

## BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

## October 2018

#### SUNDAYS at 10:00 am

Nursery Care in Room 6 from 9:45-12:45 Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45

#### OCTOBER 7 THE ELEVATOR SPEECH

Rev. Judy Morris, guest minister; with Paul Wester, Worship Associate How do we articulate our faith?

## OCTOBER 14 SOCIAL JUSTICE: SAYING YES, SAYING NO

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Paul Wester and Clark Ritz, Worship Associates; and the Choir

#### OCTOBER 21 SUSTAINING OUR SPIRIT

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Mary Rooker, Worship Associate; and special music Followed by "Last Chance" Auction sale.

#### OCTOBER 28 HALLOWEEN

Rev. Rachel Christensen, with Jeri Holloway Worship Associate; The Chalice Dancers; the PBUUC Choir; and Kate Brett on banjo All Ages are welcome for the full service as we celebrate a homespun Halloween. Followed by our annual Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot open to the community.

**Sermon Archives:** Recordings of our worship services are available by clicking on <u>Sermon Archive</u> on our homepage: <u>pbuuc.org/sermons/archive.php</u>

In addition, beginning with the Kwanzaa celebration service on December 31, 2017, an online version of the Order of Service is available at <a href="mailto:pbuuc.org/OoS">pbuuc.org/OoS</a> with links to audio or video portions of the service.

# Saturday, October 20 Around the World in 80 Days

Paint Branch 2018 Auction is Saturday, October 20. Don't Miss Out On the Fun(draiser)!

Saturday, October 20 is the date of Paint Branch's 2018 Annual Auction. It is the second biggest fundraiser outside of our Stewardship (Pledge) Drive and contributes a significant percentage of our annual operating budget.



#### **YOU** can make this event a resounding success by:

**DONATE.** Complete donation form online. Or, you can look at what you donated last year and let the Team know that you'll offer the same thing this year. You can also donate online at <a href="http://pbuuc.org/auction/donate">http://pbuuc.org/auction/donate</a> There will be no Catalog Supplement so this will be your last opportunity to have your items listed. Home-cooked meals served at your place or at Paint Branch are the favorites of many. Co-host with others to cut down on the cost and the work. Do you knit or crochet? Are you tech savvy? Offer lessons. Performing handyperson services is always popular.

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND THE AUCTION.** You can get your bid number (free) and sign up for your meal (\$5 for adults (includes all 16 and up); \$10 for families). Signing up in advance isn't necessary, but it will help the Auction Team plan for meals and setups and speed your getting a bidding number on the night of the auction.

**VOLUNTEER.** We need volunteers to set up on the day of the Auction, clean up after Auction, and input winning bids on night of Auction.

**CATALOG.** The On-line Catalog will be available on the <u>PBUUC.org website</u> starting the first week of October. Check in often since the site will be updated as we add new items. We are aiming for photos of items, so if you can snap a shot it would be helpful! Snap, send to <u>auctiontech@pbuuc.org</u>

**LEND US CARDTABLES.** On the 20th we will need lots of space to display silent auction items and for people to enjoy the appetizers.

ATTEND. The final schedule will be published shortly. Generally, it begins at 5 pm with silent auctions by category (vacations, meals, crafts, services, etc.) in various rooms in the Religious Exploration Building. There will be a buffet meal, followed by a Live Auction and a Cabaret of entertainment from talented Paint Branchers to close out the Auction. If you can't attend, you can still participate by perusing the online Catalog in advice and giving your bid number and instructions to someone else to bid for you; or by offering the 'guaranteed' price to win it.

Childcare will be available from 5 pm to 9:30 pm. A priority check-out process will be available for families.

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## **PBUUC Leadership Directory**

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email: BoardOfTrustees@pbuuc.org Kate Brett Chair Vice-Chair **Noel Monardes** Vice-Chair Marguerite Summers Trustee Carmelita Carter-Sykes Trustee **Ebony Contreras** Kay McGraw Trustee Eric Most Trustee Wendy Schlegel Trustee Trustee Kathi Yu Treasurer Louise Waugh **Assistant Treasurer David Nation** Carol Boston Secretary **Assistant Secretary** Jennifer Wright

#### **Worship Associates**

\* Mary Rooker (2016-19) \* Paul Wester (2016-19) Elizabeth Porter (2017-20) Jeri Holloway (2017-20)

Samantha Evans (Young Adult) \*Team Leaders

Tricia Most (2018-21)

Clark Ritz (2018-21)

#### ◆ Pastoral Care Associates ◆

Kathy Bartholomeo Jeri Holloway Lynn Johnson Mike McMenamin

#### **№** We Care Coordinator **%**

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#### Chartered Committees and Teams

Arts Council

Adult RE Auction **Budget Leadership Team** Buildings & Grounds (co-chairs)

By-Laws Review Capital Campaign

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) (co-chairs)

**Denominational Affairs** 

**Electronic Communications** 

Finance

Green Team (co-chairs)

Leasing (contact) Legacy Fund Membership Ministry

Nominating Personnel

**Religious Exploration** Social Action (SAC) Stewardship

Pat Tompkins (Music) Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-ACTING)

Louise Waugh

Tess Morrison (Team Leader)

Celinda Marsh Lowell Owens & Peter Wathen-Dunn Muriel Morisev Peter Wathen-Dunn Carol Carter Walker

Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson Don Gerson, Chair Bettie Young, cluster rep.

contact church office

Elaine Shell Moe Cunningham Kathleen Bartolomeo

Joe Dever Chris Evans Pat Behenna

James Alexander, Janet Overton

and Elizabeth Porter Liz Citrin

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REcmte@pbuuc.org Don Henderson Chris Evans

#### Groups and Activities

**Bookstore** Raman Pathik Sherry Mitchell **Chalice Dancers** 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 Penney Hughes Mom's Group **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 Lori Snyder Warm Nights Tess Morrison, Louise Waugh, & Van Summers Webmaster Mark Shute

#### 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** <u>Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration</u> VACANT Chalice Dancers Director & Choreographer Sharon Werth **Church Administrator** Charles Bury **Bookkeeper** Hannah Oshin **Administrative Assistant** Hannah Oshin Rentals Building Manager: Joel Yesupriya Child Care Providers: Jazmin Balbuena

#### **Office Volunteers**

Elizabeth Scheiman (Tuesday) Will Snyder (Wednesday)

Janet Overton (Friday) Mary Massey (Floating)

Joy Washington

Briana Workcuff

Anita Williams

Jeri Holloway

Louise Waugh

Alice Tyler (Thursday)

Welcome Table Greeters

Women's Group

Widowed Persons Support Group

# **Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team**



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) To Meet During Enrichment Hour On Sunday, October 21, 11:45 am To 12:45 pm

The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team, informally known as DARTT, is the lead group for facilitating antiracism 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. DARTT facilitates and coordinates. The actual work is the responsibility of all as expressed in the following resolution unanimously approved by the Congregation at its 2011 Annual Meeting.

'To more fully realize our Unitarian Universalist Principles, we, the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church community, declare ourselves an Intentional Multicultural Congregation. Therefore, we commit ourselves, the Board of Trustees, staff, committees, affinity groups and lay leadership to inclusive actions to transform all aspects of congregational life in ways that affirm our multicultural identity as the foundation of the church's strength."

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

Our September meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Please mark your calendars now for the October 21 Meeting and for every third Sunday thereafter. A call for agenda items, a draft agenda and minutes of the July and August meetings will be posted in upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUms.

**DARTT's October Meeting Focus Topic:** PBUUC 'home' for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer issues.

PBUUC was certified as a Welcoming Congregation to LBGTQ folks in 1994, using a curriculum guide developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The UUA is encouraging congregations to renew their certification and has assembled materials to facilitate this initiative. Many of those most active in the original Welcoming Congregation curriculum have moved. Come to the October 21 meeting and be part of this discussion. DARTT is hosting this meeting as a forum for open discussion to help PBUUC as a whole make a decision about next steps.

DARTT Needs Social Media Volunteer to Improve Communications Effectiveness. DARTT needs someone who can help improve our communications skills by recommending and setting up a system that would provide efficient reminders of meetings, tasks, activities. If you're willing to do this, please contact dartt@pbuuc.org.

Facism: A Warning to be Congregational Read. DARTT and Social Action Committee are planning to sponsor a multisession congregational read and discussion of: Fascism: A Warning by Madeleine Albright. The discussion will probably take place on Sunday afternoons. James Alexander will facilitate the read. Look for more details in upcoming Bulletins and ContinUUms. Questions? Comments? Contact Carol Carter Walker, DARTT Co-Chair at dartt@pbuuc.org

#### **DARTT RECOMMENDS**

Faithify Campaign for <u>Diverse and Revolutionary UU</u>
<u>Multicultural Ministries</u> (DRUUMM) 2018 Retreat

DRUUMM was established in 1997 by people of color working as religious professionals in Unitarian Universalism. Two years later, its membership expanded to include lay UUs of color. In In 2005, anti-racist white allies founded Allies for Racial Equity (ARE) as a partner with DRUUMM. DRUUMM is having its Annual Retreat in San Antonio, Texas for UUs of color and is asking for funds to support travel for those of limited means. Google DRUUMM to find out more about the organization. Google Faithify to make a donation. A shout out to the First UU Church of San Antonio who is hosting the Retreat.

#### **Emma's Revolution:** Sharing Our Voices and Values

A Benefit Concert for Unitarian Universalist Legislative
Ministry of Maryland, Friday, October 12 at 7:30 pm
UU Church of Annapolis—333 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD
General Admission \$25 Advance, \$30 Door
Sponsor includes pre-concert reception @ 6:30 pm \$50
Benefactor - includes pre-concert reception @ 6:30pm,
preferred seating & \$50 donation to UULM-MD \$100
Student/Limited Income, \$18 tickets at: www.uulmmd.org

#### **Jubilee Anti-Racism Training**

All Souls Church, Unitarian—1500 Harvard Street NW Washington, DC (Accessible via METRO)
Friday, October 5, 6–10 pm; Saturday, October 6, 9 am–9 pm; and Sunday, October 7, 8:30 am– 5 pm
Want to learn to fight white supremacy? Join regional UUs for Jubilee Anti-Racism Training October 5 through 7, 2018. Jubilee helps us identify how white supremacy prevents us from experiencing our common humanity. Jubilee examines white supremacy's reach into our institutions, our lives, and our interpersonal relationships. It teaches us how to build a new culture of solidarity and empathy. Several Paint Branch members have attended past Jubilee Workshops and report that they found it helpful in understanding and undoing racism.

The Workshop requires a weekend commitment but it is worth every minute. It is \$160 per participant (includes trainers, meals and materials). DARTT is offering two full scholarships for church members who want to attend. Register here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/jubileeoct2018">https://tinyurl.com/jubileeoct2018</a> Contact <a href="mailto:DARTT@pbuuc.org">DARTT@pbuuc.org</a> for how to access scholarship funds.

### **Finance Committee**

#### September 2018 Status Report

While we still have some actions intended for the Endof-Fiscal-Year June 2018 Finance Database (QuickBooks), we decided to go with the version of the database as it stands for our near-term external audit. The residual actions are more annoying than substantial; and will not affect the audit results (although the auditor will likely list the annoying entries). Kate Brett, Board of Trustees Chair, signed an Engagement Contract with John Mullins, PC of Bethesda, MD. John was highly recommended by a large CPA firm where he used to work, because of his extensive experience auditing small/medium size churches. He sent a Checklist of products that he needs from us before he begins the audit. Louise Waugh, Treasurer, supported by Chuck Bury, Administrator, and Hannah Oshin, Bookkeeper, are working to put together the desired products from our QuickBooks database. The audit will likely begin by early-October and will take 3-4 weeks. John will help us transition to Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) which is an appealing aspect of the audit. The Auditor's Summary Report contents will be communicated to the congregation.

Following the audit, the Finance Committee intends to review the format of our Treasurer Reports (Excel outputs from the QuickBooks database) to see if some reorganization might help avoid some of the problems of the past. More on this later.

We've been trying to update Finance Documentation associated with all church functions – creating a PBUUC Financial Manual that will exist in a binder in the church office -- and also on-line for easy reference by congregants. While progress is slow, we do have a pretty good concept of what we want to accomplish, and much of the content we need is already written. Look for updates on this topic over the next months.

Thanks to Finance Committee members: Anita Williams, Jeanne Contardo, Marilyn Pearl, Patty Daukantas; Treasurers: Louise Waugh, Dave Nation; and Kathi Yu our BOT Liaison.

Submitted by Elaine Shell -- Finance Comm. Chair.

#### **Cash-only Pledge Envelopes for Sunday Offerings**

If, during the Sunday offerings, you would like to submit cash toward your financial pledge to PBUUC, please use one of the yellow envelopes available from the Ushers and make sure your write your name clearly on the outside of the envelope. These are cash-only pledge envelopes. All checks are automatically applied to your pledges.



## The Wider UU Universe

THE RESULTS ARE IN! The former Ohio-Meadville Summer Institute finally has a new name, chosen by an overwhelming majority vote of members of the SI community, and that new name is... Central East Region Summer Institute! Our new name is practical and descriptive, it echoes our old name (switching OMD to CER), and, as a huge bonus, we now have an easy-to-pronounce acronym—let's give a big welcome to our new nickname, "CERSI"! A new website and logo are coming soon, but visit us now at omdsi.org

#### **CERSI WORKSHOP PROPOSALS BEING ACCEPTED NOW!**

One big way that **you** can help make CERSI 2019 awesome is to help us offer strong programming that will appeal to a range of people. Morning seminars for adults meet with the same group every day for 75 minutes, with content building from day to day. Early (inter-generational) and late (sometimes age-specific) afternoon workshops tend to be more open-ended, with folks coming and going during the 90 minutes of activity. All of them can be learning-based or activity-based, and topics might be spiritual, practical, physical, intellectual, gustatory, artsy, musical, or more! If you have an idea for an interesting morning seminar or afternoon workshop, please submit a proposal by October 30, 2018. The links can be found at <a href="http://omdsi.org/news/already-thinking-about-si-2019/">http://omdsi.org/news/already-thinking-about-si-2019/</a>

#### Making a Difference in the Clean Energy Revolution!

October 6, 2 pm - 4 pm

River Road UU Congregation, Bethesda, MD RSVP on Facebook at <a href="http://bit.ly/CleanRev">http://bit.ly/CleanRev</a> For more info email <a href="mailto:info@uusj.org">info@uusj.org</a>

Join the conversation on clean energy developments in Maryland. UU's for Social Justice and RRUUC are co-sponsoring the program with Neighborhood Sun. Hear from guest speaker Jamie DeMarco from Citizens Climate Lobby about the benefits of having more solar/wind/energy efficiency jobs. Jamie has worked for the Maryland's Clean Energy Jobs Campaign to pass legislation that would expand renewable electricity to 50% by 2030. Learn to read your own electric bill, hear about community solar and make the easy switch with Neighborhood Sun. Interact with local residents/ congregants (bring a team!) and see how we can be key players in the clean energy revolution. To RSVP and for more details visit the event Facebook page <a href="http://bit.ly/CleanRev">http://bit.ly/CleanRev</a> Please answer this short survey link here and provide information about what your congregation is doing.

Now is the time for congregations to schedule immersion learning journeys with the UU College of Social Justice for Spring and Summer 2019. Learn more about the journeys available to youth, young adults and adults of all ages at <a href="http://bit.ly/UUCSJjourney">http://bit.ly/UUCSJjourney</a> or contact <a href="info@uucsj.org">info@uucsj.org</a> to ask about setting dates for your congregation.



## **Social Action Committee**

# DRAWDOWN WORKSHOP A GREAT SUCCESS AS WE PARTICIPATED IN 350.ORG'S "RISE FOR THE CLIMATE" WEEKEND

35 people attended the September 9th <u>Drawdown</u> <u>Workshop</u>, 20 of them Paint Branchers. The rest joined us as part of <u>350.org</u>'s action weekend, called "Rise for the Climate." We were the only action in that effort in Prince George's County.

Pachamama Alliance's Drawdown Project gives us hope! Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers and other experts from 22 countries led by author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur Paul Hawken. Over the course of five years of rigorous scientific research, they identified and modeled the 100 most substantive, already existing solutions for addressing global warming and revealed astounding news: that it is possible not just to slow global warming, but to actually reverse it by 2050. Some participants may choose to continue learning by participating in a five-session group this fall, "Drawdown Solutions: Getting Into Action," sponsored by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network.

**Special Collections:** October's special collection will be for the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP's voter registration efforts.

**Next SAC Meeting:** Please join us for our next meeting, Saturday, October 20, at 10 am, in Room 4.

## ART AS WORSHIP/WORSHIP AS ART

Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2, 2018

The Chalice
Dancers and
the Arts
Council of
Paint Branch
invite you to
deepen your
inner spirit
through the
arts. On Sat-



urday, you will have the opportunity to do this through workshops in choral, visual and movement arts. The final workshop will bring all participants together for sharing and creating a worship service to be shared on Sunday morning (Sunday participation is optional). We will use John Lennon's poignant and iconic song Imagine as our inspiration for the workshops and service.

Thirty dollars (\$30) for Paint Branchers will cover the Workshops, lunch, and childcare. Flyers and registration forms will be available later this month.

### In and Around Paint Branch

**Volunteers on Sundays:** You may know that in the spring and throughout the summer we have had volunteers setting up the Sanctuary and running the microphones and sound system for the worship services. Yay, People! They have done a wonderful job of having the Sanctuary ready. They have learned our new sound system and seamlessly provide amplification of the service.

As we move into fall and then winter, the task of being ready on Sunday mornings will include raking leaves and then dealing with snow. In keeping with the idea of using volunteers, we are wondering if we could develop a team of people who would come early to church to help with setup of the Meeting House. For example, they would distribute hymnals and make sure the exterior of the church is ready for service. This could be done with four teams of two people, each scheduled for one Sunday each month. A fifth team could handle the fifth Sunday of a month when that occurs, and possibly cover in cases of scheduling problems.

Would you be willing to serve one Sunday a month in this way? Thanks for considering it! Contact Van for information <a href="mailto:vsummers6@gmail.com">vsummers6@gmail.com</a> - Rev. Rachel and Van Summers

3rd Wednesday Lunch: This month, Wednesday, October 17 at 1 pm, we'll go to a restaurant that we haven't been to before. It's the Chapala Restaurant, 15530 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. A family owned Tex-Mex place that has a nice menu reflective of the food available around Lake Chapala, the largest fresh water lake in Mexico. Chapala is located on the north side of Route 198 just west of Seibel's restaurant and just east of the Cuban restaurant we've been to several times. Everyone is invited. Contact Elaine Shell <a href="TwedhUULK@pbuuc.org">TwedhUULK@pbuuc.org</a> or 301-602-0590 or for information or a ride.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Our next Breakfast will be 10 am Saturday, October 13 at TJ's Restaurant in the Calverton Shopping Center, just up the road from PBUUC off Powder Mill Rd at 11607 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705. Come share food and conversation. The food is good, and the conversation goes wherever you want it to go. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. For more info contact: mensfellowship@pbuuc.org

Buildings and Grounds Beautification Day: COMING SOON — our annual fall Beautification/Clean-up/Fix-up Day Saturday, October 27. Come and help make our buildings and grounds more inviting for everyone. Come anytime between 9 am and 2 pm. Pizza at noon. Tasks for everyone. Lowell Owens and Peter Wathen-Dunn, BAG co-chairs.

**Abby Crowley** is on her way to Peace Corps service in the Philippines. Follow her <u>blog</u> at <a href="https://abbysthirdact.blogspot.com">https://abbysthirdact.blogspot.com</a>

#### **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: <a href="mailto:branches@pbuuc.org">branches@pbuuc.org</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:bulletin@pbuuc.org">bulletin@pbuuc.org</a>. Content should be 120 words or less. Please try to keep announcements <a href="mailto:one-paragraph">one paragraph</a> 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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