



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

March 2019

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

MARCH 3 TREASURE OUR CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Elizabeth Porter, Worship Associate; the Chalice Dancers; and the Choir
Paint Branch UU is a church and a community that matters, both to those of us who are here and those who have not yet arrived. We have a history and grounding in providing a home for those hungering for liberal religion and those who need it but cannot articulate that. Let us treasure our very existence, and work to assure we are here for the future.

MARCH 10 LETTING GO

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Tricia Most
Worship Associate

How do we practice Letting Go? With grace? or maybe anger?

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR AND ARRIVE EARLY FOR THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP WAFFLE BREAKFAST IN THE KELLEY ROOM!

MARCH 17 EMBODYING LIBERATION

Rev. Pippin Whitaker, Guest Minister; with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate; and the Children's Choir
How is liberation alive in you? Part of social justice work is "out there," where wrongs must be healed. The other work lies within, where the roots of injustice hide. Join this service as we open our hearts to how we can powerfully and joyfully embody liberation. Read more about our Guest Minister on [page 7](#).

MARCH 24 "when the world is puddle-wonderful"

- EE CUMMINGS

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Chris McCann, DMRE; Clark Ritz, Worship Associate; and the Choir
Come join us for Reimagining Sunday, where we explore what Sunday worship might be like. Origami? Making mud pies? Planting something spring.

MARCH 31 TBA

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Mary Rooker, Worship Associate

PLAN TO STAY AFTER THE SERVICE FOR A LIGHT LUNCH AND OUR ANNUAL SPRING TOWN HALL MEETING.

Notes from the Minister

A few weeks ago, I went to Orlando for a visit. Our son and his wife live there and I was able to be a guest in their house. It is the first time I have been a visitor in their home. They bought our house when we moved to Maryland, and so it was both very familiar, and a new experience. We lived in that house for 30 years – and Link grew up in that house. Since we moved, they have made it their own – defining how they use the spaces, and planning their own improvement projects. They were gracious hosts to the Mom. It was good.



Link and I went to Disney World one day – and we rode roller coasters together. It might have been 15 years since we had done that. We had a good day together – we walked and talked and screamed and took breaks together – what a treat.



I also had a chance to see old friends and visit my mentor, the minister from First Unitarian Church of Orlando. I got together with my old Book Club, and we ate and laughed and told stories, and some of them talked about the book. They had been with me for years, all through seminary and before.

Returning to old familiar streets and places was good and rich and wonderful. But I was a visitor there – it's no longer home, and I don't wish for it to be. No regrets. My life – our lives – have moved on, and I am grateful.

Let us begin.

Rev. Rachel minister@pbuuc.org

Paint Branch: Healing Hearts, Building Community, Nurturing
Spiritual Growth and Helping to Heal the World.

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2018-2019 🌀

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Chair	Kate Brett
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Assistant Secretary	Jennifer Wright

🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

* Mary Rooker (2016-19)	Tricia Most (2018-21)
* Paul Wester (2016-19)	Clark Ritz (2018-21)
Elizabeth Porter (2017-20)	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)
Jeri Holloway (2017-20)	*Team Leaders

🌀 Pastoral Care Associates 🌀

Jeri Holloway
Lynn Johnson
Mike McMenamin

🌀 We Care Coordinators 🌀

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🌀 Chartered Committees and Teams 🌀

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
	Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-ACTING)
Adult RE	Louise Waugh
Auction	VACANT
Budget Leadership Team	VACANT
Buildings & Grounds (co-chairs)	Lowell Owens & Peter Wathen-Dunn
Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) (co-chairs)	Carol Carter Walker
Denominational Affairs	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
	Don Gerson, Chair
	Bettie Young, cluster rep.
Electronic Communications	contact church office
Endowment	Chris Evans
Finance	Elaine Shell
Green Team (co-chairs)	Moe Cunningham
	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Leasing	Joe Dever
Membership	Pat Behenna
Ministry	James Alexander, Janet Overton and Elizabeth Porter
Nominating	Liz Citrin
Personnel	COMMITTEE IN HIATUS
Religious Exploration	Melissa Graham
Social Action (SAC)	Don Henderson
Stewardship	Chris Evans

🌀 Groups and Activities 🌀

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	John Bartoli
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
Mom's Group	Penney Hughes
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Paint Branch Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Sunday Sound & Facilities Volunteer Team	Van Summers
Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Lori Snyder
Warm Nights	Van Summers
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Anita Williams
Widowed Persons Support Group	Jeri Holloway
Women's Retreat Co-Leaders	Anne Hoover & Abigail Hanley

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

Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Dir. of Multigenerational Religious Exploration	Chris McCann
Chalice Dancers Director & Choreographer	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles Bury
Affiliate Minister for Social Justice	Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo
Bookkeeper	Hannah Oshin
Administrative Assistant	Hannah Oshin
Rentals Building Manager:	Joel Yesupriya
Child Care Providers:	Joy Washington
	Briana Workcuff

Office Volunteers

Elizabeth Scheiman & Mary Massey (Alternating Tuesdays)	
Will Snyder (Wednesdays)	Janet Overton (Fridays)
Alice Tyler (Thursdays)	

Board Chair Musings

The Board of Trustees is now meeting late in the month (4th Tuesday). I therefore end up having to rush to write up my thoughts for the month as soon as the meeting is over. Good in that everything is fresh, difficult because it isn't always easy to put ideas in perspective.

The board is involved in a great deal of important work. Most of that will be reviewed during the Congregational Townhall meeting at the end of March (see article below). We have the beginnings of work towards long-range planning, we are hopeful that the parking lot is going to be replaced this summer/fall, we are encouraging a hard review of how to make our deck sustainable, as well as many other smaller projects. We will make progress on all of our activities, although some may take longer than we would like. And we will need to ask for help from many others to have significant impact.

One important piece of new has to do with our financials. As many of you are aware, the Board of Trustee hired an Independent Auditor last year to review the church's financial books for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The audit is substantially complete and the draft report was submitted to the PBUUC Finance Committee and Board of Trustees just this week for our review. There are additional steps to take, such as a meeting between the auditor, staff, treasurer and finance committee, as well as the creation of the final report. I have reviewed the report and while I cannot understand all of the details without some help, I can decipher that the PBUUC books and our operating funds do reconcile for the year. This means the money in our bank is correctly represented in the computer accounting as Income and Expenses. More will be passed during our Town Hall meeting.

If you have questions or concerns for the Board, I hope you will reach out to one of us. Our main duty is to accurately represent the congregation as we deliberate issues.

— *Kate Brett*, Board Chair

Board Calendar for March:

Executive Committee: Monday, March 11, at 7 pm

Read-Aheads due: Tuesday, March 19

Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 pm

Town Hall Meeting Sunday, March 31

Your input is needed at our Congregational Town-Hall on Sunday, March 31 11:45 am—2:30 pm. Light lunch will be served and childcare provide as we discuss long term planning, deck repair, the audit, the Social Justice Project, and other topics of importance.

Multigenerational Religious Exploration



We're just past Valentine's Day as I write this article, a day to celebrate love and passion in all its forms. Passion was on my mind recently as I met with the Multigenerational Religious Exploration Team for our annual retreat. I invited the group to consider their passions as we clarified the work we will do together, and how they can bring those passions to light in our RE programming. A lively conversation ensued and the *folx* on the MRE team are getting closer to their "sweet spot."

Leading up to this retreat, the MRE team had some time for discernment and we discovered that in order to live into the ideals of our Religious Exploration program, certain tasks needed to be set aside to make room for deeper work. Among these tasks was planning, coordinating and implementing of church wide parties. For some time, the MRE team has taken the lead on these parties, often at the expense of bigger picture work. We've decided that we will be focusing on broader multigenerational programming with an eye to creating meaningful, long last multigenerational relationships, which feels more aligned with the emerging goals of Religious Exploration at Paint Branch.

Good news! The celebrations at Paint Branch do not have to end simply because they are no longer owned by the MRE Team. If you are a person who has a passion for church celebrations, we invite and encourage you to consider grabbing some friends and hosting one or more of these parties (Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Holiday Party). The MRE team is delighted to lend support, share wisdom (and more than likely supplies), help publicize and of course be grateful attendees. I'm always happy to meet and talk through ideas as we move through this transition.

In the meantime, keep your eyes open for information about the fresh ways we are approaching how we "do" RE at Paint Branch. There will likely be a host of ways for everyone to engage their passions as we move toward innovative programming.

To passion and celebration,

Chris McCann, dmre@pbuuc.org

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

Adult RE:



Does fighting the good fight leave you feeling a little spent? Come refresh yourself with Spiritual Practices for Warriors, each Sunday in March and April (except March 31) during Enrichment Hour.

Stewardship

The time to "Treasure Our Church" is finally here! The 2019 Annual Campaign is all about sharing the riches of our time, our talents, and yes, our treasure in order to sustain our sacred community. By now you should have been contacted by one of our swashbuckling Visiting Stewards. If not, just stop by the Stewardship table in the Foyer to talk to one of our hearty crew email stewardship@PBUUC.org. All members and friends will have several options to complete their pledge this year:

- 1) Meet one-on-one with your Visiting Steward;
- 2) Attend our popular stewardship breakfast before service on March 10;
- 3) Join us for a fun pledging party at Tricia and Eric Most's home on March 23; or
- 4) Complete your pledge at stewardship table after any Sunday service in March.

Choose the option that works best for you. I know that with your support our treasure chest will soon be overflowing.

Chris Evans, Stewardship Chair



GREEN TEAM

Climate change won't destroy your planet. Just your children's and grandchildren's.

As you read this, climate change is threatening our world, and we have a moral obligation to act. While you've probably read and heard a lot about climate change, the science behind it is complicated.

Come spend 60 minutes connecting the dots between science, our climate, people and planet – and the solutions. Joyce Tuten is a high school science teacher who is expert at teaching science to non-science people. She is also a member of the Middletown, MD Sustainability Committee, a NOAA Climate Steward Educator and a trained Climate Reality Project Leader. Joyce will explain the science of the greenhouse effect and global warming and what humans are doing to cause the climate to change. Short but information-dense, her presentation will bring to life the chain of events happening around the planet. Joyce will end with the many solutions that we can all be a part of! Walk away as a new ambassador for understanding and an agent for change that will last generations.

Please join us for this critically important presentation on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 12:30 pm** in the Sanctuary at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783-1097

A light lunch will be provided at noon. While donations are not required, they are appreciated. This program is sponsored by the PBUUC Green Team.

For more information, contact Moe Cunningham – 240-461-7224 or mcunningham1952@gmail.com



MARCH 2, 2019

PBUUC WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL MULTIGENERATIONAL RETREAT

Recreate, breathe, rejuvenate! Join us for the annual PBUUC Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 2nd from 8 am to 5 pm, here at the church. We will

gather for breakfast and crafty name-tag making, then join in our opening ceremony. There is a morning workshop and two afternoon workshops, with lunch in between, and then our closing ceremony. Childcare is available, and this is a multigenerational event, if your older daughter or granddaughter would like to attend. Friends, relatives, neighbors: all are welcome. This year our theme is *Be the Garden You Want to Grow*. Our workshop schedule is still being finalized, but at past retreats workshops have included discussions, writing, crafts and movement. Each workshop session has multiple choices available: usually three choices per session, for a total of nine different workshops. In addition to the scheduled workshops, there will be a quiet room for reflection, a puzzle area in the foyer, and many opportunities to share fellowship and community. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/pbwr19>

Also, we still need a volunteer breakfast coordinator to ensure that our breakfast fixings are set up for all to enjoy, and a name tag co-leader for this year who can take over next year. To volunteer for one of these jobs, or if you have general questions, please contact one of the Co-Retreat Leaders, either Anne Hoover (aehoover@hotmail.com or 301-384-8578) or Abi Hanley (mnemoscat@gmail.com or 443-255-4279). And if you would like to be a volunteer workshop leader, please contact Workshop Coordinator Kathi Yu at (best contact is kathiyu@gmail.com, alternatives are cell 240-593-4650 and home 301-593-2853).



Wheel of Life

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Life to be held for Jennifer Robinson in the PBUUC Meeting House on

Saturday, March 16 at 2 pm. If you are interested in helping the We Care committee with providing baked goods or finger-foods, please contact Pastoral Care Associate Jeri Holloway Holl5d@aol.com who is coordinating the light reception which will follow the service.

Nancy Etkin's sister, Elizabeth, shares that Nancy has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She is not in any pain, but is unable to return home. She is now in Hospice at Manor Care in Hyattsville.

Denominational Affairs



The Power of We: 2019 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Spokane, Washington, June 19 – 23, 2019

View our denomination from another perspective.

The General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of Unitarian Universalists from all over the world. This is an opportunity to meet, worship, learn, and act with a variety of UUs with whom we are bonded by our covenant of living by our seven principles.

Here is the link that will tell you almost everything you need to know about attending GA:

<https://www.uua.org/ga>

Here are some time-sensitive highlights:

March 1 is a key date for submitting a volunteer application. If you are selected for one of a variety of assignments, your registration fee will be waived.

March 1 is also the first date available for making hotel reservations through the UUA Housing Reservations system. It is important that you use the UUA system so that they receive the discounts on meeting rooms and other services that minimize conference costs.

April 30 is the last date to register at the early bird rate. You can also register as late as onsite. Early bird registration is \$425 for the full conference. This does not include travel, hotels, and food. You can do GA on a budget by volunteering and thus waiving the registration fee, sharing rooms, or asking for home hospitality.

You can attend and take advantage of the hundreds of workshops, hearings, worship services—large and small—as the spirit moves you. You can also be a delegate or alternate which obligates you to engage in sessions related to the business and the social justice stances coming before the assembly. You can also attend the program-related activities. You can opt to be an offsite delegate, which gains you admission to the business-related sessions. There are GA programs—the Sunday morning Worship Service, for example—which will be livestreamed.

You can be an onsite delegate. Registration is \$160. If this interests you, please contact Don Gerson, Chair, and Denominational Affairs Committee, to let him know of your interest. He can also direct you to PBUUCers who have attended GA in the past to give you a more personalized perspective.

Nominating Committee

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Applications Accepted Until Sunday, April 28, 2019

BACKGROUND: The Nominating Committee (NomCom) is now seeking candidates for nominations to upcoming open positions on the Board of Trustees. There will be three open seats for full 3-year terms. Based on its review and evaluation of the Board's needs going forward, the NomCom will present a slate of one candidate for each vacancy. These candidates, in addition to any nominations from the floor, will be considered for election at our June 9, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting. All terms will begin July 1, 2019.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: The Board of Trustees holds the legal and fiduciary responsibility for governing PBUUC as a non-profit organization in the State of Maryland.

As a Trustee, you will be responsible for working as a team member to:

- Exercise general direction and supervision of the affairs of the Church.
- Plan and participate in regular and special meetings of the Board and the Congregation.
- Approve the annual budget and any supplements.
- Appoint the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary.

Hire church staff (as recommended by the Minister or by a Board-appointed committee).

Trustees must be:

- Able to work together as a team to advance the Church's mission, vision, and goals.
- Active members of the Church.
- Committed to the Church's being a Green Sanctuary, a Welcoming Congregation, and to our resolution of becoming an intentional multicultural congregation.
- Able to attend a two-hour meeting once a month.
- Be willing to perform Board work outside of meetings, such as participating in or leading special Board-appointed committees or workgroups. e.g., Budget Leadership Team, Capital Campaign.

Although serving on the Board of Trustees involves significant responsibility and a time commitment, many former Trustees report that their terms resulted in adding to their portfolio of skills and knowledge and creating a real sense of “making a difference” in our congregational community.

You may indicate your interest in a position on the Board by emailing NomCom@pbuuc.org, or by emailing or talking to any Nominating Committee member. If you are interested, please include your contact information, and let us know why you want to serve on the Board. If you have questions or need further information, please contact us in person or at our e-mail address. Thank you for responding. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

Nominating Committee:

Liz Citrin liz.citrin@gmail.com; Diana McFadden bowregard2003@yahoo.com
Pat Behenna behenna@verizon.net; Will Snyder wlsello@aol.com



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

DARTT OpEd for March

Carol Carter Walker

The Ordinary People Who Paved the Way for the Extraordinary People

During February, Black History Month, there was a great deal of coverage of black heroes and sheroes: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, Marian Anderson, Louis Lattimer, Charles Drew, James Baldwin and the like.

My attendance at a recent family funeral inspired me to reflect on the ordinary black people who paved the way for others to become extraordinary. I am not exactly certain about how we were related. But we were close enough to get together for dinners for family holidays and we all attended the same church and saw a lot of each other there.

My cousin lived to be 94. She was at church the day before she died. At her funeral as her life was recounted, I realized that she was part of the black migration of the 1930s and 1940s. Born in Georgia to a family of sharecroppers, she followed the path of my father and many others who moved from rural Georgia to Washington, DC, in search of a better life. One of her brothers had made this journey earlier. He had already established himself and was a homeowner by 1940. So she came and moved in with him, eventually found a job and a husband at a federal agency and set about to have an extraordinary influence on her family and community. She and her husband bought a house and that house, particularly the basement, became a hub of the community. She offered a safe space for her two daughters and their friends to play and have fun. She used her skills as a cook to open her home for lots of hospitality to family and friends visiting from out of town and a key to the hospitality ministry of her church where she helped prepare breakfast for the neighborhood every Sunday and provided repasts after funerals and other events. She didn't have fancy degrees—she may not have even graduated from high school—and she didn't have a big job. (The federal agency for which she worked had the reputation of being something of a plantation for minority workers.) But it is obvious from the success of her daughters, their love and care in making her comfortable til the last day of her life, that she was, in her way, like so many, many others, an extraordinary influence on her community and her family.

To my 'ordinary' cousin and all others in your mold, "I lift my voice in humble praise to you."

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Next Meeting Is Sunday, March 17 During Enrichment Hour

DARTT will have an in person meeting on Sunday, March 17 during an extended Enrichment Hour. We will meet from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm. Agenda items should be sent to DARTT@pbuuc.org A draft Agenda will be distributed before the Meeting. All are welcome.

Carol Carter Walker, Co-Chair, DARTT

Calling All Paint Branchers:

Write an Op-Ed for the Branches DARTT Column

DARTT has returned to the practice of having a monthly thought piece on some aspect of anti-racism transformation. If you are interested in writing the column, please contact DARTT@pbuuc.org

Social Action Committee

Thank You to All Who Donated!

On behalf of SAC, thank you to all who provided coats, scarves, gloves, hats, blankets, and so much more to immigrants in need. We received a plea from Transit Immigration Assistance (TIA) Silver Spring, and you very generously answered the call.

TIA volunteers meet immigrants newly released from ICE detention facilities who arrive at the Silver Spring Greyhound bus station often with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, many with children. Volunteers meet the buses and respond to the immigrants immediate needs such as snacks, clothing, travel orientation, and phone calls and wait with them until they are safely on their way to their destinations, often sharing a hot meal to fuel them for the next leg of their journey. Volunteers also connect immigrants with people to assist with "next steps" like getting to ICE check-ins, accessing information about an immigrant's case, and accessing local resources (medical, educational, and legal).

The TIA project is organized by Direct Support for Immigrants (DSI), a 501c3 nonprofit subcommittee of Takoma Park Mobilization, SURJ-MoCo, and ACLU of Maryland-Montgomery County Chapter. Collaborating partners currently include DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network and Sanctuary DMV. DSI, founded in November 2016, received the Human Rights First's 2017 World Refugee Day Community Award for Outstanding Work in the Community on Behalf of Asylum Seekers.

Special thanks to Sabrina Jones who stepped in at the last minute to manage pick-up and delivery of our donations to the TIA volunteers.

In and Around Paint

On March 20 at 1 pm, the Third Wednesday Lunch group will once again try to return to the Red Maple restaurant in Silver Spring—our planned destination for February that was cancelled due to snow. Everyone seemed to enjoy the environment and Asian food when we went last year. It's at Four Corners where Rt. 29 and University intersect: 10110 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring. If going south on Rt. 29, turn right at University (Rt. 193), then right at the next street (Sutherland Rd) and immediate right into the parking lot. You'll be entering from the back of the restaurant. Everyone is welcome. Call Elaine Shell if you would like a ride 301-602-0590.

Usher Coordinator Lori Snyder requests volunteers for ushering. Would you be able to commit to ushering on 2nd or 4th Sundays or add your name as a substitute to be called as needed? This is a nice job that puts you in contact with Paint Branchers on a regular basis. Please call Lori at 301-474-1202 and leave a message or email wlsello@aol.com

On March 17, 2019, Spirituality Circle attendees will share a few poems (or quotes or short prose) which they feel have uplifting value. Please join us at 11:45 am in Room 4 and feel free to contribute. Shantida will facilitate our connecting.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at TJ's Restaurant

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, March 12 at TJ's Restaurant in the Calverton Shopping Center, just up the road from PBUUC. Come share food and conversation. The food is good, and the conversation goes wherever you want it to go. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. We intend to hold these breakfasts every second Saturday of the month. For more info contact: mensfellowship@pbuuc.org

Spiritual Practices for Warriors

Spiritual Practices for Warriors, led by Rev. Rachel Christensen, begins on Sunday, March 3rd and continues through April. Come join us as we explore a different spiritual practice each week. Meditation, journaling, collage and tai chi are just some of the practices we will be offering. Having a regular spiritual practice can help us stay strong in this age of anxiety and daily assaults to truth. Give yourself another tool, in our work of building a more just world.

On March 3rd we will be in Rooms 2 and 3. Attend one, attend them all! If you have a spiritual practice that you'd like to share with others, please speak with Reverend Rachel and we'll put you on the schedule.

Music at Paint Branch Sunday, March 24 at 4 pm

Music at Paint Branch is excited to announce our upcoming recital featuring pianist Audrey Andrist and violinist James Stern on Sunday, March 24 at 4 pm in the Meetinghouse. The wonderful Stern/Andrist Duo recently played for a worship service at Paint Branch providing the congregation with a musical spiritual event. The program for March 24 features music by Kreisler, de Falla, Beethoven, Ysaye, Earl Wild, and Ravel. As always, the recital is free but donations are happily accepted. There will be a sumptuous reception

Jeri Holloway holl5d@aol.com

Paint Branch Legacy Fund

For 2019, 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, 2019. If you are interested in learning more or receiving the package to apply for a grant, please send an email to legacyfund@pbuuc.org or contact any of the Endowment Committee members who include Kate Brett, Cory Carter, Chris Evans, Van Summers, and Bettie Young

Warm Nights

Help Us Help Others

Warm Nights Week at Paint Branch

Sunday, April 7 – April 14, 2019!

Paint Branch has been participating in the Prince George's County Hyperthermia Program by offering a 'Warm Nights' Homeless Emergency Shelter week since 1993 [program organized by Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI)]. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby after Sunday services beginning Sunday, March 3, 2019 for volunteer opportunities from cot set up and take down at the beginning and end of the week to cooking, serving, and spending a night in the kitchen. Van Summers 301-792-7995 and Ed Greville are coordinating our efforts this year.

Meet Our Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for Sunday, March 17 is Dr. Pippin Whitaker. Dr. Whitaker is the ministerial intern at the UU Congregation of Fairfax in Oakton, VA. She will complete her Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School in May 2019, at the close of her internship. She will be ordained into the UU ministry on April 28, 2019 at the UU Congregation of Fairfax. She lives near Vienna, VA with her spouse and three children.

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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