



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

September 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

SEPTEMBER 1 GOING INTO LABOR

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister;
with Worship Associate Elizabeth Porter
How have American Labor movements affected our country and how will they affect our future?

SEPTEMBER 8 EXPANDING THE CIRCLE

Guest Speaker Chris Holbein;
with Worship Associate Jeri Holloway
UUs working for a more humane society. Chris Holbein is a member of the Silver Spring UU Church Green Team and a member of the national UUA Animal Ministry uuam.org

SEPTEMBER 15 HONORING AND CARRYING ON THE GOODLOE LEGACY

Rev. Karen Scrivo, Affiliated Community Minister;
with Tricia Most, Worship Associate
Don Speed Smith Goodloe was the first African-American to graduate from then Meadville Unitarian Seminary in 1906. Unable to find a Unitarian church to ordain him, he found his own path to living out his call. What can we learn from his life and what can we do to honor and carry on his legacy?

SEPTEMBER 22 INGATHERING WITH WATER CEREMONY

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Chris McCann, DMRE; Worship Associate Clark Ritz; the Chalice Dancers, and the Choir
We begin our journey on a new church year with a Re-Imagining Sunday. Please bring a small container of water representing your year's journeys whether physical or spiritual. ***This is an All-Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to stay in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.***

SEPTEMBER 29 ACTIVISM

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister and Ann Cardiff, guest speaker and PBUUC member; with Worship Associates Elizabeth Porter and Susannah Schiller

Dear Members and Friends,

As August ends, we are seeing the end of summer. Turning the calendar to September, the days are sometimes cooler, the humidity is down, and the evenings are lovely and bright. School is starting, the school buses are making their practice runs, schools are welcoming back the teachers and finishing up their construction projects.



Here at Paint Branch, we will have our Ingathering service and water ceremony on September 22, and you might bring some water that is representative of your year's journey in life. What has been your journey? For most of us, the year has included joy and some sorrow, some new beginnings and some grief. We will take a moment to reflect on the year that we have lived, and to consider the year yet to come.

This week, Chris McCann, Chuck Bury and David Chapman and I attended a workshop on addressing racial equity in our UU churches. There were staff from nine UU churches in the DMV area in attendance.

We spoke about creating the Beloved Community in our churches as a journey – the work is never done. We want to be wondering together what has to happen so that each person can bring their whole selves to the community, without difference based on race. What is the shift in our behavior that has to happen? To remember that, as Theresa Inez Soto writes, “all of us need all of us in order to make it.”

One of the pieces of this work is deepening relationships – hearing each other's stories and telling our own. Find ways to be brave in order to tell our stories. Begin to know that I make mistakes. Learning how to do it differently, so that I can make some new mistakes.

This is iterative work. Never done. And part of the Journey. Let us make this journey together.

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

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Clark Ritz (2018-21)	*Team Leaders

🔗 Pastoral Care Associates 🔗

Kathy Bartolomeo	Lynn Johnson
Jeri Holloway	Lynn Louison

🔗 Chartered Committees and Teams 🔗

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
	Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-ACTING)
Adult RE	Louise Waugh
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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
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Green Team (co-chairs)	Moe Cunningham
	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Leasing	Joe Dever
Long-Term Planning	Ebony Contreras & Kathi Yu
Membership	Pat Behenna
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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	Cathy Helmold
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)	

Multigenerational Religious Exploration



Ahhhh, September!

One of my favorite times of year! School supplies, weather turning reliably cooler (hopefully), kids at the bus stop. It's the "beginning of the church year" in UU circles, meaning that my colleagues and I are scrambling to ensure quality religious education programming. This year, at Paint Branch, we are trying some new things. One Sunday per month we will be providing interest based "studios" for our learners. Cooking, creative and performing arts and a maker's space/learner's lab will be on offer. We will offer two Sundays of age based, theme based religious exploration classes and one Sunday we will have Re-Imagining Sunday (our multi-generational worship service). We want to make sure that our Re-Imagining Sundays offer depth and opportunities for faith in action for everyone. Our children learn about being UU by BEING UU and a large part of that is being in the company of people who are deeply engaged in our faith. The activities we provide are typically a hands-on object lesson to enhance whatever is happening in worship, and in the coming months, I want to deepen those experiences. I want to help cultivate deeper connections between children and adults and enhance the children's knowledge of exactly what sorts of amazing things our congregation gets up to. I'd love to hear ideas from you about how we can achieve these goals and move toward being more intentionally multi-generational, more intentionally engaged.

To the wonders of re-imagining,
Chris McCann & Rev. Rachel

Comfort Cases Multigenerational Event—Donations Needed!

Comfort Cases comfortcases.org, an organization based in Maryland, provides needed supplies to children in the foster care system. We will be collecting supplies from September 8th through October 13th in the lobby.

We will be joined in worship by Rob Scheer, the founder of Comfort Cases, on October 6th and on October 13th, Sabrina Jones and Chris McCann will be hosting a multi-generational Packing Party to pack the supplies we collect. We are in need of the following (please note that the organization requests that clothing items, blankets, stuffed animals, be NEW WITH TAGS and that personal care items/toiletries be unopened travel-size). We will have baskets available in the lobby beginning September 8th. Please direct any questions to DMRE Chris McCann at dmre@pbuuc.org

Pajamas: infant-adult 2XL
Baby Blankets
Baby Shampoo
Baby Body Wash
Baby Lotion
Diaper Wipes
Diaper Ointment
Toddler-safe Stuffed Animal

Baby Bibs
Baby Washcloths
Board Book
Small Blanket
Toothbrush (all sizes)
Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner
Lotion

Soap or body wash
Stuffed Animal
Coloring Book & crayons
Book (child-teen)
Deodorant
Journal/Pens/Pencils

It's coming...

Join congregation members in reading and discussing *White Fragility*, published by UUA's Beacon Press, this fall.

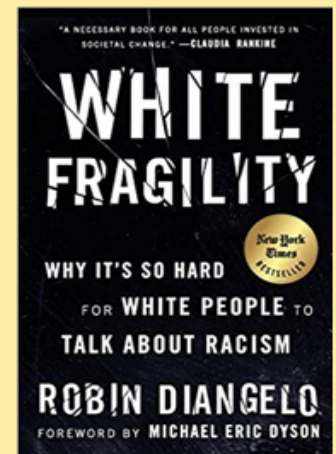
- **The book:** *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People To Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo, on the *New York Times* Bestsellers List for more than a year
- **The plan:** Join a facilitated book discussion with PBUUC congregants/friends
- **The commitment:** Meet 4 times in person at PBUUC from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on these Sundays:

9/29, 10/6, 10/13, and 10/20 and

Meet via Zoom (a video/telephone conference platform) on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm for 1 hour

- **The facilitator:** Paula Cole Jones, UU Anti-Racism Consultant

PBUUC acknowledges the Central East Region with appreciation for helping to fund this event.



We ask that interested people commit to attending and participating in the full series.

Watch for sign-up information coming soon.

Suggested contribution toward facilitation:

Sliding fee scale of \$20 to \$60. Please contact Minister@pbuuc.org if you need additional support.

Additional donations to help cover costs will be gratefully accepted.

Books are available for purchase for \$15.

Free child care. Advance registration required.

Climate Action

Pachamama's Drawdown Project gives us hope!

If you missed the Drawdown introduction workshop at PBUUC last year, another introduction will take place on September 14, 4 pm to 6 pm at the University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St., University Park, MD 20782. If you took the introduction and are now interested in a five-session course, contact Lore Rosenthal at SimplifyGroupsMD@gmail.com.

If you prefer to take the two-hour Intro online, it will be presented on Friday, September 13, 1 pm—3 pm. You can sign up at <http://bit.ly/pargaw> Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers from 22 countries who spent five years of rigorous scientific research to identify the 100 most substantive solutions for addressing global warming. They revealed astounding news: that it is possible not just to slow global warming, but to actually reverse it by 2050.

UU Climate Justice Conference

On Sunday, September 15, a group of UU organizations including All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, DC will be hosting an afternoon conference on climate justice and building a movement for a Green New Deal. It will feature a combination of national and local speakers, with emphasis on people from frontline communities and youth. This session is part of a larger conference happening September 15-17 which includes more fantastic speakers and lobbying [see below]. Speakers for the Sunday session (12:30 pm – 5:30 pm at All Souls) include:

- 🌱 **Basav Sen**, Climate Justice Project Director at the Institute for Policy Studies, one the leading organizations working on climate solutions that address racial, economic, gender and other forms of inequality
- 🌱 **Chris Bradshaw**, Founder and Executive Director of Dreaming Out Loud, which creates economic opportunities for the DC metro region's marginalized community members through building a healthy, equitable food system
- 🌱 **Levi Draheim**, UU from Brevard County, FL, and—at 12-years-old—the youngest plaintiff in the Juliana v United States climate lawsuit
- 🌱 **Julian Brave Noisecat**, Director of Green New Deal Strategy, Data for Progress, US policy lead for the global grassroots climate campaign, 350.org and a proud member of the Canim Lake Band Tsq'escen (First Nations)

Registration for Sunday alone is \$40 and includes lunch

<http://bit.ly/915UUClimateJustice>

UU Conference in Washington September 15-17 Advocating for Economic and Climate Justice as a Moral Issue: Mobilizing for a Green New Deal.

The Conference will end with participants and our Advocacy Corps making Senate visits and delivering letters from a nationwide letter-writing campaign <https://uujec.org/gndconference> Questions! Ask Pat Behenna.



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Revolutionary Love: Toward a More Perfect Union

April 24-26, 2020 | Washington DC

This annual event is hosted by Rev. Jacqui Lewis, the minister at Middle Collegiate Church in New York. It is a well regarded event focused on worship, music and inspiration. I know people who attend every year.

This year it will be at All Souls UU here in DC, and I will be going along with DMRE Chris McCann, Music Director David Chapman, and Chalice Dancers Choreographer Sharon Werth. Would you like to join us? There is an all-star cast of people participating. We will qualify for the Group rate of \$239 for each of us.

We will gather with movement builders like William Barber, Ruby Sales and Linda Sarsour and partners like Vote Common Good, Repairers of the Breach, and the Middle Project at the 14th Annual Convening of activists, artists, and thought leaders who will create strategies designed to hold our elected officials accountable for the state of our union. We will gather, this time, in the heart of our nation – in Washington, DC. To learn. To strategize. To organize. To share best practices and tools. To take love-in-action to the streets.

Revolutionary Love: Toward a More Perfect Union
April 24-26, 2020

All Souls Church, Unitarian

1500 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009



Help facilitate a letter writing campaign!

Get your social justice team to organize a letter writing campaign—here are the instructions. This is a terrific program—UUs for Social Justice, UUSJ, in Washington, DC have an Advocacy Corps who go to Capitol Hill every month to hand deliver your hand written letters—making your letter writing more powerful and the Advocacy Corps more powerful when they deliver constituent letters.

Congregations who have joined in letter writing are great about this continuing effort—one or two Sundays a month, setting up a table and mailing or emailing the letters to UUSJ!



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

Next Meeting, Sunday, September 15, 2019, 11:45 am to 1 pm

All are invited and welcome to the monthly meeting of the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team. It is from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm, Kelley Room, left side. We will be continuing our conversations about leadership transitions, improving communications, and programming for the year. Please see upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUa for more details.

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) Invites All to Its First Symposium, October 30 – November 2, 2019, in Saint Paul, MN

The Harper-Jordan Memorial Symposium* responds to a longing on the part of many Black Unitarian Universalists to more fully understand where we have been, who we are now, and how we hope to live out our Unitarian Universalism as Black people.

This four-day gathering will offer a welcome reception on Wednesday evening; six educative, informative, and interactive plenaries on Thursday and Friday; spiritual grounding and worship experiences that speak directly to our onsite learning; and many meaningful and joy-filled networking and community-building opportunities. We will conclude our time together with a worship service on Saturday morning, open to all, at Unity Church-Unitarian.

We are opening ourselves up to an articulation of Unitarian Universalism that is unapologetically Black and proceeds from our co-creation and co-development, such that we might proclaim and clarify a vision for a Black Unitarian Universalism. There are two unique aspects of this particular BLUU Gathering, as contrasted with earlier ones since its founding in 2015:

- First, BLUU is hosting a gathering that is open to all. Black folks, Indigenous people, People of Color, and white folks.
- Second, BLUU is organizing a symposium-- a formal gathering for people to exchange ideas about and to discuss a particular topic. We will all be in a room together, learning and growing together, and articulating and clarifying a vision for a Black Unitarian Universalism together!

You can register and obtain more information about the Symposium at: <https://www.blacklivesuu.com/about>

You can obtain more information about BLUU at <https://www.uua.org/blacklivesuu>

*The symposium is named for Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (Black abolitionist, suffragist, author, Unitarian) and Rev. Joseph Jordan (the first Black ordained Universalist).

Coming to the Table Monthly Compilation of Racial Justice Activities in the Mid-Atlantic Area

Lynda Davis, one of the leaders of Coming to the Table, an organization of the descendants of slaves and slave owners, a member of the Columbia UU Church, and a guest speaker at a DARTT-sponsored Sunday Service, compiles a bimonthly listing of events in the District, MD, and VA. You can view the latest compilation at their Facebook page <http://bit.ly/MARjustice>

New Day Rising

Anti-Racism Resources for September

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.

Article: The 1619 Project: An interactive project designed by Nikole Hannah-Jones for the NEW YORK TIMES. The 1619 Project was timed for the 400th anniversary of the arrival in America of the first enslaved people from West Africa. Includes contributions by the paper's writers, including essays, poems, short fiction and a photo essay: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html>

Book: How To Be An Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Song: Ella's Song by Sweet Honey in the Rock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6Uus-gFrc>

If you have a recommendation that you would like to be considered for this monthly list, please send it along to DMRE Chris McCann at dmre@pbuuc.org

Community Social Justice Initiative

Join the Community Social Justice Initiative on September 8 during Enrichment Hour to hear what we've learned about our neighborhood. Fourteen congregants interviewed thirteen organizations representing education, faith communities, social services, and government. These neighbors told us what they do, what they've learned, and what they believe still needs to be done. The presentation on September 8 will showcase insights from these conversations. Be part of this Initiative as it moves from learning to planning.

In and Around Paint Branch

Spirituality Circle will meet on Sunday, September 15 in Room 4 of the RE building during Enrichment Hour after the worship service. Raman Pathik 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. We will also have a brief discussion on how often Spirituality Circle will meet and what topics we want to experience in the upcoming year.

Community Café needs your help. This is a program supported by many Prince Georges County churches that provides meals to those who need assistance in reaching their nutritional needs; the homeless, low/no income, day laborers, etc. PBUUC participates in this program the 4th Tuesday of each month by cooking and serving lunch at a local church. This is a gratifying activity that provides a venue for socializing as well as fulfilling our UU Principles. Our guests are very appreciative and help in every way they can. We could really use a few more people, especially for making the stew. The ideal is for the cooks to have time off at least every other month. If this is something you feel you would enjoy participating in, please contact any of the Community Café group, or Alice Tyler 301-328-0606, Bobalice2@msn.com

Write Here! Write Now! will be available on the first three Sundays in September. A table with writing materials and letter examples will be in the Meeting House Foyer on Sundays, September 1, 8, and 15. Our task will be to Tell Our Senators to Show Real Leadership to Help Avert the Climate Crisis. Congress is appropriating funds now, so we will urge support and funding of programs and policies (1) to build a green economy, (2) to protect our air, land and water, phase out fossil fuels, and (3) to take action to transform our economic system by creating market incentives for businesses and consumers to "go green."

EMAIL SCAM TARGETTING PBUUCers

Over the Weekend of August 24th and 25th, several members of the PBUUC community received emails purportedly from Rev. Christensen but not from her pbuuc.org or uua.org email addresses and asking for monetary assistance in the form of gift cards for a needy family. These were fraudulent and not from Rachel. The church and its staff will never ask for assistance in this manner and any emails from Rachel will be from pbuuc.org or uua.org. If you were affected by this scam, please report it to spoof@ebay.com. You can learn more about how to spot such scams at [FTC.gov/giftcards](https://www.ftc.gov/giftcards).

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 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

There will be a Artist's Reception with Don in the Meeting House after the Sunday, September 8 service.

Music at Paint Branch

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!! A Diamond Jubilee Concert is coming soon!! We are celebrating the 75th Concert by "Music at Paint Branch" on Sunday, September 22 at 4 pm. In honor of this special occasion, we are excited and thrilled to have pianist Thomas



Pandolfi returning. He will be performing on our legendary Mason-Hamlin concert grand piano. His program will include "Rhapsody on Themes from "West Side Story", Gershwin's Prelude No. 2 – Blue Lullaby, Warsaw Concerto from the 1941 film "Dangerous Moonlight", and enough Chopin to satisfy all Chopin fanatics!

Pandolfi served as pianist at Paint Branch in the mid 1990's and kept the congregation enthralled with his keyboard skills and musicianship. Pandolfi has continued his concert career on both local and international stages including Strathmore with National Philharmonic and the Prince Georges Philharmonic. His international concerts have carried him across the globe to China and Europe, as well as Canadian debuts in British Columbia and Toronto.

There is no admission charge for this program. All donations are gratefully accepted. There will be a delicious reception following the program. CD's will be available for purchase and of course, will be autographed by the pianist. Please put this date on your calendar! Plan to attend with friends and family. This will be a diamond jewel of opportunity; you will not want to miss September 22 at 4 pm!!"

SAVE THE DATE: PBUUC will host the second annual Art-as-Worship, Worship-as-Art weekend on November 16th and 17th. More information in upcoming Branches and Bulletins.

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.

Board of Trustees

Words from the Interim Co-Chairs

Our community should be proud of the recent decisions that have been made that will positively impact us, long-term. We’d like to highlight two of them.

First, the Board has continued to feel united and pleased with our work towards solidifying the Covenant of Right Relations and a Policy Regarding Destructive Behavior that we started last month. These policies will demonstrate one of our priorities of ensuring all feel welcome and safe in our congregation. Once we have reached a point where the policies fit the vision of our church, there will be opportunities for our community to review the policies and ask questions.

Second, we voted on the proposal from the Kelley Room Redux Committee. The Kelley Room will receive a much needed complete renovation. The renovations will take place during the weekends as our rental schedule allows. We are excited for the opportunity to have a more comfortable and aesthetically pleasing meeting space for our community, tenants, and rental prospects.

There are two other events we’re looking forward to this month: Our Board Retreat September 20& 21 and the [White Fragility Book Discussions](#) during Enrichment Hour on September 29, October 4, 13, and 20.

All of the congregation are invited to participate in the [White Fragility Book Discussions](#).

Finally, if you would like to review our agendas and other Board materials, you’ll find them at these Google Drive links:

Board Agendas: <http://bit.ly/PBAgendas>

Board Minutes: <http://bit.ly/PBminutes>

Board Resources: <http://bit.ly/PBBOTresources>

Ebony T. S. Contreras, Interim Co-Chair

Board Calendar for September:

- ≈ **Monday, September 9:** Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm in the Kelley Room.
- ≈ **Tuesday, September 10:** Deadline for submitting topics to be covered at September Board Meeting to the Executive Committee exccom@pbuuc.org
- ≈ **Tuesday, September 17:** Deadline for submitting read-aheads for September 24 Board Meeting.
- ≈ **Saturday & Sunday, September 20-21:** Board Retreat
- ≈ **Tuesday, September 24:** September Board Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Kelley Room.

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