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June 2020

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JUNE 7 MOVING FROM THE INSIDE - RESHAPING THE FUTURE - THE 15TH ANNUAL DANCE SERVICE

PBUUC Chalice Dancer, Sharon Werth Director and Choreographer and Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Worship Associate Susannah Schiller We will slowly emerge from our homes, and the world we enter will be different. Can we imagine a future that has us living our values in new and better ways? We hope that these dances can inspire you to move in this direction. Join us for our first Virtual Dance Service.

JUNE 14 CONFLICT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS: BUILDING A NEW WAY

Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen and the PBUUC Community Relations Team: Carol Boston, Deb Rubenstein and Paul Wester; with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate Ignoring, avoiding, triangulating, or exacerbating ("stirring the pot") are some of the ways people handle conflict within communities, including ours. What if there's a better way, one that involves skillful direct communication, even if that feels awkward and unfamiliar at the beginning? Join the current members of Paint Branch's developing Community Relations Team to build and practice skills in this area and learn how facilitators might support you in having more brave conversations at Paint Branch.

JUNE 21 NEXT STEPS

Rev. Rachel Christensen and Facilitator Barry Finkelstein; with Worship Associate Clark Ritz Join Rev. Rachel and Consultant Barry Finkelstein as we talk about next steps for Paint Branch in moving toward capital improvements to our facilities.

JUNE 28 IN THIS DELICATE TURNING

Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Worship Associate Jeri Holloway Join us as together we live stream the Sunday worship service from General Assembly, 10 am - 11:30 am. We will gather after the service for words from Paint Branch and a chance for community breakout rooms.

Minister's Notes



Dear All,

Our community, our country is reeling with the challenges of the times. The impact and ongoing stresses of the pandemic has stretched our patience and resources thin. But the murder of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis has torn at our very hearts. We ache with the stark evidence that it is all too often not safe to be black or brown in this country, not safe for them to find themselves in an encounter with the police. These incidents erase in an instant the knowledge that there are countless numbers of law enforcement officers who know better, act better, and are more measured in their actions.

And so we begin again. Grieving, teaching, learning, asking for, demanding more accountability. And in the process, we here at Paint Branch have seen that we have relational work to do among us and between us. Some of us white people have seen that we want help with accountability—with understanding and addressing our own struggles with racism. Some of us have resolved to be more visible, find ways for action, find ways to speak out.

We need to hold each other through these times—through the grief, through the listening, finding ways to hear each other and the deep pain that has been and is inflicted again and again. Let us not be silent, not now, not tomorrow, never again.

Spirit of Life, Love and the Holy,

Let us grieve the loss of fathers and sons, of husbands and lovers. Of human beings struggling to be human in ordinary and extraordinary ways. Let us grieve again the arrogance, the culture of privilege and superiority that allows this raw claim of power shown by the police, by the white woman in Central Park, and countless other moments of dismissal of humanity. Let us grieve these losses and others. Let us white people stand with black and brown people, let them not face this alone. Let each of us white people work to see and name racism in ourselves and in the interactions around us, and work to be more aware of the daily, countless moments of risk and insult borne by black people.

Let us remember to check in with our black friends, neighbors, congregants, and colleagues, as to how they are doing this week, this day, in the face of this fresh reminder of risk and loss.

Be still with me, for a moment, as we grieve this loss. Breathe in and breathe out, and note where in your body you are feeling this grief. Breathe into that place with tenderness and sorrow and just let it flow. Let your breath flow through your body and then return to the universe, allowing your self, your body to be held in this space of grief.

May it be so, and amen.

Rev. Rachel

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

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Chair	Janet Overton
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Elizabeth Porter* (2017-20)	Polly Pettit (2019-22)
Jeri Holloway* (2017-20)	Susannah Schiller (2019-22)
Tricia Most (2018-21)	Samantha Evans (Young Adult)
Clark Ritz (2018-21)	*Team Leaders

🔗 Pastoral Care Associates 🔗

Kathy Bartolomeo	Lynn Johnson
Jim Flaherty	Lynn Louison
Jeri Holloway	

🔗 Chartered Committees and Teams 🔗

Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
	Pat Tompkins (Visual Arts-ACTING)
Adult RE	Chris McCann and Leo Jones
Auction	Tricia Most
Budget Leadership Team	Kathi Yu & Wendy Schlegel
Buildings & Grounds	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Diversity/Anti-Racism	Carol Carter Walker (a)
Transformation Team (DARTT)	Carolyn Byerly (Vice Chair)
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Endowment	Chris Evans
Finance	Elaine Shell
Green Team (co-chairs)	Moe Cunningham
	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Leasing	Joe Dever
Long-Term Planning	Ebony Contreras & Kathi Yu
Membership	Pat Behenna
Ministry	James Alexander, Muriel
	Morisey and Elizabeth Porter
New Entrance Design	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Nominating	Diana McFadden (a)
Religious Exploration	Melissa Graham
Social Action (SAC)	Kathleen Bartolomeo
Stewardship	Chris Evans

🔗 Groups and Activities 🔗

Bookstore	Raman Pathik
Chalice Dancers	Sherry Mitchell
Children's Choir	Jeanne Judd
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	VACANT
Community Café	Alice Tyler
Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Creative Force Writers Group	Ebony Contreras
Food for Thought	Mary Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Mental Health Support Group	Alice Tyler
Mom's Group	Penney Hughes
Offertory Counter Coordinator	Marilyn Pearl
Quest Discussion Group	Tess Morrison
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Rooker
SAC Special Collections Coordinator	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Sunday Sound & Facilities Volunteer Team	Keith Miller
Third Wednesday Lunch Club	Cathy Helmold
Ushers	Lori Snyder
Warm Nights	VACANT
Webmasters	Andy McIntyre
	Mark Shute
	Anita Williams
	Jeri Holloway
	Anne Hoover

Minister

The Rev. Rachel Rudd Christensen

Staff

Please contact the Church Office at 301-937-3666 for staff listed

Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Dir. of Multigenerational Religious Exploration	Chris McCann
Chalice Dancers Director & Choreographer	Sharon Werth
Church Administrator	Charles D. Bury, MBA
Affiliate Minister for Social Justice	Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo
Bookkeeper	Hannah Oshin
Administrative Assistant	Philip Browne
Sexton:	Al Addison

Office Volunteers

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

Board of Trustees

Dear Congregation,

Before we talk about the upcoming Annual Meeting, be advised that, in light of the continuing Covid-19 emergency, the Continuity Committee recommends that PBUUC's buildings and property not be reopened until June 30, 2021, barring a significant change in treatment options and/or discovery of a vaccine. Their recommendation is based on UUA and health agency guidance. Meanwhile, the Committee is researching guidelines and best practices to find options for accommodating life events such as weddings and funerals as well as church-affiliated offsite, in-person get-togethers such as small group gatherings and Auction Events. Please look for updates from the Continuity Committee and remember that, although we will be closed for services, we will remain open as a community.

To help keep us occupied in the interim, we have our Annual Meeting on June 14, 2020, from 12 noon to 2 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing the affairs of the church over the past and for the coming year and electing members to leadership positions. The link to the Zoom meeting will be posted in PBUUC's online calendar of events along with documents related to the topics to be discussed. Please be sure to read the letter about the Annual Meeting for more information.

As ever, there is more than one thing happening at PBUUC. As you know, Chris McCann, our beloved DMRE, is leaving. She's accepted a position to advance her career and her family's future, and we send her off with love and best wishes. Her leaving, however, leaves us with a decision to make about moving forward. On the basis of recommendations made by the RE Discernment Committee, the Board voted to have Rev. Rachel begin a search for an interim DRE to serve for 2 years with the expectation that that person will have two specific responsibilities: (1) maintain RE programming for PreK-Grade 12 and (2) lead the congregation through a discernment process that explores the level of support the RE program has at Paint Branch and how to build a strong, sustainable future that supports RE and the congregation's vision for faith development across all ages.

Another "happening" here at Paint Branch is revival of planning for a Capital Campaign. Its precursor, the Next Steps Weekend originally scheduled for March 27-29, will now move forward with a reimagined Next-Steps Weekend. From June 7 to June 20, we will have small group discussions and interviews via Zoom led by Barry Finkelstein, our Campaign Consultant. The Capital Campaign Team, Don Gerson and Renée Katz, will begin scheduling these meetings and interviews, aiming to provide an opportunity for every congregant and staff member to participate in some way to help give Barry more insight into our goals, priorities, and values as a congregation. Once Barry has gathered this data, we will be in a better position to know the possible "Next Steps" in our plan to fund the building entrance and deck renovation. Then on June 21, he will participate in the Sunday service with Rev. Rachel to share his findings.

One of the primary reasons we are reviving these Capital Campaign pre-steps is our, sadly, less-than-lovely deck.

The deck is dilapidated, deteriorating, and dangerous. Before we can begin to use it with the kind of traffic it has sustained in the past, it has to be replaced with a sustainable material. If we hope to reopen in June 2021, we need to start raising funding for the deck as soon as possible. When you are asked to participate in the Next-Steps Weekend, please plan to do so.

In the meantime, be well and stay safe.

Janet Overton, Chair

Annual Meeting Sunday, June 14, 2020 12 noon—2 pm

PBUUC will hold its 2020 Annual Meeting on Zoom. Join the discussion of church affairs of the over the past and for the coming year and elect the people we want to lead us. The Zoom link will be posted in PBUUC's online calendar with link to documents related to the topics to be discussed. Only PBUUC members can attend this online meeting; everyone will be processed through the Zoom "waiting room" by the Board Secretary. Friends and non-members can view our proceedings on our Facebook page. The waiting room will be open starting at 11:30 am. Please plan to log by 11:50 am so we can start on time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Get Expenses into the office ASAP for reimbursement this fiscal year. The PBUUC fiscal year ends June 30, 2020. It will help us a lot if we have processed all expenses for the year before June 30. If you paid for a church expense and need to be reimbursed for that expense, please attach alls bills, invoices, or receipts to a completed PBUUC Voucher, and mail them to PBUUC or send softcopies (if that works for you) to bookkeeper@pbuuc.org. A Voucher form is available on-line at http://pbuuc.org/finance/Voucher_Form.pdf or by asking the Church Administrator, or myself to send one to you. Be sure to highlight the purchase on the bill and explain the purpose of the expense with an account number for the charge if possible. For questions, call the office (301 937-3666) or me: Elaine Shell 301-602-0590 (c) or elaine@greville.net —Thanks!

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

General Assembly 2020: There WILL be a UUA General Assembly (GA) this year, Wednesday, June 24 to Sunday, June 28, 2020, but with a MAJOR difference, it will be a totally VIRTUAL event. PBUUC is entitled to four official delegates who will represent us at the GA. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact me at donaldgerson@yahoo.com. Also, please visit the UUA website at <http://uua.org/ga/> to get more information about the GA and learn what the duties and expectations of delegates are. Be certain to submit your name and indicate your desire to be a delegate by May 20, 2020. It is also possible to attend the GA virtually. The fee is \$150 for both attendees and delegates. Delegates are elected at the June 14 Annual Meeting.

- Donald Gerson, Chair, Denominational Affairs

MULTIGENERATIONAL RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Oh, my beloved Paint Branch! This is my last article for BRANCHES, so I thought I would use this space to tell you how loved and appreciated I have felt through this last year and a half. And I have loved and appreciated all of you. It's difficult sometimes to have a calling, especially when that calling means leaving something wonderful to go to something unknown. I've often used the story of Jonah and the whale to describe it. God called Jonah to go to Ninevah to preach and Jonah WAS NOT having it! He stamped his feet, he had a holy terror tantrum, he insisted that he was not going to Ninevah. Alas, swallowed by a whale, he finds himself on the shores of Ninevah, and what else was there for him to do? My calling feels a lot like that. I love to resist and insist that I'm just fine where I am, thank you very much! And spirit calls me ever onward.

Paint Branch, I want you to know that none of the work I've done would've been possible without you. You all allowed this good work to unfold. Your generous spirit and support, your grace when things didn't go exactly as planned, your willingness to experiment with me—all of these made way for the work we began. It's near impossible for a religious professional to begin shifting things without the support of the congregation, and the support was evident and abundant. This is your good work more than mine. None of this could have happened without the enthusiastic support of the MRE Team, the children and parents, and the congregation as a whole. A religious professional can bring a host of skills and knowledge and ideas, but none of it finds purchase without the will of the congregation. I know of what I speak, because Paint Branch is the first church I've served that matched my enthusiasm and energy, that experimented WITH me. Paint Branch kids are the first group of kids I've worked with that are eager to be participants in their own religious learning and YOU ALL made that happen. Your willingness to listen and to hear, to support and encourage. The MRE team was delighted to go in a new direction, and so much of what has happened in RE is a result of their work, not mine. Their ability to take the seed of an idea, brainstorm around it and create a plan and, their ability to adjust course when the plan didn't work, it's nothing I've ever seen from any other RE Team. All of these qualities I've listed, I didn't bring them to Paint Branch, they were already here. In abundance. And so I thank each of you, the congregation, the MRE Team, the parents and kids and board and staff, for the privilege of building with you.

There's a song called *I'll Play for You* by the 70's soft rock band Seals and Crofts (yes, your funky DMRE does love the dulcet tones of a 70's soft rock duo), and I heard it the other day and thought of all of you. I'll paraphrase, "So many have been the blessings and so short has been the time that I have stayed with you." Every last one of you has been a blessing in my life, and though it may be some time before we all meet again, you will remain forever a blessing to me.

Take good care of each other and our young friends. Remember to listen to them, to take them seriously. They're here to save us all, so let them wiggle and make some noise in church. It's hard to stay still and quiet in the presence of the holy. And remember that when you are with them, you are absolutely in the presence of the holy.

Chris McCann, DMRE

Adult Religious Exploration:

The On Humanism session with Rob Boston (June 14) and the book discussion of Silent Spring (May 31) have been canceled. Watch this space for a listing of Fall Adult Religious Exploration offerings.

NEW DAY RISING

Anti-Racism Resources for June

As part of the New Day Rising group's commitment to expand anti-racist education at Paint Branch, we are compiling a monthly list of resources. Books, podcasts, videos, articles, songs, something for everyone! I'm only doing one this month. It's geared toward families and the link goes to a page rich with resources. —Chris

<https://www.prettygooddesign.org/blog/Blog%20Post%20Title%20One-5new4> Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: A Resource Roundup

Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)



DARTT ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AND NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL

DARTT's new leadership team was formally completed at its May 20 meeting. DARTT will be governed by the following people:

Chair: Alicia Montgomery;

Vice-Chair: Carolyn Byerly;

Immediate Past Chair: Carol Carter Walker; and,

Leadership Advisory Group: Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Eric Eldritch, and Bettie Young.

All will serve in these positions through June 30, 2021.

Use dartt@pbuuc.org to connect.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

To Form a More Perfect Union

The past year has been a year of deep reflection for many of us. Past hurts and slights, intentional or not, erupted creating rifts among us that caused some to drift away. In this past year, much work has been done to create ways to build bridges. The Covenant of Right Relations and Destructive Behavior Policy that we adopted last February laid the groundwork for how to be in covenant with each other and how to address the situation when we are not. Now, when in conflict, we have a means to engage in constructive and respectful conversation so that, hopefully, understanding can be reached before rifts divide.

The Community Relations Team

The PBUUC Community Relations Team comprises members of PBUUC who have agreed to serve as conversation facilitators. They will help us practice direct communication because when conflicts arise, simply starting the conversation can often feel challenging and difficult. The Team of facilitators—Carol Boston, Deborah Rubenstein, and Paul Wester—have agreed to serve our congregation in this capacity. The goal was to have a racially and culturally diverse group of facilitators, and that effort will continue. In addition, however, neighboring congregations, and the Community Relations Committee at Washington Ethical Society have agreed to be resources for outside facilitation, should the need arise.

To find out more about this program, read about the PBUUC Community Relations Team on our website and be sure to attend service on Sunday, June 14, when the Team will be leading the service. Know that support is available. Any one of us can reach out directly to a facilitator at ComRelations@pbuuc.org to request help. We can also request assistance by contacting the Minister by phone or email at minister@pbuuc.org or by contacting the Board at bot@pbuuc.org.

The Conflict Transformation Team

For old hurts that have not healed, rifts that have not been bridged, we have found additional help. At the June 2019 Annual Meeting, the congregation voted to have the Board appoint a team of members to find an appropriate mediator to help us address enduring conflicts. As reported in last February's *BRANCHES*, after months of research by the Team, we hired Green Psychological Services. Carlton E. Green, Ph.D., is a psychologist with training in mental health counseling and pastoral ministry. His associate, Beth Douthirt Cohen, PhD, has 20 years of experience focused on racial, disability, LGBTQIA+, and gender justice, and addressing all forms of religious bias.

As noted, their work will address relational and communications issues from the past that have had continuing reverberations. Their goals are to conduct an initial assessment of relations at PBUUC, facilitate communication among key stakeholders, assist us with understanding how those challenges might still be affecting congregational life, and provide data-driven recommendations that promote justice, equity, compassion, and reconciliation. This work is in the development stage. Please look for more to come in the coming months.

Capital Campaign

Next Steps Weekend, Reimagined

The Next Steps Weekend was an event originally scheduled for March 27-29 where Stewardship for Us consultant Barry Finkelstein had planned to assist the congregation by holding multiple group meetings and interviews. The weekend was to culminate in Barry's participation in a Sunday worship service where he would share his initial findings about the prospect of a capital campaign for the purpose of funding a new entrance renovation and deck replacement. We have had to regroup since realizing that the Next Steps Weekend cannot be done in person anytime soon, and Barry has shared with us that Stewardship for Us has adopted a format for the Next Steps Weekend that can be done remotely using software such as Zoom.



We are moving forward with the idea that, no matter what the circumstances are, some type of construction that will replace the wooden deck must take place and start no later than the summer of 2021. There is still a need to assess the congregation's readiness and capacity for a capital campaign, even though our congregational life looks a lot different now. To that end, we are happy to have the opportunity to utilize Barry's expertise and conduct interviews and small group discussions over the course of two weeks instead of one weekend, still culminating in Barry's participation in a service on June 21, 2020. We will be reaching out to groups and individuals to organize these meetings and interviews, which will take place June 7 through June 20. There will be an opportunity for everyone to participate in some way to help give Barry more insight into our goals, priorities, and values as a congregation. As the name suggests, we will then be in a better position to know the possible "Next Steps" in our plan to fund the building entrance and deck renovation.

For more information, contact Capital Campaign Co-Chairs: Renee Katz raynies@hotmail.com, or Don Gerson donaldgerson@yahoo.com

COVID-19 Info from Don Milton, DrPH

As some of you may know, a major focus of my research for the last 25 years has been to understand how respiratory viruses spread. A particular focus of my work has been studying the role of indoor environmental conditions. My goal, along with that of an international community of indoor air researchers, has been to try to provide the information needed to make indoor public spaces safe so that we wouldn't need to shut down the economy during a pandemic. Unfortunately, we weren't able to head off this terrible situation. However, we are making progress and our research and recommendations are being increasingly heeded as we try to open things up again. There are still many important questions that need urgent answers. At UMD, we are working to find out how much virus is shed into breath early during infection and how well do face masks work. See the message below about recruiting for this research. —Don Milton

IRB Approved recruiting message: Help UMD researchers find out how to stop the spread of COVID-19

The UMD School of Public Health is currently recruiting cases of COVID-19 to find out if they are shedding the coronavirus in tiny, airborne microdroplets in their exhaled breath and to test how well surgical and homemade masks reduce shedding of airborne microdroplets. If you have had a positive test or have told by a doctor that you have COVID-19 and your symptoms started within the last seven days, you are eligible to participate.

Being part of the study involves answering questions about your health and coming to the campus so that researchers can collect swabs of your nose and samples of your breath and a small amount of blood.

Contact Dr. Milton's research team to get more info and make an appointment. They can be reached at stopcovid@umd.edu or, call or text to 424-246-8358. <https://go.umd.edu/stopcovid>

I think that there's something we can all do, in addition to physical distancing (I prefer that term), hand washing, face masks, and increasing ventilation with outdoor air. That other thing has to do with vitamin D. About 40% of Americans have lower than the recommended blood levels of vitamin D. The evidence is still early but rapidly mounting that low vitamin D levels are associated with more severe COVID-19. This builds on solid evidence from randomized clinical trials that increasing vitamin D levels for people with low levels protects against influenza and other acute respiratory infections. African Americans are three times more likely to have low vitamin D levels than whites -- dark skin protects against the damaging effects of sunlight but also increases the amount of sunlight needed to produce vitamin D naturally. Obesity, diabetes, limited mobility, and advanced age with little time outdoors are all risk factors for low vitamin D.

In this cool spring we are having, few of us are getting out in the sun in shorts and t-shirts. So, it would be a good idea to take 10,000 IU of vitamin D for 5 days, and then 2,000 IU/day. PLEASE DON'T TAKE MORE THAN THIS WITHOUT CONSULTING YOUR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN! TOO MUCH VITAMIN D IS TOXIC.

A note on Vitamin D and COVID-19 from JoAnn Manson, MD, DrPH at Harvard: <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/930152> [note: you do not need to get a medscape account to just view the video]

For a summary of the science on Vit D from NIH see: <https://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/Vitamin%20D-HealthProfessional/>

Best wishes, —Don Milton

In and Around Paint Branch

The Social Action Committee (SAC) is having a Special Collection on Sunday, June 7 for CROP-Walk (crophungerwalk.org), which helps those that are being challenged by disease and hunger at this time. If you'd like to participate in a Virtual Walk, please take a picture and submit to PBUUC Facebook or sac@pbuuc.org. Please let SAC know if you have given and amount so we can keep records of how PBUUC is able to support the Special Collection organizations. Thanks!

—Kathy Bartolomeao, SAC Chair

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be back at the usual 2nd Saturday: 10 am Saturday, June 13. For obvious reasons, we can't meet in person, but have your breakfast at home and share video online via Zoom of yourself eating it. Come share food and conversation. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. For more info contact: mensfellowship@pbuuc.org.

Every month on the Second Saturday, until September 12 at 10 am: June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 12. Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/409162940?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/409162940?pwd=bXJnTlBBd1BLRWVwL0dpVC9LYXdxdz09)

[pwd=bXJnTlBBd1BLRWVwL0dpVC9LYXdxdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/409162940?pwd=bXJnTlBBd1BLRWVwL0dpVC9LYXdxdz09)

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Paint Branch Ripples

One of the things we all miss now that services are conducted over Zoom is the connection we feel to other people near us. In order to broaden our connections with each other as a congregation, we are proposing the creation of small-ish groups where we can meet each other without the pressure of a large service. We've tentatively decided to call this program "Paint Branch Ripples," like the waves in a pond reverberating out from services. We will have the opportunity to meet other members of the congregation in a virtual, semi-informal setting twice a month. We are imagining that after a few meetings, the groups will be re-randomized so that we can widen our connections, with ideas and discussions rippling through the congregation. If you are interested in participating or, even better, in being a leader of one of the groups, please let Rev. Rachel know.

Keep your eyes open for more information about this in the coming weeks.

— John Barr & Rachel Christensen

We invite you to join us:
Paint Branch Unitarian
Universalist Church

The Chalice Dancers
15th Annual Dance Service
"Moving from the Inside –
Reshaping the Future"

Sunday, June 7th
10:00 am (Virtual)
Paint Branch Unitarian
Universalist Church
301-937-3666

The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers,
Sharon Werth, Director
The Erika Thimey Dance & Theater Co.

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister
Susannah Schiller, Worship Associate
David Chapman, Music Director
Vocalists Renee Katz and Jessica Sharp

Service links:

<https://bit.ly/PBJune20>
<http://facebook.com/PBUUC/>

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.