



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

**June 2018**

**Notes from the Minister**

**SUNDAYS at 10:00 am**

Nursery Care in Room 6 from 9:45-12:45  
Refreshments and Fellowship after the service  
Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45  
Childcare until 12:45

**JUNE 3 ELEMENTS OF FAITH FORMATION**

*Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister and Carla Miller, DMRE; with Paul Wester, Worship Associate*  
Sophia Lyon Fahs said that everything is religious when we make it so. We explore how we do faith development for both adults and children.

**Followed by a Glen Celebration!**

**JUNE 10 REACHING OUT INTO THE WORLD**

*Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister and Carla Miller, DMRE; with Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate*  
The work of Shared Ministry: Reaching out into the world, as we bring the world back into Paint Branch. We will have a Bridging Ceremony for our youth who are graduating High School.  
*Special Collection: matching funds for Community Social Justice Project.*

**To be followed by our Annual Meeting**

**JUNE 17 MUSIC FOR OUR LIVES**

*The PBUUC Choir led by David Chapman, Music Director and pianist; with Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate; and special solo performers and guest musicians.*  
The Paint Branch Choir brings the message through music.

**JUNE 24 THE REVEREND OLYMPIA BROWN  
(AND HER MOST FAMOUS CONGREGANT)**

*Rev. Judy Morris, Guest Minister; with Paul Wester, Worship Associate and Carla Miller, DMRE*  
A Universalist, The Rev. Olympia Brown was the first woman ordained by a denomination.

**JULY 1 IS IT EASY BEING GREEN?**

*Green Team with Will Snyder, Worship Associate*  
PBUUC's Green Team will prepare worship service - SKIT: The goals are to be informative, to have fun, and to inspire earth-friendly changes in our behavior.

I was delighted to see two pots of pansies planted at the end of the deck and in full bloom by the time of the Installation. They make me happy.

About two weeks later, I noticed that the pansies in the pot on the right had all been snipped. They must have been pinched to keep the flowers from getting leggy and to encourage more blooming. Two weeks later, there were new blooms coming from the pot on the right, and I saw that the pot on the left had been pinched off, too. So smart! Pinch off the pots one at a time, so at least there were some blooms still happening on the deck.

I have planted pansies at our house, and I watched to see if I should be snipping them off, too. I tried it on one pot of pansies, and wondered if I should just pinch them all.

On Memorial Day weekend, I came to church and mentioned my story to the Greeters on Deck, and they both looked at the pots of pansies and said, "Oh, that's the deer." I said, No! I had watched this careful timing of pinching the pansies, and I was sure it was intentional. They said, no, they had definitely been bitten off by the deer – close to the ground and way too much damage. "Really? That can't be true!" Really, they said, and they laughed.

I guess I am still learning "how we do things here." And every season, every new event, there is something new to learn. With the pansies, I made assumptions when I needed to be curious, to ask more questions.

I would like us to be curious about the area where PBUUC is built – straddling the line between PG County and Montgomery County. I would like us to be curious about the people who live within several miles around us, the economics and demographics, the education level, the quality of the schools, and the issues facing our neighbors. I would like us to be curious about both the issues and who is doing what to help address those issues. I wonder how we can collaborate with both people in need and those who are helping.

Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo and I have proposed that we engage in a Community Social Justice Project. A steering committee and members of the congregation, including members of SAC and DARRT will participate in exploring these questions. We would involve the Religious Exploration program. The intention is to develop clarity and commitment to particular social justice work that fits both Paint Branch and the community in which we live. The project would be led by Karen, and we would be in conversation regularly. I have met with the Board, the Social Action Committee, some members of DARRT, and DMRE Carla Miller about the project, and they are all on board.



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## PBUUC Leadership Directory

### 🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2017-2018 🌀

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

Chair	Kate Brett
Vice-Chair	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Vice-Chair	Eric Most
Trustee	Sonny Katz
Trustee	Kay McGraw
Trustee	Tess Morrison
Trustee	Jessica Sharp
Trustee	Marguerite Summers
Trustee	Kathi Yu
Treasurer	Louise Waugh
Assistant Treasurer	David Nation
Secretary	Carol Boston
Assistant Secretary	Jennifer Wright

### 🌀 Worship Associates 🌀

* Beth Charbonneau (2015-18)	Paul Wester (2016-19)
* Will Snyder (2015-18)	Elizabeth Porter (2017-20)
*Team Leaders	Jeri Holloway (2017-20)
Mary Rooker (2016-19)	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)

### 🌀 Pastoral Care Associates 🌀

Jeri Holloway  
Lynn Johnson  
Mike McMenamin

### 🌀 We Care Coordinators 🌀

VACANT

### 🌀 Chartered Committees and Teams 🌀

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
Adult RE	Emily Conover (Visual Arts)
Auction	Louise Waugh
Budget Leadership Team	Tess Morrison (Team Leader)
Buildings & Grounds (co-chairs)	Celinda Marsh
By-Laws Review	Lowell Owens & Peter Wathen-Dunn
Capital Campaign	Muriel Morisey
Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Denominational Affairs	Carol Carter Walker
Electronic Communications	Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson
Finance	Don Gerson, Chair
Green Team (co-chairs)	Bettie Young, cluster rep.
Leasing (contact)	<a href="#">contact church office</a>
Legacy Fund	Elaine Shell
Membership	Kathy Bartolomeo
Ministry	& Pat Behenna
Nominating	<a href="#">Church Office</a>
Personnel	Chris Evans
Religious Exploration	Pat Behenna
Social Action (SAC)	James Alexander, Janet Overton and Elizabeth Porter
Stewardship	John Bartoli
	VACANT
	<a href="mailto:REcmte@pbuuc.org">REcmte@pbuuc.org</a>
	Don Henderson
	Chris Evans

### 🌀 Groups and Activities 🌀

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Bridge Group	Penny O'Brien
Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	VACANT
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
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Paint Branch Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Sunday Sound & Facilities Volunteer Team	Van Summers
Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Elaine Shell
Ushers	Esther Nichols
Warm Nights	Tess Morrison, Louise Waugh, & Van Summers
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Anita Williams
Widowed Persons Support Group	Jeri Holloway
Women's Group	Louise Waugh

### 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="#">Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration</a>	Carla Miller
<a href="#">Chalice Dancers Director &amp; Choreographer</a>	Sharon Werth
<a href="#">Church Administrator</a>	Charles Bury
<a href="#">Administrative Assistant</a>	Penney Hughes
<a href="#">Bookkeeper</a>	Roy Friday, CPA
Rentals Building Manager:	Joel Yesupriya
Child Care Providers:	Jazmin Balbuena
	Joy Washington
	Briana Workcuff

### Office Volunteers

Elizabeth Scheiman (Tuesday)  
Will Snyder (Wednesday)  
Alice Tyler (Thursday)  
Janet Overton (Friday)

## Board Chair Musings

As it comes to the end of another church year, I believe it is good to look back on all that was accomplished this year. As far as the Board goes, we became stronger as a group through working through both easy tasks, such as planning for meetings, and hard ones, like discussions about finances. Not all Board meetings were easy to plan for but the end results were better than any one of us could have created on our own. This coming year, we will have only three new members, which will make for a much easier transition than this past year when there were six new members out of a total of nine.

Starting during the Board's April meeting, we have begun as a group to start forward thinking about the mission of PBUUC. It is only a start, but hopefully this will continue. It is my hope that the Board will be able to confidently know that the normal running of the church will go well under the guidance of all of the various committees. The Board will then be able to focus on bigger picture issues.

Please make a point of coming to the annual meeting on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. It will start right after service without break for food, with the expectation that we will be done by 1 pm. Unlike last year where we needed to vote on calling Rachel Christensen as our settled minister, this year's meeting should be shorter. We will vote on nominees to the Board of Trustees, the Legacy Fund Committee, and the Nominating Committee, discussing the proposed budget for 2018-19 and other financial matters, and some buildings and grounds issues such as the parking lot.

—*Kate*

## Minister's Notes ...continued

The project will cost a minimum of \$5600 for Karen's time. The Legacy Fund has generously provided the Community Social Justice Project a matching grant of \$2500, to be used to match individual donations from the congregation. This is an invitation to the congregation to support and participate in the Project, to invest in the dream of the congregation engaging social justice in an intentional way, and to change the conversation. We may seek additional grants to help defray costs.

Rev. Kathleen McTighe, director of the UU College of Social Justice says it starts with "Saying Yes" – What injustices call to you? "Where do you want to put your hands and heart to work? And what might hold you back from saying "Yes"?"

Let us begin.

*Rev. Rachel* [minister@pbuuc.org](mailto:minister@pbuuc.org)  
Paint Branch: An inclusive religious community connected by love, spirit and service.

## Our annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 10

All are welcome. Childcare will be provided. The major items on the Agenda will be:

- ≈ Discussion of 2018-2019 Annual Operating Budget.
- ≈ Election of Board, Nominating Committee, Legacy Fund members, and General Assembly delegates.

We hope you will be able to participate. However, if you are a member but cannot attend, you will be able to designate a proxy to vote for you. Proxy forms will be available in the Meeting House Foyer Sunday, June 3rd and 10th.

### Nominating Committee's Nominees for Board of Trustees, Legacy Fund, and Nominating Committee

At the June 10 Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee will formally present the following candidates:

#### Board of Trustees:

Ebony Contreras  
Noel Monardes  
Wendy Schlegel

#### Legacy Fund: Bettie Young

#### Nominating Committee: Diana McFadden, Will Snyder

Bios for these candidates and details about terms will be available at the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Thank you to all candidates who expressed interest in serving.

—*Nominating Committee: John Bartoli, Chair; Pat Behenna, Liz Citrin, and Carol Carter Walker, Members*

## Legacy Fund

For 2018, the Endowment Committee has recommended allocation of \$3,600 in income from the Legacy Fund to grant recipients as follows: 1) a matching grant of up to \$2,500 on a dollar to dollar basis for all individual donations from the members and friends of PBUUC to support the proposed Community Justice Ministry Project; 2) a grant of \$750 to the Denominational Affairs Committee to support one PBUUC member who has never attended GA in the past to help defray the costs for their attendance at GA this year; and 3) a grant of \$350 to the PBUUC Green Team to support the proposed composting program. Questions about making a donation to the Legacy Fund or the general operations of the Endowment Committee can be submitted to Chris Evans at [legacyfund@pbuuc.org](mailto:legacyfund@pbuuc.org).

## Multigenerational Religious Exploration

### Nurturing Our Multigenerational Community

When you visualize our congregation seated in the sanctuary, do you see rows of heads, brown, black, blonde and grey? Do you also smile to see those smaller heads that do not reach the top of the backrests, or perhaps standing at the Creative Listening table? From my view at the front, I see us all as one whole community; and I know that Rev. Rachel and our Worship Associates do, too. This congregation is as one in connected community. We belong together like extended family.

Our Multigenerational Religious Exploration (MRE) Team emphasizes this wholeness in its mission and in its name. The MRE Team values and nurtures the children's connection to all aspects of congregational life; worship, celebrations, caring for one another in joy and sorrow, and service to the church and the community. We understand that a child's sense of spiritual sustenance and belonging here at PBUUC does not develop only in a classroom, but through all of their experiences in this church.

Intergenerational relationships also nurture the growth and faith development of adults! Our minds are opened to new perspectives when we listen to a younger generation. Our faith is inspired and our hopes renewed by the young people's earnest engagement in building a better world.

In a very real sense, the congregation IS the curriculum; and ALL of us are teachers, learners, and ministers to one another across our intergenerational connections.

We have had very successful experiences of multigenerational community recently; our Stewardship events, Faith, Food and Fun Fridays/Spirit Saturdays, and multigenerational worship services. What if all Paint Branch event and program planning was mindful of providing opportunities for intergenerational interaction, as well as providing age-appropriate children's activities and childcare? (Please do not take me to mean that the seven-year-old crowd should have to attend the annual meeting!)

Especially now-with the leadership of Rev. Rachel- we are moving forward toward this vision. She consistently plans for, values and interacts with all age groups within our church family. Rachel and I are excited about the successful multigenerational worship services we are shaping; and the enthusiastic attendance and participation of all of our generations in these services. When I look at all of you from the front of the sanctuary, I see clearly that this congregation is one interconnected community. May we continue to nurture and grow these connections in all that we do, and in our understanding of who we are!

~ Carla Miller, DMRE

## RE Announcements



### We are getting almost there- and almost fully staffed!

We still need a few people to teach and/or assist in our elementary classes. You will work in a team of four, and rotate the teaching responsibility. The MRE volunteer sign-up is posted on [the bulletin board in the entry to the R.E. building](#). Check it out for class information and to volunteer, or go online to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/TeachRE2018>

Teachers are in the classroom approximately twice a month. Training, lesson plans, and materials are provided. **Interested in knowing more?** Contact **Carla Miller**, [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org), or 410-707-9611.

**Register Your Child for Class** Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/registerRE18>

Just as you register for softball and swimteam, registration is required for Religious Exploration classes, 2018-2019. Please pop online to sign up now.



### Seven And Slime! Summer Plans for Children's Religious Exploration

Our Children's Religious Exploration program continues through the summer with a creative curriculum for children ages 4-12. This year we are planning for fun with "Seven (Principles) and Slime!" Each Sunday focuses on one of the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism, and an exciting, hands-on STEM/ STEAM activity. (STEM=Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; or add Art to make it STEAM) Adults may choose to teach or assist just once, or several times over the summer. **Sign up**

**on the sign-up sheet in the RE building foyer, or contact Carla Miller, [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org), 410-707-9611.**



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

**Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) -- Black Lives Matter Buttons and Wristbands Will Return in July**

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

DARTT's usual first-of-the-month sale of buttons, wristbands, and yard signs will be suspended this Sunday. DARTT will be taking orders for the popular yard signs with quotations from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They were donated by the Contardo/Morris family and were a limited edition. DARTT may have additional signs fabricated if there is enough interest.

### Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) To Return To Monthly Meeting In July

Beginning in July, DARTT will return to a monthly meeting. The experiment with a quarterly gathering shows that it is too difficult to gain and maintain momentum, connection, and effective planning without gatherings that are more frequent.

In addition, the timing of our monthly meetings is up for discussion: What are your preferences? Sundays during/after Enrichment Hour? Weeknights? Which one? Please send your thoughts, comments, etc., to [dartt@pbuuc.org](mailto:dartt@pbuuc.org)

### DARTT Recommends:

**Mosaic Harmony 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert Sunday, June 3 at 5 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax**

Mosaic Harmony is an interfaith, multicultural gospel choir hosted by:

UU Congregation of Fairfax  
2709 Hunter Mill Road  
Oakton, VA 22124

The concert will include music selections centered on the choir's theme of We're Going to Make It Together (Songs of Encouragement).

Your support helps Mosaic Harmony's mission to unify the world, one song at a time! A limited number of tickets (\$25) will be available at the door. See flyer in Meeting House Foyer. Talk to Carol Carter Walker if you want to carpool.

## Social Action Committee



The Social Action Committee spent most of its time this month learning more about **the proposed Community Justice Ministry Project** and formally approved this project. It is an exciting new project to find out about issues in the community near the church and see how we might assist our neighbors in addressing them. The congregation will learn more about it at the June 10 service.

SAC wants to remind people that a **primary election is coming on June 26**. Please vote, and urge everyone you know to vote. 18-year-olds can now vote. People who are not registered can do so by going to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1> by June 5. You can also register to vote by going to an Early Voting Site.

**The Poor People's Campaign**, under the leadership of Rev. William Barber, Jr., is underway for two months!! Rallies, mass meetings, trainings for those who are willing to do civil disobedience. If you haven't already gotten an email about it, see Marj Donn or Carol Carter Walker.

**The Special Collection for this month** on June 24 will benefit the U.U. inner city ministry, Beacon House.

**Next SAC meeting:** Saturday, June 16, at 10 AM. Everyone welcome.

## Denominational Affairs

It's General Assembly Time Again. This year's Unitarian Universalist General Assembly of Congregations (GA), will take place in Kansas City, Missouri on June 20-24, 2018. Both Registration and housing registration opened on March 1. If you are interested in going, it's a good idea to take a look at the hotels which have been reserved by UUA for the GA; they usually sell out rather quickly. More information is available at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga)

**UPDATE: We have received a grant from the Legacy Fund of \$750 to support someone to attend the GA who is a member, and has never attended a GA before. If they choose, and are approved at the annual meeting, they can also be an official Delegate. They must contact me immediately to discuss the additional details, and to be placed under consideration. Please contact me ASAP at [donaldgerson@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldgerson@yahoo.com)**

Donald Gerson



## The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

The DC, Maryland & Virginia UU Community wants to show its support for the LGBTQA+ Community by hosting a free “Crafting Pride” booth at the Capital Pride festival this year, where the theme is “Elements of Us.” Every person’s life is composed of a kaleidoscope of extraordinary parts, and we want to celebrate that diversity with a rainbow of craft materials at the booth, along with information about the UU community, where volunteers will help festival goers create personalized symbols of their pride: friendship bracelets, beaded pins for clothes, face painting, rainbow flowers, etc. We are looking for a handful of volunteers to help festival goers create their artwork and asking each congregation to either contribute funds and/or art supplies to the cause.



Please send all craft supplies before June 2nd to:  
Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church  
Attn: Capitol Pride Coordinator, C. Fuller  
10125 Lakehaven Court  
Burke, VA 22015

Please send all monetary donations to:  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia  
Attn: Capitol Pride Coordinator, J. McAtee  
7246 Cradlerock Way  
Columbia, MD 21045

There is no need to sign-up for the parade as all are welcomed. However, if you already know you are marching please email the number of people attending to [jenny@mcatee.com](mailto:jenny@mcatee.com)

To volunteer with crafts at the festival Sunday, June 10th sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948adac2fa6f85-2018>.

Together with the Capital Pride Organization, let us as a supporting community stand tall, look forward, take a deep breath, and become who we are meant to be – confident, supportive, resilient, compassionate, and glorious!

Any questions can be directed to Jenny McAtee 240-595-2680 or [jenny@mcatee.com](mailto:jenny@mcatee.com)

**Maryland Poor People's Campaign Phone Bank,** River Road UU Church, 6301 River Road at Whittier, Bethesda, MD. Room 31, 7 pm—8:30 pm, Thursdays (May 31, June 7, 14, 21). Come be a part of expanding this important outreach as together, we unite with tens of thousands across the country, to confront systemic racism.

## Celebration in the Glen June 3rd

### Celebration, Community and our Campus

Our Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located on an amazing campus, separated from the Powder Mill Road and the parking lot by a beautiful deck. It crosses wooded land filled today with daffodils, and sometimes I have seen deer or fox in our woods. And our campus includes the Glen below, with paths and the creek and seating areas.

Let’s celebrate together! Let’s celebrate our community, our campus and being together. On Sunday, June 3, after worship, let’s have a potluck and picnic. We will have food and tables and chairs on the deck and chairs and play in the Glen.

We are sprucing up the Glen, making it welcoming for all. We are checking out the paths, repairing handrails, and removing branches and snags.

We have a plan to help people down to the Glen who might find it more challenging to get there. There is a path located at the Boredale end of the RE Building that is the easiest way to access the Glen. People can get there by walking through the RE Building and going down eight steps, or by driving around to Boredale. We will have people available to help with this, and then to help people along the path and to the gathering area in the Glen.

Plan on being a part of this celebration! Bring lawn chairs for Glen seating for yourselves and to share. Bring a dish to share. And bring your party hats.

## GREEN Team Update



Amy Parrish has taken the lead on bringing an active composting program to Paint Branch.

With the Green Team’s enthusiastic support, she invited expert composter Beth LeaMond to talk with the Team. Beth listed possible goals: 1) to reduce landfill/methane waste and to improve our carbon footprint, 2) to be respectful to the earth and to the interdependent web of life, 3) to use compost to nourish our flower beds in the parking lot and elsewhere, and 4) perhaps, to one day share compost with the community, if there are large enough quantities of it.

Amy led the Team in applying for a Legacy Grant, which was awarded. She purchased a family-style composter which has been placed on the property to the left of the Meeting House. She and the Team will educate the congregation about what kinds of food scraps can be composted and how to use the composter. Volunteers will rotate the duty of moving the scraps from the kitchen down to the composter. Our first big opportunity for composting will be our June picnic in the glen.

## Food at Paint Branch

### SUGGESTED GUIDELINES WHEN ORGANIZING A FOOD EVENT AT PBUUC:

Food is an important part of building community at PBUUC. It nourishes and sustains us and is another way that we can share our abundance with one another.

As you think about organizing a food event at PBUUC, please consider how to be inclusive of everyone's needs. We have many members who have either dietary restrictions or who make conscious eating choices. So the best approach is to work towards offering a variety of choices and also to provide information about what food is available so that all can feel welcome to your food event.

First, ask people to sign up either on-line or through sign up sheets to bring food by category to include: Pasta/Noodles, Legumes or Beans, Vegetables, Meat, Fish/Shellfish, Grains/Cereals, Fruits, Salads, Nuts/Dips/Cheese, Breads/Rolls and Desserts.

Second, ask people to indicate if their dish is vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and/or dairy free. Always work towards providing sufficient food choices to ensure options for a complete vegan meal (i.e. no animal products: honey, dairy, eggs or butter).

Third, ask the cooks to fill out pre-made label cards that indicate the cook's name, type of dish and whether it contains any common allergens and place the label card vertically next to the dish. The pre-made label cards are available in the kitchen. If possible, have the cooks bring a list of ingredients to be written in or attached to the label card, or include the store label if purchased.

#### Other things to consider:

Determine if the food will be a full meal, sandwiches, or snack. Publicize accordingly. How much is store bought processed food, how much potluck? Is there a set price for the food, if so are tickets involved? If not what is the suggested donation?

It has worked well to have separate tables with signs – omnivore (first), vegetarian and vegan. Consider announcing that those with special diets should go first in line.

Don't use disposable place setting items or utensils whenever possible. Place silverware and napkins at the end of the table.

[www.pbuuc.org/ethnicdinners/food\\_ingredients\\_info.pdf](http://www.pbuuc.org/ethnicdinners/food_ingredients_info.pdf)

[www.pbuuc.org/ethnicdinners/food\\_signup\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.pbuuc.org/ethnicdinners/food_signup_sheet.pdf)

## In and Around Paint Branch

**The church fiscal year ends on June 30.** In order to be included in this year's books, any pledge payments need to be received by June 24. If you have any money to turn in or vouchers to be reimbursed for activities that took place during the year PLEASE get them in by then so that everything can be accounted for when we close out our books for the year. *Thank you!*

Questions, ask Louise Waugh, PBUUC Treasurer

### Review PBUUC's 2017-2018 Annual Report before the Annual Meeting **Greenly!**

You can come prepared to the Annual Congregational Meeting, which will be held after the worship service on June 10, by reading the Annual Report in advance. The Green (paper-free) way to read the Annual Report is by using this link to access it electronically: <http://bit.ly/PBar1718>

### Book Store Open June 3rd

Paint Branch Bookstore will be open Sunday, June 3rd during Coffee Hour featuring PBUUC authors. PBUUC's Bookstore will feature books by four of our own authors: Marj Donn, Lynn Johnson, Lynx, and Raman Pathik. Stop by, support local authors, and contribute to PBUUC's operating budget.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast at IKEA.

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 10 am, Saturday, June 9 at IKEA in College Park. Come share food and conversation. The food is cheap, the coffee cups bottomless, and the conversation goes wherever you want it to go. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. We intend to hold these breakfasts every second Saturday of the month. For more info contact: [mensfellowship@pbuuc.org](mailto:mensfellowship@pbuuc.org)

### Do you have extra seats for an Auction dinner or other event?

If you are hosting an auction event, and find you have space to include an additional person or two, please think about inviting a person who is newish to our Paint Branch Community. Or let me know of the possibility and I might have some suggestions!

Thanks so much.

—Rachel

### 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.



**beaconhouse**  
Where Learning Has A Home

## Save Summer Camp at Beacon House!

Beacon House faces an urgent situation and needs your help! Recently they learned that they would NOT receive our traditional source of funding for summer camp this year. Without Summer Camp at Beacon House, families will have limited options for their children this summer. The nearest recreation center is closed for renovations and the few affordable choices nearby are already at capacity.

We don't want the children in our community to fall behind in their reading and math skills over the summer. We want children in our community engaged in learning activities, taking educational and cultural field trips, collaborating together on projects, and developing the skills that will help them succeed in school and life.

**Save Summer Camp Campaign**  
**Fundraising Update**  
**\$65,927 raised to date!**

**DONATE**

<http://bit.ly/BHcamp18>

NOTE: Donations to the summer camp campaign are an unrestricted gift toward Beacon House general operations. Beacon House has been selected as our Special Collection recipient for Sunday, June 24.