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

November 2016

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 6 THE TEENAGER WHO CHANGED THE TIMES:
PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG BOB DYLAN**

Rev. Evan Pritchard, guest speaker; with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate; and Carla Miller, DMRE
In this timely and very musical worship service, Inter-faith Minister, Reverend Evan Pritchard, will lead us on a journey into the mind of a most audacious young man who felt he had nothing to lose, Robert Zimmerman. His story reminds us that greatness, like fear, is a choice we make. *Find out more about Rev. Pritchard on page 7.*

NOVEMBER 13 ENDURING THE PRACTICAL

Rev. David Gatton, guest speaker; with Paul Wester, Worship Associate; and the combined choirs of PBUUC and Universalist National Memorial Church (UNMC)
Our lives are lived between the practical and the ideal, yet at times the practical seems difficult to endure. The election that just ended is but one example. But the human race, when successfully founding new institutions, or nations, or movements, seems to find ways to endure the practical while gaining their souls. How?

Rev. Gatton is pastor of UNMC.

NOVEMBER 20 GIVING, GIVING, GIVING THANKS!

*The Reverend Evan Keely, Interim Minister;
with Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate;
and the Children's Choir*

Join us for a multigenerational celebration of gratitude.

NOVEMBER 27 FAITH OF THE FREE

*The Reverend Evan Keely, Interim Minister;
with Mary 'Tyrle' Rooker, Worship Associate;
and the New Way Band*

Freedom is a concept of enormous importance in Unitarian Universalism. How well do we understand it?

Holiday planning note: we will have our traditional Christmas Eve services at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm as well as a Multigenerational service at 10:00 am on Christmas morning and our annual Kwanzaa service at 10:00 am on New Year's Day. More information next month.

Minister's Column

Now that the Compelling Conversations project has been completed and the Ministerial Search Committee's work is well underway, it's a good time to remind ourselves to continue to avoid the easy misconceptions that can cloud our vision of what it is we're doing together.

One misconception: "The purpose of an interim period in a congregation is to 'shake things up' and to prepare the congregation for the next settled minister." These statements aren't exactly wrong per se, but they're kind of like saying that the purpose of an outboard motor on a boat is to create a foamy white wake behind the boat. The motor's purpose is to propel the boat; the wake is a result of the motor doing its job, not its purpose. Our ultimate purpose is to work together to help PBUUC "arrive at a maximum state of spiritual health," as my colleague the Rev. Robert T. Latham puts it. The purpose of our doing intentional transition together isn't to shake things up or to be prepared for a new minister, but if we're doing the work right, both of those things (and more) will be happening.

Another misconception: "The Ministerial Search Committee's job is to find us the minister we're looking for." This is a misconception in multiple ways. First of all, the search committee's task is to seek out and perhaps present a candidate for the position of settled minister — by "perhaps," of course, we recognize they may decide not to present a candidate; it's the congregation's job to choose (or not choose) that candidate to be the church's minister. (The congregational meeting and vote for this decision is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017.) More importantly, the purpose of the search process isn't to find "the minister we're looking for." It is the opportunity for the congregation to renew its commitment to the faith and to the church's ultimate purpose, and to have a clear and confident answer to the question, "What will we bring to a relationship with a new clergy leader so that we can thrive together?"

Blessings,

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



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PBUUC Leadership Directory

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vacant

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Bookstore	Raman Pathik
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Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	Liz Citrin
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Food for Thought	Mary Tyrle Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Meditation Group	Cory Carter
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Paint Branch Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Poetry Out Loud	Shantida
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Tyrle Rooker
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
TWedHUULK	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Esther Nichols
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Women's Group	Louise Waugh

🌀 Minister 🌀

The Rev. Evan Keely

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 Alice Tyler (Thur), Janet Overton (Fri)

Board of Trustees

We learned of the death of one of our Co-Chair's father-in-law this past week and sent our condolences to John Barr and his family, as well as the death earlier of Mike McMenamin's sister. October's Board meeting was pretty much taken up clearing Board items such as adding a third signature on the checking account, adding the Assistant Treasurer's signature and removing the past Assistant Treasurer and Board member, going over Governance Provisions, and looking over Goals set by the Board for this year at our retreat in September.

A subcommittee (Elaine Shell and Tess Morrison) have developed specific performance items relating to the high level goals of the Board for this year. We discussed those at length, and will continue the discussions via email during this next month. These specific goals will be presented to the congregation, and we will be assessing ourselves against these.

We took a step forward in addressing one of our high level goals, PBUUC strategic planning. Ken Redd volunteered to take the lead in setting up a Task Force to work on this goal. Thanks Ken!

We also discussed the requirement of the By-laws to conduct an annual independent review of the financial books of the Church. The Board has asked the Finance Committee to research the implementation of this requirement, and make recommendations on how to accomplish the review this fiscal year, and in future years. The Finance Committee has accepted this action.

The Executive Committee will now meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Church with call-in's available from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.

Liz Citrin, Co-Chair

PBUUC Board of Trustees

Ministerial Search Committee

Greetings from the Ministerial Search Committee!

Now that we are a few months into the search process, we thought it would be a good idea to provide a recap of what we've accomplished so far and what we have yet to do. Since we started in June, we've been able to:

- Gather information from the congregation through surveys, interviews, group meetings, etc. and analyze the results.
- The Negotiating Team, comprised of an MSC member, a Board member, and one additional trusted member of the congregation have prepared a compensation packet and draft a ministerial agreement, which has been accepted by the BoT.
- Schedule neutral pulpit arrangements with nearby congregations, which the MSC will visit in late winter so that we can see prospective ministerial candidates in action.
- Hold "Beyond Categorical Thinking" congregational workshop

So, what happens next? Well, right now we're working on completing, fine tuning, and then submitting our Congregational Record (CR) to the UUA. This document is the first glimpse of our congregation that any prospective minister will see. It will provide them with an overview of who we think we are and where we see ourselves going, so it's important that we get it right.

Starting in December, all ministers in search will be able to view the CR of all congregations currently in search, via a UUA web portal. If prospective ministers like what they see in OUR CR, they will let the UUA know. At the beginning of January, we will be given a list of all the ministers who are interested in us. From there, we would exchange full packets and the MSC would then set up phone and/or skype interviews to determine who we'd like to invite to a pre-candidating weekend with us. This is the part of the search that has to be strictly confidential. We can't tell you who we will be talking to and we can't tell you which neighboring churches we'll be visiting. But we CAN tell you that we hope to invite 3 or 4 ministers for a visit. So if it looks like we've vanished from church life, from mid-February to mid-March, don't fret. We'll be back soon and we'll be that much closer to calling our new minister. Once pre-candidating is finished, the MSC will huddle up to have a series of deep and thoughtful conversations. These talks will likely oscillate somewhere between heated debate and hearty belly laughs. Once we've made a selection, we'll invite our candidate to join us for two consecutive Sundays in May, after which the congregation would vote on whether or not to call that person as our next minister.

Sounds pretty easy, right? Ok, no. It's not easy, but we have a wonderful group of thoughtful, dedicated Paint Branchers working to get it all done. At the end end of this journey, we will have found the best possible match for our congregation and our future.

Again, and again, and again, we thank you for supporting us through this search.

Ebeth Porter, on behalf of the Ministerial Search Committee

November Board Meetings:

Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 pm
Executive Committee (RE Bldg)

Saturday, November 12, 11 pm
Read-Aheads due to Board
(email: BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org)

Tuesday, November 15, 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting (Room 4)

Religious Exploration

What IS a DMRE Start-up?

As you have most likely heard, PBUUC will be participating in the process known as a “DMRE Start-Up” on Nov. 18th & 19th. And, I am sure, many of you are now scratching your heads and wondering;

“What is that? What is its purpose? What is the purpose of it here at PBUUC? And perhaps especially, “of what value will this be to me, and should I attend?”

What is a Religious Educator Start-Up? (DMRE Start-Up in our case; for Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration.)

Sponsored by our Central East Region (CERG) and facilitated by a member of the CERG staff, the Start-Up is part of a professional development “career cycle” of religious educators in a congregational setting. It generally takes place within the first three months of service to the congregation.

I am delighted to be welcoming my colleague Becky Brooks, as the facilitator of our event.

What is the general purpose of a Religious Educator Start Up? It is a celebration and affirmation of the importance of this transition of leadership in the life of the congregation, and of the importance of Religious Exploration to the health of our whole faith community. Its intent is to facilitate a healthy conversation between the religious educator, the minister/supervisor, and the lay leadership.

The Friday evening gathering is a potluck celebration to which I invite y’all to come! The MRE Team has chosen to make the theme of this dinner a Thanksgiving Dinner. We’ll have a delicious meal, as you all bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish. (And we need a few turkeys! Let me know if you can volunteer a bird.) We’ll combine our social fun with a conversation about the unique value and strength of RE at Paint Branch, exploring its history and unique character, envisioning its future. Childcare and activities for the older children will be provided.

On Saturday the 19th, the MRE Team, members of the Board of Trustees and members of the Ministerial Search Committee will gather those in leadership roles to address more practical aspects of the transition; the role of the religious educator, how responsibility is shared among staff and volunteers, the role of RE in the life and health of the church as a whole and in various aspects of our minister, and the process for negotiating the inevitable differences in expectations and priorities.

What is its purpose here at PBUUC? At this time in the life of PBUUC, we have a unique opportunity to extend the

work of the interim period more specifically into our religious exploration ministry, and to look ahead toward a ministerial transition. Questions about the health and vitality of RE ministry and its role in the health of the congregation as a whole will be at the heart of this event. We may also reflect on the role a new minister might have in relationship to the children and families of the religious exploration program.

Of what value is this to me, and should I participate? If you are a parent of a child in the RE program, or a Teacher, the Start-Up provides perspective on RE programming, informs you of the history of RE at PBUUC, and gives you a voice in an important conversation regarding our ministry to religious exploration. As well as a fun potluck dinner with PBUUC friends for your family!

If you are a non-parent, non-teacher adult, this conversation allows you to voice your hopes for adult programming, connects you to the history and priorities of this significant program of the congregation. Many of you also bring us the knowledge of our history we will all learn from.

If you are in a leadership position, as a board or committee member, your participation supports the potential for a mutually supportive relationship between your interests and those of RE.

If you are a youth or a child, you will come for a fun evening, and also have a chance to tell us what you love and wish for in your RE classes

No matter who you are, your participation communicates your appreciation of Religious Exploration, and your support of your new religious education professional.

Should you come? Please do!

Carla Miller dmre@pbuuc.org

RE Announcements



Birthday Celebration & Glen Gathering November 13th

Come for the pizza, the cupcakes, and the FUN- and learn a little UU history along the way!

Join in the PBUUC birthday party after service on the second Sunday of each month. We especially invite members of all ages who are celebrating a birthday this month; while everyone is encouraged and welcomed to these congregational social gatherings and birthday parties.

“Religious Educator Start Up” Workshop, November 18th-19th

Friday, November 18th, 6-8:30 pm
Congregational Potluck Dinner

Let's make this a “Giving Thanks” dinner, as we celebrate PBUUC's RE program. ALL are encouraged to attend the Friday evening potluck dinner and congregational conversation. Bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share.

Through this RE-focused conversation we will paint a picture of the unique history and identity of religious education in the life of this congregation. We will support the transition to a new DMRE and affirm the commitment of the congregation to quality religious exploration for all ages.

The Saturday, November 19th workshop

will involve the DMRE, the minister, M.R.E. leadership, and general leadership of the congregation in a process of articulating a vision for RE, delineating how the ministry of RE is shared and supported, and clarifying the expectations for the new religious educator.

This Start-Up process is sponsored by the Central East Region of the UUA and provided for religious education professionals in the first 3-6 months of their employment. The workshop will be led by Becky Brooks, an adjunct staff member of our regional office.



It's scary to be hungry!

Participate in our food & supply collection for the new PG County Day Center. This is sponsored by our Youth. The list of needs includes: food that are easy to carry along and eat without

preparation; such as pop-top cans of meat, crackers and peanut butter, and others. Paper towels, Disposable (preferably biodegradable) eating utensils, plates, and hot and cold cups, and hand sanitizer.

Are you collecting money in your Guest at Your Table box?

If you did not receive a box for this UU Service Committee collection for our international partners in development. There are more boxes on the RE Table in the lobby. We will be collecting these - and taking a special collection or UUSC - at our November 20 Multigenerational Service.

Social Action Committee

With the coming of autumn and the beginning of a new church year, SAC is taking a look at the many issues facing us. On the positive side we have the opening of Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture—“A museum that seeks to understand American history through the lens of the African American experience.” On the negative side we have what is happening to Native Americans protesting the construction of an oil pipeline near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation on private lands adjacent to Lake Oahe on the Missouri River. The tribe says construction will disturb sacred sites and contaminate drinking water. Their concerns are largely ignored by the government while these peaceful protesters—men, women, and children—are set upon by dogs and bullied by armed men.

Income inequality, police accountability, immigration reform, gun violence, homelessness—so much to choose from. Too much to choose from. So we need the help of our congregation. In the coming months, SAC will be discussing how best to focus our efforts and chart our future course. We will appreciate knowing your thoughts about what issues we should focus on as a church. Join us November 19 at our monthly meeting and become an advocate for a more just and inclusive world.

In the meantime, we can look forward to the Presidential election—PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO VOTE!—and to hear Native American guest speaker, Rev. Evan Pritchard speak here at Paint Branch on November 6.

SAC Monthly Meeting, Saturday, November 19th

Please join us at our next SAC meeting, Saturday, November 19 at 10 am. Come and help us plan how to focus our social justice lens on the issues we as a congregation feel are most important. Also, have a voice in choosing organizations to be recipients of our Special Collections. Come and live your social justice passions. Join us next month on November 19 in Room 4 of the RE Building. For more information, send an email to SAC@pbuuc.org.

November 20th Special Collection

The SAC Special Collection for November 2016 is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), a non-profit, nonsectarian, associate member organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association that works to provide disaster relief and promote human rights and social justice all over the world.

Working with volunteers, activists, and grassroots organizations throughout the world, UUSC aims to ensure that fundamental human rights are realities for everyone denied their rights because of who they are — women, people of color, refugees, religious minorities, LGBTI individuals in Africa, and others. They seek populations who are not served by mainstream human rights organizations.

UUSC was founded more than 75 years ago and uses 81 cents of every dollar into its' projects.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

The Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) Board is soliciting nominations to be on our board for a three year, renewable term beginning in January, 2017. Are you interested? Do you know someone who would be? We just changed our bylaws so that we could use the calendar year—starting in June was difficult because General Assembly plays a large role in how we operate.

We meet every month for a conference call, currently on Mondays at 5:30 pm EST, for about an hour; and meet for a couple days retreat before or following GA for strategic planning for the upcoming year. We've not made plans yet for our retreat in June 2017's General Assembly in New Orleans.

You can review our Board Responsibilities in order to make an informed decision. Then, we need a letter of application with at least an abbreviated resume of pertinent experience and interests that would be included in our ballot for our current boards' consideration.

The board is made up of UUs from a wide geographical distribution and with dedication to economic justice. We plan programs for GA and hold topical conferences—April 3-5, 2017 in Washington DC we're cooperating with UUSJ, a regional action network. Our focus will be on learning how taxes help to create inequality, preparation for going to the Hill and then going to the Hill to make UU values heard by our Representatives and Senators. As a special bonus, it will be Cherry Blossom time... maybe something you wouldn't go to DC to see, but it's a great add on.

We also have built curricula for congregations to use, and support UU legislative national and local efforts to narrow the wealth chasm and work for systemic change toward fairness. We are currently concentrated on the current Congregational Study Action Issues on Economic Inequality and the Corruption of Our Democracy. We are a "working board" so board members serve on committees and action task forces, write curriculum, contribute to our e-newsletter and our web page, www.uujec.com, staff our booth at GA, and help with fund raising.

If interested, please contact us via email at election@uujec.com. We will present a slate for our members to vote on by mid-November, so please let us know of your interest, as soon as possible.

Thanks!

UUJEC Nominating Committee,
Terry Lowman and Ralph Galen

Wheel of Life



Dear All,

I so appreciate everyone's willingness to rise to the occasion and celebrate Jane Trout's life at Paint Branch on Saturday. It was a wonderful tribute to someone who has been a member of our church family for a very long time. We will all miss her!

So many friends brought or served delicious food, arranged flowers, helped with set up and cleanup or tended bar; I am grateful to each of you.

Pause and smile today with love,

— Jeri Holloway, Pastoral Care Associate

APPLES

By Joann Alexander and Meg Waugh, 1990

What is this Round and Juicy thing I see before me
Let it fill my senses with pleasure
Its crunchiness, sweetness, brightness

I do like to pick, going to the country,
The hills, and through the meadows
To find the apple trees.

There is so much I can do with an apple

Please my teacher

Make sauce for my children

Tempt my lover as if I were Eve

Make pie for Thanksgiving

Float in water for Halloween bobbing

And

The famous MacIntosh Computer

And, in ancient times William Tell could shoot an apple

With his Bow and Arrow

And so many to choose –

Cortland larger – smaller

Jonathan harder – softer

Granny Smith tarty-sweeter

Rome Beauty – and on and on

And forever we say:

You're the Apple of my Eye

American as Apple Pie

This November, I vote Apple for President!



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

Still Time To Join PBUUC Congregational Read

The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, And The Rise Of A New Justice Movement, by Rev. Dr. William Barber III.

You can still purchase the paperback edition of the book for \$16. Look for Carol Carter Walker or Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson near the Welcome Table right after the Sunday Service ends.

You can still join the Sunday section of the book discussion group that will meet in three sessions:

3rd Sundays, 4 pm to 6 pm, in the Kelley Room. November 20, December 18, and January 15.

For the first session, please read the Prologue, Afterword, and Chapters 1 and 2 of the book—42 pages.

Got questions? Contact Carol Carter Walker at 202-744-3872 or carolcarterwalker@earthlink.net.

Poinsettias Return to PBUUC for the Holiday Season

The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) will be offering the opportunity for members and friends to purchase poinsettias to:

- ⇒ Decorate the Meeting House from Sunday, December 18 through Sunday, January 1; and/or
- ⇒ Take home on December 17 or December 18 for gifting or home decoration.

Funds raised will support anti-racism programming.

You'll have the choice of colors: red, pink, white, or marble; and sizes: 4 ½" pots (one plant); 6" pots (one plant), and 7" pots (two plants). Each size will be wrapped in a different color foil to easily distinguish among them. Prices will be: \$7, \$12, and \$20, respectively.

You can place and pre-pay for your order on Sunday, November 13, November 20, November 27, and December 4. The firm early cutoff will assure that you can get the size and color of your choice.

Meet Our Guest Speaker

Evan Pritchard, who will be guest speaker on Sunday, November 6, is an interfaith Minister, folk singer/songwriter, poet, college professor, author of over 30 books, and an award-winning historian. Of Mi'kmaq and Celtic descent, he was born in Bethesda, Maryland and attended PBUUC's Liberal Religious Youth, and later was a regular musical performer at PBUUC during the late 1960s, sometimes with his sister Lynn, performing songs like "Blowing in the Wind." After graduating from Catholic University in music, Evan moved to New York City in 1977 and eventually to Beacon, NY where he was a neighbor of sometimes collaborator of Pete Seeger for 25 years, performing with Pete at the Croton Clearwater Revival, at the Beacon Two Row Wampum Music Festival (which he MC'd) and elsewhere. Evan, as director of the Center for Algonquin Culture (algonquinculture.org) currently conducts guided tours of Greenwich Village for the New York Historical Society and other groups.

In and Around Paint Branch



Our PBUUC auction: "A Night in the Big Apple" is only days away, on **Saturday Night, November 5 at 5 pm.**

The online auction catalog, containing pictures of many items, is available at:

pbuuc.org/auction/catalog. We received many wonderful donations this year and hope you agree once you've looked at the online catalog. Once you've looked, we hope it will encourage you to tell friends and family that they really should join you here on November 5. If you plan to attend, you can help us by registering for the auction at: pbuuc.org/auction/register

Although you can also register at the door on auction night (Entry is free, NYC-themed food is \$10 (individual) or \$25 (family); childcare is provided). Those who don't plan to attend might still want to register to get a bidder number, take a look at the paper or online catalog, and tell your bidder number to someone who will be attending and will make your bids for you. If you have items to drop off, or a sturdy card table we can borrow for auction night, please drop them off at the church in advance. See Noel or Nancy Monardes for drop off. The second-chance auction is SUNDAY, November 6.

Music Notes November

Steven Cui, age 10, will perform on Sunday, November 13 at 4 pm. The recital is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. A reception will follow with an opportunity to visit with the artist. Plan to attend and support the musical arts at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

- Jeri Holloway

SWAHILI

VILLAGE
 A True Taste of Kenya

TWedHUULK

The Third Wednesday lunch group (TWedHUULK) will meet November 16 at 1 pm at Swahili Village in Beltsville. This restaurant specializing in Kenyan fare has recently moved from Route 1, to a plaza on Rhode Island Ave near Powder Mill Rd. This is a great new location with a bright atmosphere and terrific food. The mango mousse is really excellent.

They have received favorable write-ups in the [Washington Post](http://WashingtonPost.com) and have earned [many 5-star Yelp reviews](http://Yelp.com). Everyone is welcome. The address is [10800 Rhode Island Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705](http://10800RhodeIslandAveBeltsvilleMD20705). Contact Elaine Shell for more info: 301-776-4271 or elaine@greville.net - Elaine

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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