



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

August 2019

Minister's Notes

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

AUGUST 4 THE PROMISE OF BEING FULLY HUMAN

Chris McCann, Dir. of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; with Mary Rooker, Worship Associate
What happens when we allow for the fullness of every person's story? Join us as we explore setting each other free.

AUGUST 11 CARING FOR THE EARTH AS OUR BODY OF LIFE

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister;
with Paul Wester, Worship Associate
Sallie McFague has developed a model of climate theology. We explore her vision and how it might shape our actions.

AUGUST 18 TO BE ANNOUNCED

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister;
with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate.
Check the PBUUC website or the Sunday, August 11 Bulletin for the sermon topic.

AUGUST 25 RE-IMAGINING SUNDAY

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; and Chris McCann, DMRE; with Worship Associate Clark Ritz
Join us as we explore now ways to worship.

This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.

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

On August 1 the website calendar will convert to the BreezeChMS calendar. You won't need to do anything differently, but you'll see the format has changed. More information will be in upcoming Bulletins and Continuums.



Sacred promises, Sacred agreements.

Three of our long time, deeply committed members have resigned in the last two months: Kate Brett, Marguerite Summers, and Van Summers. They each have been important foundational members of the church, working hard to keep it functioning and stable. They were part of the deep fabric of the church, and they will be missed. I will miss each of them.

I completely respect their decisions, each of them. They each left because they had thought we had sacred promises with each other, sacred agreements as to how we would be with each other. And in their experience, that was not true.

This kind of thing does not just hurt the people who have resigned, although they are deeply hurt. It does not just hurt the work of the church, although that is certainly true. It does not just hurt the board and the leadership, although that is true. It hurts all of us. It damages our relationships, the connective tissue that holds us together, the rich history that we hold collectively, the very fabric of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church. It profoundly shifts our relationship to the church and our relationships with each other.

My hope is that we will use this as an opportunity to create systemic change in the congregation. To make explicit our sacred promises to each other. To find and establish boundaries that are helpful for all of us, in maintaining healthy relationships and systems. To learn how to address conflict within the church in healthy ways, rather than to be conflict avoidant. To create pathways for bringing concerns or new ideas, so that we can welcome both the creativity and the criticism of our members.

What are the sacred promises within this community? At the worship service on July 28, we talked about making a personal covenant, and provided some questions to help each of us consider how we might do that. How I might do that. How might I make explicit the way that I want to honor my self, my body, my heart and my healing? Do these questions have applicability for other relationships? For all our relationships? See what you think. Take a moment to read and consider the questions. They are reprinted in this issue of the Branches.

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 2019-2020 🔗

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Interim Co-Chair	Ebony Contreras
Interim Co-Chair	Kathi Yu
Interim Vice Chair	Noel Monardes
Trustee	Carol Boston
Trustee	Don Gerson
Trustee	Melissa Graham
Trustee	Eric Most
Trustee	Janet Overton
Trustee	Wendy Schlegel
Treasurer	Tess Morrison
Assistant Treasurer	David Nation
Co-Secretary	Carol Boston
Co-Secretary	Amy Parrish

🔗 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
Kathy Bartolomeo

🔗 We Care Coordinators 🔗

VACANT

🔗 Chartered Committees and Teams 🔗

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
	Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-ACTING)
Adult RE	Louise Waugh
Auction	VACANT
Budget Leadership Team	Eric Most
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
Long-Term Planning	Ebony Contreras & Kathi Yu
Membership	Pat Behenna
Ministry	James Alexander, Muriel Morisey and Elizabeth Porter
Nominating	Diana McFadden & Will Snyder
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	Keith Miller
Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Lori Snyder
Warm Nights	VACANT
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
Sexton:	Al Addison
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 of Trustees

Words from the Interim Co-Chairs:

We just finished the first meeting of the new Board of Trustees, and we feel energized. This board is ready to tackle the issues necessary to move the congregation forward.

In our first meeting, we spent an hour discussing the creation of a **Covenant of Right Relations** and a **Policy Regarding Destructive Behavior**.

New board member Janet Overton brought these UUA policy resources to our attention, tweaked them for our purposes, and did a great job presenting them for our consideration. The Board discussed them at length and made some commonsense proposed changes. Overall, they were well received. We have a small team who will further refine these proposals and determine a way forward to present them to the congregation for feedback. Eventually they will be presented for adoption by the congregation and the Board. If you want to look at some of these resources, look at the UUA website: uua.org/safe/disruptive-behavior-policies and uua.org/safe/covenant

The Board agreed that moving forward, we want to focus on restorative measures and not punitive ones when dealing with destructive behavior. Our goal is to keep people in our community. In addition, in response to the motion at the annual meeting, another small team of Board members will work to create a small team of lay members who will work with Rachel to find a mediator to address issues of communications protocols, when they are breached, and the underlying causes. It was the sense of the Board, that these two items are separate for the moment, but they may eventually merge into one.

We do this work to make sure that all feel welcome and safe in our congregation. You will hear more of this as we refine our policies and work on a covenant.

Speaking of making all feel welcome, Kathi received an email from the UUA titled **Aren't We Welcoming Already?** Written by Rev. Michael J. Crumpler of the UUA. He stated, "While approximately 813 UU congregations are officially designated as Welcoming Congregations, only 35 have ever renewed their status. In 2019, the UUA's Multicultural Ministries office launched the new Five Practices of Welcome Renewal for UU congregations. These are five benchmarks that every congregation can integrate into congregational life in order to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, genderqueer, non-binary, and others feel fully welcomed, centered, and embraced in UU congregations."

To learn more about The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal, [attend an online orientation](#), visit www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcome, or contact lgbtq@uua.org.

And last, one challenge this Board is working to solve: **building an auction team**. If you are curious about serving on the auction team, have served on an auction team, or wonder what our auction might be like, join us for the AUCTION KICK-OFF at Noon after church on Sunday, August 11. You will have an opportunity to meet past Auction leaders to learn about what these volunteer opportunities entail. We will also have good food (there are rumors that paella might be involved), fun activities for all ages, and childcare. If you can RSVP to Kathi Yu at Kathiyu@gmail.com that will help make sure we have enough food and fun for everyone.

- Ebony Contreras & Kathi Yu, Interim Co-Chairs

Board Calendar for August:

- **August 12:** Deadline for submitting topics to be covered at August Board Meeting to the Executive Committee execom@pbuuc.org
- **August 20:** Deadline for submitting read-aheads for August 27 Board Meeting.
- **August 27:** August Board Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Kelley Room.

How can you help?

You can help Paint Branch by serving in one of these key lay-leader positions as

- ⇒ Secretary for Board of Trustees
- ⇒ Auction Chair
- ⇒ Legacy Fund Committee member

Contact: Ebony Contreras, Noel Monardes, or Kathi Yu for more information.

AUCTION TEAM ALL-AGES

EXTRAVAGANZA

12:00 NOON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11,
PBUUC

FOOD, FUN AND
TEAMWORK

*Kicking off the planning for the
PBUUC 2019 Auction to be held
the evening of*

Saturday, November 2



**The Wider
Unitarian Universalist
Universe**

UU Church of Arlington, VA Flooding. One of our sibling DMV UU congregations, was hit pretty hard by the heavy rains over Independence Day weekend and has setup a Faithify fundraising campaign to help cover the uninsured portion of the damages. Get more information, or make a contribution here:

<http://bit.ly/uucaFLOOD>



Multigenerational Religious Exploration

The What and Why of 'Re-Imagining Sunday'

Re-Imagining Sunday is our once-a-month multigenerational worship service. It's a time for the entire congregation to worship together. You may have noticed that these services are a bit different from our "regular" Sunday services and there are a host of great reasons for that. Let's dig in:

Re-Imagining Sunday is a way for all of us to re-imagine what it means to be together, as well as what a worship service might look like. Because children are included, we are more intentional about designing a service that engages a variety of learning and worship styles. We can experiment with movement and participation in the elements of worship. We can engage in conversation or storytelling or creativity across generations. We can be more playful and spontaneous and allow ourselves a spirit of curiosity and experimentation. We can ask "what's possible in this space with these humans?"

Collaborating on these services allows us to re-imagine our respective roles in worship and to generously share spaces typically seen as "belonging" to one or the other. We combine our collective skills and knowledge to invite each in attendance to be fed, at least a little bit. Sometimes our re-imagining is wildly successful. Sometimes it falls short. Every time, it provides learning for us and for the congregation. Every time, it allows us to practice being in delighted, curious collaboration with others in the church.

We like to keep the bar of "success" for any Re-Imagining Sunday well within reach and easily observed. We'd like to invite all of you to do the same, especially if Re-Imagining Sunday isn't really your cuppa tea. Personally, we pick one thing to observe. Chris likes to look out for unexpected, positive exchanges across generations. Rachel likes to look out for someone overcoming hesitation to participate. We both like to keep our ears open for laughter or other signs of delight. What might you look for? What's one thing about a Re-Imagining Sunday that might take you by surprise? We'd love to hear from you what you've enjoyed about a recent Re-Imagining Sunday.

To the wonders of re-imagining,

Chris McCann & Rev. Rachel

Personal Covenant from July's Re-Imagining Sunday

Several people have asked about getting a copy of the Personal Covenant questions developed by the [UUA's Jennica Davis-Hockett](#) used during the July 28 Re-Imagining Sunday on Sacred Covenants so we are reprinting it below.

How do I want to treat myself?

How do I listen to my body to make sure I get enough sleep and relaxation, eat good food, stay hydrated and get enough exercise?

What expectations do I set for myself? How do I ensure they are reasonable?

Do I talk to myself like I would a friend I care about?

How do I set aside time for my spiritual practices?

How do I set personal boundaries? How do I help others respect them?

How do I want to treat others?

How do I show people I care about them?

How do I treat people I don't get along with in a way that still honors their inherent worth and dignity?

What expectations do I set for others? How do I ensure they are reasonable?

How do I respect other people's boundaries?

How do I communicate with others?

How do I communicate my needs to others?

How do I express my gratitude for others?

How can I communicate with others when I'm frustrated with integrity and respect?

How can I practice listening to others?

How can I offer feedback to others?

How do I want to treat my environment?

In what ways do I practice respect for the interdependent web of which I am part?

How do I create spaces that invite comfort, creativity and studiousness?

How am I a steward of my home?

How do I live my Unitarian Universalist faith?

What aspects of my faith are important in times of celebration?

What aspects of my faith do I rely on when times get tough?

How do I share my faith with others?

How do I live the seven principles?

How do I become a person others can count on?

How do I make sure I keep my promises?

How can I use my talents for the benefit of others?

How can I increase my skills?

What sacrifices am I willing to make in the name of the highest good?

What am I willing to give up because it isn't healthy for me, my family, others or my planet?

What am I willing to do for others that doesn't necessarily benefit me?

How do I make amends?

How do I find the courage to say I'm sorry when I am wrong?

How do I renew a promise that I have broken?

Wheel of Life



Jean Morrison, Tess Morrison's mother, died on Friday morning, July 12, at home. She was 97, and would have turned 98 in September. Jean had been a member of PBUUC for six years, joining when she and Tess moved to the area. The family has not scheduled a memorial service at this time.

We note the birth of Tricia and Eric Most's Granddaughter Zadie, born in July.

Don Gerson & Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson's Granddaughter Danielle died July 2 in Fayetteville, NC. She was only 30, with 3 children.

Grateful for your care of each other,
Rev. Rachel Christensen

Joys and Sorrows

When we gather in community, we carry with us life's hurts and its great joys. Sometimes sharing these joys and sorrows in community can help. On Sundays when you are moved to do so, you are invited to write it, just briefly, on the card placed in the Bulletin, and it will be collected during the Intonation. A Pastoral Care Associate or the Minister will share it with the Congregation during the service. This is part of our worship service and a moment to gather the support or celebration of the community. Please respect that this is not the time for announcements or calls to action, which serve to diminish the sacredness of the moment. We are grateful for this community, and for being able to serve you.

—Lynn Johnson, Kathy Bartolomeo, and Jeri Holloway,
Pastoral Care Associates

Special Collections

The July 28 Special Collection for UUSJ was a great success with over \$1,200 raised. Special thanks to UUSJ Executive Director Pablo DeJesus for addressing the Congregation as part of the service on Sacred Agreements.

Our August Special Collection will go to [Everytown for Gun Safety](#). Everytown is a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities. Gun violence touches every town in America. Nearly six million mayors, parents, first responders, teachers, survivors, gun owners, students, and everyday Americans have come together to make their own communities safer. Together, they are fighting for the changes that we know will save lives.



August Anti-Racism Resource List

As part of the New Day Rising group's commitment to expand anti-racist education at Paint Branch, we are compiling a monthly list of resources. Books, podcasts, videos, articles, songs, something for everyone! Please choose at least one item from the list to engage with. You'll be glad you did.

Articles:

[I Wanted To Know What White Men Thought About Their Privilege. So I Asked. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/magazine/white-men-privilege.html>](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/magazine/white-men-privilege.html)

[Racism In Science: The Taint That Lingers <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-01968-z>](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-01968-z)

Books:

[The Fire This Time](#) edited by Jesmyn Ward

[What Truth Sounds Like](#) by Michael Eric Dyson

Podcasts:

[Bound for Justice](https://player.fm/series/bound-for-justice) "Your weekly podcast that explores Race, Reconciliation, and Social Justice ...one book at time. Join us for a candid discussion about taking steps to create change in our lives and the communities we live in." <https://player.fm/series/bound-for-justice>

[New Dawn](https://player.fm/series/new-dawn) "Michael C. Dawson, founder and former Director of the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture and is the John D. MacArthur Professor of Political Science and the College at the University of Chicago, is the host of this *Race and Capitalism Project*-initiated podcast series, *New Dawn*. He invites guests to discuss their research related to race and capitalism." <https://player.fm/series/new-dawn>

Songs:

[Living For The City Stevie Wonder \[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu95a_RiH54\]\(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu95a_RiH54\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu95a_RiH54)

[We're A Winner The Impressions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewAMZ615zxw>](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewAMZ615zxw)

Wrestling with Race - Sunday, August 4 during Enrichment Hour. Many of us are wrestling with understanding and responding to our experience, our emotions, and what we are called to do regarding issues of race. Here is an article that you may want to read for discussion:

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/olson.pdf>
Come be in conversation with Rev. Rachel Christensen and DMRE Chris McCann.



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

New Day Rising

DARTT Advance Successful

The July 21 monthly DARTT meeting was an *Advance* to discuss governance and programming for the church year. There were several successes.

- ≈ Attendance. There were eighteen people present—ranging from folks who have attended virtually every meeting since DARTT's 2008 founding, to those who were attending for the first time. There was a diversity of race, ethnicity, gender, sex, age, and length of PBUUC tenure.
- ≈ Governance. The group discussed seven proposals about governance structure and made plans for a leadership transition. After a robust discussion, the group decided to adopt the following structure that allows for broad leadership participation, a line of succession, and time-limited terms.

The current co-chairs will develop a list of tasks for the Leadership Team. DARTT will re-visit this structure after six months with an eye toward evaluating and recalibrating if/as necessary.

- ≈ Programming. There were a list of programs, initiatives, and tasks developed which will be further refined into a program plan for the year before Fall.
- ≈ Communications. After the formal meeting, a small group met to discuss how DARTT and other committees could use software and social media to have more effective inter- and intra- communications.

The August 18 monthly meeting will take place in the Religious Education Building. Chris McCann, Director, Multigenerational Religious Exploration, will be our featured speaker. Watch upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUMs for time and place. Questions? Comments? Connect with us at DARTT@pbuuc.org

DARTT OpEd for August: Whose Space Is It?

Since the President of the United States directed four US citizens who are elected members of Congress and who are women of color, to go back to where they came from, one reaction has resonated with me deeply. I watch MSNBC daily and I have been struck by the number of on-air pundits of color, of African descent, Caribbean, South Asian, etc., have reported, almost matter-of-factly, that been told both as children and as adults, that they have been subjected to the same taunts. I thought I detected a flash of fury and hurt when some of them responded to the question of whether or not this had ever happened to them, but for the most part, they seemed calm and composed as they described those experiences. Many went further to say that they were often trolled on social media with the same kind of taunts. On a daily basis, we are showing immigrants on our Southern border whose space it is. I think this is the core issue of our time and it is being prosecuted on many levels—in our denomination, in our religious and sectarian institutions, in our neighborhoods, schools and other places.

In 1904, W. E. B. Du Bois said “The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line.” In this century, our very lives depend on how we answer the question, “Whose space is it”?

Let's talk.

Carol Carter Walker, Co-Chair, DARTT

On January 26, 2019, fifteen members of our Congregation, including a significant number of Board members, attended the [New Day Rising conference](#) at the UU Congregation of Fairfax in Oakton, VA. The conference, sponsored by Central East Region and Fairfax UU, was subtitled “[Identifying Your Congregation's Next Steps in the Struggle with White Supremacy Culture](#).” It featured worship from [The Sanctuaries DC](#), workshops run by the UUA, and Ted-talk style presentations from various congregations.

Since that time, attendees have met to discuss ways to continue to explore race with the congregation (e.g., through a monthly curated list of videos, articles, readings; a viewing and discussion of the three-part video series [Race: The Power of an Illusion](#); and a plan for a facilitated reading and discussion of [White Fragility](#) by Robin DiAngelo in the fall).

Most recently, a subcommittee was formed to begin crafting a request for proposal for cultural competency training. We want to share the collaborative vision that has been enthusiastically endorsed by the current New Day membership*:

Our mission is to facilitate the creation of a "brave space" within PBUUC to approach difficult conversations with:

- ≈ Boldness
- ≈ Humility
- ≈ Resilience, and
- ≈ Transparency

If we can do this around Race, what can't we do?

We are now working on a solicitation to invite consultants to propose ways to help us realize this vision. Stay tuned for more information.

*New Day Rising members (alpha order): Carol Boston, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Rev. Rachel Christensen, Sabrina Jones, DMRE Chris McCann, Nancy Monardes, Noel Monardes, Tricia Most, Mary Tyrtle Rooker, Susannah Schiller, Carol Carter Walker, and Bettie Young.

In and Around Paint Branch

Sunday, August 4th Spirituality Circle will meet in Room 4 of the RE building during Enrichment Hour after the worship service: Alain Antony will lead a session about Mindfulness, a practice that can be used to enhance health by reducing stress and anxiety. All are welcome to this session which will include a guided imagery experience.



HELP WANTED: During the week of August 5—

12. We will be moving the furnishings in Room 4 to the Kelley Room in preparation for converting Room 4 to a classroom for Sunday RE and for our weekday tenant, Silver Oaks Cooperative School. If you have a couple of hours to spare to sort and pack books or to clean, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Contact the church office for further information 301-937-3666.

On August 21, the Third Wednesday 1 pm Lunch Group will revisit **Chapala's Restaurant** at 15530 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville. This is a family-owned TexMex restaurant that prides itself on quality ingredients and service. The large rooms are nice for group conversations. Everyone is welcome. Please come for a summer break with us. Looking forward to seeing you there. Call Elaine Shell for questions. 301-602-0590 (c)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at TJ's Restaurant. Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, August 10 at TJ's Restaurant, our usual location, 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 — Keith Miller

You are not powerless. It takes less than 15 minutes to call your representatives. Say that you are a constituent. I did this and had a very good conversation with the person on the phone. I will do this again. There are many small things we can all do. They add up. We must continue to engage, to act on our values, to protest the things that are happening that are an assault on our country. — Ann Cardiff

Our Prince George's County Council is considering a bill to convert Columbus Day to Native Americans' Day. There will be a public hearing on September 10. This is a step toward justice and inclusion that is long overdue. PBUUC has an opportunity to support this measure. And If you live in PG County, please consider calling your council representative. — Carolyn Byerly

Meeting House Art Exhibit

The theme for the 2018 PBUUC Auction was 'Around the World in 80 Days.' In keeping with the spirit of that theme, I offered a slideshow with the title 'Around the World in 80 Minutes' which consisted of over 300 photos. This new exhibit contains 21 of those photos, each of which represents a special time in my life, so it's titled 'Around the World My Way.' — Don Gerson



SAVE THE DATE: There will be a *Artist's Reception* with Don in the Meeting House after the September 8 service.

Music at Paint Branch

"A Diamond Jubilee"

Music at Paint Branch is beginning the 2019/20 concert series with a diamond studded performance on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 4 pm. This is the 75th concert in our series; a big celebration. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi will be the featured artist for this special concert. You will not want to miss this exciting recital by Paint Branch's former pianist. Mr. Pandolfi has appeared in concert both internationally and locally; he is recognized for his musicality and skillful technique.

SAVE THE DATE!
September 22 at 4 pm.
There will be no admission charge. Further program details will be in the September Branches and upcoming Bulletins and ContinU-Ums.



CHOIR!

It's time to get those Do-Re-Mi's and Fa-La-La's out of hibernation. The first Choir rehearsal for the new church year is always the last Thursday in August, so see you on August 29th at 7:20 pm for warm-ups. If you've sung in choirs before and are interested in joining us, contact David Chapman, Music Director, at cochap@msn.com, cell:240-602-4121, or after church on a Sunday.

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.

2019 Unitarian Universalist Living Legacy Pilgrimage to Alabama, October 19-26, 2019. Come Go With Us To That Land

Rev. Rachel and DARTT Co-Chair Carol Carter Walker will be taking this journey to experience the sites and sights of the most momentous moments in our collective history of civil rights in this country.

The early bird registration deadline is August 14. The early bird cost of \$1,696—covers 8 nights lodging, all meals, bus transportation to all sites, and honoraria for speakers. You are responsible for your own transportation to/from Birmingham. And there are some incidental costs; e.g., housekeeping and bus driver tips. Financial assistance is possible; apply by August 14.

This eight-day journey starts and ends in Birmingham, where the 1963 Ku Klux Klan bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church killed four little girls. We then travel to Montgomery to the spot where Rosa Parks boarded the bus that changed history, and visit the Equal Justice Initiatives' Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (Bryan Stevenson's lynching memorial). We'll visit Marion and Selma, Alabama, the center of the Selma Voting Rights Campaign, and walk over the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge. From there, we'll travel to Philadelphia, Mississippi, where members of the Ku Klux Klan killed three civil rights workers. We'll visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, then head up the Mississippi Delta to the area where 14-year old Emmett Till was murdered, where Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer lived and worked, then on to Memphis Tennessee, where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated and where the National Civil Rights Museum now honors his legacy and the legacy of all who fought for civil rights.

To quote from the Pilgrimage Home Page:

The Pilgrimage is much more than a civil rights history tour. In addition to visiting historic sites, we meet veterans, many of them unsung heroes and foot soldiers of the civil rights movement. If you want to register or learn more, please go to <http://uulivinglegacy.org/>

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