



BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

July 2018

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

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.

JULY 8 SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND RACIAL JUSTICE: A CRITICAL NEXUS

Rachel Laser, Americans United CEO, guest speaker; with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate.

The United States has a shameful history of using religion as an excuse to discriminate against people on the basis of race. Today we see that same pattern of religion-based discrimination not only continue in subtle and not-so-subtle ways towards black and brown communities, but also being applied to members of the LGBTQ community and others. Rachel Laser, president and CEO of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, will explain why we must face and dismantle both white privilege and Christian privilege before we can achieve our country's core ideals of religious freedom and equality for all.

JULY 15 , 21, 29 WE WELCOME BACK OUR MINISTER REV. RACHEL CHRISTENSEN WHO WILL HAVE THREE NEW SERVICES FOR US

From the DMRE

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, I will be leaving my position at Paint Branch for a new job as the Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at the Rockville UU Congregation. My last day will (likely) be August 6th (this is pending Board approval at the time of this writing). I am very excited about this opportunity for change in my career path. I am also very sad to leave Paint Branch. Returning to this warm and caring congregation has been restorative to my spirit. My time here has brought me connection with wonderful people; especially the teachers, families and delightful, beautiful children. I will miss you all!

You are my home congregation, and after an appropriate length of time has passed, I will be able to participate as a member in some congregational activities (though generally not on Sunday mornings). Perhaps I will someday be one of the lovely retirees who teach in the Children's RE program!

The Religious Exploration program of PBUUC is alive and thriving. You will offer anyone who comes into the role of DMRE the warm welcome, congregational support and actively engaged volunteers that I have enjoyed so much. The Multigenerational Religious Exploration Team, with its clarity of vision for multigenerational community-building and wisdom in shaping strong religious education programming, will guide them into leadership. An in-coming DMRE will be set-up for success by your involvement!

It is my intention to leave well; getting the RE program ready for September as best I can in the next five weeks. I will leave classes fully staffed with volunteers for the coming year. We've been introducing Our Whole Lives for Elementary Grades 1-2, which I hope can be offered again next year despite this time of transition. I will complete our lesson plans for the fall semester, and meet with the teaching teams.

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

🌀 Officers and Board of Trustees 2017-2018 🌀

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Chair	Kate Brett
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🌀 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)	contact church office
Legacy Fund	Elaine Shell
Membership	Kathy Bartolomeo
Ministry	& Pat Behenna
Nominating	Church Office
Personnel	Chris Evans
Religious Exploration	Pat Behenna
Social Action (SAC)	James Alexander, Janet Overton and Elizabeth Porter
Stewardship	John Bartoli
	VACANT
	REcmte@pbuuc.org
	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

Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration	Carla Miller
Chalice Dancers Director & Choreographer	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles Bury
Administrative Assistant	Penney Hughes
Bookkeeper	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)

From the DRE

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The MRE Team will also be involved in this preparation for the fall. Volunteers will straighten the supply room. I will be communicating with them and with Rev. Rachel Christensen about all that is done, and not yet done, to have a smoother transition into the fall. With Rev. Rachel's leadership, this congregation is on a path of greater vibrancy, stability, and spiritual growth. This transition in RE will not be enough to change that in any way. Indeed, I hope that bringing in new leadership to work with Rachel will enhance this growth.

Working with Rev. Rachel in worship planning, particularly in our multigenerational worship services, has been wonderful! I am sure that the same fine quality worship, including Together Times and multigenerational services, will continue under her leadership; in collaboration with David Chapman, Sharon Werth, our Worship Associates, and soon, a new religious educator.

I believe both of us, myself and this congregation, are in happier, healthier places than we were two years ago. I know that we all have much to look forward to in the future! Even navigating the changes will be an opportunity for greater growth.

Having grown up in Minnesota, I am accustomed to the "Midwestern long goodbyes" of the Midwest. People traditionally say good-bye at the door, again on the sidewalk, and then continue to walk out to the car together to share a few final thoughts and a hug! We have the time to do that now.

I hope that in this time of my leaving, any of you who would like to spend more time in saying good-bye will feel free to reach out or to stop in to talk. I am glad I have this time. Let's use it to say good-bye well, and to share our mutual best wishes for the future.

~Carla Miller, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration

RE Announcements

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 RE program continues through the summer with a creative curriculum for children ages 4-12 which we are calling "Seven (Principles) and Slime!". Each Sunday focuses on one of the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism, and an exciting, hands-on STEM/ STEAM activity. **The group will be meeting in Rooms 2/3.** The youngest children, under age 5, may want to play in the nursery during the summer depending upon their ability to stay with an older group and to pay attention to directions.

Assistance still needed August 19, 26, and September 2, to lead a summer session on the sign-up sheet in the RE building foyer, or contact Carla Miller, at dmre@pbuuc.org / 410-707-9611.

From the MRE Team

The MRE Team will be looking for greater participation of volunteer leadership in RE in these next several months. They are seeking people with an interest in facilitating this staff transition, who will join them for at least the next semester. You might be a good candidate for this work if you have:

- ≈ a passion for Paint Branch and an investment in its successful welcome of new families;
- ≈ a long-term relationship with Paint Branch's RE program to lend a sense of the history and story of RE here to the newcomer
- ≈ human resources experience with staffing changes and training
- ≈ other experience with program leadership or systems in transition.

This is not a three-year committee member commitment, but a commitment to join the team for a shorter period of time to do this work of supporting the transition in professional leadership in RE.

If you might be interested in knowing more, please contact MRE Team Chair, **Melissa Graham**, at magraham09@gmail.com



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) --Black Lives Matter Buttons and Wristbands Available After Service July 1, 2018.

DARTT will be offering the sale of Black Lives Matter buttons and wristbands on Sunday, July 1 after the Service. DARTT will also be taking orders for the popular yard signs with quotations from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that were sold in April. Our plan is to have additional signs fabricated if there is enough interest.

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) to Meet During Enrichment Hour on Third Sundays. Next Meeting Sunday, July 15, 11:45 am to 12:45 pm.

Chartered in 2007, the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, informally known as DARTT, is the lead group for facilitating anti-racism and cultural diversity at PBUUC. DARTT coordinates numerous activities, both within our congregation and in the nearby community, to raise awareness about racism and to promote personal and spiritual growth toward a more just society.

DARTT is an open forum committee. All members and friends are welcome at any time to any meeting.

DARTT is returning to its prior practice of monthly meetings, but during Sunday Enrichment Hour instead of weeknights. We believe this will encourage greater attendance and better meeting productivity.

The first meeting of the new church year will be Sunday, July 15 during Enrichment Hour, 11:45 am to 12:45 pm. A call for agenda items and the draft agenda will be posted in upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUMs. Contact Carol Carter Walker, Co-Chair, or DARTT@PBUUC.org.

All are welcome!

Social Action Committee

July's Special Collection will be for the

Anti-Defamation League.

Founded in 1913, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL.org) is one of the United States' premier civil rights/human relations organizations. They have a distinguished history of reminding the world just how tenuous civil rights are and mobilizes people to engage in reasonable discourse as together we find solutions to serve our diverse society.



Auction

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 Rev. Rachel know of the possibility and she might have some suggestions! *Thanks so much!*



The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

Families Belong Together Rally/March. Lafayette Square. Saturday, June 30.

The President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), Rev. Susan Frederick Gray, the Director, UU Service Committee, and UUs For Social Justice (UUSJ), have called for UUs all over the country to join this Rally.

The UU Meet Up is at 10 am at Farragut Square, southwest corner near the intersection of 17th and I Streets, NW. UUs will gather, then proceed to Lafayette Square to group on the northern side between 16th Street and Vermont Avenue just south of H Street, in front of the White House. Wear something UU, if you have it. The Rally begins at 11 am. Be present to show that UUs stand in solidarity with immigrants against family separations. See UUSJ's Facebook page for more details including how to get there. "Every parent has a fundamental right to seek safety for their children," Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA President.

Many thanks to those who attended the inaugural season of jazz@uucss and helped us get this new program off the ground! We're truly grateful for your support. If you missed the first season, we hope to welcome you to our future shows.

We're lining up the artists for the 2018-2019 series and will send details in the near future. Meanwhile, please put these dates on your calendar:

- Sunday, September 30, 2018
- Sunday, January 20, 2019
- Sunday, April 28, 2019 (**correct date!**)
- Sunday, July 14, 2019

All concerts will be from 4-5:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring (UUCSS, 10309 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20903).

Have a jazzy summer, and we'll see you in September!

Best regards, UUCSS Music Committee & Bertrand Uberall

Wheel of Life

On Saturday, June 16, long-time PBUUC member Iris Peabody peacefully passed away. Information on a memorial celebration of her life will be provided in upcoming ContinUUMs and Bulletins.



Stormwater Management Plan

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The stormwater management plan for our parking lot is designed to also treat runoff from that portion of the Powder Mill road and community that lies in the sub watershed that is piped under our parking lot and outlets in the same tube as our parking lot runoff. The runoff from both sources will be slowed down and allowed to seep into the ground in an 80' long, 10' wide, rip rap-filled channel below the outlet tube. Whether the existing oil-grit separator will be retained remains to be further investigated.

No bio-retention gardens are in the design. Spacing requirements for driving lanes do not permit them. Also, updated standards will necessitate narrowing the two island gardens below the parking lot entrance.

Currently, only two sides of the parking lot have concrete curbing. The plan calls for concrete curbing around the entire parking lot, the entrance driveway and all the island gardens. The rotted railroad ties will be removed. There will be no curb stops in the parking spaces, only white lines which permit drive-through parking. The entire parking lot will be paved with asphalt to reduce sediment runoff.

All of the island gardens will be re-vegetated by a landscaping subcontractor to replace any alien plant species with native ones selected by us from a list of native plants. The Green Team participated in the species selection and will assist in the required future maintenance. The existing trees in the islands will be retained, except, perhaps, two in the two islands to be narrowed.

The entire project will be paid for by The Alternative Compliance Program of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment with money collected by the county's impervious surface fee, a fee enacted by the state to provide funds to clean up the Chesapeake bay.

PBUUC's responsibilities are to:

- ◇ Remove trash deposited on the rip rap channel to prevent it from moving downstream.
- ◇ Maintain the parking lot island gardens once established.

The county's responsibility is to:

- ◇ Periodically inspect to ensure PBUUC is keeping their end of the agreement.
- ◇ Maintain the rip-rap channel (and the oil-grit separator, if retained) in functioning condition for at least 30 years.

As to timing, permits are expected to be received by the end of June and construction to start in August. Construction is expected to take about a month with access to be maintained throughout.

Lowell Owens and Peter Wathen-Dunn,

Co-chairs of Buildings and Grounds Committee

In and Around Paint Branch

July 31st will be Esther Nichols' one hundredth birthday. She has been a daughter, wife, friend, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. She is an Ivy League college graduate, a professional, a help mate and home maker, a dietitian, a teacher and a social activist. Most of all she is a warm, loving human being. She has lived from the horse and buggy age to the age of the electric car and the Mars mission. She has been a member of PBUUC for almost sixty years. She has participated in the building of its present home, taught RE and been a member of various committees, most recently chair of the usher committee. She has been a friend of each minister from the first to the present and members beyond knowing.



There has been pain and loss. She has out lived her sisters and brothers, and all of her in-laws, save one. Her husband was disabled for the last half of his life and she nursed her mother for the last years of her life. Her youngest and beloved son died in his prime. Still she maintains a positive attitude optimistic and cheerful, if sober, world view.

Tuesday, July 31, there will be a party to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Esther Nichols in the Meeting House. The doors will open at 1 pm with the festivities beginning at 2 pm. Members, friends and family are welcome to join in and to share tributes, long or short with Esther and those present. No gifts please.

Meet Our Guest Speaker



Rachel Laser will be speaking to us during our July 8th service about religion-based discrimination and how we can achieve our country's core ideals of religious freedom and equality.

Rachel Laser became president and CEO of Americans United for Separation of Church and State in February 2018. A lawyer, advocate and a strategist, she has dedicated the last two decades of her life to fighting to make the country inclusive for all Americans. Prior to coming to Americans United, Rachel ran workshops challenging racism and white privilege. Her previous positions include serving as deputy director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism; directing the Culture Program at Third Way, a Washington, D.C., progressive think tank and holding the position of senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center. Rachel is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Chicago Law School. She currently serves as a national board member of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

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.

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