounds	Lowell Owens
Capital Campaign	Peter Wathen-Dunn
DARTT (co-chairs)	Carol Carter Walker
	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
Denominational Affairs	Don Gerson
Electronic Communications	contact church office
Ethnic Dinners	Marilyn Pearl
Finance	Patty Daukantas
Green Team (contact)	Marj Donn
Leasing	Church Office
Legacy Fund	Ken Montville
Membership	Polly Pettit
Ministry	Susannah Schiller
Nominating	Sabrina Jones (acting Chair)
Personnel	Jim Flaherty
Religious Exploration (co-chairs)	Patricia Most & Elizabeth Porter
Site Improvement	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Social Action	Nancy Boardman
Sustaining Our Ministry	SOM@pbuuc.org
Stewardship	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	vacant
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Food for Thought	Mary Tyrtle Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Marj Donn
Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Marriage Enrichment	Don Fairfield
Mediation Program	David Haberman
Meditation Group	Cory Carter
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Moms of Young Ones	Jessica Sharp
Mystery Book Club	Kathy Kearns
Nature Spirituality Circle	Katherine Earle
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
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Pat Behenna
Widowed Persons Support Group	Jeri Holloway
Women's Group	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. Russ 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
	Milan Monardes

Ministers Page

From Rev. Diane Teichert:

As PBUUC feels its way into its future, I will do the same into mine. For nearly six years, our ways converged and for that I am grateful! Now our ways must part, and for that we must also be, or become, grateful. Gratitude, I believe, will move us into discerning and then creating the hopeful and vibrant future that is ahead, for me and for the congregation.

Because I have been so absent for the past year. I am planning a series of goodbye opportunities. I invite you to consider joining me on one or more of these occasions. It will mean so much to me to see you, to hear how you are, to talk about our ministry together and to say goodbye.

On These Sunday mornings, I will:

May 24—Participate in the Children's Chapel for Change

May 31—Attend the Youth-led service,

June 7—Attend RE service & RE volunteer event in the glen

June 14—Attend the Choir Service

June 21—Lead "How to Say a Good Goodbye - An All Ages Service" with Dayna, Worship Associate Bettie Young, the Adult and Children's Choirs, special music and the Chalice Dancers. Followed by A Farewell Reception at noon.

Fare Thee Well Drop-in Office Hours - in the Minister's Office, RE Building:

Sunday May 31 from 12—2

Wednesday June 3 from 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Tuesday June 9 from 6—8 pm

Wednesday June 10 from 1—3 pm

Also, I plan to visit for part of the following meetings, which I customarily had attended or led each month:

May 26—Board of Trustees

June 8—Worship Associates

June 9—Pastoral Care Associates

Other:

June 17—TWedHUULK- Third Wednesday Handy UU Lunch Klub - at Red Lobster in Lanham.

June 18—Choir Rehearsal Break

DATE TBD—Staff Goodbye Gathering

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these occasions!

With Love,

Diane.

Rev. Diane Teichert, Minister
revdteichert@gmail.com



From Rev. Russ Savage:

Last month I attended the annual UU ministers' retreat at Lewes, DE. Diane was there, too, along with about 30 other UU ministers from Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC, and northern Virginia. The program was presented by Rev. Dr. Larry Peers, who coaches and teaches pastoral excellence to ministers of many faiths (although his background is UU). I had known Larry many years ago in Boston and it was a pleasure to see him again.

Larry skillfully immersed us in two and a half days of thinking and reflecting about something we all knew anyway: that we cannot change the people we interact with, but we can always change the way we react to them. We cannot change where we have been, but we can change where we are going. With a little effort, we can work to find a new perspective from which to view our relationships and our life situation, and perhaps we can change and grow from that perspective.

It was refreshing to spend this time with colleagues and to have the luxury of contemplation apart from the usual daily concerns (even though the temptation of e-mail was ever present). Try to remember this lesson for yourself from time to time: you cannot change that irritating or troublesome person, but you can always change how you react to her or him; you cannot change your past, but you can alter the direction of your future. If you watch me closely, you may be able to see me trying to do some of these things.

I'm grateful for the support of PBUUC in underwriting my attendance at professional gatherings such as this retreat and the General Assembly I'll attend later this month in Portland, OR.



Blessings.

Russ

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

Farewell Reception

On Sunday, June 21, we will bid a fond farewell to our minister, Rev. Diane Teichert, who will also lead the all-ages service. Both the adult and children's choirs, as well as the Chalice Dancers will perform. After the service, we will gather for a light lunch served at noon. Speakers from key groups in Diane's ministry will share thoughts and gifts with Rev. Teichert and she will share some parting thoughts with us. Please come honor our minister, our congregation, and the years we have spent together. Childcare will be provided.

Board of Trustees Column

Fellow Members,

The Board is very happy to let you all know what we have hired an Interim Minister!

Beginning on August 1, 2015, **Reverend Evan Keely** will be our Interim Minister. Rev. Keely has previously served Unitarian Universalist Congregations in Massachusetts, Texas, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, six of them as an interim minister, and has been an Accredited Interim Minister since April 2013. Rev. Keely is coming to us from Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, PA and prior to that was as Interim Senior Minister of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland. He has prior experience serving as an Interim Minister for a church whose Minister had to retire due to health reasons and is looking forward to helping us ask "Who we are?" and "What is most important to PBUUC?"

Raised on Long Island, New York, in a UU home, Evan is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and lives in Reston, VA with his family. His wife Sarah is a psychotherapist and they have two school-aged sons. Evan and Sarah met when they were active members of a UU church, First Parish in Cambridge, MA, at a music committee meeting. Evan has a bachelor's degree in Music History from Boston University. He enjoys composing and arranging music and has been known to do some singing. He also describes himself as "an avid (but not very good) chess player."

The Board plans to have Rev. Keely as Interim Minister from August 2015 through July 2017. In accordance with standard practice for UUA congregations, Rev. Keely's contract ends in July 2015 and can be renewed for the second year if Evan and the Board agree that that is in PBUUC's best interests. You can learn more about Evan on his website, evankeely.net or by following him on Twitter [@evanvwk](https://twitter.com/evanvwk).

In other news, don't forget about the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 14, 2015 at NOON. We need to elect new Members to the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, and Legacy Fund. We also need to select delegates for UUA General Assembly. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please see Sabrina Jones (acting chair) of the Nominating Committee. If your curious about the work we do, ask! I have found the last two years on the Board enormously rewarding....if rather exhausting this last year.

Sincerely,
Theresa Myrdon
 Chair, Board of Trustees

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee, and the Legacy Fund Committee. If these groups are to function effectively, we need people willing to serve.

If you have interest or would like additional information, please send an email or call Sabrina Jones (acting chair). Subfin@verizon.net 301-776-1175.



Meet Our Guest Speakers

June 28:

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Our Caring Community

WHEEL OF LIFE

PBUUC member Ned Bayley died last month; he was 96 years old. Ned's family has set up a memorial page on the web at <http://www.forevermissed.com/ned-bayley> where you may leave a tribute or share a story. Healing thoughts go to Ebeth Porter, whose grandmother has been ill and in the hospital; and to Marilyn Pearl, who is mourning the death of her in-law Jim Butland. A big smile for Theresa Myrdon, whose biopsy results came back benign.



June's We Care Coordinator 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

Together Time and the Wonder Box

If you have attended a Sunday Service in the past two years, you may have noticed we have started having Together Time every Sunday, no matter what (even over the summer), and we have been using a Together Time method called "The Wonder Box." As we enter into the summer and the Sunday Services are lay-led, worship leaders sometimes ask if we have to use the Wonder Box or if we have to have a Together Time. The answer is yes... and no. There is no "have to" in Unitarian Universalism, with a few exceptions. So no, you don't have to have a Together Time or use the Wonder Box during Together Time. However, there are a few reasons I strongly advocate for using the Wonder Box and having Together Time every single Sunday.

Why Have Together Time Every Sunday?

The Multigenerational RE Team made the recommendation to the minister and the Worship Associates prior to last summer that PBUUC should use the Wonder Box and have Together Time every Sunday as part of our goal of being more welcoming to families and children. Having a Together Time every Sunday, ensures that each Sunday all-ages are engaged in worship in a meaningful way. It communicates to the children and youth that their presence in worship is meaningful and valuable. It helps them create a mindset of belonging in this faith community. It communicates to visitors that the congregation wants families with young children to participate in our community. It illustrates, in an experiential way, that we are a vibrant community filled with the life and energy of young people. When Together Time becomes an expected part of the PBUUC liturgy, children and youth become an expected part of the PBUUC community and that is a good thing.

Why the Wonder Box?

The Wonder Box provides a consistent framework for Together Time that can be followed by anyone who has ever told or listened to a bedtime story. It is largely considered best practice in the field of religious exploration and was featured at General Assembly in 2013. Having one item in a box can anchor the story being told and it gives the children and youth something to focus on while the story is being shared. The idea of opening a box and finding something mysterious in it contributes to the sense of wonder and awe that comes from any sacred or spiritual experience.

Why not just gather the kids together and read a book?

Again, there is no reason that you can't do this if you choose. However here are some factors to consider. Picture books are wonderful. However, there is no way for people beyond the first row to see the pictures. Those who can't see may feel left out, especially if the pictures are critical to conveying information in the story. Adults, as well as children, can gain meaning from a well told tale, no pictures necessary. Spoken stories are powerful. The tradition of oral story telling is as old as humans. There is a reason people sit around and tell stories at family gatherings and around camp fires. Together Time is a part of the service where all-ages can get spiritual messages, not just children. Let's all worship together, as the name implies.

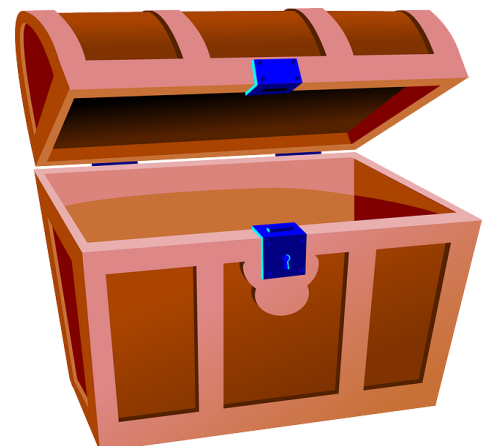
As we fully commit to becoming a multigenerational faith community, Together Time and the Wonder Box can be one of our touch stones of success. If you are leading a service and feel nervous about the Wonder Box or Together Time, please talk with me. I love matching the perfect story with the perfect service and sermon.

Yours in Faith,

Dayna

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

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Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)



Next Reverberations Topic:

Policing In Black and White

Next DARTT Reverberations Topic: *Policing In Black and White*. This will be co-led by Janet Overton and Dayna Edwards. It will be Sunday, August 23 during Enrichment Hour.

Sunday Services

DARTT will lead its annual Summer Service Sunday, July 5. The theme is: *Emancipation: Proclamation and Progress*. A meal will follow on the Deck.

Monthly Meetings Continue On Second Tuesdays.

DARTT will meet monthly year-around on the second Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm. The meetings will continue to have two components: Sharing joys and concerns related to diversity at Paint Branch, the wider UU and non-UU community; and planning for upcoming events. All are welcome!

Watch upcoming Bulletins and e-mail blasts for specific dates and details about our programs and activities.

Send ideas, comments, questions, etc., to

DARTT@pbuuc.org.

Submitted by: Carol Carter Walker, Co-Chair, DARTT

Buildings and Grounds (BAG)

PBUUC Helps To Restore American Chestnut Trees

Everyone has heard the story of the American chestnut tree, how the Chinese chestnut was brought to America carrying a fungus to which the American chestnut had no resistance. Luckily there were a few trees showing some resistance. It was hoped these survivors may have some resistance, perhaps by a genetic mutation? By crossing these old survivors, new seedlings were produced and nurtured.

[The American Chestnut Foundation](#) now has some seedlings to give away. I contacted Bruce Levine, president of the [Maryland chapter](#) and obtained two of these young saplings. Buildings and Grounds Chair, Lowell Owens planted and protected them from deer with screening. They are about a foot-and-a-half tall. You may see them by standing out from the office door and looking up on the slope.

Thank you Lowell for this work on our beautiful grounds.

- Joann Alexander



Beautification Day, Saturday, June 6.

This is our annual spring clean-up/fix-up day. Tasks for everyone to make our PBUUC buildings and grounds more inviting to everyone. Come anytime between 9 am and 2 pm. Lowell Owens, Buildings and Grounds chair.

Contact: lowellandmarge@verizon.net



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Join UUs at Capital Pride

Saturday, June 13 and

Sunday, June 14

Washington, DC

Outgoing people are needed to help run the UU Pride

booth on Sunday between 11:15am - 7:45pm. Volunteers are needed to handout printed information and answer questions. Also, active folks (regardless of gender/sexual identity) are wanted for walking in the Pride Parade on Saturday evening. Walkers will gather around 3:30pm and will walk for about 20 blocks until about 7:30pm. Interested volunteers/parade attendees can [RSVP](#) by clicking [here](#) or by contacting Jenny McAtee at 240-595-2680 (voice or text) or jenny@mcatee.com.

Funds are still needed toward the cost of the registration and supplies. Please make checks payable to the UU Congregation of Columbia with "Capital Pride" in the note and mail to UU Congregation of Columbia, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.



UUSJ Immigration Task Force Meeting and "Community Navigator Training" - Help DREAMers!

Saturday, June 6, 10:30am Task Force Meeting; 12:30 pm - Lunch, 1:30 pm - 4 pm Community Navigator Training

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville

100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD

Bring your lunch, beverages provided.

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 4 at 5 pm

Please attend UUs for Social Justice Immigration Task Group meeting to plan UU actions on immigration issues, stay for lunch and a special training for UUs in our region. CASA de Maryland will provide a comprehensive training program to give participants a wide array of practical information on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and provide all the tools needed to assist DREAMers who want to apply for relief under DACA. Participants will:

- learn essential elements of setting up a DACA clinic
- be equipped to help navigate the application process.
- learn about this unique form of immigration relief.
- be supplied with DACA screening tools, application instructions and other useful materials. For more information contact: Rev. Cyn Snavelly at info@uusj.org or 202-600-9132.

Social Action Committee (SAC) News



**Habitat
for Humanity®**
Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Special Collection Scheduled for Sunday, June 14

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) is working to increase the inventory of low-cost and safe housing in the Metro Maryland area. In the fall of 2014, HFHMM finished construction on 19 townhomes in Gaithersburg and sold them to the partner families who all moved in before Thanksgiving. In addition, since July 1, 2014,

they completed 15 weatherization projects with a projected annual household savings of \$451 and 13 repair projects including HVAC replacements, roof repairs, and plumbing repairs. Four of the projects were completed in Prince George's County with one scheduled to be completed in May and three in June. HFHMM is now accepting applications for additional work in Prince George's County.

HFHMM accomplished all this, and more, by bringing together, members of different faith congregations to volunteer. Churches, synagogues, mosques, other houses of worship and interfaith organizations have partnered with HFHMM to promote unity and create low-cost, energy efficient, safe, and attractive homes for low income families. For example, Annapolis area UU's will be building an entire home for a local family. HFHMM even has a program called Act! Speak! Build! Week. It is Habitat's student-initiated advocacy campaign. Act! Speak! Build! Week empowers young people to educate themselves and their communities to move toward social action. The program was developed for youth ages 5 to 25 involved with Habitat affiliates and Habitat volunteers around the world.

This past April, the members of SAC signed an HFHMM Interfaith Unity Initiative Commitment that includes:

- promoting understanding among various houses of worship across Montgomery and Prince George's Counties by embracing interfaith unity and partnership,
- participating in the Interfaith Steering Committee,
- working side-by-side with the future homeowners as they put in their time, talents, and sweat equity toward creating their new home;
- securing volunteers to work on Habitat projects and in Habitat's ReStore;
- working to secure donations to Habitat through congregational and individual giving; and,
- supporting advocacy efforts at local and states levels by participate with HFHMM in organized meetings to

hold elected officials accountable for their promises to support affordable housing.

As part of their Interfaith Unity Initiative, HFHMM's goal is to raise \$35,000 through donations and events. On Sunday, June 14, our special collection will go toward HFHMM's goal.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of HFHMM's two ReStores (one is close by on Plum Orchard Road in Silver Spring), email Jeff Dee, Director of Development, at Jeff.Dee@habitatmm.org. Learn more about what HFHMM is doing at website, habitatmm.org. To volunteer with HFHMM as part of a PBUUC group, email Janet Overton at janmo12@verizon.net.

Upcoming Social Action Committee (SAC) Meetings:

Saturday, September 19th, 10 am – 12:30 pm
in Room 4 of the RE Building

Green Team

Maydale Conservation Park

The Green Team has been supporting the work of PBUUC member Renee Katz as a member of the community work group collaborating with Montgomery Parks to explore options for nature programming at Maydale Conservation Park in eastern Montgomery County (about 6.3 miles from Paint Branch UU Church). Montgomery Parks will be hosting a community meeting to gather input. From a recent announcement by Montgomery Parks:

Maydale Conservation Park Community Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2015- A community meeting will be held to begin the process of formulating a community-based vision for the future programming at Maydale Conservation Park. The first of a series of meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7 pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd in Silver Spring, MD 20904. The Maydale Conservation Park housed programs focused on offering young children the opportunity to learn about nature and the environment. The Nature Center building served as an orientation and instructional space until severe budgetary constraints discontinued programming and closed the building in 2008. There has been renewed interest in restoring nature-centered programming and the Department of Parks wants to obtain community input to help formulate a vision for the future use of the park. For more details please call Montgomery Parks at 301-495-2595.

Renee can be reached at renee_katz@hotmail.com and maintains a blog about the park at www.friendsofmaydale.blogspot.com

In and Around Paint Branch



ART NEWS

Our current exhibit which will be on display through June is of photographs printed on canvas. The photographer, Susanna Euston, brings her love of nature and places, her sense of aesthetics and design, and technical skills, to create beautiful, creatively interpreted images of the natural environment. If you are interested in purchasing some of her work you will need to contact her. Information is on the pillar to the left as you enter the Meeting House. She has assured me that should you be interested in purchasing the same print that some else has picked, another print can be made. Paint Branch will receive 20%.

In July we will be enjoying nature photographs by members and friends of Paint Branch. If you have a photograph that you would like to share, please contact Jane Trout at 301 572-2898 or jd_trout@msn.com. She needs to know ahead of time how many photos you want to submit, the size, title and photographer. Jane needs to create a list and a general plan for installation by the middle of June. We can include 30 pieces depending on size that you are include send information soon. To insure that you are included get your information to Jane as soon as possible. NOTE: All photographs must be ready to be hung (wired for installation).

- Jane Trout

Join Us for Lunch at Red Lobster in Lanham, Wednesday, June 17 at 1 pm

The [Third Wednesday UU Lunch Klub](#) has not been to a Red Lobster for a couple of years. Some of us have been persuaded by their sizzling TV ads to return to the one in Lanham, on Lanham Severn Road a long block outside the Beltway. In addition to their seafood specialties, they serve very good soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. There are currently lunch specials for \$7.98 that include small portions of three items. Their locations are accessible, of course, and parking is generally easy. All are welcome. If you need a ride or can give someone else a ride, contact Marge Owens on 301-345-1572 or lowelland-marge@verizon.net. If you are using a GPS the address is 8905 Annapolis Rd, Lanham.



NEXT ETHNIC DINNER

Another **Ethnic Dinner** already?! Well, not until **Saturday, July 25**, but summer calendars tend to fill up quickly, so we'll alert you now, then, remind you again next month. Seeking a tropical/semi-tropical theme appropriate for warm weather, we found one in the news – **Cuba!** Maybe we're living dangerously, grabbing one from the headlines. We did that last year when we selected Russia, then watched in dismay as Olympics-host Russia morphed into Crimea-invading Russia in the weeks just before the dinner. Now, as the United States reopens diplomatic relations with Cuba, while Cubans there and Cubans here express a wide range of reactions, we will try once more to set politics aside and enjoy some good food.

Because we just set the date and selected the theme, we have barely started the research. In fact, we may have to do some of that at a local Cuban restaurant (one of the duties of being on the Ethnic Dinner committee). However, we did a Caribbean dinner about 18 years ago, and sampled a few Cuban dishes worth repeating. The world's best black bean soup, and an amazing citrus, spice and rum-infused pork roast stand out in my memory. If you're intrigued by this theme and/or have some dishes to suggest or recipes to offer, make note of these dates. The menu planning meeting, to which anyone interested is encouraged to come, will be during Enrichment Hour on June 28th, the ticket sales and volunteer recruitment will take place on the next 3 Sundays. The first of those will be July 5, so if you won't be at church that day, you'll have only 2 Sundays remaining to obtain tickets and become involved in this Cuban fiesta! Any new members who have received Ethnic Dinner coupons and want to attend this dinner, should exchange them for tickets on one of those Sundays – July 5, 12 and 19.

Music is important at all the dinners, but it will be especially so for this one. Anyone who has some recorded Cuban music you can make available for this dinner, please let us know.

Stay tuned. There will be more reminders in the Sunday bulletins and the July Branches. But, put it on your calendar now, so you won't end up with a conflict.

For questions, suggestions, reservations, offers of music, recipes, or volunteer help, contact Marilyn Pearl, 301-805-1218 or buffalo_gal@verizon.net.

Paint Branch Summer Services at a Glance

As always, our summer services will be described in full detail on the front page of each month's *Branches* and at www.pbuuc.org. For those of you who like to plan ahead, here's a quick preview of the whole summer. All-ages services are marked with an asterisk (*); Together Time (children starting in the service) followed by Religious Exploration classes will be offered on all other Sundays. All services start at 10 am in the Meeting House.

Date	Topic	Service Leader(s)
June 28	<i>Hey, This Is Our Bay</i> Dramatization of current events affecting the health of the Chesapeake.	Arlington UUs Jane McKeel and Dick Graham
July 5	<i>Emancipation: Proclamation & Progress</i> What did the 1863 proclamation really say and what does it mean to us today?	Carol Carter Walker/DARTT
July 12	<i>Letting Go</i> As our time together draws to a close, some reflections about the process of parting and how we go about it.	Rev. Russell Savage
July 19	<i>Strangers and Other Incredible People</i> Three tales of high adventure and humanism.	Linda Ward
July 26	<i>Famous Unitarian Universalists*</i> Match wits and learn U-U history in a Jeopardy-style game.	Kathy Kearns/Women's Group
August 2	<i>The UU Umbrella*</i> PBUUCers of all ages share their personal theology through music selections.	Tricia Most
August 9	<i>Singing in the Spirit</i> Back by popular demand: Explore the experience of singing in community.	Members of Voice Exchange: Beth Lyons, Amado Ohland, and Taunya Ferguson)
August 16	<i>Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis for UUs*</i> Bring your well-behaved animal companion or a photograph of your favorite animal to this special service honoring the animals that share our lives.	Jonathan Mawdsley
August 23	<i>Because of Her, We Can*</i> We will examine the life and actions of Rosa Parks and how her act of civil disobedience can inform and inspire our own activism today.	Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration
August 30	<i>Dear Vegan: Please Go Away</i> It's common and natural for many non-vegans to react negatively to veganism. Learn tips to get beyond this stage.	Mary "Tyrle" Rooker
September 6	<i>How Can I Keep From Singing!</i> Select, hear and sing your favorite hymns from diverse religious traditions.	Carol Carter Walker and David Chapman, Director of Music

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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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