



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

### November 2019

**SUNDAYS at 10:00 am**

Nursery Care in Room 6, 9:45 am—12:45 pm  
Refreshments and Fellowship after the service  
Adult Enrichment Hour, 11:45 am—12:45 pm  
Childcare until 12:45 pm

#### NOVEMBER 3 PAYING ATTENTION

Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen

with Worship Associate Elizabeth Porter

What do we learn when we are paying attention?

\*\*\* Remember to "Fall Back" by setting your clocks back one hour on Saturday night \*\*\*

#### NOVEMBER 10 THE COST OF FREEDOM

Rev. Rachel Christensen with Worship Associate Clark Ritz

We remember those who served, the sacrifices they made, and what those sacrifices were for.

#### NOVEMBER 17 WE CAN'T KEEP QUIET

Rev. Rachel Christensen and Worship Associate Susannah Schiller; with workshop leaders Sharon Werth, Peggy Hoffman & Josephine Nicholson (movement), Allison Hughes (vocal) and Joanna Axtmann (visual)

Join us to tap into your inner strength, share your voice, and move forward together. Participants from the Art as Worship/Worship as Art workshop on Saturday, November 16, will present their creations of visual art, music and dance inspired by Milck's song *We Can't Keep Quiet*.

#### NOVEMBER 24 RE-IMAGINING THANKSGIVING

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Chris McCann, DMRE; Worship Associate Jeri Holloway; The Chalice Dancers and the Choir

Join us for a multigenerational Thanksgiving service.

\*\*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.\*\*

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 7 PM BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE

Some of us struggle with the holidays. The holidays might coincide with a difficult life event or death, or perhaps a history of family interactions that left us angry or disconnected. Come join us for this simple service, as a time to lay down the emotions that might make the holidays difficult for you.

### Minister's Notes

**Dear Members and Friends,**

I just returned from a pilgrimage to Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Carol Carter Walker and I went on this Living Legacy trip to learn more and experience the stories of the civil rights movement. We spent a week on the bus with over forty people visiting key sites throughout the south. It was intense and emotional and moving. Although most of the people who were active in the Movement have died, we had the privilege of meeting several who were involved at the time, and many others who are committed to telling the story. Carol and I will be leading worship based on this trip on December 1, right after Thanksgiving.



I think that as a nation we need to do a better job of telling the history of slavery, of the civil rights movement, and of the continuing efforts to deny that history. Until we do so we will not be able to come to terms with the dark parts of our history, and we will all remain injured from the ways in which we are or were complicit or affected. It is in the social fabric of our lives, whether white or black, and like the water in which we swim, we cannot see it without some guides and education.

May we keep learning. May we take the opportunities to learn and grow when they present themselves. May we have the courage to talk with each other when we find we are surprised or don't understand something. May it be so.

With love,

*Rev. Rachel*

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

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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

We are beginning to plan the Martin Luther King service which will be on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Are you interested in being a part of this planning? Let me know if you are. Thanks.

— Rachel

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



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## PBUUC Leadership Directory

### 🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2019-2020 🌀

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Chair	Janet Overton
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### 🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

Elizabeth Porter (2017-20)	Polly Pettit (2019-22)
Jeri Holloway (2017-20)	Susannah Schiller (2019-22)
Tricia Most (2018-21)	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)
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
Auction	Tricia Most
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	<a href="#">contact church office</a>
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
	Peter Wathen-Dunn
New Entrance Design	Diana McFadden & Will Snyder
Nominating	Melissa Graham
Religious Exploration	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Social Action (SAC)	Chris Evans
Stewardship	

### 🌀 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

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

### Office Volunteers

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

## Board of Trustees

Dear Congregation,

Before discussing what's been going on in terms of Board activities, there are a couple of announcements about Board personnel. We are sorry to report that Noel Monardes has resigned from the Board. This was Noel's third time serving this church as a Board member. His quiet resolve, careful consideration of issues, and knowledgeable input will be sorely missed. This means, however, that the Nominating Committee will be considering nominees for the open Board position. Please consider saying "yes" if you are tapped, or consider volunteering to serve.

Also, as many of you know, Eric Most is recovering from a surgical procedure, so will not be among us for a while. We wish him a stress-free and speedy healing process.

October was a busy month at our church. The Board has been moving forward with the two governance documents—the Covenant of Right Relations and the Destructive Behavior Policy. We scheduled three listening sessions to give you a chance to voice your thoughts about the documents. The feedback was extremely helpful. We heard your praise for the work that's already been done as well as your concerns and suggestions about how these documents can be improved and how they will be implemented. Our next step is to review and compile all of your comments, categorize them in terms of the specific issues they address, then submit that compilation to you along with the revised documents by mid-November. The final step will be putting the documents forward for you to vote on. Please stay tuned for updates.

The New Entrance Committee also held listening sessions, offering us all a chance to speak directly to the architects and offer input in terms of design elements and specific needs. Moreover, the Auction Committee has been hard at work developing a calendar of events. Also, the Stewardship Committee will soon be launching the pledge drive, so keep your ears open for more news. All of these and so many more efforts by so many hard-working volunteers generate the fuel to keep our church running.

At our October Board meeting, we discussed not only the activities mentioned above, among many things, but we also addressed issues brought to our attention by members of the congregation. For example, Carol Carter-Walker offered an agenda item that suggested a means to improve communications among the many committees and activity groups here at PBUUC. At issue is the coordination of calendars so that activities are not competing for time and space. One of her suggestions, which had been adopted by a previous Board, is to establish a Church Council of committee and activity group chairs or representatives to work together to coordinate efforts and share resources. This Board also approved this suggestion. Ebony Contreras has volunteered to spearhead that effort.

Also, please note, the Board is looking for a few good people to serve as Process Observers! Are you at all curious about what goes on at Board meetings? Would you be willing to work to keep us on track and forward thinking as we wrestle with church issues? Board meetings follow a process intended to ensure that we treat each other with respect, wait to be acknowledged before speaking, take turns to speak and not interrupt each other, keep to time limits, etc. Throughout the meeting, the Process Observer notes when the proceedings are going well and when they are not. At the end of the meeting, the Process Observer has a few minutes to summarize the behavior, identifying instances of transgression, so that the group can learn from them and improve its functioning. Examples of what might be shared are:

How well discussion flowed and the extent to which all participants were engaged and contributing.

- ⇒ Side conversations or other distractions.
- ⇒ The emotional tone of the meeting: Was it tense, supportive, etc.?
- ⇒ Was the agenda followed?
- ⇒ Were participants well prepared?
- ⇒ Were comments appropriate and thoughtful?

We are asking for 4 to 5 volunteers so that each person would observe only once every 4 to 5 months. If you would be willing to take in this role, please send an email to [bot@pbuuc.org](mailto:bot@pbuuc.org) to let us know.

Remember, the BoT Meeting agenda is published in the [news section](#) of the PBUUC website at least two days before each BoT meeting. Also, if you have any questions or concerns you want to let us know about, you can always send us an email at [bot@pbuuc.org](mailto:bot@pbuuc.org).

*Janet Overton*, Board Chair

## Wheel of Life



**Judy Miskell, Renée Katz's mother, passed away on Tuesday morning, October 8.** She was 61. Judy visited Paint Branch with Renee and her family several times, including for the memorial of her husband, Renée's father Jeff Miskell, in 2010. A Celebration of Life will be held at Paint Branch on Saturday, November 9 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm.

**On Monday, October 21, Phyllis Carlson Rickter passed away at the age of 94 after a long illness.** Phyllis was the past President of the [Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation](#) and the aunt of PBUUC Church Administrator, Chuck Bury. A [memorial service](#) will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, November 10 at the Arlington Street Church in Boston.



## MULTIGENERATIONAL RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Each year, around this time, I begin to consider the STUFF. The stuff that has accumulated in my home. The boxes that travel with me from place to place and are almost never opened and put away. The books and yarn from which I cannot bear to part, the clothes still bearing tags, the aspirational office supplies still tidy in their packaging. Aaron and I have determined that we live comfortably in about 600 square feet of our roughly 1220 square foot home. So what's with that extra footage? That's where the STUFF lives. An entire room of our home is dedicated to STUFF that we very rarely see, let alone use.

And have you seen my office at church? So much stuff. Most of it fun and useful and flung around the room in no particular order. I'm practically buried in the accoutrements that most religious educators inherit and acquire along with their job description. I am in the process of finding some sense of order in there. Melissa Graham (the chair of the MRE team) and I took a day over the summer to begin clearing out loads of stuff from our space in the basement of the RE building, as well as from our classrooms. It's ongoing work and I see progress being made.

As I contemplate the STUFF that surrounds me, in my home and my office, I begin to think about being far more intentional about what I keep and how and where I keep it. I'm not sure any of us intends to collect so much and that's the rub. As a Unitarian Universalist, I am called to be intentional in a lot of areas of my life, and that should absolutely include my personal space and belongings. What do I mean to have? How do I mean to live in terms of the space I'm utilizing?

This brings me to our shared spaces at Paint Branch. How can we begin to think about our space as a means to reflect our values? What do we MEAN to have and how do we MEAN to use it? I'd love for us to bring that spirit to our conversations with the architect as we dream and plan the best use of our space. Are we using our space to its highest good for ourselves and our larger community? Does the use of our indoor space reflect our UU values? How can we be in right relationship with our spaces when we consider what we keep and how we keep it? Join me in discerning what values we want to reflect with the way we treat our physical spaces.

To the consideration of STUFF,

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

Our new Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) program is off to a great start! The White Fragility workshop ended successfully. The Sources class began on October 27th and runs through November 17th. Check this space for details about other exciting ARE offerings.

Leo Jones & Chris McCann  
[ARE@pbuuc.org](mailto:ARE@pbuuc.org)

## New Day Rising

### Anti-Racism Resources for November

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.

#### Podcasts:

Hope and Hard Pills <https://hope-hard-pills.simplecast.com/>  
Exploring practical insight on racial justice and social change

Why Is This Happening with Chris Hayes <https://radiopublic.com/why-is-this-happening-with-chris-WPrRoQ/s1!0602e> This episode talks about school segregation in 2018

This American Life <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/562/the-problem-we-all-live-with-part-one> Also about school segregation in the current time

#### Books:

Ghosts In The Schoolyard by Eve L. Ewing  
<https://eveewing.com/#/ghosts-in-the-schoolyard/>

Family Properties by Beryl Satter  
<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9780805091427>

#### Articles:

Brown at 60, Milliken at 40 <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/ed/14/06/brown-60-milliken-40> A series of essays from people involved in and affected by Brown v Board of Education and Milliken v Bradley

White Parents are enabling school segregation-if it doesn't hurt their own kids <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/white-parents-are-enabling-school-segregation-if-it-doesn-t-ncna978446>

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](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org)

**Wrestling with Race.** 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. Join us in the Meeting House during Enrichment Hour on Sunday, November 3.

Please consider reading another article from the 1619 project of the NEW YORK TIMES. It is not just history. It is part of the story of the impact of slavery on our American culture today. It is one of a series. [In order to understand the brutality of American capitalism, you have to start on the plantation by MATTHEW DESMOND, August 14, 2019 https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/slavery-capitalism.html](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/slavery-capitalism.html)



## Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) News/Views

### Is This Your Space?

#### Looking For OpEd Writers For DARTT Branches Column

Last month, DARTT OpEd Columnist was a friend of a Paint Brancher. She shared her experience of racial awareness growing up. You can share your experiences of any aspect of racial identity, oppression—the good, the bad, and the ugly. If you have an idea, connect at [DARTT@pbuuc.org](mailto:DARTT@pbuuc.org). Copy is due by the 20th of each month for the upcoming month.

### DARTT November Meeting

#### Will Be In Person, Sunday, November 24, 2019

Due to scheduling conflicts, DARTT's September and October meetings were cancelled. Our next monthly meeting will be Sunday, November 24, from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Religious Exploration Building, to complete the important business of governance, transition, and programming. All DARTT meetings are open to all members of the Paint Branch community.

### Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil on November 20.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

A Ritual & Vigil Will Be Held On Wednesday, November 20 at 7 pm At Paint Branch UU Church. It is being organized by Eldritch a new and already active member of our community.

If you'd like to participate or learn more, please connect with us at [dartt@pbuuc.org](mailto:dartt@pbuuc.org)

### DARTT Looking for Volunteers for Transgender Day of Remembrance and Kwanzaa Service & Potluck

DARTT will sponsor a vespers service to commemorate Transgender Day Of Remembrance on the evening of Wednesday, November 20. We need volunteers for organization and participation in the Service and Fellowship Hour. We are also recruiting for a Worship Leader and Coordinator for Paint Branch's 11th Annual Kwanzaa Service & Feast on Sunday, December 29. Connect with [dartt@pbuuc.org](mailto:dartt@pbuuc.org) to get more information about the tasks and to volunteer.

### DARTT Recommends—Beyond White Fragility: Courage for Racial Justice & Collective Liberation.

Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9 am-4 pm at UU Congregation of Fairfax. All are invited to this interactive workshop with social justice educator, author and organizer Chris Crass, a leading voice in the country calling for and supporting white people to work for racial justice. Whether you've been active for decades or a few days, this is an opportunity to develop a stronger culture of inspiration, resilience and courage for racial justice. While one focus is on white people working for racial justice, the overall focus is how we can build stronger racial justice values and actions in our congregations and communities. The workshop is for all who want to do this work. Register at [tinyurl.com/uucf-chris-crass](https://tinyurl.com/uucf-chris-crass) Cost: \$10 for lunch.

### DARTT OpEd for November:

#### A letter to my beloved community

For the past few months I have been concerned about the direction in which Paint Branch (we) is (are) going with regard to interpersonal interactions. At the last town hall some suggestions were made and I believe one way in which the current BOT is responding has been to put forth two new documents that are designed to help improve the situation. Still I continue to be concerned that even these documents are not enough. We need to actively engage in changing our behavior. Some of you may remember when I brought to the attention of those gathered that we had witnessed an example of white privilege and that we had all been participants in letting it pass. We were complicit. I believe that "let it pass" has become the way we interact. That is, we don't challenge what we see and hear, even when we know, or at least sense, something is wrong.

We have all heard the mantra, "If you see something, say something." Are we saying something? We also have heard on the news and in our social media feeds about the dangers of bullying. One often overlooked danger where bullying is concerned is the role of the bystander, especially the passive bystander. This is the person who is seeing (or hearing or reading) something hurtful and saying (or doing) nothing. The silence and/or inaction of a passive bystander provides the bully with the silent acceptance they need to continue. Silence equals assent.

Why might someone choose to "let it pass"? Perhaps they don't want to be next, perhaps they don't feel empowered to do something meaningful, perhaps they don't think it is their right or duty to get involved or perhaps they believe someone else is going to take care of it. In our case, I believe race may also play a factor at times. We have been openly struggling with issues around race and, it seems people are afraid to speak up if the interactions are cross-racial for fear they may be seen as racially insensitive or as racially inappropriate, or worse yet, called a racist.

Beloved community, it's time to make a change! In healthy, well-functioning groups, there are few passive bystanders, if any. People communicate directly, effectively and in a loving way, but they don't tolerate bullying; they don't witness it and they don't let it pass. I challenge us to become actively engaged. (Who is more activist than a UU?) If someone says or writes or does something hurtful, don't remain silent. Don't expect someone else to speak up... Be the change agent. We owe it to ourselves and each other.

— Sabrina Jones

## In and Around Paint Branch

**Creative Force Writer's Group** will meet **Sunday, December 1** during **Enrichment Hour in Room 4**. Learn about our core principles and goals in a supportive, encouraging atmosphere. What writing project are you currently working on? Do you have a writing project you want to start, but have not? All styles are encouraged (essay, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, diary entries, meditations, short prose). Come join us! For more information, contact [ETaraS1@yahoo.com](mailto:ETaraS1@yahoo.com) - Ebony Contreras

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast at TJ's Restaurant.** Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, November 9 at TJ's Restaurant, our usual location, in the Calverton Shopping Center, just up the road from PBUUC. Come share food and conversation. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. For more info contact: [mensfellowship@pbuuc.org](mailto:mensfellowship@pbuuc.org)

**Sunday, November 3rd's Spirituality Circle topic will be Creative Visualization** which is using mental energy and affirmations to transform and greatly improve health, prosperity, loving relationships and the fulfillment of all your desires. Using a book written by Shakti Gawain we will do some exercises and meditations to explore this concept. Lynn Louison will facilitate the group in Room 4 during Enrichment Hour. All are welcome.

**Halloween Bash Leftover Sale.** Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Halloween Bash, and especially to the TWIST AND SHOUT band for providing tunes for us to "shake our bacon" to. Although the turnout for the was modest, a good time was had by all. Leftover beer, wine and hard cider will be on sale in the kitchen after church on Sunday, November 3.

Newcomers and others interested in learning more about the UU faith, history, and Principles are encouraged to take advantage of the leadership of Pastor Rachel and longtime members Carol Carter Walker and Beth Charbonneau as they conduct a **Roots and Branches Class** on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch provided / Child Care Available. Sharing your spiritual journey and getting answers to any questions you have about Paint Branch UU Church will also be included on the agenda. Questions? Ask one of the class leaders or Pat Behenna, membership chair. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the Meeting House Foyer.

The Third Wednesday lunch scheduled on November 20 at 1 pm, will be at Red Maple Asian Cuisine. It is located at 10110 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring MD 20901. This is in the Four Corners area. Take Rt 29 South to a right turn on University Blvd, then take the next right turn. The parking lot will be on the right. For RSVP or questions please contact Cathy at [chelmold@verizon.net](mailto:chelmold@verizon.net) or 301-205-0505.

## Social Justice/Social Action

### Community Social Justice Initiative

As a result of interviewing key organizations within our neighborhood, the Community Social Justice Initiative has identified several possible social justice projects for PBUUC. They range from hands-on efforts to advocacy, short-term to long-term. Examples include activities to build relationships with our Community Learning Center students and finding ways to connect them with resources they might need, advocating for racial equity in policing, and starting our own food pantry or helping another faith community with their well-established food pantry. Now we need YOUR input. Over the month of November, we will have a poster in the foyer where we ask you to place your votes. What ideas intrigue you? What efforts might you consider working on?

### Social Action Committee (SAC)

**The next Social Action Committee (SAC) meeting** will be Saturday, November 16 at 10 am in the Kelley Room.

**The SAC Special Collection for November** will be for [EarthJustice](http://EarthJustice.org). [EarthJustice](http://EarthJustice.org) is a nonprofit public interest environmental law organization. With more than a hundred attorneys in offices across the country, [EarthJustice](http://EarthJustice.org) pursues three key goals to secure a just, flourishing world: Wildlife and Wilderness; Healthy Communities; Clean Energy & A Healthy Climate.



### The Wider UU Universe

**Siding with Love with Rev. Mark Kiyimba, UU Minister and LGBT Activist from Uganda.** On Saturday, November 9, join Rev. Kiyimba at Bull Run UU from 10 am - noon for a screening of "God Loves Uganda" an eye-opening look on how American evangelicals have been complicit in promoting religious bigotry that threatens LGBTQ+ Africans. Followed by a discussion and lunch outing for interested participants. Please contact about childcare. On Sunday, November 10, come to BRUU to hear Rev. Kiyimba speak from the pulpit on his work, and the importance of our UU faith to affirm the worth and dignity of all people in Uganda. Please email [worship@bruu.org](mailto:worship@bruu.org) with any questions.

**Dance party on Saturday, November 16, 7 pm—10 pm,** at the UU Church of Arlington to benefit the first-class housing and services provided by Culpepper Garden exclusively for low-income seniors. Culpepper Garden was founded in 1969 by UUCA as the nonprofit Arlington Retirement Housing Corp., and UUCA is celebrating the success and growth of its offspring with a '60s dance party. More information and tickets at <https://culpeppergarden.org/events/uuca-60s-dance-party-to-benefit-culpepper-garden/>



Art as Worship, Worship as Art

"We Can't Keep Quiet"

Sat., Nov. 16 – Workshops

Sun., Nov. 17 – Service\*



"Out of Time", detail, J. Axtmann

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
3215 Powder Mill Road | Adelphi, Maryland

We invite you to discover the singer,  
dancer and visual artist in you through art...

Join us to tap into your inner strength, share your voice, and move forward together through Workshops in Choral, Visual and Movement Arts

Inspired by Milck's song **I Can't Keep Quiet**

**ART:** Explore through color, shape and line what YOU WANT & NEED to say!!!

*Led by Joanna Axtmann*

**CHORAL:** Speak out about what matters to you. We will make this activist's anthem our own.

**Don't keep quiet!**

*Led by Allison Hughes*

**MOVEMENT:** We can't keep still....anymore

*Led by Peggy Hoffman,  
Josephine Nicholson &*

*Sharon Werth*

Workshops are multigenerational. Children age 10 and older are welcome

Workshop Leaders information on back of flyer

**Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Lunch & snacks will be served/vegetarian option available

**\*Sunday, November 17, 10:00 am Worship Service**

(Workshop participants are invited to attend and participate)

**Workshop Fee** (incl. lunch & childcare):

\$50 - \$35/PBUUC Members & Friends - \$30/Senior, Students & Youth

Register at <https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/form/ArtAsWorship>

Sponsored by The Chalice Dancers and The Paint Branch UU Arts Council

### 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.