



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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**April 2019**

### Notes from the Minister

**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

**APRIL 7 FASCISM: A WARNING**

Mary Rooker, facilitator, with Tricia Most, Worship Associate; and members of the Congregational Read, including Keith Miller on piano  
Come hear the reflections from a few of the Paint Branchers who met for seven weekly sessions to discuss Madeleine Albright's book, Fascism: A Warning. Speakers are James Alexander, Margaret McClellan, and Mary Rooker.

**APRIL 14 FORGETTING AND REMEMBERING**

Beth Charbonneau, Guest Speaker; with Elizabeth Porter, Worship Associate  
What does remembering and forgetting have to do with our spiritual lives and our faith community? Can forgetting be part of spiritual or personal growth?

**APRIL 21 BEING THE RESURRECTION**

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Chris McCann, DMRE; Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate; Children's Choir; Special Music; and the Choir  
We explore the story of Yeshua. Followed by Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds. \*\*\*This is a Reimagining Sunday; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meeting House for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.\*\*\*

**APRIL 28 ANNUAL DANCE SERVICE: HEALING THE SPIRIT**

The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director; with The Erika Thimey Dance Company; Guest Artists: Mary Amato and Allison Hughes; Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; and Mary Rooker, Worship Associate  
Featuring the poetry of Rumi and the artwork of Clara Cornelius. Artist Reception following the service. (see [page 7](#) for a sharable flyer)

Visitors are welcomed every Sunday, so please invite a co-worker, the new family on your block, or an old friend.

Yesterday we had a town hall meeting, and spent a lengthy time talking about the use of space in the RE building. We have been rethinking the space because we have the opportunity to lease additional space to the two schools who use parts of the building during the week. And we have found that it has led to a proposal that we think will be an asset to our own Religious Exploration Program and to the church as a whole. We propose to move our conference room from Room 4 to the Kelley Room, and use the opportunity to spruce up the Kelley Room. We are thinking that new paint, replacement of the existing linoleum, some rugs on the floor, hang some fabric on the walls, and maybe install some sound attenuation elements to reduce the echo in the space will make it much more welcoming. It will become more useable for our meetings and membership and more attractive as an event space.

In turn, Room 4 will be converted to a classroom. The class that currently meets in the Kelley room will be able to have an actual classroom and some ownership of that room. Having another useable classroom will give us more flexibility for our RE program, and will allow us to better serve our children.

This also means that Silver Oaks school can add another grade to their classes, as will Hope Christian Academy. They each expect to be leasing three rooms in the building for the next school year. We have had a very successful year with these two schools in our building. They have been respectful and considerate tenants, and seem to really be pleased to be in our space and on the campus.

You can help make this a success. It will be even more important for members who are scheduling meetings during the week and on weekends to schedule those with the office by emailing [calendar@pbuuc.org](mailto:calendar@pbuuc.org). That way we can be prepared by providing tables in the appropriate rooms, and communicating with the schools when we will be using the classrooms. I hope you will help us by letting us know.

I know there is some concern about the experience nine or ten years ago when Paint Branch felt like we had lost control of our own space. I wasn't here then, but I can tell you that we enjoy good communication and cooperation from the two schools we have here now. We all understand that the church may use the classroom space during the evenings and weekends, and that there is mutual benefit to that arrangement. In turn, they are taking good care of the space and enjoy the outdoors with the children. I hope we find we can tell a new story about leasing space to these schools. A new story about collaborative use of our remarkable building and campus.

Let us begin.

*Rev. Rachel* [minister@pbuuc.org](mailto: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 🌀

email: [BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org](mailto:BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org)

Chair	Kate Brett
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Secretary	Carol Boston
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  
Kathy Bartolomeo

### 🌀 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	<a href="#">contact church office</a>
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*

<p><a href="#">Music Director &amp; Pianist</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dir. of Multigenerational Religious Exploration</a></p> <p><a href="#">Chalice Dancers Director &amp; Choreographer</a></p> <p><a href="#">Church Administrator</a></p> <p><a href="#">Affiliate Minister for Social Justice</a></p> <p><a href="#">Bookkeeper</a></p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Assistant</a></p> <p>Sexton:</p> <p>Child Care Providers:</p>	<p>David Chapman</p> <p>Chris McCann</p> <p>Sharon Werth</p> <p>Charles Bury</p> <p>Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo</p> <p>Hannah Oshin</p> <p>Hannah Oshin</p> <p>VACANT</p> <p>Joy Washington</p> <p>Briana Workcuff</p>
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### Office Volunteers

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

## Board Chair Musings

The members of the Board of Trustees are extremely busy this year, shepherding several major projects into fruition. Some of the projects will be completed by this June. Others may span a few years and different configurations of the Board. All are felt to benefit the health and vitality of our church community

The audit of the 2017-18 church records is almost completed. The auditor worked with the staff and volunteers who handle our finances. These people are to be commended for the efforts to address each new request for more information or answer to a question. An audit takes a great deal of time, time that is over and above the normal work that these people are expecting to complete. A final letter from the auditor is expected sometime in April, but the bottom line is that the records balance out to the penny. Much was learned about some of our financial processes and it is our hope that we are able to be more diligent about keeping up with the effort to accurately assign income and expenses to correct budget lines, as that will make reviews of the books less complicated.

We are also in the midst of the creation of a budget for the next church fiscal year: July 2019-June 2020. If you are part of a group that has expenses, please make sure to request a budget now while we are trying to be fair to all in allocating the budgets for all.

Finally, we are in the first stages of putting together a strategic plan for the church. First, we are working out the process for undertaking this process. Once we have a process, we can get started. This effort will span into the next Board year and we will be asking for input in multiple ways over the course of the work.

I hope you come to the Townhall meeting on March 31st where more information will be passed on for these and other efforts. We are a congregation with a lot going on. I invite you to join in where you feel called to do so.

— *Kate Brett*, Board Chair

### Board Calendar for April:

**Executive Committee: Monday, April 8, at 7 pm**

**Read-Aheads due: Tuesday, April 16**

**Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 pm**

## Multigenerational Religious Exploration



Three years ago, in a fit of nostalgia for my Episcopalian upbringing, I began a Lenten practice of “sacrifice”. When I was a child, I would give up the typical things, like chocolate or some other treat. Once I gave up reading the Sunday comics. Revisiting the practice as an adult, I wanted more than just a typical sacrifice. I wanted to give up something that I engaged in daily, something that I would surely miss, and add an element of investigation. What would I do with the time I gave back to myself by sacrificing some habit?

The first two years, I gave up Facebook and podcasts, and after paying close attention to how I spent my time for a few days, I developed a pretty hearty television habit. As Lent ended, I abandoned the tv and dutifully returned to Facebook. This year I thought maybe I’d be a bit more proactive and I created a list of things that I could do instead. That list remained unexamined until two days ago when I learned something fascinating. In the absence of Facebook, I simply turned to other forms of social media. So it would seem that Facebook is not real problem. The real problem is turning to my phone for distraction and entertainment. The solution is keeping my phone in a different room and consulting my list. Also stopping to put a hash mark on a piece of paper every time I try to reach for a phone that isn’t there. There are A LOT of hash marks on that paper. I find that I’m averaging about six hash marks per hour, no matter what I’m doing. So the first step seems to be sitting with the discomfort of not being able to do a thing I didn’t realize was taking up so much of my time. The next step is to actually consult my list and maybe even get some worthwhile things accomplished.

I would love to invite you to examine what in your day may be taking up time without your awareness. Even if it’s not your phone. I invite you into the spiritual practice of noting, with or without hash marks, how often in the day you might reach for the temptation of distraction. I invite you to then think about what you would do with the gift of time returned to you.

To the intentional use of time,

*Chris McCann*, [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org)

Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

### RE Announcements:

**Paint Branch Religious Exploration news emails have begun!** If you wish to receive RE related emails and have not received one yet, please email Chris McCann at [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org)

**Summer Camp 2020 Interest Meeting.** Please join us Next Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 am in Room 5 for an interest meeting for a week long summer camp, launching summer 2020! This meeting will include information about the camp and preliminary logistics to help us make this event a success. Contact Melissa Graham at [magrahamog@gmail.com](mailto:magrahamog@gmail.com) or Chris McCann at [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org)

## Worship Associates

### 2019-2020 – The Bronze Anniversary

The 2019-2020 church year will mark the 19th anniversary of the Worship Associates program at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

In preparation for next year's "Bronze Anniversary," now is a good time to explain the program, recognize those who have been part of it over the years, and reflect on what it means to our community – today and going into the future.

The Paint Branch Worship Associates Manual lays out three roles for Worship Associates: (1) assist the minister or lay leader in presenting the Sunday morning service; (2) maintain a level of regularity, familiarity, and ritual from service to service; and (3) share their own personal Unitarian Universalist journey with members of the community.

Since the 2001-2002 church year, when co-ministers Barbara and Jaco ten Hove created the program with five inaugural Worship Associates – Cathleen Barnes, Maria Day, Jennifer Grant, Leo Jones, and Charann White – the PBUUC Worship Associates' Sunday morning roles have remained consistent. However, Worship Associates' responsibilities at Paint Branch have expanded as the expectations and needs of the church have grown over the years.

Today, the Worship Associates serve as the church's de facto Worship Committee.

The Worship Associates maintain the integrity of the program by working with the minister to: (1) reflect on and improve the quality of worship for PBUUC's members, friends, and visitors; (2) ensure guest ministers and high-quality lay leaders are in the pulpit when PBUUC's minister is away for regular leave or sabbatical; and (3) recruit and train two new members (and sometimes a youth member) each church year for a three-year term of service (one year of service for the youth member).

Like Paint Branch's Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, and Religious Exploration Committee (among others), the PBUUC Worship Associates program demonstrates the Unitarian Universalist tradition of strong lay-leadership and aspires to greater diversity. The current Worship Associates and the minister recruit new Worship Associates with an eye toward honoring the church's commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation and an intentionally multicultural and multigenerational congregation.

While serving as a bridge between five ministerial transitions over the last 19 years, the Worship Associates strive to be a cadre of lay leaders that enhances the Sunday morning worship experience today and hopefully reflects what our community's worship experience aspires to be tomorrow.

Unfortunately, we cannot celebrate them with bronze busts for next year's "Bronze Anniversary" of the program, but please join us in recognizing Paint Branch's Worship Associates for their contributions to our church's success.

Below is a list of the PBUUC Worship Associates by minister and church year, 2001 through 2019.

#### Co-Ministers Barbara & Jaco ten Hove

2001-2002: Cathleen Barnes, Maria Day, Jennifer Grant, Leo Jones, Charann White

2002-2003: Cathleen Barnes, Jennifer Grant, Leo Jones, Drex Andrex, Julie Watson, Meghan Barnes

2003-2004: Jennifer Grant, Leo Jones, Drex Andrex, John Bartoli, Nancy Boardman, Ben Farrow

2004-2005: Jennifer Grant, Leo Jones, John Bartoli, Nancy Boardman, Kathleen Davis, Jim Flaherty

2005-2006: John Bartoli, Nancy Boardman, Kathleen Davis, Jim Flaherty, Michael Léger, Pat Tompkins

2006-2007: Kathleen Davis, Jim Flaherty, Michael Léger, Pat Tompkins, Bruce Baker, Tosha O'Neal

2007-2008: Michael Léger, Pat Tompkins, Bruce Baker, Tosha O'Neal, Don Henderson, Marilyn Pearl, Pallas Bane

#### Interim Co-Ministers Phyllis Hubbell & John Manwell

2008-2009: (Michael Léger & Pat Tompkins stayed on as the Worship Associates Leadership Team), Bruce Baker, Tosha O'Neal, Don Henderson, Marilyn Pearl, Tish Hall, Shantida Joseph, Erin Washburn

#### Minister Diane Teichert

2009-2010: Don Henderson, Marilyn Pearl, Tish Hall, Shantida Joseph, Abby Crowley, Don Mitchell

2010-2011: Tish Hall, Shantida Joseph, Abby Crowley, Don Mitchell, John Sebastian, Carol Carter Walker

2011-2012: Don Mitchell, Marilyn Pearl, John Sebastian, Carol Carter Walker, Celinda Marsh, Ken Redd, Claire Boston

2012-2013: John Sebastian, Carol Carter Walker, Celinda Marsh, Ken Redd, Bettie Young, Jonathan Mawdsley, Montana Monardes

2013-2014: Ken Redd, Bettie Young, Jonathan Mawdsley, Carol Boston, Noel Monardes, Mary Wester

#### Interim Caretaker Minister Russ Savage

2014-2015: Bettie Young, Jonathan Mawdsley, Carol Boston, Noel Monardes, Van Summers, Carol Carter Walker, Genie Ahearn

#### Interim Minister Evan Keely

2015-2016: Carol Boston, Noel Monardes, Van Summers, Carol Carter Walker, Beth Charbonneau, Will Snyder, Sophie Bernheisel

2016-2017: Van Summers, Carol Carter Walker, Beth Charbonneau, Will Snyder, Paul Wester, Mary Tyrtle Rooker, Abigail Wester

#### Minister Rachel Christensen

2017-2018: Beth Charbonneau, Will Snyder, Paul Wester, Mary Rooker, Jeri Holloway, Elizabeth Porter, Samantha Evans

2018-2019: Mary Rooker, Paul Wester, Samantha Evans, Jeri Holloway, Elizabeth Porter, Tricia Most, Clark Ritz



## Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team

### DARTT OpEd for April

**Calling All Paint Branchers. Write an Op-Ed for the Branches DARTT Column.**

This space is waiting for your monthly thought piece on some aspect of anti-racism. We are looking for a range of stories. The February OpEd was by Margaret Morrison. She recounted what happened in 1969 when she was invited to organize a school event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when she was an Assistant Principal in a diverse Chicago public school. The March OpEd was by Carol Carter Walker. She honored 'ordinary people' who made a difference in their families and communities. There was no submission for April. We look forward to having a May OpEd.

**Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) Next Monthly Meeting is Sunday, April 21 During Enrichment Hour**

DARTT will have an in person meeting on Sunday, April 21, during an extended Enrichment Hour. We will meet from 11:30 am to 1 pm. RE Building Room TBA. Agenda items should be sent to [DARTT@pbuuc.org](mailto:DARTT@pbuuc.org) A draft Agenda will be distributed before the Meeting. All are welcome.

DARTT is a chartered committee, established to facilitate the work of the Congregation in fully realizing its stated intention of becoming an intentionally multicultural congregation. All are welcome.

*Carol Carter Walker, Co-Chair, DARTT*

### Persons of Color Potluck Sunday April 14 at 5 pm

We will gather again on Sunday, April 14 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the Kelley Room. I will set us up with plates and glasses so we can enjoy a meal together. If you are able, please bring something to share for a pot luck. That would be wonderful.

I look forward to meeting again.

*Rev. Rachel*

## Budget Leadership Team

### Open Congregation Meeting RESCHEDULED for April 14

The Budget Leadership Team (BLT) is appointed by the Board to develop the congregational budget for the following fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). Your BLT has been very busy during February and continuing into March, meeting with committee chairs, affinity group leaders, staff, and officers to develop a budget to present to the congregation for review and to the Board of Trustees for final approval. The BLT wishes to hear from others in the Congregation about their budget priorities or specific needs that they would like the BLT to consider.

The BLT will be holding an Open Congregation Session on April 14, during Enrichment Hour in the Meeting House for those interested in providing budget input. Please note, this will not be a Budget Review session, as the budget recommendation has not yet been finalized. This is a place for you to bring up items that you feel may have been overlooked, and to express your budget priorities for consideration as the BLT reconciles needs and income.

We look forward to seeing you! The BLT: *Liz Citrin* (meeting organizer), *Eric Most* (BLT Chair), *Marguerite Summers*, *Amy Parish*, *Sabrina Jones*, *Elaine Shell*, *Keith Miller*.

## Stewardship

The response to the "Treasure Our Church" annual campaign has been amazing. As I write this we are well into our annual campaign with over \$242,000 in pledges received during the first three weeks of March. Our Visiting Stewards have done an incredible job and I know many of you attended the Commitment Sunday service or enjoyed our Stewardship Breakfast or joined us in fellowship at the Pledging Party. If you are reading this and thinking, but wait, I haven't completed my pledge yet, don't fret. You can still respond to your Visiting Steward or stop in the lobby at the Stewardship Table after service. We need everyone's support to achieve our goals for the coming year. To celebrate the end of our annual campaign, the Stewardship Committee will be serving up Ice Cream Sundaes during Coffee Hour on April 7. We hope everyone can join us. If you have any questions about our annual campaign or how to complete your pledge, please contact us at [stewardship@pbuuc.org](mailto:stewardship@pbuuc.org).

*Chris Evans, Stewardship Chair*



## Wheel of Life

Former long-time Paint Brancher Louis N. Halter who had been active in the Nightwinds community passed away in March. He is survived by his son Robert. Condolences may be sent to the family at 39783 Hearts Desire Lane, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

## In and Around Paint Branch

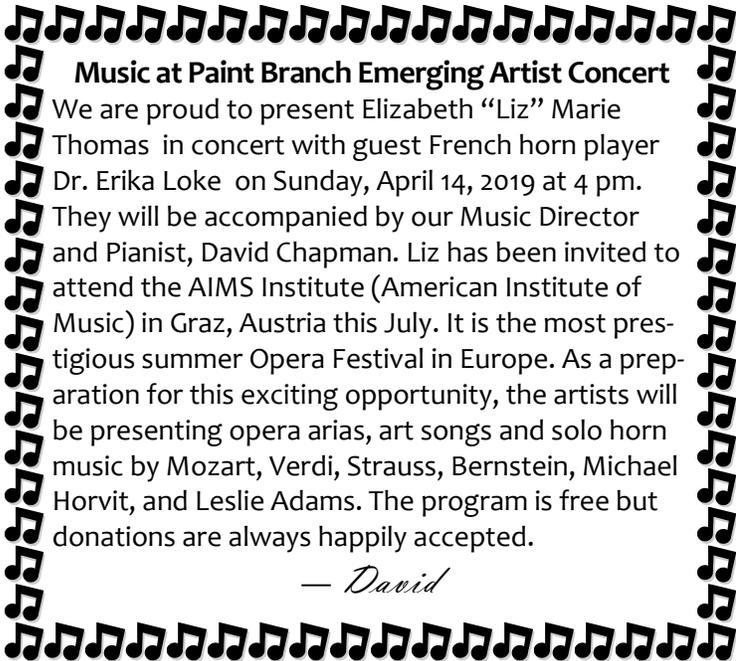


## The Wider UU Universe

The "Third Wednesday of April Lunch Bunch" is dining at "Cedars of Lebanon" in Greenbelt on Wednesday, April 17 at 1 pm. All are invited to attend. The menu features the cuisine of Lebanon. Chef Karim and his wife Maria prepare the same menu that served at the New Deal Cafe in Greenbelt. The restaurant is located at 103 Centerway in Greenbelt. The food is delicious!! If you plan to attend, please notify Jeri Holloway (substituting for Elaine Shell) at (301) 982-0758 or Holl5d@aol.com

### UUMAC: one-week, residential family retreat for UUs, including YOU: July 7 - 13, 2019

Loved by kids of all ages, this is a peak life experience for those who have been in attendance. Not kidding! Located on an idyllic college campus in Central PA, someone else cooks AND cleans: vegan, vegetarian, omnivore, and with MANY and VARIED allergy requests. The children go to programming in the morning. You can have some free time or do a fun workshop with other adults. This year's theme talks are on Non-Violent Communication, and led by Rev. Lora Kim Joyner. Check out the YouTube on the UUMAC website [uumac.org](http://uumac.org) for more information. **Early Bird Registration ends April 15.** Contact Ann Andrex, [andrexes@comcast.net](mailto:andrexes@comcast.net) for detailed help or encouragement!



### Music at Paint Branch Emerging Artist Concert

We are proud to present Elizabeth "Liz" Marie Thomas in concert with guest French horn player Dr. Erika Loke on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 4 pm. They will be accompanied by our Music Director and Pianist, David Chapman. Liz has been invited to attend the AIMS Institute (American Institute of Music) in Graz, Austria this July. It is the most prestigious summer Opera Festival in Europe. As a preparation for this exciting opportunity, the artists will be presenting opera arias, art songs and solo horn music by Mozart, Verdi, Strauss, Bernstein, Michael Horvit, and Leslie Adams. The program is free but donations are always happily accepted.

— David

### Friends & Family Social All Ages Talent Show, Friday, April 26—Pizza at 6 pm, Show at 7:30 pm

Seeking: singers, actors, poetry readers, jugglers, magicians, instrumentalists, sword swallows... please contact David Chapman at 240-602-4121, kids especially welcome! Vegan and Regular Pizzas, punch and salad at 6:30 pm, performers go on starting at 7:30. Donation of \$6/person requested. Under 5 years-old free. Bring all your friends, family and neighbors. RSVP to Raman Pathik at 301-890-9072 or [rpathik@verizon.net](mailto:rpathik@verizon.net) with how many people may attend and your choices of pizza by April 21 so we can order pizza.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast at TJ's Restaurant

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, April 13 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](mailto:mensfellowship@pbuuc.org)

### Spiritual Leadership in Communities of Faith: A Contemplative Retreat

The Center for Congregational Spirituality is offering a spiritual leadership retreat, August 3 – August 8, 2019, at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center near Cincinnati, Ohio. This retreat—designed for both lay and ordained spiritual leaders—will explore how the practice and ministry of spiritual direction can help you faithfully attend to the spiritual lives of others in your community of faith while staying grounded in your own relationship to the source of our being.

The program is limited to 18 persons. In order to achieve a balance of roles, registration will be capped at 6 clergy, 6 religious professionals, and 6 lay leaders. The tuition is \$1,750, which includes a single room and all meals. Some discounts and scholarships are available. Visit [spiritualleadershipretreat.org](http://spiritualleadershipretreat.org) or email Sue Sinnamon at [ssinnamon@gmail.com](mailto:ssinnamon@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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 Foyer after Sunday services 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 is coordinating our efforts this year.



“Oh, Bird of my soul,  
fly away...”

**-RUMI**

**We invite you to**

The Chalice Dancers 14th Annual Dance Service

## “Healing the Spirit”

**SUNDAY APRIL 28TH, 10:00 AM**

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**The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director  
with The Erika Thimey Dance Company**

**Guest Artists: Mary Amato and Allison Hughes**

**Rachel Christensen, Minister and Mary Rooker, Worship Associate**

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**Featuring the artwork of Clara Cornelius,  
and an Artist Reception following the service**

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### 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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