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PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

October 2015

SUNDAYS at 10:00 am

Nursery Care in Room 6 from 9:45-12:45
Refreshments and Fellowship after the service
Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45
Childcare until 12:45

OCTOBER 4 THE SERVANT LEADER

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Van Summers, Worship Associate; Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; and the Choir;
What do we expect from our leaders — in our church, in our community, in our world? What are the qualities of just and effective leadership?

OCTOBER 11 ALL THE PEOPLES ON THIS EARTH

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Worship Associates Carol Boston and Beth Charbonneau
Columbus Day raises hard questions. There is much pain and injustice in human history and in the present. Can we build a more compassionate and more just future?

OCTOBER 18 SPIRITUAL MATURITY

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate ; Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; and the Choir
Retired Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong has remarked, "When you're born again, you're still a child. People don't need to be born again; they need to grow up." What does spiritual maturity look like?

OCTOBER 25 TO BE ANNOUNCED

TBA; with Carol Carter Walker and Sophie Bernheisel, Worship Associates; and Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration
Please pay attention to upcoming Bulletin and Continuum announcements for information on our guest speaker.

NOVEMBER 1 ALL SOULS

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Van Summers, Worship Associate; Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; and the Choir
We gather in grateful remembrance of those whose lives have ended but whose legacy lives on in us.

Minister's Column



Fund-raising is among the most rewarding aspects of ministry for me. Some are surprised to hear a pastor make such a claim, though this puzzles me a little. The acquisition of material wealth is, in and of itself, not without interest, but what really makes fund-raising exciting is not the amassing of bucks. What makes it exciting is that it is ultimately about empowerment. Our religious life emphasizes empowerment in ways almost too numerous to count: when we provide our children and teens with safe spaces for learning about our faith and the world's religions; when we offer them comprehensive, age-appropriate, faith-based sexuality education, we are doing the work of empowerment. When we say Black Lives Matter, when we advocate for immigrants, when we speak out against Islamophobia, we are doing the work of empowerment. When we worship together, exploring as a community the transcendent and abiding values that guide our lives and give them meaning, we are doing the work of empowerment. And when we raise money to keep our church strong and thriving, we are doing the work of empowerment.

I have been involved in two capital campaigns in other congregations where I was the interim minister. These were among the most exciting and fulfilling ministries in which I have been blessed to participate. Bringing in money was pretty cool, but what was truly thrilling was how the effort brought the people of those congregations together with a newly invigorated sense of purpose. They were empowered, and they empowered their beloved faith communities together.

Paint Branch UU Church may or may not have a capital campaign next year, but the fact that the church's leaders and I have already begun serious conversations about the possibility is something about which we should all be hopeful. We are taking seriously what we need to be doing right now to empower this church into the future.

Evan

The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Minister
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PBUUC Leadership Directory

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Carol Boston (2013-16)	Beth Charbonneau (2015-18)
Noel Monardes (2013-16)	Will Snyder (2015-18)
Van Summers (2014-17)	Sophie Bernheisel (youth WA)
Carol Carter Walker (2014-17)	

🌀 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	Marguerite & Van Summers
Buildings & Grounds	Kathi Yu
Capital Campaign	Lowell Owens
DARTT (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
	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	Erin Gebhart & Kathy Bartolomeo
Leasing (contact)	Church Office
Legacy Fund	Ken Montville
Membership	Janet Overton
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
Stewardship	Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans
Transition Team	Transition@pbuuc.org

🌀 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
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

🌀 Minister 🌀

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

[Interim Minister](#)

The Rev. Evan Keely

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[Music Director & Pianist](#)

David Chapman

[Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration](#)

Dayna Edwards

[Church Administrator](#)

Sharon Werth

[Administrative Assistant](#)

Charles Bury

[Bookkeeper](#)

vacant

Sunday Service/Building Managers:

Debra McCann

Child Care Providers:

Romeo Ndonfak

Wyatt Rexach

Jazmin Balbuena

Beth Judy

Alexis Saunders

🌀 Office Volunteers 🌀

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

Thank You to Summer Service Worship Leaders & Participants

The 2014-2015 Worship Associates want to acknowledge the members and friends who helped Paint Branch uphold its longstanding tradition of holding high quality worship services on a diversity of themes and styles of presentation during the Summer. The themes were varied—music, animals, veganism, emancipation, women's history. The Services included a music from diverse sources. We are also grateful to Music Director David Chapman, Director of Multi-generational Religious Exploration Dayna Edwards, the Pastoral Care Associates, and Worship Associates who contributed to a stream of successful services. We appreciate the Worship Leaders and Service Participants—both Paint Branchers and others— who did the work of planning and delivering the Services. They were:

June 14: Bruce Baker

June 26: Dick Graham and Jane McKeel, Members, UU Church of Arlington

July 5: Carol Carter Walker, with Carmelita Carter-Sykes and Peter Wathen- Dunn; and Van Caldwell, Lynda Davis, and Rusty Vaughan, Members, Coming To The Table

July 19: Kay McGraw

July 26: Kathy Kearns, with members of the Women's Group, and Markus Williams

August 2: Tricia Most, with Ciara Bonilla, Gina Davis, Ian Dylan, Richard Johnston, Renée Katz, Jerome Louison, Keith Miller, Montana Monardes, Elizabeth Porter, and Jessica Sharp

August 9: Beth Lyons, with Taunya Ferguson and Amado Ohland, members of Voice Exchange

August 16: Cory Carter and Jonathan Mawdsley

August 23: Dayna Edwards, with Sabrina Jones, Milan Monardes, Eric Most, and Paul Wester

August 30: Mary Tyrtle Rooker, with Marilyn Pearl, Deb Rubenstein, and Carol Carter Walker

September 6: Jonathan Mawdsley and David Chapman
In the adapted words of UU Minister Rev. Bruce Southworth, "Our many sparks met and merged in communion of heart and soul."

In appreciation,

Genie Ahearn, Carol Boston, Jonathan Mawdsley, Noel Monardes, Van Summers, Carol Carter Walker, and Bettie Young,
2014-2015 Worship Associates

Our Caring Community



WHEEL OF LIFE

Let us continue to hold John Holbrook and his family in our hearts as they all face the uncertainties of John's illness.

- Rev. Keely

October'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.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

We are invited to join other area UUs at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda on Sunday, October 11 at either the 9 am or the 11 am service and/or the Forum from 10 to 11 am. All will feature the work of our denomination's United Nations Office. Many members of PBUUC have attended the April Intergenerational Seminar held in NYC across the street from the headquarters of the U.N. The speaker at the 10 am Forum will be a member of the Board of the U.N. Reorganization Work Group. Should be a very interesting morning. Contact Marge Owens if you would like to car-pool at lowellandmarge@Verizon.net or 301-345-1572.

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) invites you to 7th Social Justice Awards Benefit Gala

Sunday, October 18, 5:30 pm.

UU Church of Arlington

4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204.

Tickets are \$75 (\$33 is tax deductible).

Printable Flier available at <http://goo.gl/XqHDd2>

Where can you get a dose of social justice inspiration that lasts all year; learn about innovative programs and best practices implemented by regional social activists; meet the people responsible for social justice successes that can be replicated? At the 2015 Social Justice Awards Gala! Cheer the winners, enjoy the camaraderie, make new friends and contribute to enable more good work to be done in 2016.

2015 Awards:

Beloved Community - Carmelita Carter-Sykes - PBUUC

Collaboration - Eric Goplerud - Fairfax

Congregational Social Justice Program - Social Justice Committee - Accotink

Environmental - Natalie Pien - Loudoun

Emerging Leader - Walter Ellis - Cedar Lane

Emerging Leader - Kerridwen Henry - Columbia

Lifetime Achievement - Gene Mulligan - Arlington

Special Recognition - Act for a Livable Climate Team led by Doris Marlin - All Souls

Proceeds from the Gala support the Social Justice Fund, which provides grant seed money for worthwhile regional social justice efforts that are under or unfunded at UU congregations.

Registration deadline is noon, October 12, 2015; Sponsored by UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital Region www.uusj.org

Questions? Contact info@uusj.org or 202-600-9132.

Board of Trustees Column

Fellow Paint Branchers,

This August, I had a stress fracture in my left metatarsal bone (that is the bone in the ball of your foot). I was on crutches for three weeks and I didn't come to Church because I was afraid I couldn't negotiate our parking lot safely. I'm fairly certain that everyone else who walks our parking lot on a regular basis has had similar concerns... from the mud, the huge rut, the uneven surface, the ice in the winter...the list goes on.

This year, the Board decided that after delaying for two years, that we'd really like to do something about it. Building a new parking lot or upgrading our existing parking lot likely means a major financial investment, which means PBUUC will need a Capital Campaign.

The Board knows that a lot of research was done previously about site improvement. We are hoping to take advantage of that research and Rev. Evan's experience with prior Capital Campaigns to launch one starting in June 2016. But there is work that needs to be done before launching a Capital Campaign.

Per the UUA, a Capital Campaign is a ten stage process that is part of healthy congregational growth. A clearly defined congregational building project, like improving or replacing our parking lot, will require an effort from all members and friends while knowing that conflict will arise and working out how to manage those disagreements.

Per the UUA, the ten Stages for a Building Project are:

- 1) Hold a Next Steps Weekend to define who we are, where we are going, and how to get there.
- 2) Organize our Leadership by naming a steering committee with defined responsibilities and authority that ensures widespread participation.
- 3) Select our Organizing Model. This is determined by the size of our project. For projects over 1 million dollars, the UUA suggests a team with co-chairs, a secretary, and representatives for the following areas: publicity, strategic planning, property, the capital campaign, finance, building plans, construction, and furnishings. For smaller projects under \$500,000 the UUA suggests a team of five that represent the Board, Faith Development, the Capital

Campaign committee, the Finance Committee, and one member at large.

- 4) Begin Steering Committee Work by having the team select an architect, develop financial projections, and estimate giving over four years.
- 5) Share Building Plans and Financial Projections with the congregation. Providing a gold plan, a silver plan, and a turquoise plan along with designs and cost estimates for all three.
- 6) Conduct a Financial Feasibility Study to learn if the congregation understands the goals, if they are excited about this Campaign, if there are any concerns, and then to determine if the Congregation is ready to launch a campaign.
- 7) Launch a Capital Campaign. Capital Campaigns require a clear and compelling case for raising the funds, a comprehensive publicity plan, orientation workshops for visiting stewards, and stewardship conversations.
- 8) Revise Building Plans...if Necessary. Depending on how well the Capital Campaign went the Congregation may need to revise the development plans. At this point, the Church prepares the necessary documentation for construction and obtains bids or proposals.
- 9) Begin Construction. At this point, the Church is finally ready for building and managing the construction.
- 10) Celebrate as Often as Possible. Capital Campaigns are a big endeavor, so the Congregation should celebrate frequently with site dedications, groundbreaking ceremonies, open houses, etc.

Are you as surprised as I was at all the prep work needed for a Capital Campaign? What startled me the most was that you don't begin construction until Stage 9! The Board would like to be at Step 7 by June, which means PBUUC has a lot of work ahead of us. Look for an announcement about the 'Next Steps Weekend' after the October Board Meeting.

I'm ready. Are you?

Theresa Myrdon, Board Chair

Nominations Committee

So you missed the involvements fair? Don't despair! We need you! The nominations committee still needs at least one committee member and possibly two. It would be very helpful if the interested party would be willing to consider chairing the committee either now or at some point in the future.

What does the committee do? How often does it meet? If you are asking these questions, you probably have more than a passing interest. I recommend contacting me right away so we can chat. I will attempt to answer these questions and any others you might have. Sabrina Jones, acting chair of the Nominations Committee. 301-776-1175 or sabfin@verizon.net.

October Board Meetings:

Thursday, October 8, 8 pm

Executive Committee (via Conference Call)

Saturday, October 16, 11 pm

Read-Aheads due to Board

(email: BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org)

Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting (Room 4)

Religious Exploration

This fall, our fourth through sixth graders are embarking on a special journey. They are taking an eight week Our Whole Lives (OWL), human sexuality course led by two facilitators from Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church. I have to admit, prior to becoming a professional Religious Educator, I had not thought about OWL as being more than just a “sex ed” course. After educating myself, and watching the first OWL class take place last Sunday, I can say with certainty that OWL is a sacred ministry that we can offer entire congregation. OWL classes are built on a culture with four basic tenants:

- **Responsibility.**
- **Respect.**
- **Relationship.**
- **Religion.**

I wonder... I wonder what would happen if people of all ages walked around living their daily lives using these four words to guide their decision making. As a religious educator, I am most interested in the fourth word: religion. Many of us are grounded in the meaning and importance of responsibility, respect and relationship. In fact those first three words are woven into the core of our seven principles.

Since I grew up in a secular household, I sometimes still get a bit “itchy” around the word “religion.” Prior to a few months ago, I might have found myself particularly “itchy” when talking about how my religion might or might not inform my sexuality. However, it is clear to me now, that most religions, do relate to human sexuality in some way. Some religions shame and others celebrate human sexuality, but all religions address sex. Unitarian Universalism is no different, and OWL offers a way for us to live into our most important ideals. As Rev. Lena Breen states in her essay “Supporting Sexuality Education in Your Congregation,” “to offer sexuality education in a congregation is to acknowledge that human sexuality is simply too important, too beautiful, and too potentially dangerous to be ignored in a religious community.”

So, what does our religion guide us to do in relation to human sexuality? In my opinion, our religion holds us accountable to modeling for our young people how to make decisions based on our best understanding of responsibility, respect, relationship, and religion. Our religion, leaning heavily on our humanist teachings, requires us to know the scientific facts about human sexuality so that we can articulate our beliefs about human sexuality in responsible and respectful way. Our religion, pushes us to move beyond what is comfortable to support each other in community as we all grapple with our changing bodies, sexual identities, and reproductive decisions, regardless of our age.

As our 4th through 6th graders embark on the beginning of their human sexuality journey by taking OWL, I hope that our congregation will support them by thinking deeply about how each of us lives into the values of respect, re-

sponsibility, relationship, and religion. I envision a time in the near future where the culture of the OWL classroom permeates through the entire congregation.

If you are interested in taking a leadership role in creating an OWL culture and teaching a future OWL class for any part of the life span (K-1st grade, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, 10th – 12th, or adult OWL), please contact me directly at dre@pbuuc.org

Yours in Faith,

Dayna.

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration
DRE@pbuuc.org

Announcements:



Happy Birthday

UU Birthday Bash! You are cordially invited to celebrate the October birthdays in our church and learn about famous UUs born in October as well. Join our celebration in Room 2/3, Sunday, October 4, during Enrichment Hour (11:45 am - 12:45 pm). There will be food, games, and fun. All those with October birthdays will receive a special gift.



Want to contribute to the children and youth but don't want to teach?

The Spirit Play classrooms need a few volunteers to make the materials they use to tell the stories. Please contact Dayna at dre@pbuuc.org if you are interested in helping.



TRUNK OR TREAT:

Join us and bring your friends to the 2nd Annual PBUUC Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 25, from noon to 2 pm. RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/pbtrunkortreat. Need ideas on what to do or how to decorate? Click here:

pinterest.com/daynaedwards1/halloweentrunk-or-treat/

Save the Dates:

Sunday, November 22, 3 pm – 5 pm: We will host a **multi-generational, multicultural Thanksgiving meal** with participants from the Paint Branch Community Learning Center.

Saturday, December 5: we will have our annual **multigenerational caroling and tree trimming party.**



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In!

Get involved in activities to make Paint Branch look, feel and be more inclusive.

Paint Branch’s Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) was formally chartered and endorsed by the Board of Trustees in 2007 “to raise awareness about racism and promote personal transformation and spiritual growth that will intentionally move our congregation to become a truly welcoming, multiracial, multicultural community.”

DARTT coordinates numerous activities, both within our congregation and with other groups, to raise awareness about racism and to promote personal and congregational growth toward a more just society.

DARTT has sponsored Diversity Dialogues centered around current events, a Journey Toward Wholeness film series, book discussions, a Joseph Priestley District Conference Workshop, Reverberations On Race during Enrichment Hour, a vocal workshop led by Ysaye Barnwell, a vigil to honor those who have died unarmed at the hands of law enforcement; and several Sunday services throughout the church year, including Kwanzaa. DARTT works with other PBUUC groups, including the Social Action Committee, Multigenerational Religious Exploration Team and the Women’s Group, among others, on initiatives that advance our mutual goals.

After several years of providing opportunities for self-reflection and education in anti-racism and multicultural competency to the congregation, it seemed time for the congregation to more fully embrace the tasks of transformation. In the spring of 2011, DARTT held a well-attended forum, supported by the Social Action Committee, on a resolution to become an intentionally multicultural congregation. The resolution was adopted unanimously at the June 2011 Annual Meeting.

To more fully realize our Unitarian Universalist Principles, we, the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church community, declare ourselves an Intentional Multicultural Congregation. Therefore, we commit ourselves, the Board of Trustees, staff, committees, affinity groups and lay leadership to inclusive actions to transform all aspects of congregational life in ways that affirm our multicultural identity as the foundation of the church's strength.

DARTT is relaunching its efforts to put this resolution at

the center rather than the sidelines of congregational life. In a series of brainstorming meetings, this past summer, DARTT heard from members about how the 2011 resolution could be more strategically implemented.

As a result of these sessions, a proposal is being circulated that focuses on having the Sunday morning experience be more welcoming as a major task for the year.

This work is for everyone. Consider what you can do to make this truly a congregational-wide initiative. There are many points of entry for engagement:

- Planning, coordinating, and leading a Worship Service or other event.
- Establishing a Google account so that information can be quickly disseminated to a group of people about fast-breaking events in the area.
- Organizing potlucks that occur after DARTT-led major services; e.g., Kwanzaa, Summer Service, etc.
- Hosting an Enrichment Hour session on a topic of interest and currency.
- Facilitating a book discussion group.
- Becoming part of the DARTT Core Team, a group of four to six members of the PBUUC community who set policy and overall direction for DARTT.
- Recruiting people of color to be in leadership positions on the Board, Nominating Committee, Ministerial Search Committee, etc., to assure that the voice of people of diverse races/ethnicities have impact and that newcomers see people of color in visible leadership positions.
- Preparing op-ed and other articles for *Branches*.
- Serving as liaisons to other PBUUC Committees/Affinity Groups to work collaboratively on implementation of the resolution.

Fill in the blanks with your own ideas.

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

For more information, please talk to Carol Carter Walker or Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson, co-chairs, DARTT; Bekki Ow-Arhus, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, and Janet Overton, members DARTT Core Team.

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team continued

Reverberations on Race: Policing in Black and White

Our next DARTT Reverberations on Race (Sunday, October 18) will address Policing in Black and White. As we all know from recent headlines, encounters between police and unarmed black people—men, women, and children—can be deadly for the black person, no matter how innocent the circumstances. The death of 12-year-old Tamir Rice in November 2014 is a particularly tragic example. A March 2015 American Civil Liberties Union briefing paper reported that in Maryland between 2010 and 2014, 109 people died in police encounters. The report notes that of those who died in a police encounter, 69 percent were Black and 41 percent of them were not armed with a weapon of any kind.

Last June, the UUA General Assembly called on UUs to support the Black Lives Matter movement through a 2015 Action of Immediate Witness. The AIW “urges member congregations to engage in intentional learning spaces to organize for racial justice . . .” and also “encourages member congregations and all Unitarian Universalists to work toward police reform and prison abolition . . .”

During this Reverberations, we are asking participants to come prepared to “engage in intentional learning.” How would you feel, as a parent, trying to make your child understand that the police are not there to help and are likely to hurt you? How would you feel as a parent or spouse knowing that your loved one is more likely to be shot by than protected by police? Do you think that you understand the difference in police behavior toward blacks? Do you believe that blacks who are apprehensive about being stopped by police are “over reacting”?

DARTT’s Reverberations on Race are group discussions where we talk candidly about who we are, what we truly believe, and how we relate to each other. These Reverberations have helped encourage us to talk about issues of privilege, perceptions, and race in relation to our own life experiences, particularly within PBUUC. Participants have noted that it is an eye-opening and liberating experience. Together we are raising each other’s awareness while increasing overall awareness and cultural competency within the congregation. With each Reverberation we are moving ever closer to PBUUC’s stated goal of becoming intentionally multicultural. Please join the discussion on Sunday, October 18 during Enrichment Hour. Facilitators will be Janet Overton, DARTT Core Team, and Dayna Edwards, Director, Multigenerational Religious Exploration.

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Monthly Meeting Tuesday, October 13

All are welcome at DARTT’s next meeting on Tuesday, October 13 from 7 to 9 pm 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. If you can’t attend, but have ideas or suggestions or want to volunteer for a specific task or initiative, please be in touch via DARTT@pbuuc.org

Carol Carter Walker, Co-Chair, DARTT

Buildings and Grounds

Beautification Day: Saturday, October 17, 9 AM – 3 PM

All are invited to join in the beautification of the meeting-house, RE building, church grounds and parking lot. Come for as much or little time as you can to improve the beauty and utility of our surroundings. We need **your** help. Pizza at noon. Contact person Lowell Owens, Chair of Buildings and Grounds committee.

aUUction 2015

The 2015 PBUUC aUUction will be held on Saturday evening November 21.

The theme is:

“An Evening in Paris”

We are hoping you will attend and consider donating events, services, or items. Our auction donation form online at <http://pbuuc.org/auction/donate>

Asking local businesses to support our 2015 aUUction (Please help today!)

We are planning on sending letters to local businesses inviting donations (gift cards etc.) to our 2015 aUUction. We hope you will help us construct a mailing list by providing the names and addresses of local businesses you patronize that should be included. Please use this link pbuuc.org/auction/business as many times as you like, to provide that information for different local businesses. We hope to send the letters out by the end of the week, so we could use your input very soon!



Social Action Committee (SAC) News

October brings important events for social justice causes and programs. Sunday afternoon, October 18th is the Annual Social Justice Awards Benefit Gala at the UU Church of Arlington. Our Paint Branch Community Learning Center will receive the 2015 UUSJ Beloved Community Award! Coordinator Carmelita-Sykes has special thanks to its participants, volunteers, and Paint Branch staff for their wonderful support of this program. Also October 22-25 is the Greater Washington Immigration Film Fest - with more information to follow about the films and their location.

At the SAC meeting on September 19th having a speaker on wealth inequality and wage stagnation during an upcoming enrichment hour was agreed to. Meeting with the Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration and the RE Committee was also recommended so SAC can reach out to our youth and young adults to work together on social justice issues. Conducting another congregational survey, as was done a few years ago, to determine social justice priorities of Paint Branchers was also discussed and will be explored. Don Gerson spoke to SAC about the 2015 General Assembly and its passage of three actions of Immediate Witness that address Black Lives Matter, climate justice, and immigration. He also briefed SAC on the Statement of Conscience adopted on Reproductive Justice. Don provided handouts on each of these actions by the General Assembly to help SAC focus and discuss them further. Special collections were also agreed to for the coming three months through December.

With these and other important social justice issues to address in this new church year - SAC members invite Paint Branchers to join them at their next meeting on Saturday morning, October 17th from 10 am - 12:30 pm in Room 4 of the RE Building.

SAC Chair:

Nancy Boardman

SAC@pbuuc.org

Next Social Action Committee (SAC) Meetings:

Saturday, October 17th, 10 am – 12:30 pm
in Room 4 of the RE Building

Saturday, November 21st, 10 am – 12:30 pm
in Room 4 of the RE Building

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



PAINT BRANCH COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER WINS 2015 UUSJ AWARD

As we begin our 4th term of English classes, we are pleased to announce that the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church has been selected as the recipient of the 2015 Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice Beloved Community Award for its Paint Branch Community Learning Center. The award will be presented at the [7th Annual Social Justice Awards Benefit Gala](#), Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm. at the UU Church of Arlington (more information on the Gala can be found in the Wider UU Universe column on page 3). At this affair many social action activists and groups from our National Capital Region congregations who are working to make the world a more just, peaceful and environmentally-sustainable place will be celebrated. Kudos to all our PBCLC volunteers, staff and to all the people of the PBUUC community for their wonderful support.



The Event: The Washington area's 2nd annual Immigration Film Festival, sharing immigrant experiences through informative, entertaining movies.

What's New: The FilmFest's all-volunteer team has launched a 30-day crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo, and we need your help.

What To Do: Click below to learn more about the FilmFest and why your contribution counts, plus the perks that go along with your fully tax-deductible gift and the matching fund that will double it. <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/immigration-film-festival/x/8112842#/story>

And Then: Join us October 22-25 for the FilmFest featuring 26 films at 16 locations, post-film discussions and a red-carpet gala.

Special Collections

Recent special collections brought in the following contributions: to Habitat for Humanity Metro MD - \$758; for the Beacon House UU ministry in DC - \$352; for UU-United Nations Office - \$325. Thank you for your contributions.

Upcoming recipients are:

October - to a Unitarian Universalist church in Kenya to provide access to clean water for the community, through the UU Church of Tallahassee, Florida;

November - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee;

December - our own "Warm Nights" program to fund the week that the homeless stay in our building. The whole collection plate at both Christmas Eve services goes to this cause.

- Marj Donn

In and Around Paint Branch



Bon Appétit ~ Ethnic Dinners

This month's Ethnic Dinner will feature French Cooking which can mean a variety of things, including Haute Cuisine, Classical, Provincial, country fare or bistro. For a long time the French have cultivated and enjoyed

a reputation for being the best and most creative cooks, at least in Europe, if not in the world. Restaurants in other countries copied their dishes and cooking methods, and the rich often employed French chefs in their homes. Ethnic Dinners has presented French Cuisine (yes, that's a French word) twice before – December 1988 and February 1997. By the time of the second dinner, we were beginning to see how many of their dishes are regional and how many of those are similar to the dishes of neighboring countries.

On Saturday, October 24 at 6:30, we'll go French one more time giving even more attention to the ways in which the French and other nations, including those France occupied, borrowed from each other in the kitchen.

The menu meeting for this dinner is scheduled a week after this article will be submitted for publication, but we are already researching the British, German, Italian, Spanish, African, Canadian, Caribbean, and Asian influences on French food. This should be interesting, maybe surprising, definitely tasty.

Tickets will be available (\$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children 4 – 11, babies 3 & under, free) following Sunday services on October 4, 11 and 18. As usual, the ticket table will also have a volunteer sign-up sheet recruiting people to cook, setup, tend the door, provide French music, and clean up. If you are a new member and received a coupon, you can exchange it for a ticket on any of those dates.

It was sheer coincidence that we selected this theme while Van & Marguerite Summers were choosing "An Evening in Paris" as the theme for this year's PBUUC auction, Saturday November 21. However, our collaboration on the dishes served at each won't be coincidental. Put both events on your calendars now so you don't miss either. Bon Appétit!

For those curious about any developments regarding my announcement last month that I am stepping away from my intense involvement with Ethnic Dinners, let me clarify.

I will do this dinner, then one more in March just as I have always done, completing the three dinners for fiscal year 2015/16, after which I and Ethnic Dinners will be finished, OR, I will do them with anyone who wants the dinners to continue beyond March and is/are willing to learn some of the detailed organizational tasks which result in a successful dinner. Helping on a deeper level with the Oct. and March dinners would give you an idea of what is required. In addition, holding a meeting as soon as possible to discover how much interest there is, who will step up, and what is involved, might also be effective. I am happy to attend such meeting and answer any and all questions, but someone else must initiate it. If that happens, if I know the dinners are to continue, I am willing, if there's sufficient interest, to help organize a Luau in July following my visit to Hawaii in December.

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Paint Branch Bookstore to Feature Paint Branch Authors Sunday, October 4

The Bookstore will open during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, October 4. We will be featuring books by our own authors, including Marj Donn, Lynn Johnson, Raman Pathik, and Lynx or Mary Schmidt. Buy a book, contribute to the operating budget of the Church and get your copy inscribed by the author.

The Third Wednesday lunch group, TWedHUULK, will eat at the Azteca Mexican restaurant in College Park at 1 pm on Wednesday, October 21 (9505 Baltimore Ave). Everyone is invited. The Azteca can easily accommodate a large group and we hope to see some new attendees. Please contact Elaine Shell at 301 776-4271 or 301 602-0590 or Elaine@Greville.net; or just surprise us and come if you can come at the last minute.



Halloween is NOT just for kids!

Come to a 'danse macabre' for grown-up ghouls and vampires, music provided by the Twist & Shout Show (featuring our own Renee Katz), to keep your feet dancing and your attitude rocking.

Costumes optional but encouraged - dress up or just come and laugh at the rest of us. It's a fundraiser - \$10/ticket, cash bar, light snacks. Tickets sold post-service in the lobby starting October 4. (We need some helpers, too. Ask at Ticket table)

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, a pbuuc.org 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 included in the ContinUUm weekly email.
- **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. Up to one paragraph more may be added for use in the ContinUUm weekly email.

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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