



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

### August 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

#### AUGUST 5 INNER URGE

Guest Preacher Anthony Jenkins with additional special musical guests; and Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate

This exciting service will feature instrumental music, and inspiring thoughts.

#### AUGUST 12 NOTES FROM THE OTHER SIDE

*Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team with Paul Wester, Worship Associate*

Led by PBUUCs Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, members and friends will call and respond to their experiences of being 'other.' We encourage Paint Branchers to join the resistance going to the Charlottesville II Rally in downtown Washington, DC as our "Travelling Reverberations."

#### AUGUST 19 MUSIC, MOZART AND MEMORIES

*With Guest Musicians Jeri Holloway, Deni Foster and Rachel Alexander; Mary Tyrtle Rooker, Worship Associate*

Music, Memories, and Mozart - Will feature musicians Deni Foster - piano, Rachel Alexander - viola, Jeri Holloway - Clarinet, performing Mozarts Trio in Eb (The Kegelstatt Trio) K. 498 as we celebrate the legendary Mozart and honor the legacy of Robert Holloway, former Music Director on the 10th Anniversary of his death in 2008.

#### AUGUST 26

*Rev. Rachel Christensen returns*

Check the website and ContinUUm announcements for sermon theme later in month.

### Notes from the Minister

At the end of July, Eric and I will drive up to New Hampshire for a few days. My father grew up in Durham, where his father was a philosophy professor at the University. His parents bought a family burial plot there, and several years ago my family gathered there to bury his ashes. It was small, just us kids and my mom, and one nephew.

We stayed in a local hotel, and while we were there we realized that the home my father grew up in was just two blocks away. We wandered the neighborhood, and my sister remembered playing in that back yard, hanging laundry, and remembered the rear door to the cellar. We reconnected with the place and the stories and the roots.

This year we go back again. This year we take my mom's ashes to the family plot. All of my Dad's siblings have now died. All of my mom's siblings have died. She is the last of that generation, of that family.

And this year there will be almost 40 of us gathering. Us kids, plus several of the grandkids and even the next generation. And cousins – and more kids. We will gather to honor the generations. We will tell stories, and laugh and maybe cry, and eat together. We will wander the neighborhood and see if we can find the family house again.

I think about the generations and what I know. As a kid, we visited the farm in Kansas where Grand Herby was born in a sod house, and we heard the stories of his father. We'll call him the first generation.

We will see the house where Grand Anna and Grand Herby lived. Generation #2.

The lives of my parents, Carolyn and Ralph; Generation #3

Their four children, and nieces and nephews; Generation #4

Some of their fifteen grandchildren; Generation #5

Some of the great grandchildren; Generation #6

And at least one of those great grandchildren, Zack, is a young adult living with his girlfriend in Atlanta. His child, whenever that may happen, will be Generation #7. I can see it from here. Seven generations turns out not to be so remote, so mysterious. *What am I doing to act on behalf of the seventh generation? What will they find of this world?*

Let us begin.

*Rev. Rachel*

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

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



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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	Elizabeth Porter (2017-20)
* Will Snyder	Jeri Holloway (2017-20)
*Team Leaders	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)
Mary Rooker (2016-19)	Tricia Most (2018-21)
Paul Wester (2016-19)	Clark Ritz (2018-21)

### 🌀 Pastoral Care Associates 🌀

Jeri Holloway  
Lynn Johnson  
Mike McMennamin

### 🌀 We Care Coordinators 🌀

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### 🌀 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	Moe Cunningham
Ministry	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Nominating	Joe Dever
Personnel	Chris Evans
Religious Exploration	Pat Behenna
Social Action (SAC)	James Alexander, Janet Overton and Elizabeth Porter
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	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	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	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

<u>Music Director &amp; Pianist</u>	David Chapman
<u>Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration</u>	Carla Miller
<u>Chalice Dancers Director &amp; Choreographer</u>	Sharon Werth
<u>Church Administrator</u>	Charles Bury
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Penney Hughes
<u>Bookkeeper</u>	Hannah Oshin
Rentals Building Manager:	Joel Yesupriya
Child Care Providers:	Jazmin Balbuena
	Joy Washington
	Briana Workcuff

### Office Volunteers

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

## Board Chair Musings

By the time you are reading this, we will be halfway through the summer already. I will admit to having missed writing an article for this newsletter last month because I just had too much to do. Life has slowed down for me, good thing given the heat we have been having, and so I'd like to reflect a little.

It seems just yesterday that we were having the service where we bridged three teens into adulthood including my younger daughter and then having our annual meeting. For all of you who came to that meeting, thank you. The discussion about the budget was good, we happily heard about the plans for paving the parking lot, and we elected three new members to the Board. Ebony Contreas, Noel Monardes and Wendy Schlegel have already shown their commitment to active participation by attending the "Board Basics" training that was held by the regional UUA staff for the greater DC area churches. We had six members in attendance at that training; I expect that to help greatly in getting our board work accomplished effectively.

I do want to again thank the outgoing members of the Board. Tess Morrison, Sonny Katz and Jessica Sharp all participated in making our work easier this past year as well as provided a good attitude towards our efforts on the Board. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Board has debated how to best service our religious education efforts over the last two months. We are very committed to providing educational experiences for people of all ages. Given our size and structure, we have decided to not change the number of hours or basic outline of our DMRE position. We worked hard at this decision, using information both from the RE Committee and from our minister and her investigations based on UUA guidelines. The DMRE search committee has been identified, with the goal of hiring someone by December.

Our work towards auditing the church's accounts will happen as soon as we get last year's bookkeeping completed and a new bookkeeper hired. More on the outcome of the audit this fall.

I encourage you to think about what you want from this beloved community of ours. It is with your commitment to something here that we intentionally create something to which to belong. In this coming year, think about what you might be able to commit to. This church is what we make of it.

—*Kate Brett*  
Board Chair

## Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team



### DARTT NEWS

The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, informally known as DARTT, is the lead group for facilitating work around racism and cultural diversity at PBUUC.

DARTT held its first meeting of the new church year Sunday, July 15 during Enrichment Hour. The change in meeting time from weeknights to Sundays right after Service was successful. Seventeen people attended and we got a lot of planning done. Please watch upcoming Bulletins and Continuums for minutes, agendas, and notices of upcoming activities for DARTT and for the Social Justice Coalition (DARTT, Green Team, and Social Action Committee) that will be doing more joint programming this year.

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, August 5.** Black Lives Matter Swag. Buttons. Wristbands. Yard Signs.

**Sunday, August 12.** Summer Service. Voices from the Other Side.

Members and friends will call and respond to their experiences of being the 'other.' We encourage Paint Branchers to join the resistance going to the Charlottesville II Rally in downtown Washington, DC as our "Travelling Reverberations."

The organizer of the Charlottesville alt-right Rally last year applied for and was refused a permit in Charlottesville for an anniversary march this year. He was planning to appeal, but withdrew the request yesterday. He has applied for and obtained initial approval for a permit in downtown Washington, DC in Lafayette Square on August 12.

**Sunday, August 19.** Monthly Meeting. Enrichment Hour. Kelley Room.

If you would like to get on DARTT's mailing list for information about its initiatives and events, please e-mail [DARTT@pbuuc.org](mailto:DARTT@pbuuc.org) with your name and e-mail address. Use Connect Me in the Subject Line. You can also text the information to 202-744-3872.

*Carol Carter Walker*  
Co-Chair, DARTT

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**

## Multigenerational Religious Exploration

As many of you know, I am resigning from my position as your Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration. My last day will be August 6th. I am leaving for a DRE position at the UU Congregation of Rockville, MD. With the guidance of Rev. Rachel and MRE Team leaders, this transition will flow as smoothly as possible. Thank you for all the support that you have given me in my two years as DMRE at Paint Branch!

*~Carla Miller, DMRE*

### Search for a new Director of Multigenerational Religious Education!

We are beginning the process of searching for a new DMRE. Our search committee, Melissa Graham, Samantha Evans, Alicia Montgomery and Paul Wester, will define the process, refine the job description, and begin the work of advertising for suitable candidates.

We hope that sometime in November we will have found our new DRE and filled the position. We will keep you posted about the progress as we go along.

Meanwhile, we know the congregation will pull together to support our families and children in making sure the program continues to provide strong and healthy religious education for our church. There are lots of opportunities to help. Thank you for your support!

**Rev. Rachel**

Rachel Christensen, Minister

### Sharing the load

With Carla Miller, our wonderful DMRE leaving in August, there will be an increased need for volunteers to make sure the religious education program continues to work smoothly. The MRE (Multigenerational Religious Education) team and the Minister will need lots of help and support, not just from the parents, but from the congregation as a whole.

We know the congregation will pull together to support our families and children and the RE program as a whole. We have a great list of manageable and meaningful ways to help. If you are available to do something, please contact Reverend Rachel, Tina Van Pelt or Melissa Graham. And, if you are contacted about helping out with some specific task, we hope you will find a way to say yes!

We can do this!

*Rev. Rachel, Tina, Melissa and the whole MRE Team.*

## RE Announcements



### TEACHER ORIENTATION PLANNED FOR AUGUST 26

**Teachers for 2018-2019**-and anyone interested in helping out with classes in any way- PLEASE put August 26 on your calendar for an orientation following service in the Kelley Room. Your attendance is important, whether you have taught in the past or not, as some procedures will change slightly in this transition period in RE.

Please RSVP to **Ebony Scurry Contreras**, [etaras1@yahoo.com](mailto:etaras1@yahoo.com)

### 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) **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. 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 email: [dmre@pbuuc.org](mailto:dmre@pbuuc.org)



## General Assembly Reflections

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION: ALL ARE CALLED, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists meeting to learn, sing, witness, and worship together. Most attendees are from the 1,000 congregations in North America. There are also attendees from Africa, Asia, Central and South America. In order to vote on the business of GA, you must be a delegate. However, anyone can register and attend. You can attend in-person or offsite.

This year, Paint Branch elected the following four delegates: Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Eric Christensen, Tricia Most, and Carol Carter Walker. Rev. Rachel Christensen was a Ministerial Delegate, meaning not elected by the congregation, but by virtue of her position.

The July 22 Sunday Service featured personal reflections on our GA experience by the delegates as well as the perspective of a non-attendee provided by Worship Associate Elizabeth Porter.

Here are links to print and visual resources that were highlighted in the Service, which you can browse at your leisure.

**Program Book.** <https://bit.ly/2AzCBBq> Contains program, workshop, and worship descriptions. Can see the breadth of events offered.

**Final Agenda.** <https://bit.ly/2M8u1L4> Contains proposed bylaws amendments, Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) and all business slated for action at this GA.

**Worship, Thursday Morning. Presente!** A bilingual Service led by Latinx ministers and other religious professionals. Reverends Lilia Cuervo, Katie Romano Griffin, Claudia Jimenez, Tania Marquez, María Uitti McCabe and Marta Valentin; and Christina Rivera and Francisco Ruiz.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/worship/thursday>

**Worship, Thursday Evening. Service Of The Living Tradition.** This Service honors ministers who have died, retired and those receiving preliminary and final fellowship during the past year. Religious educators and music directors are honored for their credentialing milestones.

**Sermon. Sounding The Call. Reverend Sofia Betancourt.** Time Stamp @ 1:28 on video.

**Choir. The Storm Is Passing Over** Time Stamp 1:56 on video. <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/worship/slt>

**General Session IV, Friday Afternoon. Presentation, Discussion & Vote On Selection Of One Congregational Study/Action Issue On: Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy or 2) Dismantling Intersectional Oppression.** Includes presentation by PBUUC Delegate. Time Stamp @42:00 video. <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/business/iv>

**Worship. Friday Afternoon. Youth/Young Adult Bridging Ceremony.** This Service honors youth and young adults bridging to the next level of their journey as Unitarian Universalists.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/worship/synergy>

**Ware Lecture. Saturday Evening. Brittany Packnett, Guest Lecturer.** The UUA President invites a distinguished guest to address the General Assembly each year. The first Lecture was given in 1922, underwritten by a \$5,000 gift by the Ware family. Google [www.uua.org/ware](http://www.uua.org/ware) lecture to see past Lecturers. Use link below to hear this year's. <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/ware>

**Worship. Sunday Morning Sermon. No Time For A Casual Faith,** Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, UUA. Time stamp @1:42 on video.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/worship/sunday>

## White Fragility

**In Our worship service July 8, Rachel Laser,** the Director of Americans United mentioned white fragility and Robin DiAngelo's work in the area. This is a term that might be new for some of us, as a description of the defensiveness a white person feels around discussions about race and racism. There's an essay from best-selling Beacon Press author Robin DiAngelo on "White Fragility" available as a PDF from <http://bit.ly/DiAngeloWF> Check it out. -Rev. Rachel

For further information Here's a video to help understand [Microaggressions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=hDd3bzA7450) a little better (watch out for some salty language!). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=hDd3bzA7450>

## GREEN Team Update



We now have compost pails to collect food waste/scrap in the Meeting House kitchen and in the RE Building kitchen. Be a part of the solution to reduce our carbon footprint, and;

1) put your food waste (except fat and meat) in the kitchen pails.

2) Please sign up to empty the contents of the pail into our composter, right at the bottom of the meeting house steps. There is a sign-up sheet next to each kitchen pail. You can sign up for one time, once monthly, or as often as you'd like. Thanks for doing something small but important to help the earth!

## Community Justice Project

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to the June 10 Special Collection for the Community Justice Project. As a result of your generous contributions and a Legacy Fund grant, Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church will be building on its history as a social-justice making congregation.

This fall, we will be embarking on an exciting new year-long justice project aimed at getting to know our neighbors, learning about the critical issues affecting them and finding places where we can partner with them, other faith communities and non-profit organizations to improve our community.

Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo, a Prince George's County community minister focusing on justice issues, will be creating and guiding this new project, with input from Rev. Rachel Christensen and the congregation. We will begin by learning more about the people, neighborhoods, land use, places and institutions near the Meeting House. We will then study Paint Branch's history, particularly where it has answered the call of justice. From there, the congregation will use the gathered information to better focus its future justice work in the community.

The project's approach is based on Karen's training and experience in faith-based community ministry. Karen is a member of Gamaliel, a national faith-based organizing group and its local Prince George's County affiliate, PRISCM (Partnership for Renewal in Southern and Central Maryland.). She is also working with the Coalition for Community Empowerment and Police Accountability Coalition of Prince George's County (CEPA-PGC) and Dress for Success in Washington, DC.

Karen asked Paint Branch to be the first congregation to test this new program because of its long-standing commitment to social justice work that dates back to the congregation's founding some 64 years ago. Drawing on her past as a lifespan religious educator, Karen is committed to making this a multi-generational project in which children, youth and their families will be important partners.

Karen is very grateful for the early and enthusiastic support for the project from Rachel and the congregation's Board of Trustees, Legacy Fund, Social Action Committee, DARTT co-chair Carol Carter Walker and outgoing religious educator Carla Miller.

The project is off to a great start thanks to you and the Legacy Fund. The Legacy Endowment Committee agreed to match total contributions up to \$2,500, and we're al-

most there. The June 10 Special Collection netted a total of \$2,428. Here's the breakdown: Collection Plate: \$1,708 and Pledges: \$720.

What an amazing start! Additional contributions will be gratefully accepted. Indicate they are to support the Community Social Justice Project.

Rachel and Karen have been already meeting to begin planning for the project's kickoff this September. The first step is creating a Steering Team to lead the project and gather input from the rest of the congregation. The team's work will begin with defining the physical parameters of the study area around Paint Branch.

Watch for regular updates in the congregation's newsletter, weekly updates, announcements and Face Book page. In the meantime, thanks for your support and looking forward to a transforming journey with you.

## Buildings and Grounds

### Show your love for Paint Branch!

Our hardworking Building & Grounds Committee (BAG) says it's time to re-paint the deck, which will also jazz up our curb appeal ahead of the new parking lot. BAG will replace damaged wood and paint the floor, but the **BAG Auxiliary** – that's ALL of us, are needed to paint the railings/uprights. We'll have paint & implements ready **each August Saturday from 10 am till 2ish** and urge you all to help out as much as you can. Weekdays & Sundays can be arranged if you ask.

Please sign up if possible so we can plan supplies; we'll send you alerts re weather issues, and announce extra work dates if scheduled. Come any Saturday, come every Saturday. (BTW, BAG Auxiliary should be a regular thing.) Contact Andy Myrup & Elizabeth Yanowitch at [Yanorup04@comcast.net](mailto:Yanorup04@comcast.net) or 301-384-4544.

### Parking Lot Update

According to a representative of Corvius Construction Company, the firm that will actually construct our storm-water management plan, part of which includes paving the parking lot, the expected start date for construction has now been moved back to June, 2019. Since this project will be entirely funded by the Clean Water Act fee collected by the county, we have little say in the matter. PBUUC remains exempt from this fee as it has been since we entered the program in 2016.

- Lowell Owens , BAG Co-Chair



## Social Action Committee

In our effort to coordinate and encourage the efforts of the PBUUC community to bring about a more just society, the Social Action Committee (SAC) meets monthly to find ways PBUUC can work to meet the needs of disadvantaged people locally, nationally, and globally.

**Special Collections:** One way we try to help PBUUC bring about a more just society is by taking a monthly Special Collection for a group or organization working to improve the lives of others. The July 29 collection was for the Anti-Defamation League. The August Special Collection will for the Archie Elliott Scholarship Fund. On June 18, 1993, shortly after 5 pm, after being pulled over by the police for speeding, Archie Elliott III (26) was shot by police officers while handcuffed, hands behind his back, and sitting in a police cruiser with both the lap belt and shoulder harness on. He was shot 14 times. The Archie Elliott III Scholarship Fund was founded and is operated by Dorothy Copp Elliott in honor of her son. The money is awarded to Prince George's County high school seniors to attend an Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Last year Mrs. Elliott was able to award two \$2,500 scholarships.

**Monthly Film Series:** Last year the chairs of the three social justice groups, SAC, DARTT, and the Green Team, decided to develop a monthly film series. A Legacy Fund grant allowed us to buy equipment to be used for this initiative. This fall, the PBUUC Social Justice Coalition will bring you (imagined trumpet fanfare) The PBUUC Conscientious Projector Film Series! Once a month beginning this September, one of the Coalition groups will feature a film on Sunday afternoon at 1 pm (or earlier, depending on the program). Light lunch fare will be available before the film screening.

**Special Monthly Initiative.** There is no shortage of human rights issues or causes to be championed. So many people need help to simply get by every day. Each month SAC will focus on a specific issue and local organization working to address that problem. During our August meeting we will look at the work of The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC). Created in 1978, the IFC brings together eleven historic faith communities to promote dialogue, understanding and a sense of community and to work cooperatively for justice throughout the DC region (read more at their website <https://ifcmw.org/about-us/>).

**On Saturday, September 16, the IFC will hold its 13th Annual Interfaith Unity Walk.** "Each September, we walk along 'Embassy Row' on Massachusetts Ave., NW, and visit houses of worship and other religious centers in a public celebration of solidarity among different faiths and cultures in our region." The walk is from 1:45 pm to 6 pm.

Walkers will meet at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St NW, Washington, DC 20016. Special performers include The Cathedral Band and more.

If interfaith unity is something that speaks to your heart, please join us at our August SAC meeting. We hope to form a group of PBUUCers who will want to take this walk with IFC. We will also be discussing the Beloved Community Interfaith Network; Marge Owens and Marj Donn continue to be involved in this group.

**Upcoming themes for SAC meeting focus include:** LGBT issues and the Pride Parade; hunger and "Crop Walk" – May; homelessness and the Day Center at University Christian Church; refugees, immigration, sanctuary and the work of Sanctuary DMV; No New Fossil Fuels in Maryland.

**The next meeting of SAC will be Saturday, August 18, 10 am, Room 4 in the RE Building. We hope you will join us.**

## 3rd Wednesday Lunch

**The Third Wednesday Lunch at 1 pm on August 15th will be at **Amber Spice**, an Indian Restaurant, at Route 1 and Contee Road -- [13524 Baltimore Ave Laurel, MD](#).** The entrance is in the corner of the intersection that includes the Marlo store. It's very new and came recommended by one of our Third Wednesday regulars. The on-line rating looks like 5 stars. Everyone is welcome. Good parking. Contact Elaine Shell for questions [TWedhUULK@pbuuc.org](mailto:TWedhUULK@pbuuc.org)

## HELP WANTED

PBUUC has an opening effective August 14th for a part-time staff person to support the Church office. Responsibilities include:

- ✧ office support (maintaining church calendars, files, archives and serving as receptionist);
- ✧ publications support (assist with production of the Bulletin, Branches, Continuum and mailings);
- ✧ membership support (maintain membership database, produce church directory, lists and labels);

This position is 8-9 hours a week, and pays \$16.48 an hour. If you, or your friends, are interested in this position, please send: Resume, and Cover Letter to [jobs@pbuuc.org](mailto:jobs@pbuuc.org) PBUUC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Be on the lookout!

We will soon be launching our new website. We hope to provide not just a fresher look, but more tools for members and newcomers. Some of the planned features will be a password-protected online directory that can include a photo you upload, ability to make donations online, and greater ability of teams and groups to create and update their own content.

### 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.

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