



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

February 2018

### 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

### FEBRUARY 4 GENEROSITY

*Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Carla Miller, DMRE; Elizabeth Porter, Worship Associate; and the Choir*  
What does it mean to be generous? We have been taught, and we teach our children to be generous. How do we actually do that?

### FEBRUARY 11 OUR WHOLLY HOLY FAMILY

*Rev. Rachel Christensen, with Carla Miller, DMRE; Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate, and the Choir.*  
We have many families, and many forms of families in our Paint Branch Community. Today we celebrate Family, even though imperfect, as a unit of life and love and support.

### FEBRUARY 18 LOVE IS LOVE IS LOVE IS LOVE ...

*Guest Minister; with Mary Rooker, Worship Associate; and Special Music by a guest flute quartet.*  
Love takes many forms in our lives, from the personal to the expansive love of the hurting. We will explore some of these today in worship.

### FEBRUARY 25 BOUND TOGETHER

*The Reverend Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate; and Carla Miller, DMRE;*  
In Judeo-Christian tradition people are bound to their faith through the sacraments of their tradition. Ours is a covenantal faith with no required creed or sacraments. What is it that binds us together?

**SNOW CLOSINGS:** For Sunday service or other event cancelations, check our [website](#); [Facebook page](#); call the church at 301-937-3666 and choose option 9 from the church's VoiceMail system; or monitor the closings listings on [WJLA channel 7](#).

## Notes from the Minister

I have heard a number of programs lately saying that the time of day affects the effectiveness and outcome of our work. Most of us are day-time people, and I fall clearly into this description. I can do focused work best in the morning, I might experience a slump in the late morning or early afternoon, and can sometimes be most creative in the evenings.



One story noted that the sentencing by judges was statistically harsher in the afternoons. Anesthesiology "incidents" were 1% for 9 am surgeries, and 4% for 4pm surgeries. And a CEO who did a conferences call with stock analysts in the afternoon rather than the morning were much more likely to have negative reports published about their company's stock.

Our days follow a pattern of energy, recovery, energy, recovery, rest and restoration.

Sleep and downtime is critical to my health and well-being, every day. All the world and every species needs rest and recovery.

Similarly, we need recovery time each week. In Judaism, the Sabbath is a time of no work. For most of us, it might be a day of rest and reading and goofing off with those you love. A meal with family and good friends and laughter. An adviser of mine says do "nothing that is on your To Do list." No errands!

There is a rhythm of energy and recovery every year. Some of us become homebodies in the winter, planning and storing energy for spring work. Many take vacations each year, although sometimes we forget to include real rest in those vacations. The world outside my window is mostly resting today, storing energy which will be needed for growth in the spring.

There is an arc of energy, rest and recovery in our lifetimes, too. The things that interest us, and the ways in which we use our energy changes over our lives. We move from youth exploration and education, to career and children, to redefining ourselves, finding new passions and direction, in the ebb and flow of life.

Some of this I have known about myself, but have never really articulated it. I have been thinking about how I might use this understanding to be more intentional. I am going to try planning my day to notice and honor my personal rhythms:

**Mornings:** focus on thoughtful work: writing, journaling, sermon preparation, reflection on the work of ministry.

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## PBUUC Leadership Directory

### 🌀 **Officers and Board of Trustees 2017-2018** 🌀

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Chair	Kate Brett
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### 🌀 **Worship Associates** 🌀

* Beth Charbonneau (2015-18)	Paul Wester (2016-19)
* Will Snyder (2015-18)	Elizabeth Porter (2017-20)
*Team Leaders	Jeri Holloway (2017-20)
Mary Rooker (2016-19)	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)

### 🌀 **Pastoral Care Associates** 🌀

Jeri Holloway  
Lynn Johnson  
Mike McMenamain  
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	Tess Morrison (Team Leader)
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
Electronic Communications	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
Finance	Don Gerson, Chair
Green Team (co-chairs)	Bettie Young, cluster rep.
Leasing (contact)	<a href="#">contact church office</a>
Legacy Fund	Elaine Shell
Membership	Kathy Bartolomeo
Ministry	& Pat Behenna
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Personnel	Chris Evans
Religious Exploration	Pat Behenna
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	VACANT
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### 🌀 **Groups and Activities** 🌀

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Bridge Group	Penny O'Brien
Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	VACANT
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Food for Thought	Mary Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Mental Health Support Group	Alice Tyler
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Paint Branch Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
TWedHUULK	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Esther Nichols
Warm Nights	Tess Morrison & Louise Waugh
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Anita Williams
Widowed Persons Support Group	Jeri Holloway
Women's Group	Louise Waugh

### 🌀 **Minister** 🌀

The Rev. Rachel Rudd Christensen

### 🌀 **Minister Emeritus** 🌀

The Rev. Richard Kelley

### 🌀 **Staff** 🌀

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

<a href="#">Music Director &amp; Pianist</a>	David Chapman
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Director, Chalice Dancers	Sharon Werth
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<a href="#">Administrative Assistant</a>	Rico Jones
<a href="#">Bookkeeper</a>	Roy Friday, CPA
Sunday Service/Building Managers:	Joel Yesupriya
Child Care Providers:	Howard Townsell
	Jazmin Balbuena
	Joy Washington
	Briana Workcuff

### 🌀 **Office Volunteers** 🌀

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

## Board of Trustees

### Musings from the Board of Trustees Chair

I am guessing that when you receive this newsletter, we will be very close to the Wiccan holiday Imbolc, translated to belly of the Mother, February 1, when seeds are beginning to stir. After all of the cold we have had, I'd be happy to think we are heading towards spring, but I am guessing we have a bit more cold weather to deal with first.

For those of you who came to the Ministerial Start-up Workshop on January 21, thank you. We told and heard lots of stories. From the congregation, people shared stories where we did something awesome as a congregation, stories where we made a mistake and learned from it, stories of dreams spoken but not yet realized, and stories of how the we became the congregation we are today. Some of it was times in the distant past, like when the congregation had a lobster fest in the glen, some recent, like deciding to call Rachel as our settled minister. Then, Rachel was given a chance to tell her story, how and why she became a Minister and her main inspiration for her work in ministry. It gave everyone there something to think about. Most importantly, I hope it accomplished its main mission of providing everyone a sense of how to do church together, using the culture of PBUUC and the talents and vision Rachel brings with her.

In the coming month, the Board of Trustees will be having a retreat where we will focus on identifying goals for ourselves for the rest of the year. Because we had to spend sizable amount of time during our summer retreat on board process and leadership, we were not able to focus on goals, and our monthly two hour meetings fly by filled with discussion of the running of the Board and the church. Next month I can report back on what we decided to focus on.

*Kate Brett*, Board Chair

**The next BOT Meeting is February 20, 2017.**

**All read-aheads are due on February 13, 2017.**

**The BOT ExCom meeting is February 6, 2017.**

## PBUUC News and Notes

### What happens to gifts of money received by the church?

When we receive a gift of money that is indicated it is in memory of someone or is specifically directed to the Legacy Fund, it is added to our Legacy Fund. This money is invested with the UU Common Endowment Fund for long term investment. A portion of the proceeds of the Legacy Fund is available for grants for special projects within the church. These grants are distributed annually. The chair of the Legacy Fund is Chris Evans.

All other gifts received, those not designated for the Legacy Fund, nor given in memory of someone, are received as donations to our annual budget.

Thanks for asking!

### How does the new sound system help those of us with hearing loss?

The newly upgraded sound system in the Sanctuary includes two different ways of assisting listeners with hearing impairment. A newly installed induction loop makes audio from the microphones directly available to the hearing aids of listeners with "telecoil-equipped" aids by switching to the "telecoil" or "telecoil + mic" setting on the aid. If you would like help in trying this induction loop, ask Van Summers. In addition, we still have the assistive listening devices that were available before. To use this, pick up and wear an earpiece that is available at the welcome desk. We would love to know if you are using these aids, and what your experience is. Comments or concerns about the upgraded sound system are welcomed and appreciated. - Van Summers

## Legacy Fund News

The Endowment Committee is very excited to announce that PBUUC received three legacy donations at the end of 2017 totaling \$67,500. Of this amount, \$55,000 was designated for the Legacy Fund and \$12,500 was designated for the Piano Fund by the donors. These incredible gifts were made in memory of former PBUUC members by Cathy Marx and Steve Trout, children of Jane and David Trout and by James Weston, son of Jim and Isabel Weston.

Last year was also very good year for Legacy Fund investments with the UU Common Endowment Fund. For 2018, the Endowment Committee will have up to \$3,600 of income available for grants towards the purposes of community outreach initiatives, improvements to our facilities, scholarships, and support of the wider mission of the UUA and our congregation. The Endowment Committee will be accepting applications for grants through March 31, 2018. If you are interesting in learning more or receiving the package to apply for a grant, please contact Chris Evans at [legacyfund@pbuuc.org](mailto:legacyfund@pbuuc.org).

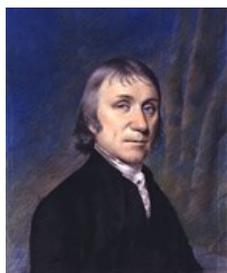
## Multigenerational Religious Exploration

### We Stand on their Shoulders...

#### Learning from Famous UU's Who've Gone Before Us

This year's theme in Religious Exploration is "Unitarian Universalist Identity." An important part of forming an identity is knowing who our "people" are, not only in our present community, but those of the past. Our Unitarian, Universalist and UU ancestors shaped who we are today as a faith community. Their stories show us what it means to live our principles. Their lives made a difference. Perhaps ours can, too.

Here are some great U's, U's and UU's we've been learning about in Children's Chapel:



**Joseph Priestley**, 1733–1804, was an 18th century theologian, scientist, educator, and liberal political theorist.

He is best known as the discoverer of oxygen. Priestley's contributions to science include the invention of soda water, important writings on electricity, and the discovery of several "airs" (gases).

Priestley's theology connected the rational philosophy of the Enlightenment with his Unitarian Christianity. He believed in human progress, equal rights and freedom of religion. He moved to Pennsylvania from England after his controversial views incited a mob to burn his home there..



**Ralph Waldo Emerson**, 1803-1884, began his career as a Unitarian minister, and went on to become was a highly regarded philosopher and essayist and a leading member of the transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century.

He and other Transcendentalists expanded our liberal religion to become more inclusive of many sources of inspiration, especially nature and the eastern religious traditions. Emerson's writings and lectures explore themes such as the human ability to learn, grow and develop oneself, freedom, and the relationship between the soul and the surrounding world. In his "[Divinity School Address](#)," Emerson discounted biblical miracles and proclaimed that, while Jesus was a great man, he was not God.



**Susan Brownell Anthony**, 1820-1906.

Susan B. Anthony was an American social reformer and women's rights activist. She and her lifelong friend Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the Women's National League, which ad-

vocated the abolition of slavery, and later the National Women's Suffrage Association, fighting for the right of women to vote. When Anthony joined a group of women who tried to vote in Rochester, NY in 1872, she was arrested and fined, a fine which she then refused to pay. The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving women the right to vote, is known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, though Anthony was no longer alive when it was passed.



**Clara Barton**, 1821-1912, known as "the angel of the Battlefield" came to the rescue of wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and became the founder of the American Red Cross. Barton worked as a teacher and then a patent officer in Washington, DC before the war. When wounded troops began arriving in Washington. Barton took the most seriously wounded

to her sister's house and nursed them. Barton's work nursing soldiers and soliciting needed supplies became her life's mission. On May 12, 1881, the American Red Cross was established. It has provided medical care, nursing, food, supplies and support during major emergencies ever since.

**Fannie Barrier Williams**, 1855-1944, was an African American teacher, social activist, lecturer, and journalist who worked for social justice, civil liberties, education, and employment opportunities, especially for black women. A talented speaker, writer, and musician, she was welcomed in cultured white society in the North, but remained loyal to people of color, knowing that the advantages she enjoyed were not given to other blacks.



**Lewis Latimer**, 1848-1928, a Unitarian African-American inventor and engineer born in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He was one of the founding members of the First Unitarian Church of Flushing, New York. He was the only African-American member of the Edison Pioneers, Thomas Edison's engineering division of the Edison Company.

Latimer prepared the mechanical drawings for Alexander Graham Bell's patent application for the telephone. He also authored important inventions in electrical lighting.

*Carla Miller*, [DMRE@pbuuc.org](mailto:DMRE@pbuuc.org)

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

### COMING SOON IN RE

Friday, February 2nd, Faith, Food and Fun Friday" celebrates Imbolc, 6:30 pm—9 pm.

Friday, February 16th, Faith, Food and Fun Friday" celebrates Imbolc, 6:30 pm—9 pm.

## RE Announcements

**4F'S- FAITH, FOOD and FUN FRIDAYS**, the first and third Friday each month. Our winter/spring 4 F's series will be theme-based; with a discussion circle and all ages activities. Some of these will be centered in themes that relate to a holiday or seasonal activity.

**Next Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog's Day!** Did you know that our "Groundhog's Day" originates in the ancient Celtic holy day, **Imbolc?** (also known as Candlemas) Imbolc marks midwinter, and holds the promise of spring. We will honor this tradition through ritual, and draw on its themes in our discussion circle.

Bring board games to play; children may want to bring a toy to share, too. "Screen time" is discouraged and social time encouraged!

**FOOD WILL BE POTLUCK.** Please consider our vegan and vegetarian friends as you choose a dish to bring! <https://tinyurl.com/food44Fs>

**February 16<sup>th</sup> 4F's** falls just after **Valentine's Day**, so of course our discussion theme will have something to do with ... LOVE. What does it mean to YOU?

**PIZZA will be served.** Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share, and a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 per family for the pizza.



**FEBRUARY- Our Whole Lives Human Sexuality class for Grades 4/5** runs from February 4th through March 11th, with lunch at 11:30 am and class from 12:00-1:15 pm. Parent conversations will be held

during class time as well. Contact Carla Miller, [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org), or cell: 410-707-9611.



## Social Action Committee

### SAC Special Collection February 11, 2018

The SAC Special Collection recipient for February 11, 2018 will be Girls on the Run®, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that uses running to inspire and motivate girls 8 to 13 years of age, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Their curriculum teaches life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches. At each season's conclusion, the girls and their running buddies complete a 5K running event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. The result—making the seemingly impossible, possible, and teaching girls what they can do.

## Stewardship at PBUUC

### Paint Branch is "Driving the Dream!"

We are travelers together on the road to a wonderful, celebratory destination. Join us as we start our journey at the Fellowship Dinner on February 24 at 6 pm. Sign up to bring a dish to share at <https://tinyurl.com/DTD-PLUCK> or volunteer to serve on the kitchen pit crew at <https://tinyurl.com/DTD-CREW>. Enjoy wonderful entertainment. Childcare will be provided.

Our Visiting Stewards will gather at one of our training sessions on February 7 at 7 pm OR February 11 during Enrichment Hour. It's not too late to join us as a volunteer. Just let Chris Evans know you're willing to drive at [stewardship@pbuuc.org](mailto:stewardship@pbuuc.org).

"Driving the Dream" kicks off with a road-ready Commitment Sunday service on March 4. Starting that day PBUUC members and friends will have three options to complete their pledge to include: 1) meet one-on-one with a Visiting Steward (especially those who are new to PBUUC. Have questions? We have answers!); 2) attend one of several fun-filled pledging parties such as the popular stewardship breakfast on March 18; or 3) race to the stewardship table, in the lobby after any Sunday service in March. Choose what works best for you. It takes every one of us to sustain this community and fulfill our shared dreams for a better world. We are glad you are joining us for this great ride!

Chris Evans, Stewardship Chair

## Music at Paint Branch 2018 Winter/Spring Series

"Music at Paint Branch" returns this midwinter with many wonderful recitals on the musical horizon. There are currently six programs scheduled between February and the end of April. There will be music for everyone to enjoy. Please put all of these dates on your calendar. Concerts are free; donations happily accepted and always followed with wonderful receptions.

**Sunday, February 4 at 4 pm** will include Elizabeth Field, violinist and Steven Silverman, pianist. Full program to be announced later.

**Pianist and Music Director David Chapman** will present a piano recital on Sunday, February 25 at 4 pm. It will surely be a joyous event.

**Long time PBUUC member Deni Foster** will perform 4 pm on Sunday, March 11. The variety of music, instruments and comedy is always a hit with "Deni Foster & Friends"

**Kate Chen, is a talented young pianist** (age 15). She will appear in recital on Saturday, March 24 at 7 pm.

"**The String Queens**" are new to Paint Branch and will appear on Sunday, April 15 at 4 pm.

**Sunday, April 29 at 4 pm is STRATA**, a trio that features James Stern, violin/viola, Nathan Williams, clarinet and Audrey Andrist, piano. STRATA performed last year and their musicianship, skills and artistry are not to be missed.



## Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

### Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Goes To Quarterly Planning Meetings

DARTT attendees at the January 12 meeting decided to go to a quarterly planning meeting schedule—at least for the rest of the church year that ends June 30. We will revisit this plan at our July 1, meeting. So, the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, from 7 to 9, Room 4, Religious Exploration Building. DARTT work will get done with face-to-face and tele-conference/video-conference meetings of smaller project-action teams. We will stay connected via updates and communiques posted on Facebook and in Branches, Bulletins, and ContinUUa.

### Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Has Black Lives Matter Buttons & Yard Signs for Sale February 4

DARTT will be selling Black Lives Matter buttons and yard signs after the February 4 Sunday Service. Stop by our table in the Meeting House Lobby to purchase buttons and yard signs. Small buttons are \$.50. Large buttons are \$1. Yard signs are \$10. Any profit will support multicultural programming at Paint Branch.

### DARTT Recommends:

#### Mass Meeting For The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

Monday, February 5, 6 pm to 9 pm, All Souls Church, Unitarian, 1500 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC. (Accessible via METRO's Green Line and METRO Bus and Rail from Red Line.)

Join Co-Conveners Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis for a Mass Meeting for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. You can hear about the inspiration, vision, and strategy for the Campaign. The Revival aims to build a broad and deep national moral fusion movement – rooted in the leadership of the poor, marginalized, and moral agents and reflecting the great moral teachings – to unite our country.

Getting involved is a good follow on to the Congregational Reading of The Third Reconstruction by Dr. Barber in which many Paint Branchers participated here at the church in 2016. Many Unitarian Universalist clergy and lay people have been showing up for Rev. Barber's campaigns here in Washington, DC, and all over the country. Let's show up for this important meeting. Contact Janet Overton for more information.

## Notes from the Minister, cont.

**Afternoons:** on organizing and responding to my emails, to do lists, appointments; then meditation, exercise, dinner prep.

**Evenings:** on meetings, recovery, time with Eric.

Fridays as a Sabbath – not church work. Not sermon prep, or emails. Playful time together, walk, meditate, reading for pleasure, goofing off.

I think committing to a Sabbath is the hardest one for me to do: to be really “off”. To be off of email, of sermon prep, sermon reading; and task lists. Instead I will try to seek playfulness, rest, restoration, friends, laughter, and adventure. I know this would be hard for you, too. All of our lives are stressful and overcommitted. What would it be like for your life, if you committed to a day of Sabbath, together, with the ones you loved? What would it do for you to schedule your self with a firm Day Off? How would your body, your heart, your emotions, and your relationships respond to this kind of self-care?

For me, it will take several weeks to really get that to happen – time to work through the commitments I have already made. I am sure that would be true for you, too. And there will be times when the Sabbath just does not happen – when an emergency comes up, sometimes it will have to go. But I wonder if you could try it – work towards it so that you really create a Sabbath in your life for several weeks in a row – no violations, no commitments to keep other than self, family and laughter, one day a week. Are you in? Will you try it with me?

May it be so.

*Rev. Rachel*

[minister@pbuuc.org](mailto:minister@pbuuc.org)

*Paint Branch: An inclusive religious community connected by love, spirit and service.*

### SAC Special Collection for Martin Luther King Sunday Raises \$1,733 from PBUUC

For PBUUC's MLK Sunday Service, a planning team selected passages from [Letter from a Birmingham Jail](#), and offered them as choices for a group of five speakers to read. Each speaker then reflected on their selected passage, with the theme of the promise of that work, and the actuality in today's world. Our Chalice Dancers performed to the song *Birmingham Sunday* about the church bombings in the 60's. The service was powerful and well received. We made the ask to support Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism and the UUA in raising funds for supporting our Black UUs. We raised \$1,733, from our congregation.

## The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe



### Seminary for a Day: The Black Hole in the White UU Psyche

**TOPIC/SPEAKER INFO:** “Seminary for a Day: The Black Hole in the White UU Psyche” with the Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed.

From the African Gloster Dalton, who in 1785 was one of the signatories of the Charter of Compact of Gloucester Universalist Society, to Edna Griffin, who was known as the Rosa Parks of Des Moines, to Rev. Yvonne Seon, who in 1981 was the first African-American woman ordained into the UU ministry, there are many UUs of color of whom UUs are ignorant. Not knowing about them has allowed a false narrative about who UUs have been to flourish. Why, when it comes to African Americans, is there a black hole in white consciousness, and what purpose has it served?

#### DETAILS

Date: March 24, 2018 9 am–4 pm

Location: Cedar Lane UU Church | 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD  
Registration will launch February 10. Child care deadline March 12.  
Partial scholarships will be available. All are welcome.

I’ve also attached the save the date flyer (as both a png and pdf) to share electronically or hang on your bulletin boards.

Facebook event is here: <http://bit.ly/Seminary4aDay> Updated info will be available on our webpage: <https://www.cedarlane.org/event/seminary-day-black-hole-white-uu-psyche>.

### It Was Beacon's Civil Duty to Publish the Pentagon Papers

With the release of The Post, the story of the Pentagon Papers has rekindled public conversation about the importance of a free press. Its historical dramatization of how an administration tried to stop the Washington Post from printing parts of the report detailing US involvement in Vietnam speaks to what we see happening now: a president openly attacking news outlets and making accusations of “fake news.”

While the film focuses on the Washington Post, the story doesn’t end there. In October 1971, Beacon Press released the Sen. Mike Gravel edition of The Pentagon Papers: The Defense Department History of United States Decisionmaking on Vietnam as a four-volume set after other publishers opted not to take on the task. Dozens of commercial and university publishing houses rejected Gravel’s proposal, citing near-guaranteed political persecution and a bleak bottom line. Gravel, one of just two UUs in the Senate, then tried Beacon, a department of the UUA. Ideologically, Beacon felt compelled to publish and agreed to take on the Pentagon Papers, despite financial and political risks.

You can read an excerpt from a pamphlet about Beacon’s decision at <http://bit.ly/BeaconPamphlet> or read the entire pamphlet at: [http://www.beacon.org/Assets/PDFs/pentagon\\_35.pdf](http://www.beacon.org/Assets/PDFs/pentagon_35.pdf) or to watch a video of a panel discussion with Daniel Ellsberg, Robert West, Mike Gravel, moderated by Amy Goodman, click: <https://www.uua.org/ga/past/2007/30971.shtml>

## In and Around Paint Branch



**Paint Branch Bookstore** Open Sunday, February 4 during Coffee Hour. We will feature PBUUC Authors. PBUUC’s Bookstore will feature books by four of our own authors: Marj Donn, Lynn Johnson, Lynx, and Raman Pathik. Stop by, support local authors, and contribute to PBUUC’s operating budget.

### Women’s Retreat Planning

The annual Women’s Retreat will take place here on Saturday, March 3. There will be a planning meeting Sunday, February 11, in Room 2 of the RE Building. Questions, or if you have ideas but are unable to attend the meeting, contact Louise Waugh 301-474-4554 or [LouiseMWaugh@hotmail.com](mailto:LouiseMWaugh@hotmail.com)



### New Art Exhibit and Artist Reception

Sunday, February 11 will mark the beginning of a new exhibit in the Meeting House. Please plan to join us following the service for a reception and opportunity to talk with the three glass artists who have prepared the exhibit for us.

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING SPANISH?

So far there are about ten people who have expressed interest. If you are interested in taking a Spanish class on Sundays or another day, perhaps Tuesdays or Thursdays, sign up in the Foyer Sunday or contact Carmelita Carter-Sykes at 202-236-8783 or [cartercarmelita@aol.com](mailto:cartercarmelita@aol.com) - Thanks

### TwedHUULK at Chido's Tex-Mex Grill in Laurel

Wednesday, February 21st at 1 pm

Chido’s is a recently opened family-owned Tex-Mex restaurant in the former Don Pablos on the shore of Laurel Lake at 14600 Laurel Place (just southwest of Cherry Lane and Baltimore Avenue). Facebook and Google reviews indicate it is a big step-up from its predecessor. If you don’t want Tex-Mex, there are also burgers and a selection of salads to choose from. Everyone is welcome. Call Elaine Shell 301-776-4271 or email [TwedHUULK@pbuuc.org](mailto:TwedHUULK@pbuuc.org)



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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