



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

June 2017

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

JUNE 4

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Carla Miller, DMRE; Paul Wester, Worship Associate; the Choir, and the Children's Choir

As we consider the possibility of beginning this journey together, how shall we walk together? Honoring our past and considering the future, what is the next best step? This sermon marks the end of Rev. Rachel Christensen's week with us. *The congregation will vote on ministerial call during the annual meeting following the service.*

JUNE 11

DETERMINED STILL TO DO OUR BEST TO THE LAST

The PBUUC Choir with The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Minister; Carla Miller, DMRE; and Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate

This is the final day of the relationship between PBUUC and our Interim Minister. It is a time for goodbyes, but also a time to say hello to the future.

JUNE 18

RE SUNDAY - THE MAGIC OF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Carla Miller, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; with Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate; and the Children's Choir

Our Harry Potter-themed Junior Youth class, "Harry & U.U." will help us to conjure up a magical worship experience as we bring our RE year to a close. This worship service will be led by our Children's Religious Exploration community. We will honor our Teachers for their service; and celebrate with a gathering in the glen following service. ***This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.***

JUNE 25 STRUGGLING FOR WHOLENESS; FAITH COMMUNITY & MENTAL HEALTH

Carla Miller, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; and Paul Wester, Worship Associate

Many of us find the spiritual and social connectedness that encourages wholeness through participation in faith communities. How does our faith, and our church, keep us mentally and emotionally healthy? How might PBUUC become even more welcoming of those with mental illness, and supportive of their loved ones, than we already are?

- MANY of us have struggled with our own emotional/mental stability at some time, at least 1:4 statistically, and that's only those diagnosed/treated!!
- Acceptance of mental health as a spectrum from healthy to severe illness, just as physical illness, and not as the fault of an individual.
- The spiritual aspect of and connection to mental health/ mental health as involving the whole of human's wellbeing and functioning- mental, emotional, social, spiritual- not simply a disease of mind that needs only professional care.
- How a faith community can serve as a social and spiritual support for those struggling.

Minister's Column

I am grateful for having had the experience of being the Interim Minister of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church these last two years.



I'm grateful to have had the privilege of working with an extraordinary staff. Chuck Bury is a phenomenal asset to this organization — his dedication, hard work, immense knowledge and deep caring are great treasures. David Chapman is not only a phenomenally talented musician, but a real mensch, a wise, kind-hearted, energetic, thoughtful person who is a joy to work with. Carla Miller is an individual of profound insight, great intelligence, immense compassion and kindness, and she is a brilliant religious educator. The amazing Sharon Werth brings dignity, beauty, elegance, good humor and goodwill to all she does.

I'm grateful to the many caring, committed, passionate lay leaders of this church for their faithfulness, their generosity, their hunger for righteousness and truth.

I am grateful for what I have learned among this people — about myself, about our faith, about how one might live in this frightening and uncertain and incomparably beautiful world.

I am grateful.

My best wishes and heartfelt blessings go with all the good people of this church.

- *Evan*

The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Minister
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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2016-2017 🌀

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Co-Chair	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Co-Chair	Liz Citrin
Vice Chair	Tess Morrison
Trustee	John Barr
Trustee	Sonny Katz
Trustee	Ken Redd
Trustee	Elaine Shell
Secretary	Erin Gebhart
Treasurer	David Nation
Assistant Treasurer	Louise Waugh

🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

* Van Summers (2014-17)	Mary Rooker (2016-19)
* Carol Carter Walker (2014-17)	Paul Wester (2016-19)
Beth Charbonneau (2015-18)	Abby Wester (2016-17)
Will Snyder (2015-18)	*Team Leaders

🌀 Pastoral Care Associates 🌀

Jeri Holloway
Lynn Johnson
Mike McMenamin
Will Snyder

🌀 We Care Coordinators 🌀

vacant

🌀 Chartered Committees and Teams 🌀

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
Adult RE	Emily Conover (Visual Arts)
Auction	Louise Waugh
Budget Leadership Team	Marguerite & Van Summers
Buildings & Grounds (co-chairs)	Celinda Marsh
By-Laws Review	Lowell Owens & Peter Wathen-Dunn
Capital Campaign	Muriel Morisey
Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Denominational Affairs	Carol Carter Walker
	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
	Don Gerson, Chair
	Bettie Young, cluster rep.
	contact_church_office
Electronic Communications	Patty Daukantas
Finance	Erin Gebhart & Kathy Bartolomeo
Green Team (co-chairs)	Church Office
Leasing (contact)	Ken Montville
Legacy Fund	Pat Behenna
Membership	[contact Ministerial Search Cmte]
Ministry	John Bartoli
Nominating	VACANT
Personnel	REcmte@pbuuc.org
Religious Exploration	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Site Improvement	Janet Overton
Social Action (SAC)	Chris Evans
Stewardship	Transition@pbuuc.org
Transition Team	

🌀 Ministerial Search Committee - Search@pbuuc.org 🌀

Janet Overton, co-Chair	Jan Montville
Elizabeth Porter, co-Chair	Eric Most
James Alexander	Kathi Yu
Jeanne Judd	

🌀 Groups and Activities 🌀

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Bridge Group	Penny O'Brien
Chalice Dancers	Wendy Schlegel
Children's Choir	Allison Hughes & Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	Liz Citrin
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Food for Thought	Mary 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 Rooker
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
TWedHUULK	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Esther Nichols
Warm Nights	Evangeline Wells & Louise Waugh
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Pat Behenna
Widowed Persons Support Group	Jeri Holloway
Women's Group	Louise Waugh

🌀 Minister 🌀

🌀 Staff 🌀

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

Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration	Carla Miller
Director, Chalice Dancers	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles Bury
Administrative Assistant	Sade Ayinde
Bookkeeper	Roy Friday, CPA
Sunday Service/Building Managers:	Joel Yesupriya
Child Care Providers:	Howard Townsell
	Jazmin Balbuena
	Joy Washington

🌀 Office Volunteers 🌀

Elizabeth Scheiman (Tuesday), Will Snyder (Wednesday),
Alice Tyler (Thursday), Janet Overton (Friday)

Board of Trustees

Multigenerational Religious Exploration

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH AT NOON

There will be a quick lunch after service and then the meeting. All are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

The major items on the Agenda will be:

- ≈ Vote on our Settled Minister;
- ≈ Vote to elect new Board Members, new members to the Nominating Committee and members of the Legacy Fund Committee to serve terms beginning on July 1, 2017;
- ≈ Select members of the PBUUC Delegation to the UUA General Assembly;
- ≈ Review and comment on the Budget Leadership's Team presentation of their recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. This includes the most up-to-date information on the results of our Stewardship Drive. Please remember that the Board of Trustees will vote to approve the final budget at their meeting on June 20.

If you will not be able to attend the meeting, but want your voice heard, stop by the proxy table in the Foyer after the service. Or stop in the Office on Friday, June 2nd.

Building UU Connections Beyond our Congregation including a Maryland Regional RE Teacher Training

As UU's, we value the power of connections. We believe that we are "better together." Yet sometimes we forget that Paint Branch UU Church is surrounded by other UU Congregations with whom we can connect to achieve our goals, strengthen our visions, and encourage one another on our spiritual journeys.

In the spirit of connection, Directors of Religious Education are currently collaborating to offer a **Maryland Regional UU Teacher Training on Saturday, September 16**, 8:45 am—1:15 pm, at River Road UU Congregation in Bethesda, MD, with lunch and childcare provided. The theme of this event "**UU are the Changemakers**" expresses our vision of creating a more just and peaceful world as we join in this endeavor of educating our children and youth. Workshop offerings include Stages of Faith Development, Serving Children with Special Needs, and much more. I hope that ALL Paint Branch RE Teachers and Leaders will attend this conference to experience the energy and inspiration of shared worship, learning, discussion and, of course, lunch with so many UU religious educators.

This month's General Assembly of the UUA (GA) is another powerful example of connecting across the congregations in our entire nation and Canada. Even if you can't make it to New Orleans, you can access online livestream and video recordings of GA workshops and general sessions.

I once heard a long-time Paint Branch member say, "Paint Branch is its own world. We're not really into all the regional and national UU stuff." I highly value PBUUC's unique collective identity. And, I know that our congregational identity will be more fully developed and enriched by collaborating and connecting with our neighboring congregations and accessing our regional and national UUA resources. UU's are truly "better together."

Carla Miller, DMRE@pbuuc.org

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 16TH FOOD, FUN, AND FAITH FRIDAY



Join Us! for theme-based Religious Exploration for All Ages 1st & 3rd Fridays each month. Our Spring/Summer theme is The Great Mystery - That Which Many Call God.



The Focus Story: The Hundredth Name, Oppenheim (A boy seeks the hundredth name for God in Islam.)

Art: creating a bulletin board with all of our hands, and random acts of kindness coupons

Interactive: Speakers from the local Muslim community- to be confirmed. (More information about coming soon.)

Ritual: Continuing work on creating a labyrinth for PBUUC!

Book Discussion: The History of God ch. 5 Islam

Dinner: Pizza or other take-out

Come to enrich your faith, families, friendships, and thus, our UU community. Invite a friend!

June Board Meetings:

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm
Executive Committee (RE Bldg)

Tuesday, June 9, 11 pm
Read-Aheads due to Board
(email: BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org)

Tuesday, June 16, 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting (Room 4)

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION SUNDAY SERVICE ON JUNE 18TH

All children, youth, parents, and RE teachers, and all members of the congregation who support and value them and our RE program. Please plan to attend this multigenerational service, led by our young people!



Have You Registered Yet for RE 2017-18? Register children and youth <https://tinyurl.com/PBUUCRE-17-18>

Have You Volunteered to Lead a Children's Class in RE 2017-2018? We need 4-5 more adult leaders to provide a nurturing and stimulating experience for children and youth. Volunteer at tinyurl.com/RE-Teach-PBUUC

Have You Volunteered for At Least One Sunday this Summer?

This is a fun and a one-time commitment. Please help make our summer program happen! I can promise you a good morning at church. Sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/PBUUCSummer> Speak to Carla Miller, DMRE, dmre@pbuuc.org, or 410-707-9611, or Melissa Graham of MRE Team or sign-up on the board in the Foyer.

**Summer 2017 Children's Religious Exploration Love Will Guide Us – A Summer of Love!**

For Ages 5-12, Paint Branch UU Church, Kelley Room. PBUUC's multi-age summer program for kids includes a story, game, and art activity each Sunday. On these more relaxed summer days, we enjoy a snack of popcorn or popsicles each weekend. ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed to teach the classes. Sign up for one session (or several) at <https://tinyurl.com/PBUUCSummer> Please speak to Carla Miller, DMRE dmre@pbuuc.org, 410-707-9611.

SAVE THE DATES - Teacher Orientations for 2017-2018 RE Year On Sunday, August 27 following service we will hold a PBUUC RE teacher Start-Up Meeting, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, with a light, working lunch. Teachers will receive their curriculum and create a class schedule for the year, with teacher rotations. *Bring your calendar!*

OUR FIRST DAY OF THE NEW CHURCH-SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17. Let's save that date, too.

**Social Action Committee****SAC Special Collection for June 2017**

The SAC Special Collection for June 2017 is for the Youth Equality Project for LGBT Youth The Youth Equality Project (YEP) is a partnership of public and private agencies led by CASA (formerly Casa de Maryland) and the Prince George's County Department of Social Services. The mission of YEP is to provide support and services to foster youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered or questioning.

YEP advocates on their behalf, connects them with resources, and hosts educational and social events to help them further develop life skills and establish and reach their career and personal goals. The Youth Equality Project seeks to make life better for LGBTQ youth in our county, Prince George's County, Maryland.

SAC meeting**Saturday, June 17, 10 am to noon**

Come and help us focus our social justice lens on the issues we as a congregation feel are most important. Join us as we work for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Live your social justice passions. Remember: June 17 in Room 4 in the RE Building. For more information, send an email to Janet at SAC@pbuuc.org

Join the Worship Associates Team in Planning Lay-Led Services for the Summer

Have an idea you'd like to present? Or a theme that you'd like to explore? Or something talked about during an Enrichment Hour that you'd like to deep dive into? Or maybe you are part of a group or know of one that would have an interesting topic to present. Paint Branch has a long history of providing quality services year round and this summer we plan to continue that tradition. Our Summer Services will begin June 18 and end September 3.

We're so fortunate to be able to draw on the talents of PBUUC members and friends sharing their knowledge and interests with each other through well-crafted services. Both individuals and representatives of various interest groups are welcome to contribute ideas and services. We are not able to provide honoraria for lay-led services; however, individuals may sell books and/or promote their events after the service. As always, a Worship Associate will be assigned to each service to keep things running smoothly. Music Director David Chapman is happy to consult on music.

If you're interested, please send your idea to WorshipAssociates@pbuuc.org. We'll be having a meeting to formalize the summer schedule. Look for updates in upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUs.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Join UUSJ & Other DC Metro-Area UUs for Capital Pride

Parade—Saturday, June 10, 3 pm (line-up; UU meet-up location to be determined), 4:30-7:30pm (parade)

Festival—Sunday, June 11

RSVP & Volunteer <http://bit.ly/DCpride17>

UUSJ is pleased to help mobilize UU congregations across the region in supporting Pride again this year. This year's theme is Unapologetically Proud! ALL are welcome and wanted to walk in the Pride Parade, and outgoing folks are also needed to help run the UU Festival booth with other local UU church members. Sign up to volunteer for booth setup, staffing and breakdown using this Google form. <http://bit.ly/DCpride17>

Contacts: Jenny McAtee, jenny@mcatee.com or 240-595-2680 or and/or Elizabeth at UUSJ, info@uusj.org or 202-600-9132

♪♪♪ Music at Paint Branch ♪♪♪

“Music at Paint Branch” June 9, 2017

The spring music series concludes with one our own. Friday evening, June 9 at 7:30 pm features our own mezzo soprano Allison Hughes accompanied by David Chapman with music by several local composers. The composers will be with us to discuss their music.

The recital is free and there will be a reception following with the opportunity to meet the performers and composers. Plan to attend; support the Arts at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

In and Around Paint Branch

Longtime Attendees, Occasional and New Visitors, PBUUC Friends and longtime Members

Rev. Judy Morris, retired UU minister and Paint Branch member, will be our guide for a series of discussions during which we'll explore our Unitarian Universalism faith and history.

On **Sunday, June 18, during Enrichment Hour**, the journey will begin with a discussion of [A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism](#) by John Buehrens, UU minister and past UUA president.

Copies of the book are available at the Welcome Table in the Foyer on Sundays for \$11. Extended child care will be available if requested at the Welcome Table. Questions? Contact Pat Behenna by email at behenna@verizon.net

BAG Beautification Day — Saturday, June 3

Spring Clean Up this year is on Saturday, June 3 from 9 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. There is a job that YOU can do! We need everyone's help to make your church home beautiful. Buildings and Grounds (BAG) works all year to keep our Building and Grounds looking good and working well. Now is your time to pitch in and help Paint Branch Spring forward into summer. Come for an hour or come for the day.

Peter D for BAG

A RECEPTION TO SAY FAREWELL TO EVAN

As we are excited about considering a new settled minister we also feel enthusiasm and gratitude as Evan (Rev. Evan Keely) finishes his two years with us. Evan has given us much to be thankful for. He has shepherded while always being clear that his ministry was temporary, he has always called us to deepen our Unitarian Universalist commitment – to see our faith as a journey of spirit, a life of spiritual practice, he has given eloquent and forceful sermons on topics ranging widely, he has given us the long view, he has shared with us his deep erudition, his works as “no mean” musical composer. We have been blessed in his ministry.

Join us immediately after service on June 11th for a reception honoring Evan. This will be Evan's last time with us. During that day's choir service one of Evan's Chanukah cantata pieces will be performed. Light food and drinks provided. We will thank Evan for his ministry and wish him everything good as he leaves us.

Mental Health Discussion Group Starting

Have you or a loved one or a family member had issues with mental health? Are you interested in learning about mental health? Did you know there is no treatment for mental illness without the mentally ill person's consent; unless they are endangering themselves or others? In Prince George's County Maryland the mentally ill person who commits a crime is protected by law from incarceration. They are released from the courtroom; often to the street. Did you know that the mentally ill are one of the most discriminated groups of people in society? Come join us for discussion and support for people who are affected by these challenges, during Enrichment Hour Sunday June 11, 2017. The first meeting will be confined to the interest that is verbalized, as well as what are the needs of the group. We will meet in Room 4 of the RE building. Contact: Alice Tyler, Bobalice2@msn.com or 301-935-5279.

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. **Short announcements to be read by the Worship Associate during the Sunday Service are also due then.**
- **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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