



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

March 2020

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

MARCH 1 A PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGES

Rev. Rachel Christensen and PLAN Lead Organizer Coleman Milling; with Worship Associate Tricia Most
Prince George's Leadership Action Network (PLAN) is a new interfaith group that is committed to bringing together congregations and other organizations for the purpose of lobbying for change within the County.

MARCH 8 HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

Guest Minister Rev. Diane Teichert; with Worship Associate Samantha Evans; and Special Music
Leonard Cohen's folk song "Anthem" reminds us that it is through our imperfections that the light gets in. Might they also be how our light gets out?

MARCH 15 A VISION FOR PAINT BRANCH

Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Worship Associate Jeri Holloway and the Choir
Rev. Rachel talks about her vision for our Paint Branch community. Have you ever been to the Lower Level of the Meeting House? We invite you on a field trip to see what it looks like, and to dream of what it could be. A video and photographs will be available for those who would rather experience it from the Foyer.

MARCH 22 LENT

Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen and DMRE Chris McCann; with Worship Associate Susannah Schiller
Explore with us the possibilities around Lent: how might we intentionally think about change in our lives? .

Followed by the Auction Second-Chance sale.

MARCH 29 NEXT STEPS: FINDING OUR WAY TO OUR EXCITING BUILDING PROJECT

Rev. Rachel Christensen and Next Steps advisor Barry Finkelstein ; with Worship Associate Elizabeth Porter and the Choir
Join us for Whole Church worship where we Re-Imagine Sunday; What would you build to live out our values in our facilities? How would you do it? Congregational Meeting after service ****Followed by the Next Steps Congregational Meeting****

Minister's Notes



Dear Members and Friends,

On Sunday, we received a presentation from the architect and contractor about the proposed improvements to our entrance and Meeting House, along with cost estimates. The work – every option – includes a new deck, a finished lower level, and an elevator between the sanctuary level and the lower level. The improvements will provide a fellowship hall, increased space for the community to gather or to meet, and better catering kitchen, and better access to our Glen.

The only way for us to be able to do any of this work is to raise or donate or borrow the money to pay for it.

But first, I think we need to wrestle with why we need these improvements. What will be able to do differently if we make these improvements? How will we better serve our Paint Branch Community? How will we better serve the broader community in the area? In Prince George's County? What will we do with this increased space?

What do you think is important about doing this work? How will it change who we are and what we do? What do you believe to be the mission of Paint Branch UU?

Our mission statement says:

Grounded by our deep Unitarian Universalist roots, Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is a vibrant, liberal religious community. We come together to create meaningful worship, life-long religious education and joyful artistic expressions of our principles. Our values call us to live in harmony with the Earth and respond to the social justice needs of the wider community.

This may be a very good statement of who we are and what our mission is. But I wish it were more memorable – shorter – and that we really knew and could say – without reading – what our mission is. I have sometimes said:

May we be a multicultural multiracial welcoming congregation, connected by love, spirit and service.

Chris McCann has said:

Where we nurture generations of Unitarian Universalists.

What do you say? Who do we want to be when we grow up? And how will improving our space help us to really live into our mission?

I hope each of you, and each group or committee or team that you are involved with at Paint Branch will talk about how you envision using the new space, and how it might help us to live into our mission.

With love, *Rev. Rachel* minister@pbuuc.org

Minister, Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2019-2020 🌀

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Chair	Janet Overton
Vice Chair	Wendy Schlegel
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Trustee	Sabrina Jones
Trustee	Eric Most
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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
Jim Flaherty	Lynn Louison
Jeri Holloway	

🌀 Chartered Committees and Teams 🌀

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
	Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-ACTING)
Adult RE	Chris McCann and Leo Jones
Auction	Tricia Most
Budget Leadership Team	Kathi Yu & Wendy Schlegel
Buildings & Grounds	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Diversity/Anti-Racism	Carol Carter Walker (a)
Transformation Team (DARTT)	Carolyn Byerly (Vice Chair)
Denominational Affairs	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
	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	VACANT
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Creative Force Writers Group	Ebony Contreras
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	Tess Morrison
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
Webmasters	Andy McIntyre
	Mark Shute
	Anita Williams
	Jeri Holloway
	Anne Hoover

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 D. Bury, MBA
Affiliate Minister for Social Justice	Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo
Bookkeeper	Hannah Oshin
Administrative Assistant	Philip Browne
Sexton:	Al Addison
Child Care Providers:	Tasha Coleman
	Zoe Pappas

Office Volunteers

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

Board of Trustees

Dear Congregation,

We ended February on a high note. The last Sunday, February 24, we held a Congregational Meeting to see the redesigns, as we envisioned them, for our entrance and lower level. We also received cost estimates for our visions. Architectural designs and the contractor's estimates will be on display in the Meeting House and available online for download. We will vote on which design we choose at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 31. Before then, we have to talk money.

The second half of the Town Hall meeting focused on how to cover the cost. We contracted with a UUA fund-raising consultant who will lead us in a Capital Campaign (CC), working with us to determine realistic and achievable fund-raising goals. The Capital Campaign will kick off with the Next Steps Weekend (NSW) March 27-29. The consultant will do an on-site assessment of the congregation, our current and projected finances, leadership and stewardship infrastructure, and facility plans. He will also want to know what we believe is our mission and how we envision our church in the future. The result of the NSW will be a set of concrete recommendations including a timeline for how we could proceed.

The Board has been busy with oversight of both the architectural and fund-raising plans but has also been focused on two projects we believe will bring us closer as a congregation.

At last June's Annual Meeting, the congregation voted to have the Board appoint a team to work with Rev. Rachel to find a mediator to address issues and incidents that had created a rift among us. Deb Rubenstein, Evangeline Wells, and Paul Wester agreed to volunteer. After months of research, the team recommended that we hire Green Psychological Services—Carlton E. Green, Ph.D., and Beth Douthirt Cohen, Ph.D.—to help us address past hurts and find healing. We expect they will be working with us within the next few months.

In a similar vein, our Covenant of Right Relations (CRR) looks to address any current or future instances of disagreements that result in severed relations. The CRR provides that if direct communication does not result in resolution, affected parties can get assistance by contacting the Minister by phone or email at minister@pbuuc.org or contacting the Board at bot@pbuuc.org to ask for a facilitator. At our February meeting, the Board-appointed member/volunteers who have training in guiding people through difficult conversations to serve as our designated facilitators. Through a discussion process, facilitators will work with those in conflict to help them work through differences using respectful communication.

One more thing: we have a new hire, a new Administrative Assistant to help Chuck in the office. He starts on March 2; his name is Philip Browne. Please welcome him if you stop by the office.

Also, when you see Will Snyder, thank him for volunteering to be our Assistant Treasurer.

Events at PBUUC in March and later ...

March 7 – Women's Retreat

March 14 – Pi Day Pie Bake Off

March 15 – Stewardship Breakfast

March 21 – Auction Night

March 27-29 – CC Consultant's Next-Steps Weekend

March 29 – Ice Cream Celebration

May 31 Annual Meeting – Vote for New Entrance Design

Remember, BoT Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to members of the congregation. Please feel free to attend. The agenda is published in the news section of the PBUUC website two days before each meeting. If you have questions or concerns you want to let us know about, send us an email at bot@pbuuc.org.

-Janet Overton, Chair



The Wider UU Universe

General Assembly (GA) 2020: Rooted, Inspired & Ready!

GA is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists to explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, lean fully into our mission and principles via hundreds of workshop and worship options, and conduct the business of our denomination. We are all invited and encouraged to attend the 2020 GA from Wednesday, June 24 through Sunday, June 28 in Providence, Rhode Island. Because Providence is relatively easy to get to from this area, this might be the year you can check it out. Information and registration are found at uua.org/ga/. Full-time registration is \$400 for adults, \$250 for high schoolers, and \$150 for off-site registrants until March 15. On March 16, fees go up. If you would like to be a delegate, please talk to Don Gerson, Chair, Denominational Affairs, about what that entails.

UUMAC, or the Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community, gathers together for one week each year to build community and deepen their Unitarian Universalist faith through fun, friendship, music, dancing, learning and worship. They are an intergenerational community that uses this time to more thoroughly get to know each other. They meet from Sunday, July 12—Saturday, July 18, 2020 on the campus of DeSales University near Allentown, PA.

Registration opens soon! Learn more at www.uumac.org

MULTIGENERATIONAL RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

I want to take a moment to brag about some people here at Paint Branch. Did you know that, to a person, these people are brilliant? And kind? And generous? And curious? They are, and you should definitely get to know these people. They'll change your life. These people are our children at Paint Branch and they've been doing some very good and important work. For the past two months, they've been learning about stewardship in their classrooms. I've heard reports that some of our youngest children are noticing litter on the road and talking about how that isn't good stewardship. Each age group has been involved in learning about stewardship, the ways they and everyone can use their time, talent and treasure to make a lot of things better. Kids of all ages participated in a field trip to the basement of the meeting house and brainstormed a LOT of great ideas about how we can all be better stewards of that space. Many of them even offered to be part of a clean-up effort when we get to that point. Each class chose a stewardship project. The younger two classes independently chose to create birdfeeders for the birds who visit at their classroom windows. The 5th-8th grade class participated in a values discernment exercise in which they each chose their top five values and then went through a process of consensus to determine the five values of their class. They knocked me out with their thoughtfulness and consideration for one another's points of views. They used their values to guide their discussion about their project, and there was a lot of energy around what we're calling "worship engagement". This class will be the primary caretakers of a variety of objects that can be used by anyone of any age that needs something to do with their hands during worship. They will also be having some input around our all church worship services. All of this to say, we have some incredibly thoughtful people in our congregation, enthusiastically participating in the life of the church. Get to know them. They'll change your life.

Thanks all!

Chris McCann, DMRE
dmre@pbuuc.org

Adult RE: Members and Friends, we are very excited to share our Spring offerings for the Adult Religious Exploration program!

Sources Sundays, March 8 thru April 5, 11:45 am—1 pm. We will learn about and explore the six sources of Unitarian Universalism. The Seven Principles are discussed and referred to often, but the Sources from which they spring are often neglected. Leo Jones will facilitate. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Fifteen spaces are available.

Race: The Power of an Illusion Sundays, April 19 through May 3, 11:45 am—1:30 pm. This ground-breaking PBS series challenges our assumptions about race, viewing it as a social construct. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. There are twenty spaces. Sabrina Jones facilitates.

Adult OWL: Wednesdays, April 1 through May 13 7:30 pm—9 pm (no class on April 15). Adults can benefit from the *Our Whole Lives* curriculum developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association [uua.org]. The class emphasizes an exploration of relationships. Registration is required. Participants are urged to attend all six sessions. There are fifteen spaces. Eric Christensen will facilitate.

Silent Spring: Sunday, May 31, 11:45 am—1 pm This seminal book by Rachel Carson is often credited with igniting the modern environmental movement. Leo Jones will lead the discussion.

On Humanism: Sunday, June 14, 11:45 am—1 pm Rob Boston, Senior Advisor at the Americans United for Separation of Church and State [au.org], will share his insights and lead a discussion. No registration is required.

We hope you will find at least one of these classes of interest. To register, or if you have questions email us at are@pbuuc.org.

All the best! *Chris and Leo*

NEW DAY RISING

Anti-Racism Resources for March

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.

BOOKS:

- ✦ Here for It: Or How to Save Your Soul in America by R. Eric Thomas
- ✦ A Black Women's History of the United States by Diana Ramey Berry and Kali Nicole Gross

ARTICLES:

- ✦ Why we need more than speeches about the problem of whiteness: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/19/speeches-whiteness-joaquin-phoenix-archbishop-canterbury>
- ✦ Map in widely used U.S. history textbook refers to enslaved Africans as "immigrants": <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-american-pageant-map-in-widely-used-us-history-textbook-refers-to-enslaved-africans-as-immigrants-cbs-news/>

PODCASTS:

- ✦ *In Black America: Dedicated to all facets of the African American experience.* John L. Hanson, Jr. profiles a diverse selection of current and historically significant figures. <https://www.kut.org/term/black-america>
- ✦ *Counter Stories: A discussion of race, identity, social justice and culture.* With Anthony Galloway, Luz Maria Frias, Don Eubanks and Hlee Lee: <https://www.mprnews.org/podcasts/counter-stories>



Come Together! Auction and Stewardship

The 2020 "Come Together!" Auction is March 21 at 5 pm

Did you know you can go to the auction web site -- <http://auctria.com/auction/pbuuc/> -- and start bidding on auction donations now? When you register to bid or buy tickets, you can choose the option of 'pay later' or use your credit card. You can buy Pi Day tickets, March 21 Auction Night food tickets, see what others have donated (most entries have photos) AND place your bids. **Bids will be accepted online** until March 16 at 2 am. The **bidding will resume on March 21, 2020** when the "Come Together" Auction begins at 5 pm. Everything in the catalog will be available on Auction night unless someone chooses the "Buy it Now" price before March 16 at 2 am.

More donations are needed and yours are welcome! Enter your auction donations at <http://bitly/aUUction2020> Please add a photo or image to your donation entry by sending it to AuctionTech@pbuuc.org. (Take a photo of your donation with your cell phone or find an image online that relates to what you are offering.) Please be specific in your description of your donations. If that link (or the auction catalog link) is too long to type in, you can click on either link at the <http://www.pbuuc.org> home page. **[items available as of Feb. 27 are also listed on page 7 of this copy of Branches]**

The Auction Food Committee is planning hearty, portable food for auction night to satisfy vegan, gluten-free, dairy free, and carnivorous diets. For more information, talk to Ebony Contreras.

Hopefully, seeing the catalog will inspire you to begin bidding and to offer your own auction donations. Look for Tricia Most in the lobby after worship services so she can show you the catalog on her laptop and answer questions you might have. Please support our annual budget by participating in the auction! Thank you!



Pi Day is Coming! The Auction is planning a fun event to celebrate Pi Day, March 14. This luncheon is a chance for you to enjoy eating and/or making savory pies, Gluten-Free and/or Dairy-Free Pies, and of course Dessert Pies. This is a friendly competition, so you also have the option of being one of seven judges who decide which pie makers get the award in three categories (Best Savory Pie, Best Special Category Pie, and Best Dessert Pie). There will also be voting among all gathered to determine who gets the People's Choice Award. Contestant and Judge ticket holders arrive at Noon for the judging. Diners arrive at 12:30 pm. The Award Ceremony is planned for 1:30 pm. Buy your tickets online at <http://auctria.com/auction/pbuuc>

Come Together – Stewardship News

The "Come Together" 2020 Annual Campaign is now officially underway. We are off to a really great start with 41 pledges totaling \$136,878 received as of Commitment Sunday this past week. PBUUC members and friends have three options this year to make their annual pledge to include:

- 1) meeting one-on-one with their Visiting Steward;
- 2) attending any of the "Come Together" events; or
- 3) visiting the Stewardship table in the Foyer after Sunday services during March.

If you haven't been contacted yet by a Visiting Steward or if you have any questions about the annual campaign send us an email at stewardship@pbuuc.org

Chris Evans, Stewardship Committee Chair

Back by popular demand – the Stewardship Breakfast!

Waffles (regular, gluten-free), scrumptious toppings, sausages, waffles, syrup, fruit, special breakfast casseroles, waffles!

When? Sunday, March 15, 8 am—10 am.

Where? The Kelley Room in the RE Building.

Don't go to service hungry! All are welcome (kids especially love it)! If you would like to help, please contact Liz Citrin, Liz.citrin@gmail.com, but at least stop by for your WAFFLES!

Legacy Fund News

For 2020, the Endowment Committee will have up to \$5,000 of income available for grants towards the purposes of community outreach initiatives, improvements to our facilities, scholarships, and support of the wider mission of the UUA and our congregation. The Endowment Committee will be accepting applications for grants through March 31, 2020. If you are interested in learning more or receiving the package to apply for a grant, please send an email to legacyfund@pbuuc.org or contact any of the Endowment Committee members who include John Barr, Cory Carter, Chris Evans, Janet Overton, and Bettie Young.

Meet Our Guest Minister

Our guest speaker for Sunday, March 8 is Rev. Diane Teichert. Diane served as Minister of Paint Branch from 2009 until she retired from full-time ministry due to disabilities remaining from a 2014 stroke. Before coming to Maryland in 2009, she served several congregations in Massachusetts following a 20-year career as a labor and community organizer. She is a board member of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland [uulmmd.org] and is active in the Chesapeake UU Ministers Association, as well as the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project.

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)



Next Meeting, Sunday, March 15, 2020 During Enrichment Hour

DARTT was chartered by the Board of Trustees in 2007 to facilitate the congregation's commitment to becoming a multicultural beloved community. DARTT meetings are open to members, friends, and visitors. DARTT's next meeting will be Sunday, March 15, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. See upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUa for information on the agenda. If you'd like to know more about DARTT, please connect with us at DARTT@pbuuc.org

DARTT is still recruiting for a new Chair and two members of the Advisory Group. (DARTT now has the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair, and an Advisory Group as part of its Leadership Team. These terms last though the end of June, 2020, with the likelihood of a one-year extension. Contact Carol Carter Walker to nominate yourself or others.

DARTT is asking Paint Branchers to submit a thought piece on some aspect of anti-oppression/anti-racism for the DARTT Column in the monthly Branches. This year, we have had powerful pieces by members and friends/cohorts of members. The deadline for submission is generally the 20th of the preceding month. The usual length is between 200 and 600 words. If you are interested in writing an OpEd, please connect at DARTT@pbuuc.org

DARTT Recommends — <http://bit.ly/RJlist>
This link will take you to the Monthly Racial Justice list of meetings, events, etc., in support of racial justice in the MidAtlantic Region. The list is compiled by Lynda Davis, a member of Coming To The Table, an organization of slaves and former slaveholders working toward racial reconciliation. Lynda has been a guest speaker at Paint Branch, and is a member of the UU Congregation of Columbia, MD.

Jubilee Anti-Racism Training helps participants understand what is involved in nurturing a multicultural community and working against racism in all of its forms. The workshop requires a weekend commitment; and it is worth every minute of that commitment. May 29-31, 2020, UU Congregation of Columbia, MD, Registration is open NOW.

MARCH 7, 2020

PBUUC WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL MULTIGENERATIONAL RETREAT



Recreate, breathe, rejuvenate! Join us for the annual PBUUC Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 7th from 8 am to 5 pm, here at the church. Please put it on your calendar! We will gather for breakfast and crafty name-tag making, then join in our opening ceremony. There is a morning workshop and two afternoon workshops, with lunch in between, and then our closing ceremony. Childcare is available, and this is a multigenerational event, if your older daughter or granddaughter would like to attend. Friends, relatives, neighbors: all are welcome. This year our theme is Women Creating Community. Our workshop schedule is still being finalized, but at past retreats workshops have included discussions, writing, crafts and movement. Each workshop session has multiple choices available: usually three choices per session, for a total of nine different workshops. In addition to the scheduled workshops, there will be a quiet room for reflection, a puzzle area in the foyer, and many opportunities to share fellowship and community. Women's Retreat.

If you have questions please contact Anne Hoover at womensretreat@pbuuc.org or 301-384-8578. **Please sign up by Tuesday, March 3,** so that we have a good count of how many people are coming. You can sign up for the retreat online at <http://bit.ly/PBWR2020> To pay online with a credit or debit card use our Breeze form at <https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/form/wr2020>.

In and Around Paint Branch

"Music at Paint Branch" returns for the spring season beginning on Sunday, March 8 at 4 pm. This free recital will feature the "Third Millennium Ensemble" a contemporary classical music ensemble presenting the works of: Harrison, Peck, Stravinsky, Brahms and a new work commissioned by Third Millennium by award winning composer John Libertore. Paint Branch soprano Alexandra Dilley will also be performing on this program. This will be an exciting concert with interesting music! Our spring schedule concludes when Pianist, Audrey Andrist performs on Sunday, May 3 at 4 pm. The musical selections for this concert dates will be announced later. Please put these dates on your calendar. Support the musical arts at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

Jeri Holloway—holl5d@aol.com

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at TJ's Restaurant. Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, **March 7** 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 **This is a date change for March only,** so we don't have to eat breakfast and then immediately go to eat pies at the bake-off. In addition, the Women's Retreat is also March 7, so if your significant other is at that and your life feels hollow and meaningless, you can join us.



Current Auction Catalog Listings: Items are being added all the time. Check the Online catalog at auctria.com/auction/pbuuc/

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| ✦ Pi Day Pie Bake-Off Luncheon Contestant, Judge, or Guest | ✦ Stained Glass Church | ✦ Dymo Personal Card Scanner |
| ✦ Auction Night Food | ✦ Handmade Place Settings for two | ✦ Electric pencil sharpener |
| ✦ Friday Evening Happy Hour and Pizza | ✦ Suncatcher | ✦ Seth Thomas triple chime Bracket clock |
| ✦ Wine and Cheese Tasting | ✦ Thai Spirit House | ✦ Variegated Hostas |
| ✦ Chick Flick Night with Carryout Meal | ✦ Korean Handcarved Ducks | ✦ Curley Maple Console Table |
| ✦ Sing-along | ✦ African 3-legged Table | ✦ Bone China Cup and Saucer |
| ✦ Coffee and Cartography | ✦ Japanese covered soup bowls | ✦ Antique Mantel Clock |
| ✦ Australian Afternoon Tea | ✦ Shell flowers | ✦ Yamaha PSR-195 Electric Piano |
| ✦ Guinness Brewery Tour with Samples | ✦ Chinese Embroidered Cat | ✦ German Stein |
| ✦ Greek Dinner | ✦ Chinese wooden vase | ✦ Ten Adult Drop-in Dance and/or Exercise Classes |
| ✦ Swedish Summer Solstice Celebration with food, drink and maybe a Maypole!! | ✦ African Musical instrument | ✦ Chinese, Level 1 Rosetta Stone Learn A New Language set |
| ✦ "Aunt Jeri's Pancake House" | ✦ Chinese neck pillow | ✦ Rosetta Stone Level 1, Chinese |
| ✦ Pan African Dinner | ✦ Hand-made wooden snake toy | ✦ Three Ukulele Lessons |
| ✦ Juneteenth Seder (8 seats available) | ✦ Naive painting | ✦ Bath or Kitchen consultation |
| ✦ Beef Stroganoff Dinner | ✦ Peruvian handmade llama | ✦ Boiler, Tankless Water Heater Consultation |
| ✦ Chicken, Charades, Champagne and Chocolate Night | ✦ Egyptian purses | ✦ Guided Group tour for 10 museum visitors |
| ✦ Mexican Dinner | ✦ Handmade Name Tag | ✦ 2 hours of Tech Support (in your home) |
| ✦ Crab-Stuffed Salmon Dinner | ✦ Maplewood hand-crafted cup/small bowl | ✦ VIP Boarding Passes for Potomac Riverboard Cruise Watertaxi. |
| ✦ Filet Mignon Dinner | ✦ Chestnut Wood Bowl | ✦ Sunday Sermon |
| ✦ Patagonia Steak Dinner | ✦ Stained glass cats | ✦ Chalice Dancers Commission |
| ✦ Indian Dinner | ✦ Stained glass iris | ✦ Worship Associates - Commission a Sunday Service |
| ✦ Memorial Day Brunch | ✦ Betsey Figurine | ✦ One Year Moratorium on a Hymn |
| ✦ Homemade Soup and Bread | ✦ Hand Made Drum | ✦ Reserved Parking Space |
| ✦ Snider's Food Gift Certificate | ✦ Martini glasses and Shaker set | ✦ Choir Anthem Commission |
| ✦ Bread for a Year | ✦ Basket of Fire-Starting Perfection | |
| ✦ Pasta Plus Restaurant Gift Card-\$45 | ✦ Copper Water Fountain | |
| ✦ Piano playing | ✦ Silver Plated Covered Casserole | |
| ✦ Two tickets to Clarice Smith | ✦ Silver-plated pitcher | |
| | ✦ Collector's tea spoons | |
| | ✦ Music themed Picture Frame | |
| | ✦ Silver-plated serving dish | |

In and Around Paint Branch—continued

Drumming from the Heart gathered for the first time last month and made wonderful music together. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 15 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Kelley. We have heard that some people have drums they are no longer using they may be willing to donate to someone who is really going to use it. Ken Shilling, the Drumming from the Heart leader, is willing to facilitate a drum exchange. If you have drums you wish to donate, email Ken at pinball157@aol.com with Drum Exchange in the subject line. Describe the type of drum, conditions, if any, for donating the drum, and contact information. Ken will share this information with Drumming Circle members. They'll be responsible for picking up the drum. Contact Ken for any other questions about Drumming from the Heart.

Starting Sunday, March 1, Spirituality Circle will begin the discussion series on Joanna Macy's book: Active Hope: How to Survive the Mess We're in without Going Crazy led by Marj Donn. This will be the first of four sessions, meeting on the first Sunday of each month during enrichment hour (11:45 am). You can come to the first session without having read any of the book. We meet in Room 4, please join us! Also, does anyone still have that book and would be willing to sell it cheaply to someone else or perhaps loan it to participants? If so, contact Marj at 301-474-1353.

For the Third Wednesday Lunch on March 18 at 1 pm we will return to Thai at Laurel located at 14724 Baltimore Ave in the Laurel Town Center development. Contact Cathy Helmold for more information: chelmold@verizon.net or cell phone: 301-250-0505.

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.