



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

November 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

NOVEMBER 1

ALL SOULS

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Van Summers, Worship Associate;
Dayna Edwards, Director of Multi-generational Religious
Exploration; and the Choir

We gather in grateful remembrance of those whose lives have ended but whose legacy lives on in us.

** Remember to *Fall Back* one hour— but if you forget and show up early, you can join the Meditation Group in Room 1 at 9:30 am. **

NOVEMBER 8

BLESS ALL WHO SERVE

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Worship Associates Noel Monardes and Will Snyder; and Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the complex and immensely important relationship that our country has with its military and those who serve in it.

NOVEMBER 15

THE ARTIST'S WAY

Carol Carter Walker and Sophie Bernheisel leading the Worship Associates; with Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; The Chalice Dancers; and the Choir

This is a multi-experiential Service, based on the principles of Julia Cameron's landmark book, *The Artist's Way*. The topic was selected by Penny O'Brien who won the bid for a topic/theme of her choice for a Sunday Service led by the Worship Associates at the 2014 Auction.

NOVEMBER 22 OUR SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; with Carol Boston and Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associates; and the Choir

We gather together at this season of harvest for a multi-generational service of gratitude. Please bring a non-perishable food item, or grocery store gift card to help a family in need celebrate Thanksgiving. Followed by an intercultural harvest dinner with PBCLC. ***This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service.***

NOVEMBER 29 THE CROWNING OF THE YEAR

The Rev. Evan Keely;
with Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate

The Christian season of Advent invites us to reflect on universal human themes of expectation.

Minister's Column



It is not at all unusual for an explicit understanding to be intentionally formed between an interim minister and a church's former minister, especially if the former minister continues to reside in the community. So when Reverend Diane Teichert suggested that she and I form such a covenantal agreement and share it with the congregation, I readily assented. In the course of the conversations that lead to a written document, Diane exhibited her customary thoughtfulness and wisdom.

Below is the text of the covenant between Diane and me. When the next PBUUC minister arrives, Diane will work with him or her to make a new covenant.

In the spirit of the Guidelines of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association to which we both belong, and always with the ongoing health of the congregation in mind:

- ☞ We acknowledge that Diane knows many PBUUC children and adults and is still held in their hearts, and they in hers. However, we agree that on-going relationships or intentional contact between her and individual congregants or staff members could impede the ministry of the congregation during the interim period. This is especially true because she obviously cannot carry on relationships with all, and so therefore should not show preference for some. We both recognize this is painful for her, and may be to some congregants.
- ☞ Diane will not attend congregational activities or accept invitations from congregants, staff, or groups within it during the interim period, or until such time that this Covenant is changed.
- ☞ If Diane receives a request for pastoral care or to officiate child dedications, weddings, or memorial services from a congregant, former congregant, or their children, she pledges to refer them to Evan. Evan will notify Diane of deaths and births in the congregation.
- ☞ Evan and Diane pledge to consult regularly and openly with one another, to support one another as colleagues and for the good of PBUUC.

We each want the congregation to have a successful ministry now and in the future; to this end we do covenant.

Evan

The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Minister
minister@pbuuc.org

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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
Denominational Affairs	Carol Carter Walker
Electronic Communications	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
Ethnic Dinners	Don Gerson
Finance	contact church office
Green Team	Marilyn Pearl
Leasing (contact)	Patty Daukantas
Legacy Fund	Erin Gebhart & Kathy Bartolomeo
Membership	Church Office
Ministry	Ken Montville
Nominating	Janet Overton
Personnel	Susannah Schiller
Religious Exploration (co-chairs)	Sabrina Jones (acting Chair)
Site Improvement	Jim Flaherty
Social Action	Patricia Most & Elizabeth Porter
Stewardship	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Transition Team	Nancy Boardman
	Mike McMenamin & Chris Evans
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🌀 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	Ebeth Porter
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)

Board of Trustees Column

Fellow PBUUC'ers,

It seems I may have jumped the gun a little with last month's article. At this point, the Board is committed to growing Paint Branch and recognizes that we need some improvements to make our space more welcoming. Doing so may mean a capital campaign, but that is not chiseled into stone. There may be a way for us to repair the parking lot without paying for it ourselves. BAG presented information about the Prince George County Alternative Compliance Program for stormwater runoff to the Board, which involves allowing the County to install stormwater best management practices, which includes parking lot improvements! BAG is taking our questions back to the County and working to provide additional information for the November Board meeting. We have more than one option for how we can improve our facilities, hence my statement about jumping the gun. The Board did agree that a big question for Paint Branch to answer right now is to state where we currently are and then determine where do we want to go and what are the next steps for getting there.

At the October Board Meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about long term facilities needs and the parking lot with BAG. Also, we asked Rev. Evan and Tess Morrison to explore the need for a Personnel Committee and what its roles and responsibilities would be. Then, we passed guidelines for Third Party vendors to sell their goods at Paint Branch. For more information on those, please see the Finance Committee. Additionally, we decided to meet with the UUA Congregational Stewardship Consultant regarding capital campaigns and other fundraising options. Finally, DARTT sent in a recommendation regarding posting a "Black Lives Matter" banner. After much discussion, the Board concluded this was not a decision we wanted to make alone. We have asked DARTT to take the lead in hosting a congregational conversation about posting a "Black Lives Matter" banner with a vote to be held at the February Town Hall.

Finally, it is with regret that we accepted the resignation of Melody Lawrence from the Board of Trustees. We thank her for her dedication and tireless work for 3 years as Board Secretary and 2+ years as a Trustee. We are sorry to see her go for health reasons and wish her a speedy recovery.

Sincerely, *Theresa Myrdon*, Board Chair

Our Caring Community

November'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.

November Board Meetings:

Thursday, November 5, 8 pm
Executive Committee (via Conference Call)

Saturday, November 14, 11 pm
Read-Aheads due to Board
(email: BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org)

Tuesday, November 17, 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 to the 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,

Religious Exploration *continued*

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 the values of respect, responsibility, relationship, and religion. I envision a time in the near future when 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:

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.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) invites you to **Awakening the Dreamer Symposium**

Sunday, November 8, 2-6 pm at [UU Church of Arlington](#), 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204. Co-sponsored by UUSJ. Visit www.uusj.org to register. A goodwill offering will be taken.

Where on Earth are we going? And what can we do about it? Whether you feel you know a lot or a little about environmental sustainability, social justice, or spiritual fulfillment, we promise this Symposium will have you looking at what you know and how you live in a new and inspiring light.

We'll leave empowered to take clear steps to embody our vision for a better world, and establish new connections to work with others on common issues. We'll gather for a deep conversation and thoughtful engagement. It will be exciting to come together to expand our worldview and clarify our individual and collective roles in creating a world that works for everyone.

Questions? Download the [Flyer](#) or Contact Mary Pike at [marylpva\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:marylpva(at)gmail.com) or 202-746-4494.

UUSJ invites you to **Beyond Partisan Division**

Saturday, November 14, Noon—4:30 pm
Channing Memorial Church, 3220 Corporate Court, Suite C, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Tickets are \$10; \$12 after November 11 (includes vegetarian lunch and materials); Visit www.uusj.org to register.

Election season is upon us, and opinions and ideas are flowing. Or are they?

- Are we really open to diversity of political discourse?
- Do we really encourage and accept differing political views in our own congregations?
- How can we understand our own political bias?
- How can we be more effective in our understanding and conversations, and open our doors wide to intentionally extend our love and welcome to all?

This program will help us to compassionately witness a seldom-challenged bias that often exists in our congregations and association. We'll learn how to deepen the conversations about partisan division that exists around labels like "liberals" and "conservative."

Presenters include Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael, minister, and Paul Roche, Board Chair, UUC Sterling, and Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael, minister, Accotink UUC.

Sponsored by UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital Region. Questions? Download the [Flyer](#) or Contact info@uusj.org or 202-600-9132.



UU Birthday Bash! You are cordially invited to celebrate the November birthdays in our church and learn about famous UUs born in November as well. Join our celebration in Room 2/3, Sunday, November 1, during Enrichment Hour (11:45 am - 12:45 pm). There will be food, games, and fun. All those with November birthdays will receive a special gift.



Social Action Committee (SAC) News

The October 17 SAC meeting brought an important update about the Paint Branch Community Learning Center's (PBCLC's) English classes from its coordinator Carmelita Carter-Sykes. And also great pride, as the following evening SAC members Emma Sue, Nancy, and Rene joined Rev. Keely and Carmelita's family at the UU Church of Arlington when this important Paint Branch program received the *Beloved Community Award* at the Gala of the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice in the National Capital Region. UUSJ includes 25 area UU congregations and affiliate organizations such as Beacon House. So this recognition held special meaning for our Paint Branch program and all who have been a part of it since it started four terms ago! At our SAC meeting we also began the review of special collection guidelines, discussed how to best share childcare expenses between PBCLC and Religious Exploration classes, and agreed to support the upcoming book drive for a high-need school in Montgomery County that Rene and Sonny Katz are sponsoring. We also began work on updating the Social Justice brochure, agreed to meet soon with Dayna Edwards, PBUUC's Director of Religious Exploration, to plan how SAC could work with the Youth Group on social justice undertakings, and to contact Doyle Niemann who has worked in the State Attorney's office, to come and speak at Paint Branch about affordable housing issues and having paid sick leave in Prince George's County. Additionally we plan to have a speaker on the key issue of wealth inequality come soon. Other issues of concern were also briefly mentioned, to be followed up at later meetings, such as reducing gun violence, the refugee crisis in Europe and the Middle East, and specific actions we might take to work with Habitat for Humanity following our June special collection for them.

Looking ahead to future meetings - which are normally on the third Saturday morning of the month from 10 - 12:30 in Room 4 of the RE Building - we'll meet next on Saturday morning, November 21. Because of all the holiday activities in December, we discussed and decided to cancel the SAC meeting on December 19. We then plan to return to our regular Saturday morning monthly meeting time and place on the following dates: January 16, 2016, February 20, 2016, March 19, 2016, April 16, 2016, May 21, 2016, and possibly June 18, 2016.

Please join us at SAC, as we work together to live our UU values in social action causes!

SAC Chair: Nancy Boardman SAC@pbuuc.org



PAINT BRANCH
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
WINS 2015 UUSJ AWARD



On Sunday, October 18, Carmelita Carter-Sykes accepted the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) Beloved Community Award on behalf of the Paint Branch UU Church Community Learning Center's English As A Second Language Program. UUSJ presented eight awards to volunteers and ministers of UU congregations in the National Capital Region for their work in promoting social justice. Reverend Evan Keely; Nancy Boardman, Chair, Social Action Committee; Emma-Sue Gaines Gerson; Rene McDonald; and Carol Carter Walker represented our church at the Gala. The award recipients were:

Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Paint Branch UU Church Beloved Community Award

Eric Goplerud, UU Congregation of Fairfax Collaboration Award

Reverend Scott Sammler-Michael and the Social Justice Committee, Accotink UU Church Congregational Program Award

Walter Ellis, Cedar Lane UU Church Emerging Leader Award

Kerridwen Henry, UU Congregation of Columbia Emerging Leader Award

Natalie Pien, UU Church of Loudoun Environmental Award

Gene Mulligan, UU Church of Arlington Lifetime Achievement Award

Doris Marlin and the Act for a Livable Climate Team All Souls Church, Unitarian Special Recognition Award

The Gala's MC was Liz Bobo, former Maryland State Delegate from Howard County and a member of the UU Columbia Congregation.

UUSJ is supported by individual and congregational memberships. Its mission is to mobilize and amplify the voice of Unitarian Universalists in the National Capital Region as we seek to change the world through acts of love and justice. One of our former ministers, Barbara Wells ten Hove, was a founding leader of the UUSJ. The monies raised from the Awards Gala fund small grants for social justice work involving UU congregations. The Community Learning Center received a small grant in its first year to underwrite its childcare costs. For more information about the UUSJ, please use the following link: www.uusj.org. We plan to have the Award Citation and Carmelita's powerful and moving acceptance speech on the PBUUC website shortly.

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Invites a Deeper Conversation About Next Steps in the Journey to Beloved Community.

DARTT submitted a one-year multicultural proposal to the Board of Trustees at its October Meeting. One of the key parts of that proposal was to begin a series of conversations about the possibility of hanging a "Black Lives Matter" banner on church property. DARTT's Core Team Members are committed to the discussions that might lead to a Congregational vote on this matter later in the year. The first opportunity for a discussion will be Tuesday, November 10 in Room 4, or the Religious Exploration Building. The second opportunity for discussion will be Sunday, November 29 during Enrichment Hour, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm.

Also, with the Board's concurrence, DARTT plans to work on other aspects of the multicultural proposal with Reverend Evan Keely.

If you would like a copy of the plan, please send your request to DARTT@PBUUC.org. You may also submit comments to the same address.

Carol Carter Walker
DARTT Co-Chair

DARTT Reverberations on Race: Policing in Black and White, October 18, 2015

Have you ever heard the phrase, "don't talk about it; be about it"? You may interpret "being about it" to mean go to a demonstration, post on social media, or even boycott certain companies. Yes, these actions are doing something. However, the 18 people in attendance at the Reverberations on Race on October 18 know that "being about it" also means being in conversation with each other, being present with each other, and listening to each other. As one attendee stated after the event, "We took another significant step toward Beloved Community."

The main lesson learned at the Reverberations on Race was, in order to keep taking significant steps toward Beloved Community, we need to keep the conversation going. In the session, each person was asked to put themselves in the place of a parent who has to explain to their child of color what might happen if they are stopped by the police. Then roles were reversed and the exercise repeated. For both the "parents" and the "children," the experience of having to live through just that conversation was traumatic. This Reverberations was inspired by the experience of the two facilitators, Janet Overton and Dayna Edwards, who both have Black husbands and young Black relatives they love and whose lives matter.

Your participation in our church's Reverberations on Race is an act of social justice, an act of solidarity, and an act of resistance to the status quo. By listening, you will learn something about yourself, about members of your church family, and feel more connected to the people in your faith community. Don't miss the next Reverberations on Race in November. Keep your eye on the weekly bulletin, the ContinUUm, and Facebook for further details.

Social Action Committee continued

Special Collections

Some recent special collections: We gave \$750 to Habitat for Humanity MD, \$352 to Beacon House, \$325 to the UU-UN Office and \$882 to Black Lives Matter. Upcoming special collections are:

November 22 - UU Service Committee (We will not participate in the Guest at Your Table program this year, so this is your one chance to give to our UU group that has many worthwhile projects, some national, some international.) At both services on Christmas Eve, as is our tradition, the full collection will go to our own hosting of the homeless, through the "Warm Nights" program.

- Marj Donn

Social Action Committee (SAC) Meeting Schedule:

Here are the Social Action Committee (SAC) monthly meeting dates through June 2016. As usual they fall on the third Saturday of a month - from 10 - 12:30 in Room 4 of the RE Building.

- ❖ Saturday morning, November 21, 2015
- ❖ Cancelled - December 19, 2015 SAC Meeting.
- ❖ Saturday morning, January 16, 2016
- ❖ Saturday morning, February 20, 2016
- ❖ Saturday Morning, March 19, 2016
- ❖ Saturday Morning, April 16, 2016
- ❖ Saturday Morning, May 21, 2016
- ❖ Saturday Morning, June 18, 2015 (tentative)

In and Around Paint Branch

Book Drive for Elementary School Library

Drop off new or gently used children's books (pre-K through 5th grade) at the book drive table in the Foyer during Coffee Hour on Sundays through November 15, or bring them to Renée Katz at the Auction on November 21. Books will also be collected at the Trunk or Treat - look for Renée and Sonny Katz and the book-themed trunk. Help by donating children's books, graphic novels, kids' audio books, juvenile series, picture books and chapter books. The Book Drive is being sponsored by the Multigenerational Religious Exploration Team -- contact Renée Katz at raynie5@hotmail.com with any questions.

Paint Branch Bookstore to Feature Paint Branch Authors Sunday, November 1

The Bookstore will open during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, November 1. 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.

Our PBUUC Church Banner

Our beautiful church banner is once again hanging in the front of the church, following a cross-country trip with the Gerson's to General Assembly this summer. It is important the Church Community is responsible for following these guidelines:

For transportation purposes, there is a gray bag well marked (PBUUC BANNER), with carrying straps. Inside this bag are the poles that carry the banner for parades, marches, etc. as well as a sheet of instructions about assembling the banner and how to carry it. When in transport, the flag should be rolled around these poles and all placed inside the enclosed white muslin bag. Usually the banner will need to be pressed on the underside (do not place a hot iron on the felt side of the banner) with a steam iron set on cotton, before being hung again.

This transportation bag, along with a long pole to hang the banner on it's "peg" in the window in front of the church, is located in the RE Building room 6 closet. If the banner must be stored before hanging, please put it inside the gray bag as if it is traveling. Please notify the Church Administrator when the banner is in your possession, and when you have returned it.

If we all take responsibility for our colorful beautiful handmade designed and stitched banner, it will serve us well for many years to come.

Questions? Contact Alice Tyler or Chuck Bury

Friday the 13th Talent Night at Paint Branch!

Presented by Friends and Family Social, and David Chapman.

Searching for all the talent Paint Branch has to offer! An all-ages evening will take place on November 13, beginning with pizza at 6:30 pm and a talent show at 7:30 pm. If you have a song, a reading, a comedy routine, can play an instrument, do magic tricks, etc. talk to David Chapman, or email him at cochap@msn.com. He needs to know soon, in order to include you in the program. Young people are especially encouraged to participate.



Vegan and regular pizzas, hot cider, punch and salad will be served at 6:30 pm. Donations of \$6/person requested. Under 5 years old are free. Bring all of your friends, family and neighbors to enjoy the evening. RSVP to Raman Pathik at 301-890-9072 or rpathik@verizon.net with how many people may attend and pizza preferences by November 12th so we can order pizza.

The Third Wednesday lunch group, TWedHUULK, will eat at the [Bonchon](#) restaurant in Hyattsville at 1 pm on Wednesday, November 18. Bonchon specializes in Korean-style fried chicken and many other Korean dishes. They are located at 6507 America Blvd, near the Regal theatre. Parking is available in the garage located across America Blvd, or on Toledo Rd.

Everyone is invited. 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.

Auction 2015



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



"An Evening in Paris"

The 2015 PBUUC Auction will be held on Saturday evening, November 21, starting at 5 pm. We are hoping you will attend and consider donating events, services, or tangible items of value. Please submit [donation forms](#) by November 8. You may drop off the tangible items after service on Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 15. Noel and Nancy Monardes will be collecting these items. Hearty appetizers/Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the Silent Auction which runs from 5 pm to 7:15 pm. The Live Auction will follow the Silent Auction. You may purchase tickets for the food for \$10 per person or \$25 per family on Sunday, November 8 and 15 after the service.

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 **64th 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.

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